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FROM THE PRESIDENT MARK KUBANCIK



Another KYANA Swap Meet is in the books! It appeared to me that everyone, including vendors, attendees, and our KYANA volunteers, all enjoyed the opportunity to again attend the largest indoor automotive swap meet in the country. This year, with some extra time in my schedule, I volunteered to assist Neil White, Pat & Hunt Palmer-Ball, Donnie Myers and a cast of many others with loading up signs and other needed material at the clubhouse for transport to the KEC. This task was completed Thursday morning and early afternoon, allowing me to have a look at our KEC buildings in their raw form, with no vendors set up whatsoever. The buildings looked so huge and it was hard to imagine how within 24 hours they would be on their way to having every available swap space filled with items for sale. It is truly remarkable what a team of dedicated volunteers can accomplish when focused on the same goal: conducting a successful swap meet! Kudos to all our KYANA volunteers!

My casual observation and discussion with some vendors suggest our attendance may have been down slightly compared to our last meet in early 2020. A “perfect storm”, pun intended, of a late winter storm combined with record high gas prices may have affected attendance. It’s too early to tell and the official tally is not yet complete. We will be updating everyone with official numbers at the Swap Meet Appreciation Dinner. You might be saying “what winter storm?” as the impact in the local area was minimal. Just to our south and east, however, it was a different story. Karen & Steve Bowling volunteered for door security Saturday morning and were telling me they woke up to five inches of snow early Saturday. We normally have quite a few visitors from eastern Kentucky, Virginia, and Tennessee, and some may have decided the road conditions were just too dicey for travel. Again, we will wait for the official numbers to assess.

On the flip side, many attendees were seen carrying around purchases made at the swap meet. Again, based on my casual observation it appeared at least half of the attendees were carrying or lugging behind them something purchased at the meet. That should be good for our vendors. Speaking of vendors, I chatted with one large rod & custom vendor with multiple spaces. He was delighted with his location but somewhat disappointed in his business. It had nothing to do with attendance or willingness of the attendees to buy, but more to do with supply chain issues and product availability. Something I had not thought of but for those vendors who sell new parts, they too are facing the same issues of labor shortages, product availability, and rapid price increases affecting many industries. Moral of the story is if you will be needing some new parts, best to order now and be patient.

Final word on the swap meet....if you were busy working and did not have time to scour the rows and rows of vendors, check out YouTube for a professionally edited 50-minute video review of our swap meet. Simply go to the YouTube website and search for “Swap Meet by Kyana 2022”. Listen closely to the video as our own Roger Stephan is interviewed by the videographer during the first 18 minutes of the video. I actually saw something in the video that I wish I had seen during the meet. Hope that vendor returns next year!

Now that spring is officially here hope to see many of you out and about at upcoming shows and events.

Thanks, Mark

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

FROM THE SECRETARY ALEX WILKINS

KYANA Region Board Meeting Minutes – March 1, 2022

Location: KYANA Clubhouse

KYANA Region Board Members Present: Roger Stephan, Mark Kubancik, Brian Hill, Brian Koressel (via phone), Tim Truax, Chester Robertson (via phone), Alex Wilkins

KYANA Region Members Present: Ken Martin, Ruth Hill

Meeting called to order at 6:33 pm

Secretary's Report: Brian Koressel moved to accept the February meeting minutes, Tim Truax seconded the motion. The motion carried with all in favor.

Brian Hill moved to accept the Region business meeting notes, Roger Stephan seconded the motion. The motion carried with all in favor.

Treasurer's Report: Nothing new to report.

Activities: Ken Martin updated the board on the March 4 chili dinner. Chester Robertson updated the board on upcoming events in April and advised that activities are needed for May.

Membership: Alex Wilkins advised that new pre-member forms will be mailed to AACA. Roger Stephan updated the board on the new membership tri-fold recruiting tool that will be used first at the Swap Meet.

Clubhouse Rentals: Ruth Hill reported that we are looking at signing up a new club to use the Clubhouse on a routine basis.

