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FROM THE PRESIDENT MARK KUBANCIK



Are you ready? Our annual swap meet is just a few short weeks away. The swap meet provides the fuel that powers our club, allowing us to enjoy a variety of activities at reduced or no cost. Further, it provides the funds to share our good fortune with those less fortunate. If you have not yet secured a work assignment, now is the time to contact one of several KYANA swap meet chairpersons. Already scheduled? Many of your fellow members volunteer to work more than one shift, and we can certainly use the extra help. Looking forward to seeing everyone at the KEC in March.

Pat and I recently returned from the AACA annual meeting in Williamsburg, VA. This was the second year in a row that the meeting was NOT held in Philadelphia thanks to a recent bylaw change that allows the meeting to be held in any location with the necessary accommodations. This year's meeting agenda saw some changes from previous years to encourage more member participation as well as offering topics of general interest. Such non-auto related topics included CPR training & certification and a look back at how the Apollo astronauts trained to land on the moon. KYANA received considerable recognition at the meeting, with Sandy Joseph receiving a well-deserved



Award of Excellence for her work on The Sidelight. Congrats Sandy! Our very own Fred Trusty was installed as AACA's 2023 President. Fred laid out his agenda for this year which is focused on moving our parent club into the digital age. Fred shared news that AACA's board of directors recently approved funding for a new website that will have the capability to accept electronic payments for event registration, membership renewals, and merchandise.

Conveniently, KYANA is changing our banking relationship for a variety of reasons, one of which is the bank's capability to accept electronic payments. More to come on this topic. Finally, our KYANA swap meet was promoted in the vendor display area, the Friday evening dinner, and during Saturday's awards banquet. I talked with several AACA members from outside our area that are planning to attend our swap meet this year.

The weekend after the swap meet is the annual salvage yard tour and the last weekend of March provides an opportunity to honor Roger Stephan. Then comes April, where the car show season is officially underway. Plenty of opportunities to enjoy our hobby can be found in this issue and on the KYANA calendar.

The Region board welcomes new member Stan Gaus who was elected by the board to fill Roger's open board position. We want to thank Eric Hill and Ken Martin for also seeking to serve on the board. Their loyalty and service to KYANA is sincerely appreciated and they are encouraged to run again during the open election process in November.

Thanks, Mark

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

FROM THE SECRETARY ALEX WILKINS

KYANA Region Board Meeting Minutes – February 13, 2023

Location: KYANA Clubhouse

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

KYANA Region Members Present: Ken Martin, Ruth Hill

Meeting called to order at 6:49 pm

Secretary's Report: Chester Robertson moved to accept the January meeting minutes, Brian Koressel seconded the motion. The motion carried with all in favor.

Treasurer's Report: Chester Robertson moved to accept the December report, Alex Wilkins seconded the motion. The motion carried with all in favor.

Activities: Chester Robertson updated the board on the events so far in 2023.

Membership: Alex Wilkins updated the board on final payment of 2023 dues to AACA. Ken Martin updated the board on pre-member status.

Clubhouse Rentals: Ruth Hill reported that another club has booked the clubhouse for their monthly meetings.

Sidelight: Nothing new to report.

Website: Nothing new to report.

Old Business: The board discussed 2023 budgeting. Alex Wilkins updated the board on initial thoughts of KYANA hosting an AACA National Event in 2024 or 2025. Mark Kubancik updated the board that AACA will be adopting a new electronic payment process.

New Business: The board appointed Stan Gaus to take Roger Stephan's position for the remainder of 2023.

A motion to close the meeting was made by Willie Willhoite and seconded by Beth Coates. The meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm. The next meeting will be held at the clubhouse on March 14 at 6:30 pm.



KYANA EVENTS BY CHESTER ROBERTSON

March is the most important month of the year for KYANA. It is time to for the largest indoor swap meet in the country to begin. This year the swap meet is March 9-12. The success of the swap meet depends upon all our members signing up to work one or many of the many jobs it takes to make this event successful. This year we have several hundred four-hour jobs to fill. Please come out and help! Our swap meet vice president, Maureen Vannatta, works year round getting the vendors registered for the nearly 1,200 spaces we have. This year we are adding several dozen more spaces in the carpeted areas. The demand for spaces is at a record high this year. We really need your help to come out and work several shifts this year on Saturday and/or Sunday, March 11th and 12th. Remember, the money generated from the swap meet helps fund all the KYANA activities for the rest of the year.

