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Deadline for articles is the 18th of preceding month to have it printed in the following issue. Articles from the membership are welcome and will be printed as space permits. Members may advertise at no charge, either for items for sale or requests to obtain.

Editorials and/or letters to the editor are the opinion of the writer and do not necessarily reflect the official policy of the club.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT MARK KUBANCIK



As we head into October, we know that the car show and activity season will soon be over for another year. Fear not, however. There are still several shows and parade opportunities on the KYANA activity calendar during the next couple months. Hope to see you out and about at some of the KYANA supported events.

As the fourth quarter approaches there are also a couple of business housekeeping issues to be addressed. In this issue of The Sidelight, you will find annual dues renewal information. There is a new twist this year with the option of renewing your AACA national dues online on the AACA.org website. Several of our members like to know that their AACA membership is renewed for the upcoming year so that they can register for national events that occur early in the year. Include me in that group as Pat and I plan to attend the AACA annual meeting in February to represent KYANA and promote our swap meet. I renewed my AACA membership for 2024 on the website and the process was very smooth. You can pay with credit card or PayPal, and you receive immediate confirmation of your renewal. If you choose to renew your membership online, you will still need to send a \$10.00 check payable to KYANA for your Region dues. We hope that by this time next year we can offer online renewal for KYANA's dues as well. If you have any questions about this year's renewal process and the changes, please read Secretary Alex Wilkins' article further in this issue or contact Alex directly.

November is election month for KYANA. Due to an early printing deadline for the October Sidelight, there is no election information in this issue. Be sure to read next month's Sidelight for election candidate bios and then plan to attend November's Awards & Elections meeting and cast your vote.



We recently lost a couple active, long-time KYANA members, Dollie Flechler and Donnie Meyers. I was also informed of the recent passing of Clifford Wilkinson. Clifford was one of the principal owners of Highline Plating in Missouri. Highline is a regular attendee at our swap meet and they have done chrome work for many of our members. They are also very generous in providing a chroming gift certificate for our swap meet giveaway process. Please keep all these families in your thoughts and prayers as they mourn.



Speaking of Dollie, many remember her for her work on the annual KYANA roster. The 2022 roster was to be her last as a new volunteer stepped forward and offered to take over this annual project. When that volunteer encountered issues completing the roster, Dollie graciously volunteered to complete the project. We expect to have '23/'24 rosters available at the KYANA picnic, thanks to Dollie's work to complete just before she passed. Maureen Vannatta suggested we include a dedication inside the roster to Dollie and fortunately the printer was able to include a dedication before the roster went to press.

Thanks, Mark

Remember...it's supposed to be fun!

FROM THE SECRETARY ALEX WILKINS

KYANA Region Board Meeting Minutes – September 14, 2023

Location: KYANA Clubhouse

KYANA Region Board Members Present: Mark Kubancik, Alex Wilkins, Willie Willhoite, Stan Gaus, Chester Robertson, Tim Truax, Brian Koressel, Beth Coates

KYANA Region Members Present: Ruth Hill, Butch Mahoney

Meeting called to order at 6:35 pm

Secretary's Report: Chester Robertson moved to accept the August meeting minutes, Tim Truax seconded the motion. The motion carried with all in favor.

Treasurer's Report: Beth Coates resigned as Treasurer with immediate effect. The board was updated on account statuses. Tim Truax will serve as acting Treasurer until a substitute can be found. Tim Truax updated the board that members may soon be able to pay club dues through the KYANA website.

Activities: Chester Robertson updated the board on upcoming events. The Country Music Show date was changed to December 16.

Membership: Alex Wilkins updated the board on the new electronic payment option for AACA dues that the National Club has made available to members.

Clubhouse Rentals: Nothing new to report.

Sidelight: Nothing new to report.

Website: Car related articles are still needed for the website. Send in stories about your favorite ride!

Old Business: The roster will be available for distribution at the picnic. A dedication to Dollie Flechler will be included. Alex Wilkins, Mark Kubancik, and Fred Trusty will meet for initial planning for the 2025 National Event. Separate committees will be formed soon to distribute the work load.