Sidelight: Nothing new to report.

Website: The board discussed options for engaging on social media.

Old Business: Alex Wilkins updated the board on re-starting the 8" x 10" ceramic photo tiles for members. A Sidelight article will follow with more details.

New Business: Nothing new to report.

A motion to close the meeting was made by Alex Wilkins and seconded by Roger Stephan. The meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm. The next meeting will be held at the clubhouse on April 12 at 6:30 pm.



KYANA EVENTS BY CHESTER ROBERTSON

The KYANA Swap Meet is now history with the vendors filling the building on Friday, March 11th, with a snow storm that night. Shoppers poured into the building with the snowy and cold conditions all weekend, looking for needed parts or just to look. Our KYANA members did an outstanding job making the event run smoothly all weekend.

April is full of events with the Salvage Yard Tour on the first day of April. Mark will take us into Southern Indiana to a new yard. In the middle of the month the Easter bunny will be at the Ole KYANA Home to host an egg hunt. Please bring out your kids and grandkids to have a great time. On the 24th of April the appreciation dinner will be held at Big Springs Country Club. This is a free event for all that worked the swap meet. Please send a \$20 check for each member to be returned at the dinner.

Now is the time to get the old buggy out and get ready for our touring season. Remember, in a couple months the heat wave will be back. Make plans to enjoy the upcoming year with KYANA.

Chester

PRAYERS, THANKS AND CONGRATULATIONS



- ✚ Bethany Coates is doing better after having kidney stones.
- ✚ Prayers for Judy Mueller and her health issues.
- ✚ Prayers for Rosie Craven as she suffers with a health issue.
- ✚ Steve Hoehler was hospitalized but is doing well.
- ✚ Prayers for Mike Lyall as he is hospitalized with health issues.

Kyana, please pray for all of our members. We all need prayers for some reason.

I hope everyone is enjoying the nicer weather. Stay well and Happy Spring, Patsy.

KYANA APPRECIATION

Two deserving KYANA members were recognized for their contributions during the February 20 Business / Swap Meet Planning Meeting at the KYANA clubhouse. Fred Trusty was presented with an award for serving as KYANA Region President for nine years, from 2013-2021. Fred stepped down after 2021 to devote his talents to continue serving KYANA as President of KYANA Charities while also accepting the Executive Vice President role for the AACA national. Congratulations and thank you Fred!

Jerry Bass won the coveted "Spark Plug" Award in recognition of his enthusiastic support of KYANA activities. Not too long after Jerry and wife Carol joined KYANA, Jerry stepped forward and began to sponsor events including trips to southern Indiana to tour a WWII LST and take part in the Madison Regatta parade. After he was nominated and elected to serve on the KYANA Charities board, Jerry then volunteered to manage KYANA's clubhouse following in the footsteps of longtime KYANA volunteer Brian Hill. Late last year, Jerry brought to KYANA the idea of participating in the then forthcoming World of Wheels car show. While some were indifferent, Jerry pressed on and almost singlehandedly put together a KYANA display that included four unique KYANA member vehicles. The display was a great success with plenty of visitor interest in the cars, club, and upcoming swap meet. Thanks, Jerry, for all you do to support KYANA!

Mark Kubancik



Current Region President Mark Kubancik (L) presents past KYANA Region President Fred Trusty his award for serving as the KYANA Region President from 2013-2021.



Jerry Bass receives his well-deserved Spark Plug award from President Mark Kubancik.

KYANA SALVAGE YARD TOUR – APRIL 1 (No fooling!)

Mark your calendar for Friday, April 1 when the salvage yard tour returns to the KYANA activity list. The yard we will be visiting, near Salem, IN, has a wide variety of older cars and trucks from the '30's to the '70's.

Most salvage yards in early spring can be very muddy, messy places, and this yard is no exception. Please plan accordingly, dress in old clothes, and wear boots or other footwear you do not mind getting muddy and dirty. You may want to bring a change of shoes to wear on the return trip. Other suggested attire includes gloves and rugged pants to battle the briar bushes.