On March 18th the annual Salvage Yard Tour will head back to Indiana for a meal on the river and lots of searching for car parts. Maybe you will end up buying a car like I did the last time we were at this location.

The Roger Stephan Memorial Service will be on March 25. Please see below for more information

I hope to see each of you this month. Chester

PRAYERS, THANKS AND CONGRATULATIONS



- ✚ Frank Mueller is doing well.
- ✚ Anita Kolb is doing well.
- ✚ Steve Koonter sent this thank you: I want to thank all of the KYANA folks for the delicious fruit basket. Most of all for all your prayers and the uplifting get well cards that I have received. Doing well since my surgery. Thanks, Steve Koonter
- ✚ Continue prayers for Charlie Myers.
- ✚ Thank you from Ruth Wherthey says: Thank you for the prayers, blanket, cards, and fruit basket, which we are enjoying. Ruth Wherthey.
- ✚ Pat Kubancik is doing great.
- ✚ Tim Schnell is doing well.
- ✚ Continued prayers for Mike Lyall.
- ✚ Glenda Clark is doing well.
- ✚ Prayers for Patsy Basham.
- ✚ Joe Jenkins says his hip is doing great. He also says thanks for all the calls and cards and especially all the prayers.

KYANA SWAP MEET VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

KYANA's annual Swap Meet in March only succeeds thanks to our many member volunteers. The two functions with the most need are for admission sales at entry doors and security monitoring at the remaining entrance and exit doors at the KEC. We again will be seeking volunteers to work both admission sales and door security at the Swap Meet.

Admission sales have a variety of shifts available Friday afternoon, Saturday, and Sunday. Joanna Miller will again be scheduling volunteers for admission sales. You will be responsible for selling admission wristbands, ensuring the wristbands are worn by attendees, and checking those walking in are wearing a wristband.

Security volunteers will be assigned a four- or five-hour shift and a door to monitor. You are responsible to monitor the door, check people entering that door, and ensure they have the proper wristband to enter. You are provided a comfortable chair while performing this task. We monitor doors Friday afternoon and all-day Saturday, with both morning and afternoon shifts available Saturday. Mark Kubancik will again be scheduling security volunteers.

Your requests to work admission sales or door security will be recorded at the Swap Meet Planning Meeting in February. If you will be unable to attend this meeting but want to volunteer or have a specific request for a particular date or time, please feel free to contact Joanna or Mark before the meeting:

Mark Kubancik

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email: mark.kubancik@gmail.com

Joanna Miller

Phone: (502) 834-7062

email: rem120948@yahoo.com



SALVAGE YARD TOUR



Mark your calendar for Saturday, March 18th for another KYANA salvage yard tour. We will be visiting a yard in Mauckport, Indiana that we visited way back in 2012. They have since harvested a considerable number of unique older cars and trucks making a return trip worthwhile. Rob Johnson and I made a scouting trip in early January and confirmed that this yard should keep most KYANA members busy for at least a couple hours. The yard operators are very accommodating and welcome customers to walk the yard and remove parts on their own. If you plan to remove some needed parts, please bring your own tools. Kids are welcome if you keep them in check, so feel free to bring the kids or grandkids. We will be getting an early start on March 18 as the yard closes at noon on Saturday, so be sure to get plenty of rest the night before and set your alarm.



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 another 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.

On Saturday morning March 18 we will meet at 7:30 a.m. at the McDonalds restaurant located at 10411 Dixie Hwy, Louisville, KY 40272. This is the McDonalds located in front of the Walmart Supercenter on Dixie, just north of the Gene Snyder Freeway. 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 the lot. We will depart McDonalds at 8:00 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.

After the salvage yard tour, we will eat lunch as a group at Jailhouse Pizza in Brandenburg, KY. If you plan to have lunch with the KYANA group, cost per KYANA member is \$9.00. Non-members will order off the menu and pay their full fare. There is no cost to attend if you decide not to eat with the group, however, if you plan to attend this tour and will not be eating with the group and therefore not sending a check, please extend the courtesy of notifying me that you plan to attend. This will allow me to know how many members and guests to expect at the salvage yard.

Please note: KYANA's salvage yard tours take place rain or shine! There is no rain date, and since we must commit to Jailhouse Pizza by March 15, NO REFUNDS will be granted if your plans change after March 22. Thanks for your cooperation and understanding.