New Business: Nothing new to discuss.

A motion to close the meeting was made by Chester Robertson and seconded by Brian Koressel. The meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm. The next meeting will be held at the clubhouse on October 10 at 6:30 pm.



KYANA EVENTS BY CHESTER ROBERTSON

With the nice weather we are now having, KYANA has about a dozen events left this year for you to attend. Pick out the ones you like and sign up with the chairperson today. There are several driving tours in October. We have the Veterans Day Parade and the Light Up Louisville Parade in November. December seems to be the party month. There is the Adult Christmas Party and the Children's Christmas Party for you to register and attend. These always bring a big crowd and everyone is ready to celebrate the holidays.

This may be the biggest year for activities KYANA has ever had. Please check the growing list on the activity page. Come out and get your AWARDS for working the swap meet this year as well as voting for your KYANA Regional Board members at the Awards and Election Dinner on November 17th at the Ole KYANA Home. Please come out and enjoy. Chester

PRAYERS, THANKS AND CONGRATULATIONS



✚ Larry Wherthey is recovering from a shoulder replacement done Aug. 28th.

✚ The family of Ruth Hill would like to thank everyone for their thoughts and prayers. Thank you for the nice fruit basket and for all the visitors she had while she was in the hospital. She is home and doing fine.

✚ To the members of the KYANA family:

We want to thank all of the KYANA members for the beautiful flower arrangement that was sent to the funeral home in memory of Donnie Meyers. He loved being a member of the KYANA club and really enjoyed being with everyone. Thank you also to all the club members who came to the funeral home. Myself and his family are very grateful for your caring and support.

Thank you and God bless you all.

Anita Kolb

Shannon Meyers Herrlinger

Donnie Meyers Jr.

and the rest of the family

- ✚ Pat Kubancik had her second successful knee replacement surgery and is resting and recuperating comfortably at home.
- ✚ Joe Jenkins had back surgery. They fused 2, 3, 4, and 5 with a couple of rods. Please keep him and wife Debbie in your thoughts and prayers.
- ✚ We have a thank you card from Michael O'Keefe: Thank you for the very good fruit basket. We thank Ray Hayes for the hospital visit and prayers. Thanks for all who sent cards. Recovery is going well and I expect to be back soon. Michael O'Keefe.
- ✚ We have a thank you from Laura McKeehan: Thank you so much for the gift basket. All of the goodies were great. I am finally on the mend. Laura
- ✚ KYANA extends its deepest sympathy to the John Flechler family in the death of his wife Dollie. She will be missed.
- ✚ Please keep Glenda Clark in your prayers.
Thanks Patsy.

SEEKING TREASURER CANDIDATE

Beth Coates has resigned from the Region Treasurer position for personal reasons, effective immediately. The board thanks Beth for her work on behalf of the KYANA Region.

As a result of Beth's departure, the board is now searching for a volunteer to assume the Treasurer position. If you have an accounting or finance background, business acumen, or if you simply get a strong sense of accomplishment when you balance your checkbook, KYANA could use your talent. Work consists of balancing the Region checking account, auditing requests for expense reimbursement, making occasional bank deposits, paying invoices, and preparing a monthly report for board meetings. Once you learn the process, the position likely requires a few hours of your time each month. If you would like to help your club, please contact me via phone to discuss. Thanks for your consideration.

Mark Kubancik

Email: mark.kubancik@gmail.com

Phone: 502-797-8555

KYANA PICNIC KYANA CHARITIES MEETING

KYANA PICNIC & KYANA CHARITIES MEETING

WHEN: September 24, 2023

WHERE: Ole KYANA Home at **2:00PM**

WHAT: A time of fun to enjoy fellowship with all our members and enjoy some great food. Just come on out. The event will be held, rain or shine. If it rains we will move the picnic inside the clubhouse.

