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# THE SIDELIGHT

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT FRED TRUSTY

I hope everyone is keeping themselves occupied during the pandemic. The AACA Southeastern Fall Nationals that KYANA was hosting in Corydon, Indiana has been cancelled. We are trying to reschedule it for 2021 or 2022. It seems like every organization is re-scheduling their events for late summer or fall. Who would've thought? The Kentucky Derby in September. Who knows, we might have Christmas in July next year.

Both AACA and KYANA are having board and committee meetings via teleconference or videoconference. Personally, it saves me over an hour and a half of driving time to the clubhouse for board meetings and for some reason, the meetings are shorter. The down side is that Mark Kubancik usually treats us to pizza (out of his own pocket) before the meeting. But now with virtual meetings we are having virtual pizza. Great way to lose weight.

Staying at home except for trips to the grocery store, bank, hardware store, etc. is not all that bad. It's better than being in jail or in the hospital. We can pretty much do whatever we normally do within our homes. We have our smart phones, TV's, radios, email, and the internet to help keep us occupied. As I said last month I was able to do some research and buy some hard to find parts for my projects plus I'm getting a lot of other work done around the house and farm.

Then, it started happening. Sometimes I didn't even realize it until Marcia said something to me. The first week or so it was every few days. After a week or so it was multiple times a day. I could hardly stay focused at my computer screen for any length of time. I didn't know what to do. The frustration of not knowing what's happening, feelings of abandonment, and fear of the unknown. Thoughts of the end of life as we know it on this planet racing through my head, not to mention thoughts of just ending it all. Am I going insane? No, it was my internet connection. I would be working at my computer and get the dreaded "No Internet Connection" error message. I would go to the basement, power cycle the modem, and it would start working again. I called the tech support line, waited patiently on hold for 15 – 30 minutes while listening to the "we are experiencing heavy call volume" message every few minutes. The tech support person didn't see anything wrong with the integrity of the connection and tells me to power cycle the modem. Boy, I wish I'd thought of that! I asked them to send me a new modem but he tells me they have to be sure the modem is the problem and to call back when the connection is lost. Finally, on one of the many trips to the basement to cycle the modem, it was finally dead. No lights, nothing. I call tech support again and they finally sent me a new modem. After the saga with my internet connection, I now understand why liquor stores are deemed an essential service. Now I'm finding that some of the emails I sent over the last couple of weeks were never received. What a mess.

We're planning once a month KYANA tours. Tour de lite! Bring your own food and drinks. We will meet somewhere, get the directions for the tour and go for a leisurely drive in your old car. A lot of other AACA regions are doing this and they report it has been a huge success. Watch the Sidelight for details. I look forward to seeing everyone, even if you're wearing a mask.



FROM THE SECRETARY MARK KUBANCIK

## KYANA REGION BOARD MEETING

May 12, 2020

**Location:** Meeting held via conference call

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

Meeting called to order @ 7:07 p.m.

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

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

**Activities:** A driving tour on a pre-determined route with no exiting of vehicles is being planned for June. All previously scheduled events through June have been cancelled or postponed until further notice. The board will continue to monitor state and local directives as well as following actions taken by the AACA national.

**Membership:** The board discussed modifying the 2020 pre-member event attendance eligibility period due to COVID-19 impact on scheduled events. Also discussed was conducting a mail-in vote for the previously published modification to timing of new member acceptance. Following discussion, Chester moved that we will conduct a mail-in vote for the bylaw modification regarding new member acceptance throughout the year. A second posting of the proposed change will appear in the June Sidelight and a mailing with return ballot will be sent to all current KYANA members on June 1 with a return date of June 30. All ballots will be sent to Roger for collection and tallying. Pat seconded the motion and following discussion the motion carried with all in favor. Mark agreed to draft an article for the June Sidelight.

Roger stated that he continues his outreach to all pre-members since they are unable to attend in-person events.

**Clubhouse:** Nothing new to report. All pending rentals have been cancelled or postponed.

**Sidelight:** The board is pleased with the job being done by the Sidelight editor, especially with no event articles to provide content.

**Web Page:** Nothing new to report.

**Old Business:** The board discussed the August Southeastern Fall Meet to be hosted by KYANA. Many meets prior to our meet have been cancelled, postponed, or are in danger of being delayed or cancelled. Board members expressed concern that even if we would hold the meet as scheduled, attendance would suffer due to COVID-19 concerns. Pat moved that we cancel the Southeastern Fall Meet and reschedule in a future year to be determined. Brian Koressel seconded the motion and the motion carried with all in favor.

