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## FROM THE PRESIDENT FRED TRUSTY

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a safe and happy holiday and I certainly hope 2021 will be better than 2020. Let's talk about membership and recruiting again. The bad news is that for 2020 we lost 24 members either from deaths or not renewing their memberships. The good news is that we've had another great year of recruiting with 29 new pre-members so that gives us a net gain of 5. I was asked by a pre-member, what's the big fuss about having a sponsor? Our bylaws state that every pre-member has to have a sponsor. The sponsor's job is to keep in contact with the pre-member, make sure they are receiving the Sidelight, help them sign up for events, and answer any questions they might have. Just like myself, some people are shy and intimidated walking into a room full of people that they don't know. Having someone there to greet them, show them to a table, and introduce them to other members takes a lot of the anxiety out of attending events.

I'm tired of hearing the phrase, "we live in unrepresented times" but it's true. The old car hobby has been on a slow, steady decline for about 4 years and then we get hit with a pandemic. What if we hadn't recruited 29 new members? We could be like so many other car clubs across the country. As membership VP of AACA, I've seen this trend with numerous regions and chapters. A club gets complacent about recruiting new members. They are comfortable with their own little group. Lots of good times for many years. Then all of a sudden they find themselves too old to do anything, no younger people to take the reins, and the club disbands. Please, do not let this happen to KYANA. Keep talking to people so we can have an even better recruiting year for 2021.

Normally at this time of year I would be preparing for the annual January Business Meeting. This is the meeting where we talk about finances, give out some awards, introduce new members and talk about all the events planned for the year. Unfortunately, all of our usual winter events are going to be postponed to a later date. Not cancelled, just postponed. If you are a new member, we normally have 25 – 30 events every year so please be patient. You will eventually see the dividends of belonging to KYANA. We would rather be safe than take a chance of any of our members contracting the virus at one of our events.

Teleconference meetings, Zoom meetings, and not being able to socialize with all my old car friends is just no fun. Let's hope the new vaccines will bring the infection rates down so we can get back to having fun and fellowship with the hobby. You've got all winter to get your car ready for the driving season and I look forward to meeting all the new members in person and hearing about their cars. Be smart and be safe. Let's have some fun in '21.



FROM THE SECRETARY MARK KUBANCIK

## KYANA REGION BOARD MEETING

December 8, 2020

**Location:** Meeting held via 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 @ 6:41 p.m.

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

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

**Activities:** The board had previously agreed to support the Country Music Christmas Show in the form of dollar support for event food. As it now appears unlikely that this event will take place due to the spike in Covid cases, Brian Hill moved and Pat seconded to cancel the Country Music Christmas Show as a club event. No funds will be advanced to the event venue. The motion carried with all in favor.

Several members lobbied the board to support a holiday donation to one of the nursing homes visited by KYANA in prior years. The nursing home has a basic needs "angel tree" and they use donated funds to buy small gifts for residents that have little family support. Pat moved that the KYANA Region donate \$150 to the nursing home. Following discussion, Chester seconded the motion and it carried with all in favor.

Mark updated the board on expected attendees at the Children's Christmas Party. To maintain safety during the pandemic, each family has scheduled a 15-minute block of time during which their children or grandchildren will visit Santa with no other families in the room. Thanks to the Hills for assisting with set up of the clubhouse for this event.

**Membership:** Mark was reminded of his assigned task to update the new member forms to be linked on the website. No progress yet as Mark has been working on 2021 dues collection.

The board then discussed the status of several 2020 pre-members that have yet to work the swap meet and therefore become full members. The group in question all joined KYANA early in 2020, just before nearly all events were postponed or cancelled. Since this group has not had much opportunity to attend events or work the swap meet, the board agreed to extend their KYANA pre-membership at no cost for an additional year. These pre-members will still be responsible for their 2021 AACA dues and Roger will be contacting each member to explain the situation and requesting their AACA dues payment.

Roger mentioned that during his conversations with pre-members several had mentioned that they were not receiving the Sidelight, either via surface or email. Mark suggested and Roger agreed to send the Sidelight editor an updated list of pre-members including both their mailing and e-mail addresses. Roger will continue to provide this information to the editor on an ongoing basis as new members join.

Finally, Mark suggested that the board ask the Calling Committee to contact all members prior to Christmas and wish them Happy Holidays on behalf of the board and otherwise check on their wellbeing. The board agreed and Fred will contact Patsy to schedule.

**Clubhouse:** All single-date rentals have been cancelled through year-end due to Covid.

**Sidelight:** Roger will be updating the editor on an ongoing basis with new member addresses as they join KYANA.

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

**Old Business:** The AACA board approved The Derby City Chapter (aka KYANA Charities, Inc.) as a chapter of the KYANA Region.