As we have done previously, we want to help Ronald McDonald House once again. We would love for everyone to bring something to contribute to their needs. Some items that are always needed are: Individually packaged snacks (chips, cookies, brownies), baking mixes (cake, cookie, brownie), icing, and assorted breakfast cereals. Of course, they are always in need of cleaning supplies (dishwasher detergent, paper towels, toilet paper, liquid bleach, glass cleaner, laundry detergent and garbage bags – (10, 13, 30 and 55 gallon).

So please be generous and give a helping hand to those families that are away from home with their ill children.

We will also have a 50/50 drawing where dollars collected will go to Ronald McDonald House to help with other necessities.

Please be considerate and send your money in by September 15 so we can place our food order. We certainly don't want to turn any of our members away hungry if we didn't order the right amount of food for everyone. Thank You.

Must send \$7.50 per member (children under 12 \$5.00) to:

Pat Palmer-Ball

5504 Felker Way

Louisville, Ky 40291

Any questions just call 502-693-3106

NURSING HOME VISITS & CAR DISPLAYS

Thursday, October 19 – Magnolia Springs Senior Living



The staff at Magnolia Springs Senior Living has invited KYANA to display our antique vehicles at their facility on Thursday afternoon October 19. If you can attend and brighten the day for the residents, please plan to arrive around 1:00 p.m. and expect to stay until around 3:00 p.m. The name and address of the facility is listed below. Please RSVP to Howard Hardin if you plan to attend. Hope to see you there!
Magnolia Springs Senior Living, 8225 Whipps Mill Rd, Louisville, KY 40222

Contact: Howard Hardin Email: bettyhardin2018@att.net Phone: (502) 550-5400

KENTUCKY RAILWAY MUSEUM CAR SHOW



It is time for the Kentucky Railway Museum Car Show this year in New Haven KY. The show is **Saturday, October 21st** and KYANA will pay the entry fee for each old car that is registered. Please send a \$5 check made out to KYANA to: **Neil White 3512 Echo Valley Cir. before October 14th**. All checks will be returned at the show field.

There will be food available, museum tours, door prizes, music, a 50/50 raffle and photos will be available. Train rides are available to show entrants for \$10. Awards to be given out when the train returns to the station. See kyrail.org for more information.

We will meet at 7:30 behind the Chic-Fil-A parking lot on Bardstown Rd. just south of the Gene Snyder Freeway exit 17. **We will leave at 8:00AM** for the museum. We follow Rt 31E thru Bardstown and continue south to New Haven. The show will be on the left at the railroad tracks. Please call Neil with any questions at 502-263-9064.



Drop off a New Toy on
Saturday, November 4, 2023
Between 9:00am - 11:00am

Kyana Club House
3821 Hunsinger Lane
Louisville, Ky 40220

Questions contact: Maureen Vannatta - 502-931-2173
Free breakfast to the first 100 Sponsored by: KYANA Charities

VETERANS DAY PARADE



VETERANS DAY PARADE
When: November 11, 2023
Where: DOWNTOWN
Detailed info next month
Please let Chester know if you are coming!
Phone: 502-619-2916



AWARDS AND ELECTIONS DINNER



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WHEN: Sunday, November 19, 2023 @ 2:00PM

WHERE: At the Ole KYANA Home

Please send \$8.00 per member to:

Beverly Foster

P. O. Box 238

Fairdale, KY 40118

Phone: 502-415-1236

Last day to register is Tuesday, Nov. 14th by mail.

Must call after that date to see if dinner is available.

This is a member's only event!

LIGHT UP LOUISVILLE

Join us for Light Up Louisville



KYANA is sponsoring the Light Up Louisville Parade event on Friday, November 24th (Friday after Thanksgiving). We will be supporting the Marine Corp Reserves and Toys for Tots again this year. The parade is in downtown Louisville in the evening of the 24th. KYANA is looking for cars to participate in the parade. This is always a lot of fun. Once the parade gets started, it goes fairly fast. It is great to see all the people lining the streets enjoying seeing our cars in the parade. More details to follow as we find out the time and location to meet.


If you would like to join us, contact Alan Vannatta at (502)445-3810 and let me know what you will be driving. We will look forward to seeing you.