**New Business:** Nothing to report.

There being no further business to discuss, Mark moved to adjourn. Pat seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m. with all in favor. The next KYANA Region meeting will take place at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 9, 2020, perhaps again at the KYANA clubhouse since meetings of ten or more people will then be allowed.



## KYANA EVENTS BY CHESTER ROBERTSON

There is exciting news for KYANA, Neil White is having a driving tour set up for us. This event is set for Saturday, June 27<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm and will start at Oxmoor Mall. See complete details in this issue.

We will try to have more events in the near future. We are looking at a parade and we are also working on plans for an Awards and Election event this fall. Toys for Tots can still happen with some pre-planning. We don't have to stay home if we do some careful planning. We will soon be having fun again. Please wear your mask and keep your space. If you do this we will have fun for years.  
BE SAFE--Chester

## PRAYERS, THANKS AND CONGRATULATIONS



✚ I got a thank you message from Karen Hall and it reads: KYANA, Just wanted to thank everyone for the flowers, cards, prayers, good wishes and thoughts. I am home again trying to recover. I think it will take a while to get over and heal this time. I hope all my KYANA friends and family stay well. I am sending all my love and thanks. Karen.

✚ Lillie and Kerry Watson sent a card saying: Thank you for your love and support shown to our family.

- ✚ Prayers go out to Karen Hall for quick recovery.
- ✚ Bob Johnson is home doing well after surgery. We wish him quick recovery.
- ✚ Lynn Valentine had surgery on Wednesday. Please pray for total recovery.
- ✚ David Hill will be having surgery soon so please keep him in your prayers.
- ✚ Marilyn Bryant called me and told me Michael fell at Walmart and broke 3 pelvic bones. He is in rehab for 6 to 8 weeks.

Stay well KYANA. We miss everyone. Patsy

## GOOD NEWS: A DRIVING TOUR IS ON THE HORIZON

Are you tired of staying at home all the time? Is your old car kicking the garage door trying to get out? Well gas it up and here is what we can do about that.

### A DRIVING TOUR!!!!



We can meet June 27<sup>th</sup> in the Oxmoor Mall parking lot next to Shelbyville Rd. Then we can drive back roads for a while through the east side. Maybe we can parade through a nursing home or two to give those folks something to look at in their parking lots. You could bring your own mask, gloves, water and a snack if you wish.

We will pick up the directions and leave from Oxmoor Mall at 1 PM. We are planning a catch- up area during the tour for anyone who becomes separated from the group which will be noted on the directions.

The tour will last about two hours and cover twenty to twenty five miles from start to finish. We will finish in the Kroger parking lot on Rt 42 east of the Gene Snyder. Rain date is June 28<sup>th</sup>.

If you are interested call Neil White 502 241 9243 so we know how many cars will be in the tour. See you there!

## ST. FRANCIS CAR SHOW

St. Francis in the Fields Memorial Day Weekend, Mission Driven Car Show, Saturday May 24th has been cancelled! They have decided to move the show to October 3rd and additional information will follow.

## EVENT RESCHEDULED

As of this time, Once Upon A Summer has been rescheduled until Spring of 2021.



## OLDSMOBILES: PRE-WW II



Who was the first mass-producer of automobiles? What car?

Well, back between 1902-1904, that was **Ransom E. Olds** and the **Oldsmobile**. He founded the Olds Motor Vehicle Company in 1897; thus, making Oldsmobile one of the oldest of automotive brands. Ultimately, becoming a part of General Motors in 1908, over 35 million were manufactured before going out of existence in 2004.

Around 1900, steam or electric autos were the most numerous types; yet, Oldsmobiles were some of the earliest and the first high-volume, gasoline-powered vehicles marketed. By 1901, over 600 were built, (with Dodge Brothers transmissions). An assembly line was created; it was stationary, but innovative and very fast at car manufacture for its time.\* Olds was the top-selling US brand by 1904, and they had a varied line-up of automobiles ready to be made.

However, following a fire at the Olds Motor Work factory in 1904, the Curved Dash model was their only prototype not ruined. Workers fleeing the fire managed to save that car by pushing it out of harm's way. That year, an argument resulted in Mr. R.E. Olds' departure from the company. (He then established the REO Motor Company ... yet another story.) A new Olds production facility was constructed and Curved Dash manufacture began again, under the official moniker, "Olds Automobile." Nevertheless, people called them Oldsmobiles after the 1905 emergence of a hit song, "In My Merry Oldsmobile." Curved Dash construction lasted through 1907.