There is limited parking at the yard itself so it would help to keep the cars in the caravan to a minimum. Please carpool with your fellow Club members if possible and leave your car in one of the parking lots close to our morning meeting location.

After we have worked up an appetite at the salvage yard, we will travel a short distance to dine at Tracy's Bar & Grille in Salem, IN. Tracy's serves typical bar food including burgers, sandwiches, as well as a daily hot special. Their menu also includes many meatless options as April 1st is a Friday of Lent. We will order off the menu and sit in a separate room.

On Friday morning, April 1, we will meet at 9:00 a.m. at the McDonalds restaurant located at Exit 9, IN Route 311 in southern Indiana. McDonalds is located just west of I-65 at 102 Enterprise Way, Sellersburg, IN 47172. There is adequate parking in the McDonald's lot as well as additional parking in the large lot behind the restaurant. Again, please consider carpooling with a fellow member or two and leave your vehicle in Sellersburg. We will depart McDonalds at 9:30 a.m. so plan to arrive a little early if you wish to eat breakfast at McDonalds. Breakfast will be on your own. We will provide detailed directions to the salvage yard before departing McDonalds.

If you plan to have lunch with the KYANA group, cost per KYANA member is only \$5.00. Non-members will order off the menu and pay their full fare.

Please note: KYANA's salvage yard tours take place rain or shine! There is no rain date, and since we must commit to Tracy's by March 29, NO REFUNDS will be granted if your plans change after March 28. Thanks for your cooperation and understanding.

Deadline to register for this event is March 28. Send your check payable to KYANA, \$5.00 per KYANA member, to:

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YOUNG HEARTS THEATRE PROUDLY PRESENTS



ONCE UPON A SUMMER

Written and directed by KYANA's own Jane Burke
Performances will be on April 7, 9, 10 at 2:00 p.m.
On Saturday, April 9, there will be an
additional performance at 7:00 p.m.
Ursuline Arts Center
3113 Lexington Road

There is no charge for tickets - but donations are gratefully accepted!
A very entertaining and fun-filled show!
Come along and join the fun!

EASTER EGG HUNT



KYANA will be hosting an Easter Egg Hunt on
Saturday, April 16 @ 12 pm
Must call or text
Beverly Foster at 502-415-1236
NO VOICE MAIL PLEASE

Please call as we will be serving food along with the egg hunt. In order to get an accurate count for the amount of food you must call or text. Please don't just show up

THE EASTER BUNNY WILL BE THERE
so bring a camera for pictures

SWAP MEET APPRECIATION DINNER



Sunday April 24, 2022 2:00PM
Social hour 1-2
Big Springs Country Club Louisville Ky.
Must have worked the Swap Meet to attend
Cost \$20.00 per person payable to KYANA and sent to:
Jenni Mulrooney
3801 Crestridge Dr.
Louisville, Ky. 40272
502-550-7288

CHECKS TO BE RETURNED IF PRESENT
Deadline April 20, 2022

WANTED:KYANA EVENT SPONSORS

If you have been a KYANA member for more than a few years, you have probably noticed that some of our events repeat themselves each year. For many of these events, that is a good thing. Many of these events are well-attended every year and we look forward to a repeat performance. If an event were unpopular, odds are we would not continue to organize and attend.

That said, I'm sure many KYANA members would look forward to trying something new. KYANA VP Chester Robertson is in charge of event planning and would like to hear from you. Perhaps you know a great restaurant outside the city that would be a great place for a backroads car tour destination. Maybe you regularly attend a great charity car show and think more members from KYANA would enjoy that show as well. You may have thought about an overnight tour to a favorite destination with multiple things to do there or along the route. We would love to hear your ideas.