Thanks,
Alan Vannatta
Light Up Louisville Parade chairperson
(502)445-3810

!! AACA and KYANA Membership Renewals – NEW FOR 2023!!

It's that time of year again for us to renew our memberships with both AACA and KYANA!

This year we have a new option of partial online renewal since AACA has adopted a new system making national dues easier than ever to pay. If you receive emails from AACA, you may have already seen a notice titled "2024 Membership Renewal" that looks like this:



**2024 Membership
Renewal Time**

Member Name: Alex Wilkins

Membership Number: [REDACTED]

Pin Number: [REDACTED]

It's 2024 Membership Renewal Time
It's our busiest time of the year here at AACA Headquarters – it's membership renewal time! The first renewal notice for 2024 dues will be included in the September/October mailing package of *Antique Automobile*.

Members can also use our new and improved online renewal option on our website ([click here for link](#)). Renewing online is quick and easy! Just log in with your membership number and pin number, review the information currently listed on your membership record and make changes if necessary. Review your information one more time and choose your payment type. Payment options include Visa, MasterCard, Discover or PayPal. **Your payment will automatically update your membership record.**

If you click on the link in the email (highlighted above for emphasis), it will direct you to the AACA website where you can update your membership details and pay with a Credit/Debit Card or with PayPal.

Since AACA has made this option available, you are free to choose it when paying for your AACA National Membership dues. When you turn in your separate membership dues for KYANA, please check the box on the updated KYANA form.

!! Please be aware that this new option only allows you to pay for AACA dues, NOT KYANA dues. If you fail to pay your KYANA dues separately, you will be removed from the KYANA roster!!

If you do not receive emails, or if you don't wish to pay online, not to worry – we can still handle your dues the way that we have been doing before. Just submit a single payment of \$55 to cover both AACA and KYANA, and the club will submit all paperwork and money on behalf of those who take this option, just like before.

!! Regardless of the option that you take, dues must be received (not postmarked) before December 1, 2023. !!

KYANA Region Dues & Roster Information

!!! Dues must be received before December 1 !!!

Member Names: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, ZIP: _____

Home Phone: _____

Mobile Phone: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Year Joined KYANA: _____

AACA No.: _____

Antique Cars Owned: _____

Check one box below for your payment method:

Option 1: I'm paying AACA and KYANA dues to KYANA

AACA Dues = \$45
KYANA Dues = \$10
Total Owed = \$55

Option 2 – NEW: I paid my AACA dues online already

AACA Dues = Paid online (\$45)
KYANA Dues = \$10
Total Owed = \$10

Make all checks payable to **KYANA** and mail with this form to:

Alex Wilkins, Secretary
2520 Corydon-New Middletown Rd SE
Corydon, IN 47112

HUNTER STATION NURSING HOME

What a beautiful day for KYANA to show off their cars at Hunter Station Nursing Home on August 18th. As you can see in the accompanying pictures the skies were blue and the residents were enjoying their time viewing all the cars. Thanks to all the KYANA members who showed up and made this day extra special for the residents.



LOUISVILLE EAST POST NURSING HOME

Another beautiful day for the residents to come out and enjoy looking at the cars. Thanks to all the KYANA members who made the day special for all who observed.



HONK THANK YOU



Single mother Tonya Smith and her son, Caleb (pictured above), barely escaped floodwaters in Perry County in July 2022. Their home was destroyed. Homeless, they've stayed with family members since the flood. Thanks to donors like you, Tonya's new home on higher ground has been framed and is currently being finished by our crews!

To our friends at KYANA:

Thank you for reaching out a helping hand to the people of Eastern Kentucky through the Housing Development Alliance! Whether large or small, your gift is used **immediately** to help low-income folks in need of a new or better home. Because of you, poor families and flood survivors who have lost almost everything now have hope for a better life through affordable housing. What a huge impact that is - and it's all because of YOU!

Thank you all so much for your continued support and generosity! It truly means the world to us. We're working as fast and as much as we can to help folks, and that wouldn't be possible without you! - Middy



Changing lives. Strengthening neighborhoods.

