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FROM THE PRESIDENT MARK KUBANCIK

From the President - Mark Kubancik

What a crowd! What a crowd! No, I'm not attempting my best Rodney Dangerfield imitation. Just reflecting on the Saturday swap meet crowd. If you were not there it was elbow-to-elbow Saturday from around 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Reminiscent of crowds pre-Covid. I guess anybody that wanted to attend came on Saturday because the Sunday crowd was sparse, even for a Sunday. Preliminary results indicate attendance overall was up for the weekend, a good thing in an environment of rising inflation.

Thanks to all the KYANA family members that helped make this year's swap meet a success. We had several members who were unable to work this year due to health, family, or travel issues. It was, however, gratifying to see other members – both old and new – step up and



take over. Many of our members find a way to work the swap meet year after year, though there might be only one who can say they have worked *EVERY* one of the 56 years of the KYANA swap meet...Dwight Hardesty. Dwight worked inside door security on Saturday and was deservedly proud to point out to me that he has worked every swap meet since year one! Congratulations and thank you, Dwight!

Thanks to the new member stewardship begun by Roger Stephan and continued by Ken Martin we had several new members work their first swap meet this year. As we welcome our new friends, we say farewell to two other long time KYANA members, Hyacinth "Tootsie" Howard and Charlie Myers. Please keep the Howard and Myers families in your thoughts and prayers.

As the car show season gets underway, we received an important message from the Keeneland Concours d'Elegance. They need vehicles in Class 1 for this year's Concours on July 15 in Lexington. Class 1 is defined as vehicles built prior to 1925. Anyone interested in submitting their vehicle for consideration should contact Ray Szeluga via phone 859.396.7879 or email at ray.concours@gmail.com.

Speaking of judged shows, KYANA member Alex Wilkins still needs volunteer judges at the St. Joseph Catholic School Car Show in Corydon, IN on Saturday, April 15. This will be pretty basic judging so don't be intimidated. If you ever bought a used car, you have judging experience. Please see the ad for the show elsewhere in this Sidelight and reach out to Alex.

See you soon at one of the several upcoming April KYANA events.

Thanks, Mark

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

FROM THE SECRETARY ALEX WILKINS

KYANA Region Board Meeting Minutes – March 14, 2023

Location: KYANA Clubhouse

KYANA Region Board Members Present: Mark Kubancik, Alex Wilkins, Beth Coates, Brian Koressel,

Willie Willhoite, Stan Gaus

KYANA Region Members Present: Butch Mahoney

Meeting called to order at 6:37 pm

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

Treasurer's Report: Alex Wilkins moved to accept the February report, Willie Willhoite seconded the motion. The motion carried with all in favor.

Activities: Mark Kubancik updated the board on events.

Membership: Mark Kubancik updated the board on the status of printed rosters.

Clubhouse Rentals: Nothing new to report.

Sidelight: Nothing new to report.

Website: Mark Kubancik updated the board that more stories are needed to publish to the website.

Old Business: The board discussed 2023 budgeting. Beth Coates updated the board on KY Secretary of State filings. The board discussed the Conflicts of Interest and Code of Conduct documents that need to be updated. The board discussed KYANA hosting an AACA National Event in 2024 or 2025.

New Business: The board discussed the recently completed swap meet.

A motion to close the meeting was made by Willie Willhoite and seconded by Brian Koressel. The meeting adjourned at 7:42 pm. The next meeting will be held at the clubhouse on April 11 at 6:30 pm.



KYANA EVENTS BY CHESTER ROBERTSON

The KYANA Swap Meet was a great success this year with a record number of vendors and the largest floor space we ever had. The attendance increased both on Saturday and Sunday. Since we had more vendors and paying attendees,

these two areas caused our income to increase, but this year we also will begin to pay sales tax on the spaces. For more information, please attend the appreciation dinner on April 23rd at Big Springs for some great food, fellowship, and to hear more about the swap meet.

