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# THE SIDELIGHT

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## *FROM THE PRESIDENT FRED TRUSTY*

Normally, old car enthusiasts would be having some fun with our cars but, instead we're prisoners in our own homes. The current Covid-19 pandemic reminds me somewhat of the Viet Nam War. Every night the news would give us the scoreboard: X amount of Viet Cong killed, X amount of American soldiers killed, and X amount wounded. With the Corona virus, we basically get the same scoreboard: X amount died worldwide, X amount of Americans died (killed) and X amount infected (wounded). The weapon used today is different, but this is still a war. The numbers we see, whether it's on a black and white TV screen (1960's) or on our 60" High Definition color LED TV/monitor (2020), are just numbers, that is, until you personally know someone that has died. Then there's a face and memories of that person to go with those numbers. We can only hope that it plays itself out soon.

What have you been doing to pass the time while under house arrest? This is the perfect time to do the maintenance and cleaning on your old cars or projects around the house. Judging by the lines at Home Depot and Lowes, a lot of people are working on home projects.

I was reluctant to log onto the internet for fear that my computer would get the Corona Virus but then I figured out that if I place a mask over the mouse my computer will be protected. I've purchased some hard to find items on eBay for some of my projects and I've also had time to work on some them. The bed of my '76 Ford F-150 Supercab was already on the rotisserie so I bought an under coating gun and sprayed the underside with a product called 3M Body Schutz. Great product. Then I sprayed the bed with U-Pol bed liner. It has that textured but somewhat shiny look and I'm very impressed with the results. The best part is that it cost about one fourth as much as taking it to one of the bed liner application shops.

Here at the Trusty Prison Farm, the to-do list seems to be never ending. For many years I've been saying things like, "When I get the time I'm going to do this or that." Thanks to the Corona Virus, I now have the time. I finally got around to cutting and splitting the pile of logs that were stacked on the log rack down by the barn. Now my 30' long, 4' wide, and 7' tall firewood shed is full. Another project was to take down an old fence that goes along the dam by the pond. It's 420 feet long and had lots of small trees growing up through it. Trees on a dam will eventually cause it to leak. I'm happy to say that the fence is gone, the trees are cut to the ground, and just the other day I dug and set 15 posts. That's why I'm spending today in my office writing articles and taking care of other business that doesn't require physical labor. The bad news is that I still have 27 posts to go. I sure hope things get back to normal very soon so I can go back to saying things like, "When I get time I'm going to dig and set those other 27 posts."

The old car world still has events on the schedule for mid-June and beyond but at this time who knows if they will be cancelled or not. We will make it through this pandemic and hopefully we'll learn from it. I pray that this will play out soon so that maybe we can go back to having fun with our hobby. Be safe, stay at home as much as possible, wash your hands, and remember to cover your mouse with a mask so your computer doesn't get the virus.



## *From The Secretary Mark Kubancik*

### **KYANA REGION BOARD MEETING**

April 14, 2020

**Location:** Conference Call

KYANA Region Board members on the call: Brian Hill, Brian Koressel, Mark Kubancik, Pat Palmer-Ball, Chester Robertson, Roger Stephan, Fred Trusty, and Alex Wilkins.

Meeting called to order @ 6:37 p.m.

**Secretary's Report:** Alex moved to accept the March report, Pat seconded the motion, and the motion carried with all in favor.

**Treasurer's Report:** Mark made a motion to accept the March Treasurer's report. Brian K. seconded the motion and the motion carried with all in favor.

**Activities:** All scheduled events through June have been cancelled or postponed until further notice. At this time, the board has no idea when or if things can return to "normal". The board will continue to monitor state and local directives as well as following actions taken by the AACA national. The board encourages all KYANA members to stay healthy and safe during this difficult time.

**Membership:** Roger noted the need for a correction in the proposed bylaw change language. Alex will rework Article III, item "e", and the article will re-run in the May Sidelight.

**Clubhouse:** The Modeler's Club has cancelled all meetings through June. The Koi Fish Club event scheduled for Memorial Day weekend is cancelled for this year.

**Sidelight:** With no event articles, the question was asked if we wanted to publish a Sidelight for May. The board was in strong agreement that we will continue to publish through the Covid-19 pandemic. Roger said he will submit an article on the duties of a membership sponsor. Mark suggested we include Dennis Buchholz Plymouth article that appeared in the AACA Speedster. Mark advised that Steve Lippmann has an article on the Dodge Brothers logo. We will continue to solicit member input until things return to normal.