August 29, 2023

KYANA Charities
5504 Falke Way
Louisville, KY 40291-1812

Dear Friends of HONK,

On behalf of Housing Opportunities of Northern Kentucky (HONK), thank you for your generous \$500 donation! Your generosity is bringing the dream of homeownership within reach to families who struggle to become owners on their own.

A single mother and her pre-teen son moved into their HONK home in Latonia this past weekend. The son's father passed away and his mother has stepped into the single parent role with grace.

Mom has 16 years on the same job as a medical assistant with a local hospital. She loves her job and the hospital offers good benefits. Like most HONK families, they just need a little help getting a fresh start in an affordable home. Over the next 12-18 months, they will work their way to homeownership in HONK's lease-to-own program.

Thank you for making their journey to homeownership possible. Your generous support is makes a real difference here! Thank you for making our mission possible!!

Most sincerely,


David Hastings
Executive Director

Thank you for visiting the vintage car collection in Erlanger! It was a pleasure meeting you all!

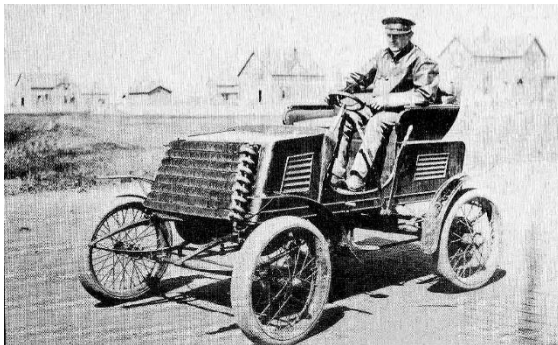
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Steve Lippmann – August 2023

The Nash car brand emerged through the business plans of Charles Nash, the President of General Motors. Apparently, it all started after he acquired the Thomas B. Jeffery Company, based in Kenosha, Wisconsin.



Back in 1897, Thomas Jeffery had begun expanding his mechanical interest from bicycle manufacturing into designing motorized vehicles. By 1901, a Jeffery-built car offered two brand-new automotive innovations: 1. a steering wheel and 2. a front-positioned engine. With experience from the Oldsmobile assembly line, Jeffery's were mass-produced by 1902. Their most well-known vehicle was the Rambler, which emerged in 1903. After Mr. Jeffery died in 1910, the car's Rambler marketing

name was changed to the Jeffery in 1915. However, the Rambler model name popped back into use during the 1950-1960s. Lots of folks still remember Nash and several Rambler versions.

During 1916, Charles Nash bought the company and renamed it Nash Motors the next year. Their Jeffery Quad was the biggest truck seller to US military during WWI, and its four-wheel drive train probably first originated with Jeffery. Nash Motors also developed a corporate relationship with Kelvinator. Much later Nash gradually became part of American Motors. That also meant connections over the years to the car companies of Bessemer, Frazier, Hudson, Kaiser, Packard, Studebaker, Willys-Overland, and later with Renault. Subsequently, the firm came within the Chrysler group.

In their early years, some Nash cars were conventional in design. Other engineering was an industry advance, like speedometers, and yet some of them looked kind of funny (yes?). In some models, the front wheels were mounted narrower than the rear ones, with unequal road tracking, supposedly to add stability; yet, the body seemed to be oddly hung over the wheels, uncommon to other automobiles.



Nevertheless, Nash grew in volume production, delivering a good product, and selling at reasonable prices. In 1917, a Nash engine featured overhead valves through Nils Wahlberg, after he was acquired from the GM's Oakland Division at Buick. These straight-8 engines were also upgraded by other better engineering features.