Never sponsored an event before and not sure you could pull it off? Relax....we have your back. Chester or another KYANA member will answer your questions and guide you through the process. It's really not as hard as it may appear and you're not walking alone in the process. You don't have to be a long-term member to sponsor. We already have one new event on this year's calendar sponsored by a 2021 pre-member.

So put on your thinking caps and offer up some ideas. Please contact any member of the KYANA Region board with your ideas. We will get back to you as soon as possible and work to get the event on the schedule.

Mark Kubancik

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SWAP MEET TEASERS

More photos to come in the next Sidelight issue!!!



CHILI NIGHT AT THE KYANA CLUBHOUSE

Special Guest – Author Greg Gitschier...the “Sneakin’ Deacon”

More than fifty KYANA members participated in the supper, fellowship, and inspirational discussion with KYANA member and local author Greg Gitschier on March 4. Greg shared his time describing both his career path with LMPD and the Secret Service. He then provided insight into his calling to ministry, as he has become a deacon in the Catholic Church.

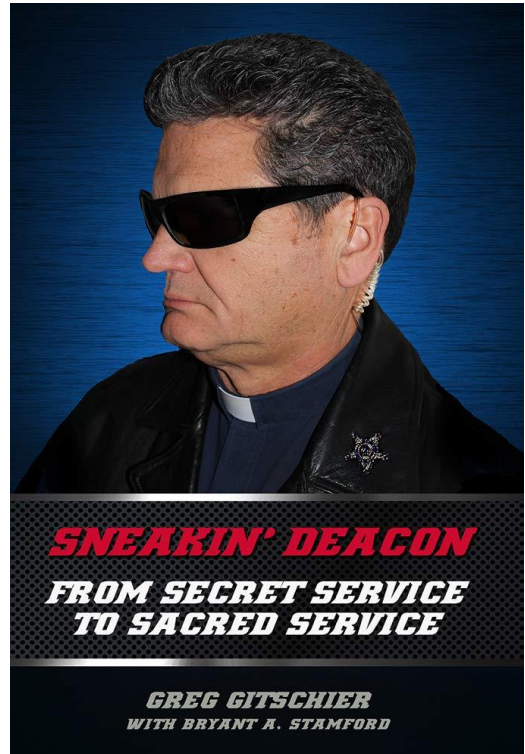
Greg’s anecdotes included his training to become a deacon and his current work as Chaplain for several local police departments including LMPD. He also described his work with young people, providing self-defense training and inspiration as they grow and expand their horizons.



Following his captivating speech, the question-and-answer session was equally lively. We heard about Greg’s experiences landing in a fighter jet on an aircraft carrier; several amusing stories about being on Ronald Reagan’s Secret Service detail; and working private protection for Jennifer Lawrence.

This was an entertaining event for all who attended and participated. We look forward to more engaging events through the year.

Just a note: we had a challenge with the chili and hot dog supper. This meal was planned to keep costs low for our members with the intention to be a supper rather than a full feast. As this is not the first time that we’ve run out of food, however, we have a plan moving forward that will prevent future occurrences. This may drive cost for meals up a bit but will ensure that everyone is equally served.



KYANA AT THE AACA WINTER NATIONALS- MELBOURNE , FL

By Mark Kubancik

AACA's Cape Canaveral Region hosted this year's Winter Nationals show in Melbourne, FL. In addition to the well-attended car show on Saturday, the Region put together a varied and fun event schedule that kept attendees busy from Thursday morning through to the Saturday evening awards banquet. The events included a casino boat cruise in the Atlantic Ocean, a seafood dinner buffet, an airboat ride in the nearby St. Johns River, a pizza & ice cream dinner, and a museum tour.



On the airboat tour of the St. Johns River

Both the Thursday and Friday evening events as well as the Saturday car show were held at the spacious American Muscle Car Museum in Melbourne (www.americanmusclecarmuseum.com). Museum owner Mark Pieloch has collected over 400 pristine cars from the '50's through current, and some 350+ cars were on display for

AACA members to inspect. The collection is not usually open to the public, so kudos to the host Region for gaining access and for partnering with Mr. Pieloch to host the Saturday show.