With spring showing lots of green and birds everywhere, it's time to get the old buggies out and make preparations for the KYANA touring season. We have the Easter Egg Hunt hosted by Beverly Foster and Ruth Hill at the Ole KYANA Home on Saturday, April 8th. The St. Joseph Car show, hosted by Alex Wilkins, will take place on Saturday, April 15th. This is a chance for a nice country ride over to Corydon, IN. The next day, Sunday, April 16th the Middletown Police are having a car show hosted by Greg Gitschier. The following weekend, April 23rd, is the KYANA Appreciation Dinner for all the members that worked the swap meet. Please get your paperwork in early to attend this dinner. There is more information below about each of these events.

I WANT TO THANK EACH OF YOU THAT WORKED OUR MEET!

Now, come out and enjoy your rewards.

Thanks, Chester

PRAYERS, THANKS AND CONGRATULATIONS



- Thank you for the pretty blanket, the yummy fruit basket and all the cards! Your kindness is greatly appreciated. Marcia Trusty
- KYANA is sending prayers to family of Charlie Myers who passed away recently.
- ♣ Please keep the Howard family in your prayers following the death of Tootsie.
- Continued prayers for Patsy Basham.
- Continued prayers for Mike Lyall.

Come on Spring!!! Hugs, Patsy.

MEET ME AT THE THEATRE



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 theater. 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

Who wants to see the Easter Bunny????



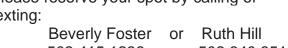
If you or a member of your family would like to meet with the Easter Bunny, please see the information below.

When: Saturday, April 8, 2023, 12-??

Come see the Easter Bunny, have lunch, and make some crafts.

Please reserve your spot by calling or texting:

> Beverly Foster Ruth Hill 502 415 1236 502 640 8510



Deadline is April 5th. The sponsors need to know the number of children and adults.

ST. JOSEPH CAR SHOW



KYANA member Alex Wilkins, is hosting the car show which is 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 needs judges and we all know that KYANA has the best judges around. If you can help out with this, please contact Alex.

MIDDLETOWN POLICE FOUNDATION CAR SHOW



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

KYANA MEMBERS DOING GREAT THINGS

Congratulations to KYANA member Greg Gitschier for his Community Service Award from St. Patrick Catholic Church. Thanks to Noreen and Richard Alford for forwarding this information from their church newspaper.

KENTUCKY DOWN UNDER



KENTUCKY DOWN UNDER SATURDAY MAY 20, 2023

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AT THE END OF THE DAY YOU MAY GO HOME OR STAY OVERNIGHT MOTEL RATES ARE \$40.00 single or double

Send check to Chester Robertson 10013 Northridge Dr. Lou. Ky. 40272

Phone: 502-619-2916

DEADLINE: Motel room reservations must be made before April 24. Other cost may be paid up to

May 15. Thanks Chester

INK CARTRIDGES NEEDED

Betty Hayden is collecting old ink cartridges for her church. Please bring them to any event and we will make sure she gets them.

A NEW KYANA EVENT

KYANA is excited to announce that there is a new event taking place at our home base. Jerry Bass will be hosting this event. If you have any questions, you can call him at: 502-296-3814. There will be more information coming next month. Let's make this a 1st annual event by having a great turn out.



IDEAS NEEDED



Do you have an idea for an event? Do you have any special place that you travel to and would like to share it with a couple hundred people and sponsor an event to that destination? KYANA is always looking for fun places to visit. We need your ideas. You won't have to do all the leg work alone. There are plenty of people who will help you. Share tour ideas with Chester Robertson at 502-935-6879.

2023 KYANA SWAP MEET PHOTOS

Thanks to everyone who helped make this year's KYANA SWAP MEET a success. There were many hands at work. Whether you worked for 4 hours or 24 hours, we could not have done this without you. This is a major part of why KYANA is such a successful, fun-filled organization. I hope that you all had fun doing whatever job it was that you were assigned, a big smile and kind words can go a long way. Now let's celebrate at our annual SWAP meet dinner in April. Please enjoy the pictures below. Thanks to Mark Kubancik for taking these. If you have any other pictures, please email them to the Sidelight editor for future posting.