Deadline to register for this event is March 13. Send your check payable to KYANA, \$9.00 per KYANA member, to: Mark Kubancik, 11403 Saratoga Ridge Dr, Louisville, KY 40299-8313

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR ROGER STEPHAN

Roger Stephan's extended family invited Roger's KYANA family to attend a memorial service in his honor on Saturday, March 25. The service will be in the form of a full Catholic mass at St Peter the Apostle Catholic Church located at 5431 Johnstontown Road in Louisville's south end. The mass begins at 1:30 p.m. and will be followed by a small reception in a church activity room. All KYANA members are welcomed to attend both the mass and the reception. Any questions can be directed to Roger's cousin Amy Kelty at 502-836-7126.

MEET ME AT THE THEATRE



YOUNG HEARTS THEATRE
PRESENTS
WE LOVE YOU!

Directed by: Richard Ray & Claudette Schlader
Written by: Claudette Schlader
Accompaniment by: Shirley Hawkes

Ursuline Arts Center
3105 Lexington Rd, Louisville, KY 20206
2:00p matinees, March 30 - April 2, 2023
Free / Ticketless / Donations Accepted
Info / Voice Mail: (502) 225-3240
www.YoungHeartsTheatre.info

Jane Burke wanted to share this information with all KYANA members. This is not a sponsored event, but she would love to have KYANA members attend. As you can see, the play is free, but donations will be accepted. If you know Jane, she is crazy about the theatre and will be a part of a play if it is top notch. So, grab a date and head out to Young Hearts Theatre and catch this amazing play. Look for Jane at the end of the play. Good luck Jane and thanks for sharing!!

EASTER EGG HUNT



When: Saturday, April 8, 2023, 12-2PM

Pizza & Fruit Trays

Come see the Easter Bunny

Please call or text
Beverly Foster or Ruth Hill
502 415 1236 502 640 8510



ST. JOSEPH CAR SHOW

St. Joseph Catholic School's 4th Annual

**Fast Cars
& Future Stars**



**Saturday
April 15, 2023**

**NEW
LOCATION**

Harrison County Fairgrounds
341 S Capitol Ave, Corydon, IN 47112
Pre-Registration \$15 Due by April 1st
Day of Registration \$20
Concessions - Raffles - Trophies
Show at 10:00am - Awards at 4:00pm
Contact: Amanda Uhl 812-596-4310 aluhl1987@gmail.com

KYANA member Alex Wilkins, is hosting the car show which is located in Corydon, IN. The show will be at the Harrison County Fairgrounds this year on Saturday, April 15th. There will be plenty of room for truck and trailer parking.

This event is on the KYANA calendar. Any KYANA member who shows and registers a vehicle will have their \$15 or \$20 registration fee paid by KYANA. All you need to do is let event sponsor Alex Wilkins know that you plan to attend the show and he will do the rest. You may call or text Alex at (615) 430-8027.

This show is in need of judges and we all know that KYANA has the best judges around. If you are able to help out with this, please contact Alex.

MIDDLETOWN POLICE FOUNDATION CAR SHOW



**CITY OF MIDDLETOWN KENTUCKY
POLICE FOUNDATION** 

CAR – TRUCK- BIKE SHOW

Sunday April 16th
Rain Date May 21st
11750 Shelbyville Road



<p>Show Time: 11:00-4:00 Cut off to registration : 1:00 Awards Ceremony: 3:30</p> <p>Location: Village Square Shopping Plaza 11750 Shelbyville Road</p> <p>Best Of Show Award Top Ten Awards</p> <p>Raffle Door Prizes</p>	<p>Entry Fee \$20.00</p> <p>50/50</p> <p>Refreshments Available</p> <p>For more information please contact: Bill Bond (502) 724-4728</p> <p>Gary Edelen (502)592-5835</p>
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*All proceeds will go to the
The Middletown Police Foundation,
a 501(c)(3) Corporation*

KYANA member Greg Gitschier, aka the Sneakin' Deacon, is assisting the Middletown Police Foundation with their first annual car show. The show arrives early on this year's calendar, Sunday, April 16TH. Should the weather not cooperate the rain date is May 21ST. The show location is the Village Square Shopping Center on Shelbyville Road in the heart of Middletown.

This show is an event on the KYANA calendar. Any KYANA member who shows and registers a car, truck, or bike will have their \$20 registration fee paid by KYANA. All you need to do is let event sponsor Greg Gitschier know you plan to attend the show, show up, list KYANA as your club affiliation, and KYANA will pay your registration. You may phone or text Greg at 502-379-2415 or email him at gitsch@msn.com

SWAP MEET APPRECIATION DINNER



APPRECIATION DINNER

WHERE: BIG SPRINGS COUNTRY CLUB

WHEN: Sunday, April 23 @ 2pm

COST: \$25.00 deposit per member to be returned at the door

REQUIREMENTS: Must have worked SWAP MEET

DEADLINE: April 18th NO EXCEPTIONS

Send money with reservations to:

Jenni Mulrooney
3801 Crestridge Dr.
Louisville, KY 40272

Must wear proper attire: no blue jeans, shorts, cut-off shirts etc.