**Web Page:** A link to provide information on the KYANA-hosted August Southeastern Fall Meet is planned. The link will take visitors from the KYANA Region home page to the meet page.

**Old Business:** Covid-19 impact on the August Southeastern Fall Meet was discussed. Several members are concerned that virus related issues will impact meet attendance. The board agreed to revisit this topic during the May meeting and make a go-forward decision about the meet.

**New Business:** Mark floated the idea of having the calling committee contact all members during these "safe at home" times and ensure everyone is safe, healthy, and not in need. The board agreed this was a good idea and Fred will contact Patsy to have her committee begin the outreach.

There being no further business to discuss, Mark moved to adjourn. Pat seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m. with all in favor. The next KYANA Region meeting will take place at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 12, 2020, again likely via telephone conference call.



## KYANA EVENTS BY CHESTER ROBERTSON

The month of May will continue like April with no events planned in KYANA. We need to be safe like we have been since the KYANA Swap Meet. Speaking of our Swap Meet, we are one of the few regions to have their meet this year. Our neighboring region in Tennessee held their meet at the state fairgrounds just a few days before our show. AACA and all local regions have all had their activities cancelled for the near future.

The KYANA Swap Meet was a huge success with a slight increase in attendance over last year. This was our largest meet ever, with an addition of about 50 spaces added to the show. The Expo Center actually gave us these spaces at no cost because they were spaces that they couldn't sell during our show. We have a continued agreement with them to obtain these spaces at no cost. This is a good sign that the swap meet has been able to increase our total income for the last two years, especially when other shows are losing vendors and attendance.

After years of being short of workers to handle the shifts on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday we had several KYANA members that wanted to work but had no jobs available for them. Our increase in new members in the last few months has finally paid off. I want to thank each person that found and sponsored a new member into our club. We need to keep up the hard work in this area in the future. There are people out there with antiques just looking for a place to have fun. We have to continue to go out and find them. We need close to three hundred workers to help with our ever growing as we grow. Thanks again to each member that came out and made our show work so smoothly.

**Chester**



## PRAYERS, THANKS AND CONGRATULATIONS

I would still like prayer for:

- ✚ Karen Hall who is still in Frazier
- ✚ Bob Purdy is going through treatments, but doing well
- ✚ Jim Godbey
- ✚ Bob Burke, who had minor eye surgery,
- ✚ Jane who is doing much better.
- ✚ Stay well Kyana Patsy Basham

**AACA Central Spring National Overnight Trip**

**May 7-9, 2020**

**CANCELLED**

**St. Francis Car Show**

**May 23, 2020**

**Cancelled**

**LITTLE COLONEL PLAYHOUSE**

**May 31, 2020**

**Cancelled**

**MARENGO CAVE TOUR**

**June 21, 2020**

**Cancelled**



**BAD NEWS, GOOD NEWS**

ATTENTION: Due to the Covid-19 Virus, Young Hearts Theatre has decided to postpone the show "Once Upon A Summer." We just heard that the play has been rescheduled for **July 15-19**. Thanks for your understanding. Come out and support Jane and her crew!!!

## WHAT ABOUT THE LOGO OF THE DODGE BROTHERS' EARLY VEHICLES?



Horace and John Dodge were machinists who founded the Dodge Brothers Company in 1900. They joined Henry Ford in 1903 at Model A Ford production, providing automotive parts and they became Ford Motor Company shareholders. In 1914, after serious interpersonal problems developed between Ford and the Dodges, they separated ties and the brothers produced their own brand of automobiles. Dodge cars quickly became very popular in automotive sales with a high-quality reputation. During 1928, Chrysler bought the Dodge Brothers Company, and after 1930, this Chrysler Division was just called Dodge.

The original Dodge automotive logo they used was similar to the six-pointed Star of David with two interlocked triangles. Neither brother was known to be Jewish. A triangle is the Greek letter for "D", and the Ds on the car's emblem could have formed that Star or be a symbol of two brothers' devotion to one another.

The initials "DB" are in the center of the star. The logo, on its edge, has varied saying, "-Dodge Brothers Detroit-U-S-A-", "Dodge Brothers", or "Dodge Brothers Motor Vehicles". The word "Brothers" no longer appeared on trucks after 1929 and dropped from automobiles in 1930. The emblem and brand loyalty were prominent in Dodge sales plans. The Star and DB appeared on all their cars until production of the 1939 models; yet, why it was discontinued is not established.