Several KYANA members were in attendance throughout the three day event, including Fred and Marcia Trusty, John and Dollie Flechler, Bill and Carole Willhoite, Glen and Marilyn Ray, Dick and Julia Renders, Terry and Rosie Craven, Ed Ferguson and Deanna Wathen, and Jim Woodall. Many of our members served AACA national at the meet as judges, in judge's administration, as meeting leaders, and judging guideline trainers.

Prior to Saturday's judged show, Glen Ray received AACA recognition for earning 50 judging credits at the national level.



Glen Ray receives his AACA national 50 judging credit award from AACA Executive VP (and KYANA member) Fred Trusty

Dollie Flechler showed her 1997 Camaro at Saturday's car show and earned her First Junior award from AACA national.



Dollie Flechler receives her First Junior award from AACA President Wayne Tuck

Saturday's awards banquet had a Hawaiian luau theme complete with island hula dancers and island-themed food. Many attendees dressed in their best flowered shirts and leis and even grass skirts. The hospitable Region hosts made it a great meet. If you have never attended a national show or tour, consider adding to your travel plans. You will have a great time!



KYANA Charities President and AACA Executive Vice President Fred Trusty and wife Marcia get into the luau theme. Whose dress do you prefer?

THE PONTIAC ROAD RUNNER BY TIM TRUAX

The Pontiac Road Runner

A Pontiac Road Runner? That's what everybody asks. Yes, that's what I bought in April of 2019 on the auction website Bring-a-Trailer (BAT). I purchased it from collector Billo317, a gentleman from Indiana. When I placed the bid and then won, my wife said I was in wide eyed disbelief! Oh no, I just won a car! A 1960 Pontiac Catalina drag car called the Road Runner (before there were MoPars by that name).



A few days later I was in Indianapolis with my truck and yes, I did "Bring a Trailer"! With the help of Billo317's mechanic and secretary the transaction was completed and the car was loaded. I headed south toward my home in Louisville, KY. I was elated as I received thumbs up from several drivers as they passed my open trailer. Through some tenacity and hard work by the DMV I was able to get it titled in my name. So technically, I am the second owner. (Billo317 uses a dealer license to help keep him on the right side of the tax man (or tax person these days!))

My 86 year old father, who had owned many Pontiacs in the 60s and 70s, came over the next day. We poured ourselves over the car, checking out the many 1960's drag race modifications. Two of my discoveries were that the engine had been equipped by the original owner, John Eleazer, with factory Pontiac 421 Super Duty heads and a Pontiac Super Duty dual quad (2x4) aluminum intake along with many period race parts and modifications.

My hope was to make it a "cars and coffee" driver since it ran, steered and stopped. However, after a short drive down the driveway and a short stint on the street, I found that the 4 speed Hydramatic would not shift out of second gear. At the time I was disappointed and knew I would have to trailer it in order to let it be seen by others. I took it to a local cruise where my friends and other car guys loved it!

Later that summer, while still, trying to get more information on the Hydramatic "problem", I was able to locate the original Road Runner owner 86 year old John Eleazer. We hit it off over the phone! He had many

stories and was a fascinating and informative man. He sent me several pictures and even his personal vintage race jacket complete with his name and the car name embroidered.