If we don't dress properly, we may not be invited back

DAY AT THE MOVIES



Bring your kids! Bring your grandkids! Bring a friend! We will be showing an oldie but a goodie, old car related movie that everyone will enjoy. There will be hamburgers, hotdogs, chips, drinks, popcorn, ice cream and all the fixings to make your very own sundae.

Date: Saturday, May 13, 2023

Time: 2pm

Location: KYANA Clubhouse, main level

Cost: \$5 per adult, children 16 and under FREE

Please RSVP to: Bethany Coates 812-989-7892 or Eric Hill 502-821-2345

Mail your payment to Bethany Coates 210 Wolfe Rd, Louisville, KY 40272

Deadline: May 6, 2023

THANK YOU

On behalf of my family and myself, I thank you for the donation made to Habitat for Humanity in memory of Bob. Habitat always had a very special place in Bob's heart, as it does in mine. My family and I are so appreciative of the fact that you are helping a family in need acquire a beautiful new home. Thanks also for the many prayers, concern, and cards from so many of you, they mean a lot to my family and myself.

Jane Burke

AWARD PRESENTATION



At the February 26th meeting, Fred Trusty presented an award to Chester Robertson for his hard work as a National Director of AACA. Chester is now officially retired from being a director. Congratulations Chester and thanks for all you do.

TOOHEY AUTO WAREHOUSE



I was contacted by former KYANA member Rob Jackson about an old auto parts warehouse in Louisville that was emptying out decades of old auto parts. This piqued my interest for sure. Rob shared some details and photos, and we agreed on a date in early February to make a visit. The Toohey Auto Parts name was not familiar to me as I'm not a Louisville native. Their history dates to the late 1940's when their first auto parts store was opened. Apparently, they eventually had multiple stores in several states, then closed all the stores sometime around the turn of the century (this century, that is). All the inventory, fixtures, books, etc., were shipped to the old warehouse on Woodlawn Avenue in the Beechmont neighborhood, the warehouse locked up, and nothing moved until last year. The original Toohey owner's grandkids inherited the warehouse and sold it last year, including all the contents, to a local physician. A patient of that physician, Glenn Kerns, was asked by the new owner to help clear out the warehouse. Unfortunately, the grandkids started selling stuff, including old signage, before the deal was closed. Although the premature selling was stopped quickly by the future owner, the inventory was cherry-picked for the "good stuff" while some shoppers bought all the old starters and generators they could find, removed them from the boxes, and hauled them off for scrap.

Since that initial wave of flash selling, access has been a bit more controlled. The old warehouse, located at 149 E Woodlawn Avenue, is open Saturdays at 11:00 a.m. until ? and open other days by appointment. Access can be arranged by calling Glenn Kerns at 502-664-2778. Despite arriving late to this part's "party", I did snag a new fuel pump for my '55 DeSoto and a power steering hose for my '86 Pontiac. I also found some parts that Fred Trusty needed for a couple of his cars. Prices were very reasonable. Since the stores closed around the year 2000, most of the inventory is late 1960's and newer. There are some items dating back to the 1940's. Some parts are marked as to what they fit, while with many others you will need to refer to the many manufacturer parts books throughout the warehouse. The place is cold, dark, and damp so if you decide to go, wear old clothes you don't mind getting dirty, dress for the weather, and take a flashlight with good batteries. Glenn may also buy spaces at our swap meet so if you see someone selling a bunch of older boxed parts, stop by and say hello.

Mark Kubancik

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EASTERN KY UPDATE

THIS STORY WAS MADE POSSIBLE BECAUSE OF THE DONATION FROM KYANA

George & Sherry Mullins barely survived the flood in the Lower River Caney community of Breathitt County and are one of the families served by Housing Can't Wait. Prior to the flood, they were enjoying their retirement years in the security of their own home. But then, on the night of July 28, 2022, their lives were changed forever. Their community was nearly swept off the map by floodwaters, which reached levels no one thought possible. The couple's mobile home was literally ripped in half. George & Sherry barely escaped, and were later rescued by helicopter. Since then, the couple has been living in a state-provided hotel room, but now, thanks to the efforts of Housing Can't Wait, George and Sherry were able to use their FEMA award, Federal Home Loan Bank Disaster Recovery Funds, and other sources of funding to purchase a new home that's out of the floodplain!