The Dodge brothers took understanding of this logo to their graves in 1920, but many theories exist. There are suggestions that the six-pointed star was deliberately placed in opposition to Henry Ford who was well-known as being anti-Jewish, with the emblem picked to anger Mr. Ford. Some people believe it might be a mystic symbol - joining mind and body between the brothers. Others think it may be a variation of the sign utilized by Freemasons. It might be a mirror of law-enforcement badges that sometimes have six-point stars as signs of authority.

At this time, no one seems to know the truth behind the symbol. Similarly, it is not established as to why this logo no longer characterizes Dodge vehicles. Yet, there is some thinking that perhaps corporate marketing people wanted to limit links to religion. This automotive badging remains open to question.

## KYANA CONTINUES TO HAVE A PRESENCE AT AACA

The Member Submitted Story for the March AACA newsletter is a fine story by Dennis Buchholz of KYANA

### The Courting Car

By Dennis Buchholz, Crestwood, KY, [buchholz001@bellsouth.net](mailto:buchholz001@bellsouth.net)

In 1981, I got my first real job after finishing school. It was in the town of Yankton, in the so called "banana belt" of South Dakota. I finally had the time to look for a car from the 1930s to restore. Restoring a car is something that I had always wanted to do, although I'm not really sure why. I had no particular training or experience with a project like this. In any case, I put an ad for a car in the local paper and received several calls. I went to see this 1935 Plymouth PJ Coupe and have been hooked ever since.



When I first saw the car it was completely disassembled. The body was off the frame and had been sandblasted (including the windows and chrome) and was bare metal. The frame had been sandblasted, primed and painted, and looked very nice. All of the rest of the car was in boxes sitting around the barn. It looked, to my inexperienced eye, like more than enough parts to put a car together. The tires and rims on the frame were from a modern car and were wider than the originals. They were held on with only three lug bolts each. We pumped up the tires, used a tractor to put the body on the frame and loaded all the rest of the parts up wherever they would fit. I clamped a tow bar on the front and I was off.

My first adventure with the car occurred on the way home. As I drove along towing the car behind a borrowed truck, I noticed that the front wheels of the Plymouth were shaking wildly. The wide tires were rubbing up against the tie rod ends. Since I was in the middle of South Dakota and miles from civilization, I didn't have many options. I continued



driving on as slowly and carefully as I could with the towed car wheels jerking back and forth. After about 20 minutes of this, I heard a loud noise and saw in my mirror that the left front brake drum was dragging on the ground. The tire was nowhere to be seen. After some hunting around, I found that the tire had hopped over a fence, gone up a hill and down into a gully. I retrieved the wheel and put it back on, but the lug bolts were missing and I had to borrow them from the other wheels which were now down to two bolts each. It's hard to believe now, but I made it home from there without any more problems. I pushed the car into my garage, and started tinkering and trying to figure out how all the parts fit together.

At this point, I started noticing cars from the '20s and '30s all over town. I discovered fenders and grilles peeking out from old barns and garages everywhere. I was even paid a visit by an older gentleman from another small town who had owned an old Plymouth dealership. He had a dozen or so unrestored Plymouths from the '30s in his old showroom. He seemed to know the history of my car and I got the impression he wanted to come by and meet the fool who had bought it. I think of his cars now and then and wonder what happened to them.

I went through one winter in South Dakota and decided that I had gained about as much from that experience as I needed. I hooked my rolling junkyard up to a U-Haul and drove to Louisville. Somewhere in the middle of Indiana, I was caught in a major storm. When the weather finally let up, the tractor trailers in front and behind me on the side of the road were blown on their sides (I'm not making this up!). A spare radiator cowl of mine had blown away. I never did find it. It must have left some farmer scratching his head wondering how it ended up in the middle of his corn field.



When I got settled in Louisville, I was able to finally start working on the car in earnest. By this time, I had discovered that the owner had sandblasted and painted the frame but hadn't restored any of the components. None of the brake parts, steering or suspension had been repaired. It was just painted over. A look at the front axle stubs revealed that the inner bearings had frozen and the inner race had been turning on the axle for what may have been decades. My late father intervened at this point and took the parts to his uncle, who operated a machine shop in Cleveland. There are few things better in life than having a relative with a machine shop. Uncle Heinrich had the axles plated over and over to build up the metal to the point where he could remachine them to fit new wheel bearings. He also fit new kingpins and the steering has been fine ever since.