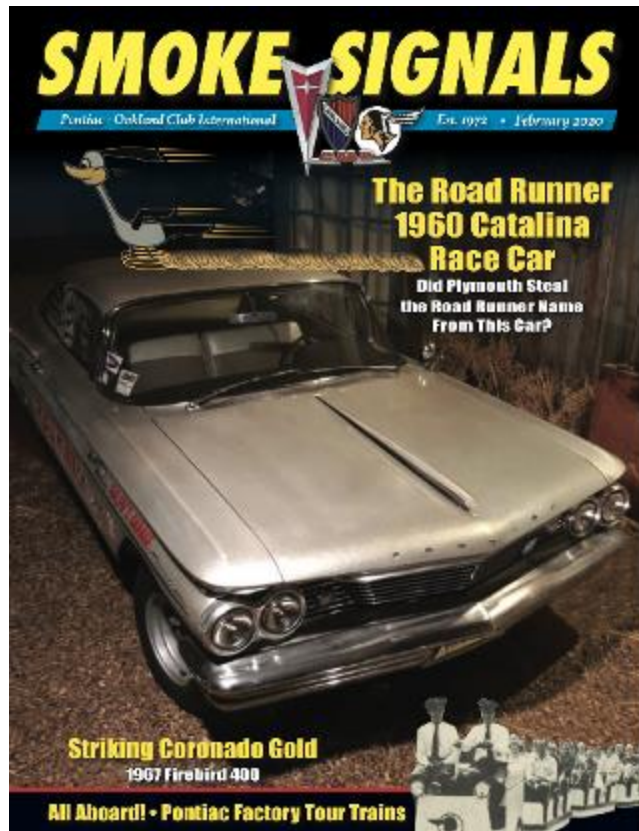
In August, I took it along with my Pontiac Trans Am to the NSRA Street Rod Nationals in Louisville. It was seen and appreciated by many of the attendees.



By the fall I was still trying to glean more information on the car so I reached out to Tim Dye at the Pontiac Oakland Club (POCI) Museum in Pontiac, IL. He was intrigued with the car and its story. Tim invited me to bring it to the Pontiac for a museum fundraiser car show and a chance to display it in the museum. My wife and I made the trip and trailered it to the show. It was a hit.



I left the car in Tim and the museum's capable hands. While in the Pontiac museum the Road Runner was photographed and featured in the POCI Smoke Signals Magazine.



After about a 2 year stint, I returned to Pontiac to pick up the Catalina Drag Car and through my cousin's inheritance, drop off their 1960 all original Pontiac Catalina.



Coincidentally this car looks a lot like John's pull car that he used to tow the Road Runner to the track and occasionally used for spares when something broke during a race!



After getting the Road Runner back to my shop my father and I decided to retune the engine. After new plugs, readjusting the rocker arms/valves and some expert carb tuning by my father Bud, who is a former professional mechanic and has that fine tuning touch, the car seemed to be running at its peak! My new buddy John Eleazer had repeatedly told me that the transmission had been built for racing by his brother, Ralph. He said it would not shift unless at full RPMs. I took him at his word and drove the car down the drive and onto our road. I brought the car to a stop, floored it and hung on! The car bit down and took off, shifting 1,2,3, until I ran out of road! (It's a very curvy road) Wow! But still no shift to fourth! That led to the Road Runner's next adventure.

On a beautiful summer evening my son Ian and I loaded the car onto the trailer and hauled it to a nearby 1/8th mile drag strip for test and tune night. I nervously took it off the trailer, through "tech" inspection and into the lane to the lights. Let me first say this: I had only been on a drag strip once in my life. This compounded with being afraid I would break the car, ancient drag slicks and bias ply front tires of unknown age and many other unknowns, I crept up to the line. Needless to say I redlighted, but the old car flew down the track! It shifted 1,2,3! I'm still holding down the pedal for 4th (more on that later). The revs were high and caution won out. I lifted before I got to the finish! My time wasn't great, but both the car and I survived! Better that than any trophy!



While putting the car back on the trailer a semiprofessional racer came over to check it out. After getting a little history and seeing the many winner stickers, he commented "this guy (John) was practically a pro in order to have this many wins and set a National record!"(1971).



Around this same time, I had been in contact with Tim Dye and the leaders of the POCI 2021 International Convention. It was determined that I would reunite the original owner, John Eleazer, and the Road Runner at the convention in Connecticut (convenient to John's NJ home). It was a great time! The Road Runner was one of the feature cars along with the Monkeemobile, the Red Baron, and the Pontiac Banshee.