In 1910, the Limited Touring model was developed as a luxury car, equipped with a large 707 CID straight-six engine and with white tires. A clock and speedometer were available options. While only 725 were purchased, this automobile is famous for winning a race against a railroad train (the 20<sup>th</sup> Century Limited as depicted on the front cover). By 1926, five different body versions were available. Olds dealerships also marketed a new Viking brand of vehicles between 1929-1931.

Oldsmobile was a 1937 leader in marketing a semi-automatic transmission. It included a clutch pedal, but drivers could select to automatically go from 1st gear to 2nd and later from 3rd to 4th gear. The Hydramatic, a fully automatic four-speed transmission, without a clutch, came out in 1940. Beginning in the 1940s, the company designated their various car versions by a double-digit system, thus names like "66" or "98" were popularized. 1942 marked the last pre-World War II Olds production; the factory turned to war material manufacture in those years. Automotive construction resumed in late 1945, with the 1942 model being reintroduced for sale in 1946. Yes, there is much more to tell about Oldsmobiles, like about the switch from a flat-head straight-eight engine to the overhead valve Rocket V-8, but many of us know and lived this era. Another story just might (?) appear some other time (?).

\*Henry Ford is more famous for mass-production, and Ford Motor Company actually is known for the first "moving" assembly line.

## CHANGE FOR PROPOSED BY-LAW CHANGE FOR MEMEBERSHIP INTAKE

The article below was written by Alex Wilkins and ran in the April 2020 Sidelight. The board planned to conduct an in-person vote regarding this proposed by-law change at an upcoming meeting or event. However, since we are not certain when we will conduct our next full membership gathering, the board has decided to conduct a mail-in vote. A pre-paid, pre-addressed mail-in ballot will be sent to all regular members on or about June 1. Ballots must be postmarked no later than June 30 and will be sent to Roger Stephan for collection and tallying. Balloting results will be published in the August Sidelight. Members are encouraged to make their voices heard and return the ballot on this important topic. Members can contact any of the board members with questions.

Begin Alex's article here:

Increasing membership has become one of the most important topics for the AACA, and we are fortunate enough to have two club members who have been elected to the national leadership team. Chester Robertson is the Vice President of the Central Regions Development & Support and Fred Trusty is the Vice President of Membership. Both Chester and Fred participate in regular calls and meetings at the national level and they have reiterated the importance of increasing membership in the Club at nearly every KYANA board meeting in the last several months. This is considered the primary goal of the Club for 2020.

During my time with KYANA, we have experienced a growth of members. We have voted a few times to raise the membership limit, and we even voted to eliminate the membership cap altogether in our most recent vote. Unfortunately, the AACA as a national club is not seeing the same growth. We hear of smaller chapters either stagnating or reducing in numbers, and even some chapters combining with other nearby chapters.

People are leaving the Club due to lack of interest or perceived lack of support (go back and read Steve Moskowitz's *A Plea for Civility* and some of the *Letters to the Editor* in the January/February 2019 issue of *Antique Automobile*), as well as simply passing from this life to the next. Each year, the number of people leaving the Club continues to outpace the number of people joining the Club nationally.

As part of the membership drive, AACA makes available the option of providing a complementary one-year membership to new members at the national level. The new member would only need to pay for their regional dues during their first year of membership. At the start of the second year, they would be responsible for the full amount of the national dues and their regional dues. KYANA has elected to participate in this program.

The fact is that our old car hobby is falling out of fashion with modern society. Some people may notice it in simple terms of the rapid disappearance of the manual transmission, even in sports cars that originally made their mark on the world with three pedals on the floor. Others may see it in the scarcity of gas stations that sell 100% gasoline. Still others may see it in the rise of concern

over climate change as cars are considered the number one contributor to the greenhouse gas effect.

In the March edition of *The Sidelight*, our Membership Chairman, Roger Stephan, wrote a thought-provoking article about changing our By-Laws to allow KYANA to accept pre-members at any time during the year. This idea has been a topic of discussion at several recent board meetings as we work to align our goals with that of the AACA National relative to this topic. George Fackler, a previous President of KYANA, had this to say in response:

The March edition of the *Sidelight* had an article titled "WHY ONLY IN OCTOBER" which questioned why we only accept new members in October.

Perhaps some background on why we have this requirement would be appropriate in order to give our members something to make a balanced judgment on before changing the policy.