Alex updated the board regarding his research on windshield cards. He is still gathering quotes and examples. More to come.

**New Business:** Fred suggested the board explore the membership for someone that could develop and monitor a KYANA Region Facebook page as well as perhaps assuming webpage webmaster duties. Brian Hill suggested that his son David may be a good fit as he monitors the swap meet Facebook page. Fred thanked Brian for the recommendation and will contact David to discuss.

Chester updated the board on status of the 2021 swap meet. The KEC has adjusted the schedule for all events taking place early in 2021 due to the pandemic, including the swap meet. KYSWAP is looking at alternate dates later in the year that will hopefully allow the swap meet to take place in a more normal environment.

There being no further business to discuss, Mark moved to adjourn. Brian Koressel 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, January 12, 2021, at the KYANA clubhouse depending on pandemic conditions.



## KYANA EVENTS BY CHESTER ROBERTSON

With the Covid-19 vaccines being given to health workers and nursing home residents across the country, KYANA members may see the beginning of the end of the epidemic ordeal. Most members just can't wait to get out and show off the old buggies and meet with new friends and catch up with our old friends.

As of now the KYANA Swap Meet has been postponed by the Kentucky Expo Center, because of safety regulations and low attendance. The current regulations are: 20 feet isles and 20 feet open spaces between vendors, which would cause us to lose about 60-70% of our vendors. There would be a smaller number of shoppers allowed in the building at one time. The Expo Center is now working with KYANA on several possible alternate dates for a show during 2021. The last possible date would be sometime in October. The vendors are happy that we are planning on having a meet later this year. All KYANA members should feel reassured about health safety concerns at a crowded swap meet this March. The most important thing for KYANA is to keep our members and their families safe and healthy so we can enjoy life after Covid-19.

Be safe,  
**Chester**



## PRAYERS, THANKS AND CONGRATULATIONS

KYANA extends its sympathy to the Watson family in the death of long time member Lillie Watson.

Janet Hoehler is doing well after shoulder surgery. Ralph Miller is doing well.

Jim Logue is recovering from a broken leg and complications.

Please keep those and all of our KYANA family in your prayers. We want to wish each of our KYANA family a Merry Christmas and hopefully a much better 2021. Stay safe and stay well. Patsy

## CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

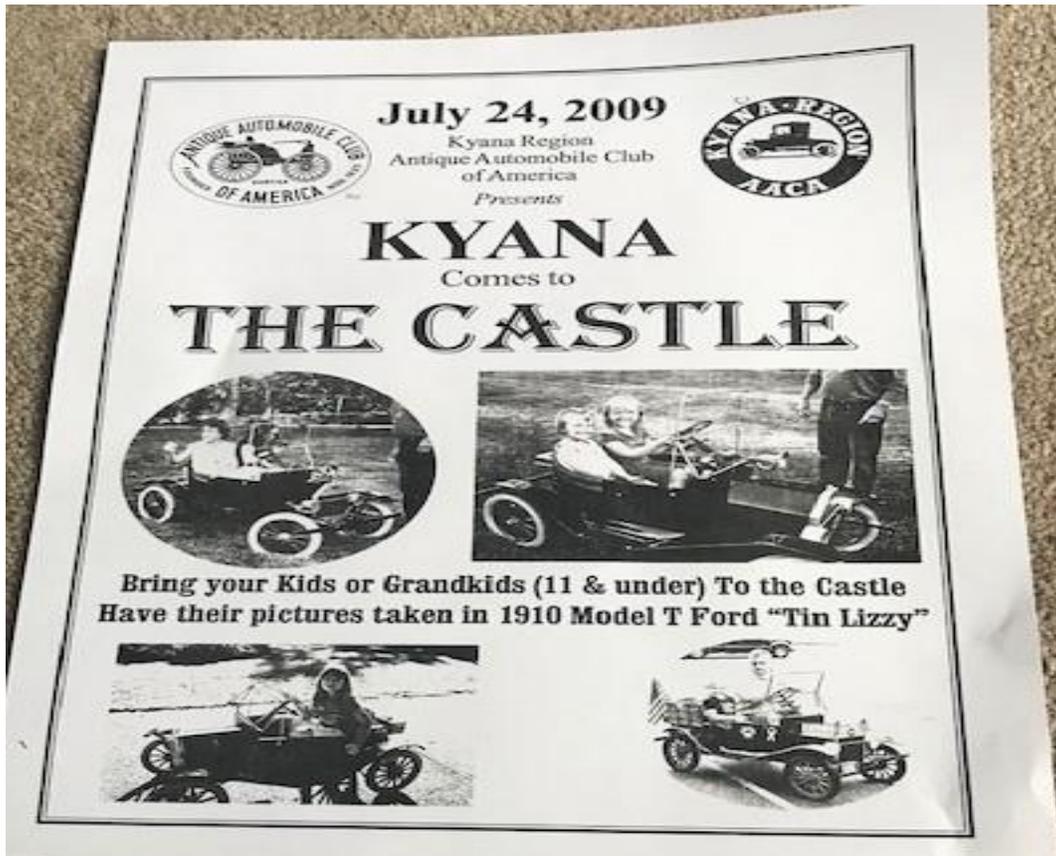


COVID was not about to stop Santa from visiting with KYANA's children and grandchildren, eager to tell the big guy what they would like to receive on Christmas Day. Several families and their children each had some one-on-one time with Santa. In addition to a special gift, each child went home with a treat bag that included goodies and a holiday craft to work on at home. Each family received a Papa John's gift card for pizza with the kids.

This event was sponsored by the Kubancik and Mulrooney families, and they wish to thank the Hill's for setting up the clubhouse for the event. A special thanks to Paul Newton for "arranging" Santa's visit to KYANA.



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## DETROIT ELECTRIC AUTOMOBILES



### Detroit Electric Automobiles

In 1884, the Anderson Carriage Company moved from Port Huron, MI, to Detroit. In the early 1900s, the owner, William Anderson, decided to make automobiles. By 1907, he designed and built an electric car; 125 motor vehicles were made under the name Detroit Electric. Production escalated, so that by 1910, they manufactured 1,500 vehicles. At that time, electrics outnumbered and outperformed gasoline engine cars.

During that time, the company had purchased the Elwell-Parker Company that had supplied the Baker Electric company with their electric car motors. This expanded the Detroit company's capability to more robust production. Sales skyrocketed and the firm changed its name to Anderson Electric Car Company. Note that Baker Motor Vehicle Company developed its first car production in 1899, in a joint effort with the White Sewing Machine Company. Walter Baker had already designed electric motored vehicles back in the early 1890s, and in 1893, during a Chicago exhibition, he presented the first ever public demonstration of an electric automobile.

Power to the Detroit Electric's wheels was delivered by a chainless direct drive system. The car's body was lower than competitors, and it performed excellently in long-distance endurance test runs. It could manage over 200 miles on a single battery charge. Yet, it was advertised as an urban vehicle, with an 80-mile range that could "go farther than anyone would care to travel in one day." Easy to operate, electric automobiles delightfully had no need to hand-crank-start a gasoline engine or wait on buildup of high-pressure for a steam car boiler. Due to these features, women drivers were the primary reason for their huge commercial success.

By the way, Cadillac car's founder, Henry Leland, inspired development of electric starters after a friend died following a hand-crank-starting accident. Later, with Charles Kettering of Dayton Engineering Laboratories (Delco, for short), they produced electric starters for gasoline engines. Together with an added new ignition and lighting systems, Delco starters appeared on 1912 Cadillacs. These starters were immensely popular. By 1920, electric starters became standard on all cars, in high demand across the industry, even on Ford's otherwise mostly unmodified Model T's. Electric engine starters later resulted in the demise of electric motor cars.

By 1914, Detroit Electric's production escalated to nearly 4,700 cars, and in 1916 they bought Chicago Electric, a manufacturer in business since 1900. Clinton Woods, of

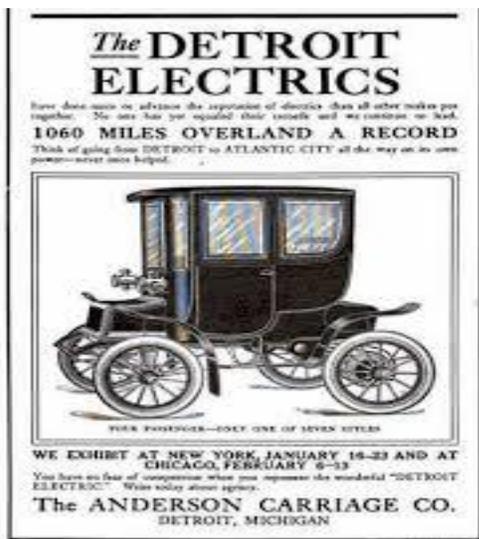
Chicago, reportedly is said to have written the first book ever about electric automobiles. Some of his cars were twin-powered, by either two electric motors or hybrid - with one electric motor and one internal combustion engine. Detroit's prominence in the automotive field inspired a new, but short-lived Steinmetz Motor Car Corporation in Baltimore. World War I resulted in production declines. Mr. Anderson then retired, with M.D. Towson, formerly of the Elwell-Parker firm, becoming company president. He prompted a return to the Detroit Electric company name.