Growing rapidly, Nash acquired other car companies, like the Ajax (of Wisconsin) and Lafayette (from Indiana). By the late 1930s, they introduced nice ventilation systems with fans and filters that were copied by other carmakers. They were reportedly the first manufacturer introducing engine-warmed air into an automobile heater. A formal union between Nash and Kelvinator occurred in 1937 when Charles Nash retired, and Kelvinator's George Mason took over. Kelvinator was then said to be the biggest manufacturer of refrigerators. That Michigan-based company no longer exists, but its brand name was retained by Electrolux. Wahlberg also introduced aerodynamic styling by using wind tunnels, that he began during WWII years. Nash was early in the introduction of synchromesh transmissions, vacuum-shifting, chassis lubrication systems, newer suspension gear, and four-wheel brakes.

And there were other innovations, like to accommodate sleep bedding within the car for two adults (remember that Henry J's offered this possibility as well). During World War II, they were early introducers of unibody, welded steel-frame construction design, that with less weight and reduced air-drag was a positive development and much copied. In late 1945, they were one of the first factories returning to civilian passenger car production. After WWII, Nash-Kelvinator no longer offered 8-cylinder engines; 6-cylinder versions became the exclusive power source.

Interesting aerodynamic body styling emerged in 1949, with the Airflyte design; it included curved, one-piece windshields. They were also said to be the first brand to install seatbelts. Despite safety being built in, the buying public did not like them, and seatbelts were often controversially uninstalled and/or then phased out. A reclining passenger seat appeared in 1950, and Hydramatic transmissions from GM were offered in 1951. These three years were Nash's best sales years.



The company celebrated its 50th anniversary in the car market during 1951. Along that time, they had contacted the Italian automotive designer Battista Penin Farina (1863-1966) to design more appealing automotive styling. This was to correct their rather bulky and unpopular appearance. Lots of our KYANA folks jokingly remember that a Nash back in the 1950s looked sort of like an upside-down bathtub on wheels. Expanding their automatic transmission offerings that next year, they began to introduce optional automatic transmissions made by Borg-Warner. With outstanding refrigeration expertise from Kelvinator, Nash began to offer a heating and air-conditioning accessory. Components were under the hood and passenger air exited from the dashboard. During these few years a British-made, Italian-designed fancy sports car, the Nash-Healy roadster was to boost sales, but it was not successful.



Korean War military contracts sustained the company financially, but from then on sales declined. Volume was down and car prices were higher than for the Big Three auto companies. With a suboptimal image, less capital, and a smaller dealer network, bankruptcy or a merger was imminent. Once Hudson Motor Car Company was acquired, the two companies merged and created the American Motors Corporation (AMC) in 1954. Production continued at the Kenosha plant. Following an agreement, Packard V8 engines and Ultramatic transmissions were built into some Nash and Hudson models.

Also in 1954, American Motors, under George Mason considered a merger with Studebaker-Packard. However, following Mason's death that same year, and without an amalgamation, George Romney took the AMC helm. He initially continued use of Packard engines, but by 1956, AMC began to install their own V-8 engines to cut costs.



The Metropolitan brand had been offered in slightly different Nash and Hudson versions, but in 1957 Metropolitan emerged under its own name. A similar story exists for Rambler; they became AMC's biggest seller. Due to a recession, further sales pressure resulted in Rambler and Metropolitan being the only major AMC offerings. Some other Nash model names were Ambassador, 400, 600, Lafayette, and Statesman.

In these years Ford, Chevy, and Plymouth had most of the automotive sales share; competition was fierce. AMC had only a small percentage of US auto market and the company was short on cash. There were even a few imported car brands coming to the marketplace. With consumer interest in smaller more economic vehicles, manufacturers began in the early 1960s to make so-called "compact" cars; that further intensified market pressures. That is when the American Motors' Rambler became a viable compact, and a popular better gas-mileage option. In my high school carpool, I frequently rode in one. Nevertheless, even that advantage did not last too long, as into the 1960s, Rambler was being gradually phased out of production.

AMC was known for economy, but they also offered the Javelin, a racy option during the early 1970s. Javelins looked rakish and were powered by five engine choices varying from 232 cu in. (145 HP) to a big 390 size at 315 HP. Once, while I was in the service stationed in Lexington, KY, there was an official task

for me in Georgia. They rented a “hot” Javelin for me and even allowed a few vacation days. So, my wife and I also went briefly to Key West, FL, and quickly drove back to KY, a long, but fast, fun drive.