The principle reason for the policy is, the new member must be an AACA member to join KYANA. This is very important because unless the new member has joined AACA they would not be covered by the blanket insurance policy from AACA. KYANA has considerable assets and we cannot jeopardize those assets by admitting a non AACA member. It was thought that not many new members would be willing to pay for a year's membership in AACA and KYANA say in August and then have to pay it again in December. That being said if a person is willing to join AACA in mid-year and meet all the other membership requirements such as working at the Swap Meet and attending six events in the first year, then it may make sense to admit them. However, this presents a tracking problem. At the time the policy was started it was felt that the complication of keeping track of these split membership years would not be worth the work involved. Also, we were membership constrained at that time and not knowing how many would drop out at the end of the year would determine how many we could admit at the beginning of the year. If we admitted a number during the year we could be over our quota. Now since we have opened up our membership to an unlimited number this may no longer be a factor.

I hope this would give the members some perspective on the policy of "WHY OCTOBER."

George provides a very insightful background to the way that we have been handling membership intake, and we appreciate his perspective on the reasons that membership is currently limited to the month of October. However, the Board believes that it is time to consider opening up new member intake to any time during the year.

As a chapter of the AACA, we are obligated to embrace the values of the organization nationally. I have never witnessed the AACA attempt to restrict member entry because it would have been too much of a burden on an administrator to track who is in and out. Anyone can join National at any time, and there is no reason for KYANA to behave any differently. With the basic spreadsheet software found on any computer, the burden of tracking membership becomes trivial. With the AACA's commitment to reduce the initial cost of entry, we would be hard pressed

to find someone interested in the old car hobby that couldn't afford \$10 to give KYANA a try. Since we have eliminated the membership cap, and since we never exceed the carrying capacity of the clubhouse during our largest events, we should find no additional reason to limit an interested person's entry to our club.

Many other car clubs are more exclusive in nature relative to the types of cars admitted, but even those clubs permit year around entry. Having been a member of one of them, I can confirm that even they are shrinking every year and wondering how to attract younger members. The AACA is about as non-exclusive as an antique car club can get. Anyone who owns or is interested in cars that are 25 years of age or older is welcome to join.

With the goal of supporting our old car hobby and the AACA, the KYANA Board of Directors has proposed that Article III Section 3 of the By-Laws be changed to the following:

#### 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. The membership chairman will record pre-member event attendance.
- 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.

This proposed By-Law change is posted in keeping with our requirements of Article IX prior to allowing the general membership to vote. Please give this revision your thoughtful consideration.

**Mark Kubancik**



1923 Studebaker Light Six Touring car, with two motors. One motor is original (rebuilt) to the car. The car has tan leather seats, wind wings, wood spokes, rear trunk with rack, running board tool box, nickel dog bone motor meter with flip top, marbles ends, matching gearshift knob. Very nice car, no rust. Asking \$15, 000. Please call Betty Haley (812) 282-1521 or (502) 403-5601.



Please save your used ink cartridges for Betty Haley. She will give them to the Lutheran School and they receive paper and other products they need. Thank you for all you who have given them to me in the past. You can bring them to any KYANA event.

### JUST A LITTLE HUMOR



**“We argue a lot about money--her library fines,  
my antique car collection ...”**

## 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
Cancelled	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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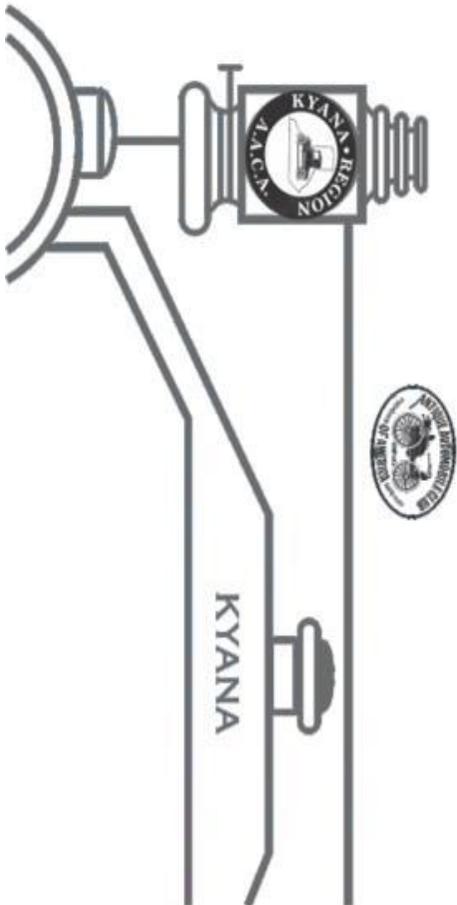
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*The cover photo was submitted by Roger Stephan and goes along with the article by Steve Lippmann. This photo, in color, was in every Oldsmobile dealer for decades*



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