During the 1920s, Detroit Electrics began to look a lot like gasoline-powered vehicles, even with an unneeded hood - with superfluous air-louvers and a mock radiator. Over time, the company gradually concentrated more on local-traffic commercial versions, with fewer passenger units. After the Stock Market Crash, A.O. Dunk ran the company; he was famous for buying failing companies. The Great Depression had a further profoundly bad effect, and electric car sales declined drastically. The company still produced automotive bodies, but many were made by Willys-Overland, and equipped with hoods or grills of Dodge manufacture.

The factory remained in production through 1938. However, electric vehicles were fading with the rising popularity of electric starter-equipped gasoline engine cars - no more cranks. Prior to World War II, Detroit Electric, America's most prominent and longest-produced electric automobile, ceased to exist.

Steve Lippmann

January 2021





# KYSWAP KYANA SWAP MEET LARGEST INDOOR SWAP MEET



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## KYANA Activities for 2021

Date	Event	Sponsor
Postponed	January Business Meeting	Donna Burchett
Postponed	KYANA Memorial Service	Mark Kubancik
Postponed	Swap Meet Planning Meeting	Morgan Howard
February ??	Derby Dinner Playhouse	Alethea Hayes
Postponed	KYANA Swap Meet	
March ??	Salvage Yard Tour	Mark Kubancik
Postponed	Appreciation Dinner	Jenni & Mike Mulrooney
April ??	Iroquois Park Car Show	Denis & Melody Buchholz
May ??	Auburn AACA Meet	James & Sandy Joseph
May ??	St. Francis Car Show	Dwight Hardesty
?????????	Little Colonel Playhouse	Jane & Robert Burke
June ??	Cruisin for the Crusade	Therese & Frank Hayden
June ??	Marengo Cave Tour	Roger Stephan
June ??	KYANA Yard Sale	Hill Families
June ??	KYANA Car drive	Neil White
August ??	Southeastern Fall Nationals	Fred Trusty
September ??	Lake Forest Village	Jerry & Carol Bass
October ??	St. Francis Car Show	Roger Stephan
October ??	Bowman Field Festival	Chris Mueller
October ??	Hershey AACA Meet	AACA
October ??	Kentucky Train Museum	Neil White
October ??	Corydon Fall Auto show	Alex Wilkins
October ??	Toys for Tots Breakfast	Alan & Maureen Vannatta
October ??	Mt. Washington Police Car Show	Bill Willhoite
November ??	Veteran's Day Parade	Chester Robertson
November ??	Ole KYANA Clean Up	Pat & Chester
Postponed	Awards and Elections	Jesse & Beverly Foster
November ??	Light up Louisville Parade	Alan Vannatta
December ??	Adult Christmas Party	Brian & Shelly Koressel
December ??	Children's Christmas Party	Kubancik & Mulrooney

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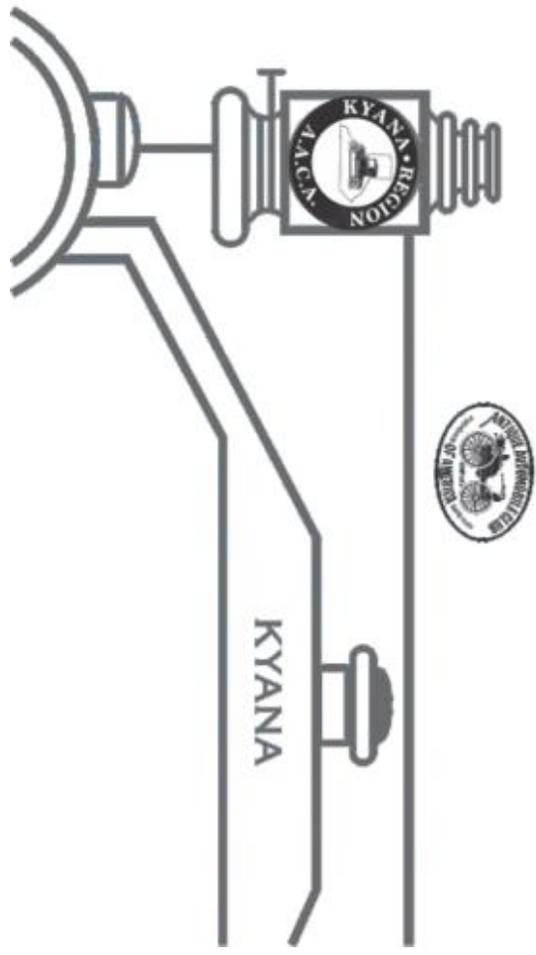
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On the cover:

Eric Hill Jr. is having a good time telling Santa what he wants for Christmas this year. I hope Santa was listening closely!!



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