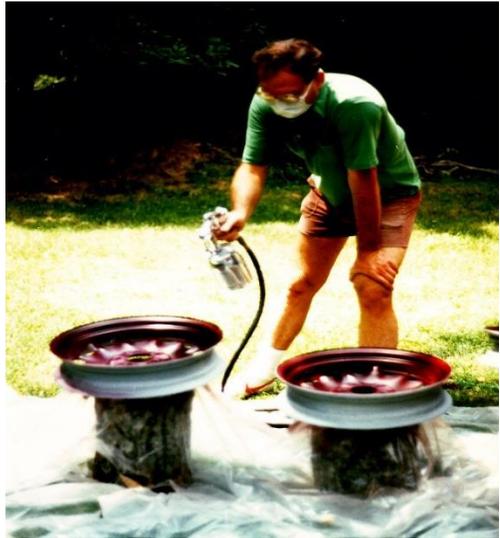


Every part on the car has a story behind it. For example, I took the hood and some other parts into the local Redi-Strip plant to have the rust removed. When I returned to pick up the parts, they had only half of the hood. It took some doing to convince them that the hood came in two pieces. Eventually, they found the missing part in the bottom of their tank, where it had been resting for weeks. It was smashed as flat as a piece of paper. It looked just like sheet metal stock. They made a good effort at restoring the louvers and curves to their original shape, but the hood was never the same.



The supreme parts find for me was to locate an NOS 3.7 ring. It and pinion from Len Dawson came in the original box from a dealer in Nebraska. These gears make the car more enjoyable to drive than the stock 4.125. The only part I have not been able to find is the matching speedometer gear #652846.

Every year I made a little more progress on the car. I was able to do most of the work myself. My late father helped quite a lot and gave me much-needed advice. It was only after I had the car all put together that I heard about the Plymouth Club and first made contact with my good friend Paul Curtis, who was the PJ Technical Advisor. He was able to educate me on many fine points of authenticity. He gave me an original parts book, which I still use for reference. I found out that I had the car mostly together right, except for missing the water distribution tube and putting the distributor in 180 degrees off.



When the car was mostly finished, I sent a photo to the person named on some old title documents I had collected. I received a very nice letter in return from a lady who said that she and her husband had used the car when they were courting. She described the original color as "pea green," which I could not find as one of the standard colors for that year. It was probably a special paint job. She said that her husband had passed away and she had only recently thrown out all the old documents and service records for the car. I had contacted her a few weeks too late. She did have the original loan document from when they purchased the car (used) in 1938 for \$340.20 from the Cope Motor Company in Irene, SD, with payments of \$19.60 permonth, which they were able to dutifully pay in full.



The car continues to be an enjoyable work in progress. Most recently, I added fog lights, turn signals and 6-volt LED stop lights. I am in the process of slowly restoring a set of hubcaps. I am also trying to figure out how to repaint it. I painted it myself originally with nitrocellulose lacquer, which turned out to be a big mistake. The color was good, but the durability has been terrible. I need to figure out how to paint it over with modern materials without taking it down to bare metal all over again. And so, the adventure continues...

## UPDATED MEMBERSHIP TERMS

The Board received some comments from the membership about the proposed change to Article III of the Bylaws. After some discussion during the last board meeting, it was decided that Subsection “e” would be reworded to clarify the responsibilities between the Membership Chair and the Sponsor.

Below is the revised version for your consideration.

### Article III - MEMBERSHIP

Section 3... Applications for pre-members will be accepted by the membership chairperson throughout the year. Applicants and sponsors must meet the following requirements.

- a. Pre-members must be members of, and in good standing with, the AACA and provide their AACA member number on the application or, if not already an AACA member, submit an AACA application together with their KYANA application.
- b. Pre-members must be sponsored by a present KYANA member in good standing who has a minimum of two years regular membership. Members may not sponsor in consecutive years or sponsor more than one pre-member in the same year.
- c. Pre-members will pay the current one-year KYANA dues and any applicable first year AACA dues, with their application.
- d. Children of KYANA members will receive preferential treatment as pre-members when all other requirements of ARTICLE III have been met.
- e. Pre-members must attend six (6) KYANA events in the subsequent twelve (12) month period beginning with the month following receipt of their application. One of those six events must include working the swap meet. **Sponsors must record event attendance and report attendance to the membership chairman.**
- f. All applications of pre-members are to be approved by the board of directors.
- g. While not a binding requirement of the AACA, it is strongly suggested that a KYANA member be the owner of a vehicle that is considered antique (25 years old) or make an effort to become the owner of one during their trial year and thereafter.