CONGRATULATIONS Mr. PRESIDENT!!!!!!



Fred Trusty has been a car fanatic most of his life. His first two antique cars were a 1966 Bel Air and a 1966 Ford Ranchero. As Fred recently reminisced about his early days in the car club, he attributes Chester Robertson's relentless pestering to his becoming a full member (Chester recalled that it took him two years to finally convince Fred to join the club). During Fred's 22 years in KYANA, he has served as secretary for 7 years, vice president for 2 years, president for the past 9 years, and Swap Meet Mark Off chairman for the past 14 years. AACA has always held a special place in Fred's life. As if being president of KYANA wasn't enough, Chester further pushed Fred to become an AACA National Director, which he served from 2018 until he became the vice-president of AACA. He was also the chairman of the AACA original car class (HPOF) for 4 years.

In February Fred added a new title to resume: President of the AACA. As I was researching some information about Fred, I came upon this message from past president Terry Bond on the AACA website: Of course, part of the weekend included "passing the gavel" from President Wayne Tuck to Fred Trusty. I think Fred's address to the group made it clear he is one of the members just like the rest of us, and wants everyone to have a great time with AACA. I know we sure did this weekend, so we're off to a great start and there are great things on the way!

Here is some of Fred's talking points that he gave in his Saturday evening speech which he titled, Times Are A Changing. Fred's main premise is that we need to offer more digital friendly services to the members of AACA, current or future.

- Who here today has ordered products on Amazon, eBay, or any of the multitude of internet companies? Login, a few clicks of the mouse and a product arrives at your doorstep a few days later. Brick and mortar stores like Sears and K-mart have been replaced with a smartphone and Amazon vans. Last year I ordered a set of tires from Simple Tire about 10:00 AM. About

2:00 PM a van shows up at my house with my tires. How is that for efficiency? They had the lowest price and the fastest delivery. Was I impressed? You bet. How did they do it? I don't know or care but when I need tires again what website do you think I will visit first?

- How many of you have one of these with you right now? I use my smartphone just like any other tool, screwdrivers, wrenches, or hammers. But there are more and more people that use their computer and smartphone to do everything. They don't have checks, they don't have a printer, and they don't use snail mail, the US Postal Service. They have no paper footprint. I guess you could say they have gone fully digital.

Someone that I know in his late 60's joined AACA. He got on the AACA website to register for the Winter Nationals in Miami. Being his first time on the website, he finally got to the page that says to print your card and mail it with a check and self-addressed stamped envelope. He sent me a text message that said, "I have a checkbook, but I don't know where it is, and I don't have a printer. I pay all my bills online with my smartphone. What kind of stone age club is this?" He did not attend the show and chances are he won't renew his membership. We just lost a member. I wonder how many times this has happened.

- Remember the old slogan, "Let your fingers do the walking through the Yellow Pages?" For AACA, let the computers do the walking so we can focus on shows, tours, and recruiting new members.
- I've said for some time now that AACA is the best kept secret on the planet but it's no secret that we have been losing members for the past six years. We need a digital marketing plan. Go to aca.org and join or login, renew, register, learn. Curious about brass cars? Click, click, and watch a video. What is HPOF? Click, click, and watch a video or a PowerPoint presentation. What is Hershey like? Click, click, and see a video of 2022 Hershey swap meet.
- Does this mean we're going to abandon members that don't own a computer or smartphone? Absolutely not. Members should have the option to go paperless or write a check and mail it.
- A Historical Society is defined as an organization dedicated to preserving, collecting, researching, and interpreting historical information and items. AACA collects information, stores information, and distributes information about the evolution of the automobile. We have a beautiful new functional HQ building, we have a world class automotive library and a friendly, hardworking, dedicated staff. We offer national shows, tours, seminars, and an award-winning print magazine. If we want to be America's car club, we must invest in digital marketing. If we want AACA's membership to grow, it's not a matter of can we afford to do it, it's a matter of we can't afford not to do it. The times they are a changin'.

It is an honor to be selected to be the 2023 AACA President. Our 2023 directors have the skillsets, experience, and the passion for the antique car hobby to enable AACA to make the jump to light speed.

KYANA is an amazing organization and to know that we have one of our members taking such a prestigious role, speaks volumes of the person that Fred is. Thanks, Fred, for representing KYANA so well and good luck in your year of being president.