I got to spend a lot of time with John over the next 4 days. People treated him like a rock star! Many remembered him and or the car from his many years of campaigning the car!

While we were talking I shared my track experience with John and the no 4th gear shift. He looked at me with a wise smile and said, "Tim, it won't shift into fourth on the 1/8th mile. It only hits 4th when you're doing the 1/4 mile." I believe him. Everything else he's told me has panned out.

(A side note: this was John's last hurrah. He passed away about three months later. It was my privilege to spend time with him and his car. He will be missed.)



Original Road Runner owner & driver John Eleazer (in race jacket) and me.

I never knew that winning this car would lead to so many new friends and adventures!

Tim Truax

Note: If you would like to see this piece of history, the Road Runner is currently on loan to the Swope Cars of Yesteryear Museum just minutes from Louisville, KY.



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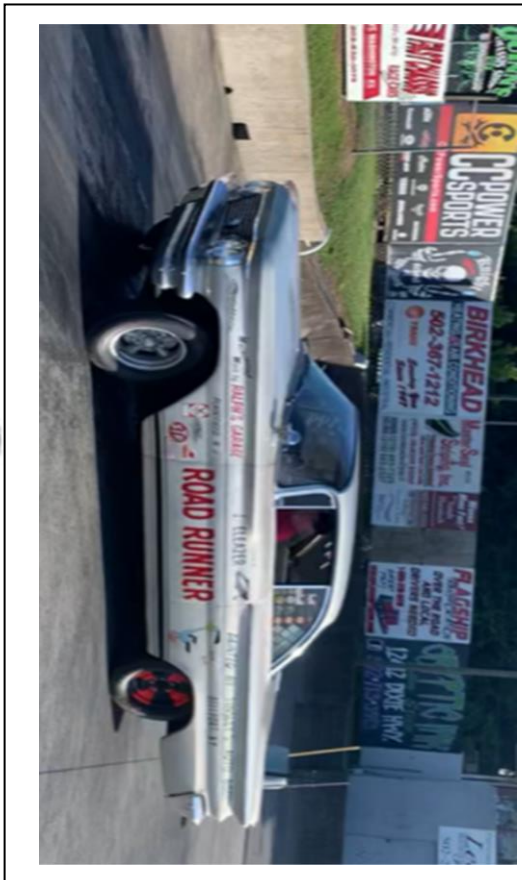
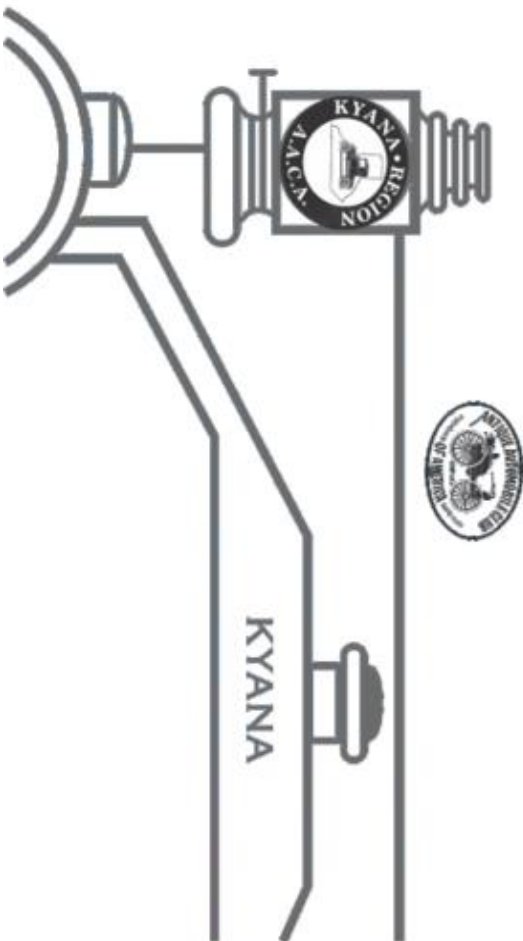
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