American Motors in 1970 acquired Kaiser-Jeep (who had earlier been Willys-Overland Motors, of Toledo). Next in 1979, AMC started a partnership with the French vehicle company, Renault. A few years later, in 1987, Chrysler Corporation then acquired AMC within a Chrysler company division by purchase of AMC stock market shares. That finally ended about a century of Nash-brand automotive history.

By the way, since 2021, Chrysler is now part of Peugeot. They are under the multinational Stellantis company heading. Stellantis builds all the usual Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep, and Ram production, and controls Abarth, Alfa Romeo, DS, Citroen, Fiat, Lancia, Maserati, Mopar, Opel, Peugeot, Vauxhall, and some other automotive brands.

Also, the previously noted Hudson automotive brand began in 1909 as the Hudson Motor Car Company. It was originated by the financier and owner of the Hudson department stores of Detroit along with several people who had previously worked for Olds Motor Works. There are so many interesting interconnections in vehicle history.

THE HISTORY OF THE BILTMORE ESTATE

By Jerry Bass

The house was built for George Washington Vanderbilt who was the grandson of Commodore Cornelius Vanderbilt. Vanderbilt named his estate Biltmore, combining De Bilt (his ancestors' place of origin in the Netherlands) with more (mōr, Anglo-Saxon for "moor", an open, rolling land). Vanderbilt bought nearly 700 parcels of land, including over 50 farms and at least five cemeteries; a portion of the estate was once the community of Shiloh. Construction of the house began in 1889. In order to facilitate such a large project, a woodworking factory and brick kiln, which produced 32,000 bricks a day, were built onsite. A three-mile railroad spur was constructed to bring materials to the building site. Construction on the main house required the labor of about 1,000 workers and 60 stonemasons. Vanderbilt made extensive trips overseas during construction to purchase decor. He returned to North Carolina with thousands of furnishings for his newly built home, including tapestries, hundreds of carpets, prints, linens, and decorative objects, dating from the 15th century to the late 19th century. Among the few American-made items were the more practical oak drop-front desk, rocking chairs, a walnut grand piano, bronze candlesticks, and a wicker wastebasket.

George Vanderbilt opened his opulent estate on Christmas Eve of 1895 to family and friends from across the country, who was encouraged to enjoy leisure and country pursuits. The Gilded Age mansion reportedly cost the equivalent of \$180 million in today's dollars to construct. The estate was designated a National Historic Landmark in 1963, and remains a major tourist attraction in western North Carolina, with 1.4 million visitors each year.

Vanderbilt's idea was to replicate the working estates of Europe. He asked Richard Morris Hunt the architect and Frederick Law Olmsted the landscape designer (who also designed the park system in Louisville and Central Park in New York City) to fashion a village with architecturally compatible buildings and picturesque landscaping.

Intending the estate to be self-supporting, Vanderbilt set up scientific forestry programs, poultry farms, cattle farms, hog farms, and dairy. His wife, Edith, also enthusiastically supported agricultural reform and promoted the establishment of a state agricultural fair.

The estate today covers approximately 8,000 acres and is split in half by the French Broad River. The estate is overseen by The Biltmore Company, a trust set up by the family. The company is a large enterprise that is one of the largest employers in the Asheville area. Restaurants were opened in 1979 and 1987, and four gift shops in 1993. The former dairy barn was converted into the Biltmore Winery in 1985. The 210-room luxury hotel, named The Inn on Biltmore Estate, opened in 2001. In 2010, the estate opened Antler Hill Village, consisting of gift shops and restaurants, as well as a remodeled winery, and connected farmyard. In 2015, the Village Hotel on Biltmore Estate, a more casual option to The Inn with 209 rooms, was opened in Antler Hill Village.