AUTOMOTIVE ASSEMBLY LINE STORIES

Steve Lippmann

March 2023

Where did it all begin? We have all heard Henry Ford histories about the earliest assembly lines for automobile manufacture ... mostly the same tale, but with some errors and misunderstandings.

What is an assembly line? It is a manufacturing process where parts of a final product are put together in an efficient and specific way. Each piece is transported from one workstation to another until all components are assembled and production complete.



Where really was the first assembly line? The narrative leading to factory assembly lines in this country initially seems to have begun with the Chicago's meatpacking industry in 1867. Workers would stand at fixed stations and a pulley system would bring meat to each person, and they would complete one task at a time. Henry Ford is reported to have emulated this process. The H.J. Heinz food production factory, in the late 1890s, utilized a so-called continuous flow system of food preparation and packaging. There probably were many more similar fabrication methods elsewhere and

maybe even before this example.

What about automobile production? Initially, no assembly lines were used. Nicholas-Joseph Cugnot is credited in 1769 with the first practical, powered road vehicle. It was a steam engine-driven military tricycle built for the French army to haul artillery guns. Gottlieb Daimler and Karl Benz independently and each one separately built what are now considered the world's first two automobiles in 1886. Both were four-wheeled vehicles mechanically powered by an internal combustion gasoline engine.

In the early car-building industry, most vehicles were built piece-by-piece in machine shops by self-trained mechanics and/or automotive designers. They were handmade individually and thus very expensive. They were built by small local companies all over the world, often in garages, mostly one part at a time, by assembly teams working on a single vehicle. Interchangeable parts were unlikely; each component was designed to fill a defined role for a specific vehicle.

Assembly lines were an innovation and a new means of reducing production costs. Their introduction to the vehicle industry stimulated the rise of automotive mass production. Factories now could quickly make lots of cars that were affordable for an increasingly large percentage of the population.

Ransom Eli Olds was the first person known to utilize an assembly line in the manufacture of cars. He is credited in 1902 with the earliest automotive mass production assembly line in making the Oldsmobile Curved Dash. By 1904, about 5,000 Oldsmobile's were sold. It was America's bestselling automobile at that time. This new process sped and simplified production, but still took

most of a day to make a single car. The system was primitive by current standards and was rope-and-chain driven to facilitate production and be more economical.

Such innovative assembly lines were in place well before Henry Ford's famous assembly production was introduced in December 1913. The Ford method was modern and more efficient; it was the first "moving" assembly line and was a major improvement. This conveyor-belt run system was so productive, that Henry Ford has often been cited (erroneously) as the inventor of the assembly line. His design was excellent, innovative, and fast, but not the first such method.

Henry Ford was an employee of the Edison Illuminating Company of Detroit in his early adult life. He built his first gasoline engine in 1893 and a powered quadracycle in 1897. The Ford Motor Company was founded in 1903. Over the next few years, several different Ford models preceded the 1908 development of the Ford Model T.



Mr. Ford is properly credited with the first known moving assembly line; this 1913 advance was a huge improvement. It was so good that it allowed Ford to build cars inexpensively, quickly, and to be affordable. The Model T Ford was massively successful. This was due to an excellent design that efficiently used standardized parts. In addition, Model Ts were reliable, economical, easy to operate, maintain, and repair.

The factory could supposedly build two Model T's per hour. The workers were well-paid, allegedly since it was hoped that they all could purchase one for themselves. This assembly line allowed the "T" to become prominent, as a car and in sales; it is clearly one of the very best-ever known automobiles in the world. By 1927, about 15 million of them were produced. Construction then ceased to allow the introduction of the Ford Model A.

Initially, many companies were reluctant to emulate moving assembly lines because of the huge capital expenses. Later, however, this process was much copied and only then surpassed, later in the 1920s and 1930s. From this time on, mass production assembly lines have changed factory production for a myriad of different products.

What made Ford's assembly line so especially famous is that they provided an affordable automobile for the first time to a wide market, and it was produced by factory personnel that actually made enough money to purchase a car. Replicating his system revolutionized the whole world-wide manufacturing industry. Good employee compensation and affordable cars also stimulated the growth of the middle class in society. It was a "game-changing" development, and builders benefited by learning from the past and improving future assembly line technologies.

Nowadays, much of the work is done automatically by machines and robots. For just one example, automotive painting is completed mechanically, to avoid chemical fume exposure and/or inhalation by people, a substantial personnel health benefit. By now, most aspects of modern human life have been altered by factory assembly line production methods.

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