Alex Wilkins

## KYANA Activities for 2020

Date	Event	Sponsor
January 12	January Business Meeting	Donna Burchett
January 25	KYANA Memorial Service	Mark Kubancik
February 2	Swap Meet Planning Meeting	Morgan Howard
February 15	Derby Dinner Playhouse	Alethea Hayes
February 28-29, March 1	KYANA Swap Meet	
Postponed	Salvage Yard Tour	Mark Kubancik
Postponed	Appreciation Dinner	Jenni & Mike Mulrooney
Cancelled	Iroquois Park Car Show	Denis & Melody Buchholz
Cancelled	Auburn AACA Meet	James & Sandy Joseph
Cancelled	St. Francis Car Show	Dwight Hardesty
Postponed	Little Colonel Playhouse	Jane & Robert Burke
Cancelled	Cruisin for the Crusade	Therese & Frank Hayden
Cancelled	Marengo Cave Tour	Roger Stephan
Cancelled	KYANA Yard Sale	Hill Families
August 20-22	Southeastern Fall Nationals	Fred Trusty
October 2-4	Bowman Field Festival	Chris Mueller
October 7-10	Hershey AACA Meet	AACA
October 17	Kentucky Train Museum	Neil White
November 7	Toys for Tots Breakfast	Alan & Maureen Vannatta
November 11	Veteran's Day Parade	Chester Robertson
November 14	Ole KYANA Clean Up	Pat & Chester
November 15	Awards and Elections	Jesse & Beverly Foster
November 27	Light up Louisville Parade	Alan Vannatta
December 6	Adult Christmas Party	Brian & Shelly Koressel
December 12	Children's Christmas Party	Kubancik & Mulrooney

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### KYANA GIANT INDOOR SWAP MEET

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Saturday, March 13, 2021 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM

Sunday March 14, 2021 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM

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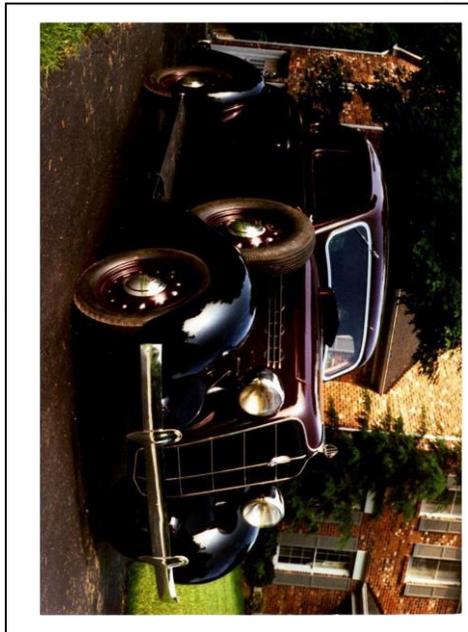
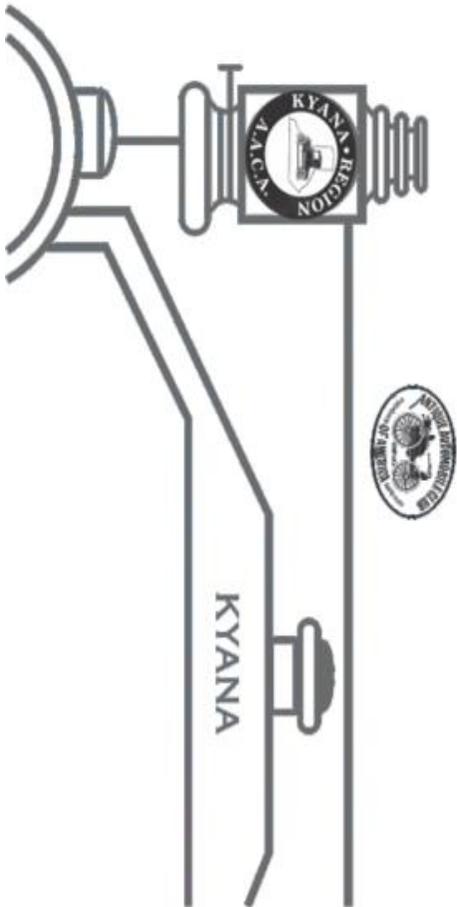
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