George Vanderbilt's bedroom



The library with its 10,000 books



The breakfast room



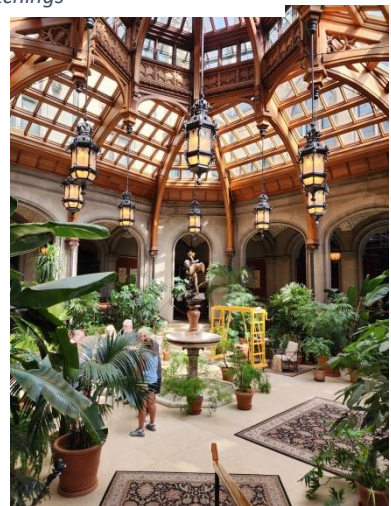
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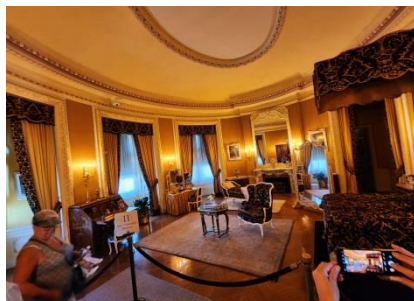
The three story grand staircase with the 72 foot chandelier



The billiard room



The octagonal sunken Winter Garden



Edith Vanderbilt's bedroom



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KYANA EVENTS FOR 2023

DATE	EVENT	SPONSOR
January 22	January Business Meeting	Donna Burchett
February 12	Derby Dinner Playhouse	Alethea Hayes
February 26	Swap Meet Planning Meeting	Morgan Howard
March 10-12	KYANA Swap Meet	Robertson & Vannatta
March 18	Salvage Yard Tour	Mark Kubancik
March 25	Roger Stephan Memorial Service	
April 8	Easter Egg Hunt	Beverly Foster
April 15	St. Joseph Catholic School Car Show	Alex Wilkins
April 23	Swap Meet Appreciation Dinner	Jenni Mulrooney
May 13	Day at the Movies	Bethany Coates
Cancelled	Kentucky Down Under	Chester Robertson
May 20	KYANA Spring Clubhouse Clean Up	Jerry Bass
May 21	Middletown Police Foundation 1st Car Show	Greg Gitschier
June 2	Chili/Hot Dog Dinner Chrome Plating Seminar	Ken Martin
June 10	KYANA Yard Sale	Hill Families
June 24	KYANA 1 st Open Car Show	Jerry & Carol Bass
July 4	Norton Commons July 4 th Parade	Mark Kubancik
July 7-8	Auburn AACA Show Overnight	Jim & Sandra Joseph
July 15	Keeneland Concours Day Trip	Kenneth & Donna Martin
July 29	Car Collection Tour & Lunch- Northern KY	George Fackler
August 1	National Night Out	Jerry Bass
August 4	NSRA Street Rod Nationals	Terry Craven & Mark Kubancik
August 4	Hot Wheels for Wilt	David Hill
August 7-9	Biltmore Estate in Asheville, NC	Jerry & Carol Bass
August 18	Traditions at Hunter Station Car Show	Eric Hill
August 19	Country Music Show	David Hill
September 15	Louisville East Acute Post Car Display	Mark Kubancik
September 17	JDRF /Ford KTP Car Show – Mike Linnig’s	Shawn McDonald
September 19	Forrest Hills Commons Car Display	Howard Hardin
September 24	KYANA Picnic	Pat Palmer-Ball
October 3-6	Hershey Fall Nationals	AACA
October 7	St Francis Car Show	Steve Lippmann
October	Corydon Fall Auto Show	Cancelled
October 19	Magnolia Springs Senior Living Car Display	Howard Hardin
October 21	Kentucky Railway Museum Car Show	Neil White
November 4	Toys for Tots Breakfast	Alan & Maureen Vannatta
November 11	Veteran’s Day Parade	Chester Robertson
November 19	Awards and Elections	Beverly Foster
November 24	Light up Louisville Parade	Alan Vannatta
December 3	Adult Christmas Party	Brian & Shelly Koressel
December 9	Children’s Christmas Party	Bass, Kubancik & Mulrooney Families
December 16	Christmas Country Music Show	Brian & Ruth Hill

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David Hills' Model A
antique car.