And so, it begins......



Someone is having way too much fun!!!



The T-shirts this year were amazing!!!



A view from above in Broadbent Area.



Look at the line for the vendors that are already lining up to register for next year.

















2023 SALVAGE YARD TOUR RECAP



A cold but enthusiastic group of KYANA members and several guests gathered at 135 Auto Parts in Mauckport, IN on Saturday morning March 18th for yet another KYANA salvage yard tour. Several members exchanged funds for needed parts while others just enjoyed looking at all the older unique vehicles in the crisp, clear late winter air. After working up an appetite walking the yard, most of the group traveled a

short distance to Jailhouse Pizza in Brandenburg KY for some food and fellowship. Please let me know if you have a favorite junkyard you would like to visit next year as we are always on the hunt for yards with older vehicles. Mark Kubancik

"220, 221. Whatever it takes."



How many of you recall that classic line from the 1983 movie "Mr. Mom"? Allow me to share a personal moment that reminded me of that hilarious line by Michael Keaton.

You may recall last month I earlier shared that the generator on my DeSoto was no longer charging. One day with decent weather I removed the generator and

took it and the voltage regulator to a local electric shop on Chenoweth Run Road. After some troubleshooting the shop determined the regulator was the problem so they asked me to drop off a new regulator. Over the years I've gathered a fair number of NOS and NORS replacement parts to keep the DeSoto on the road. The shop called and said the new regulator was also bad and to bring another. I retrieved a couple NORS Autolite regulators from my parts stash and took them to the shop. I stayed at the shop as he tested another regulator only to find it too was bad. That seemed really strange...



Finally, the shop owner read the fine print on the regulator and hit his forehead like Homer Simpson. He had remembered that the DeSoto was positive ground but had forgotten it was a six-volt system. Once he adjusted his testing machine, all the replacement regulators were affirmed to be working as expected and the original regulator was confirmed to be defective. While the generator was at the shop, he replaced the brushes and confirmed it is charging as expected. Now to get both items installed...

Six volts, twelve volts, whatever it takes....

Mark Kubancik

GUESS THE HEADLIGHT



Answer can be found on the next page

Using a Battery Maintainer

One of the seminars I attended at this year's AACA annual meeting in Virginia was on the topic of Everything Automotive Electrical. The seminar presenter was an experienced electrical engineer who had previously worked for an automotive electrical supplier. The primary takeaway from this excellent presentation was his recommendation to use both a battery maintainer together with a battery disconnect switch. I have been using battery disconnect switches for years on my antique vehicles and the seminar highly recommended these to cut the electrical circuity to prevent car fires while the vehicles are parked in the garage or shed. The battery maintainer, however, was a new concept to me. I have some traditional battery chargers as well as a trickle charger, but today's battery maintainers have improved to where they will charge your battery to its proper level then "maintain" that level as long as it remains plugged in to power and hooked up correctly to your battery and ground.

When I returned home, I shopped online for a battery maintainer that would work for both my 6-volt '55 DeSoto and my 12-volt '86 Pontiac. I found this item at NAPA on sale for ~\$20 so I purchased one for each car. A quick study of the instructions and the unit was easily



connected. Sure enough, per the instructions the green light – showing correct connections – flashed until the battery was sufficiently charged and then glowed steady green when at the proper level.

Now I know some of you are saying "Mark.... welcome to the party! Where have you been?". And I acknowledge my ignorance for just learning about battery maintainers now. For those of you yet uninformed, perhaps this will help your battery live longer. The seminar presenter commented that he had a battery in one of his regularly driven classics that is every bit of twenty years old and still going strong, thanks to a battery maintainer.

Mark Kubancik



Gold front headlight of a 1968 Ford Mustang GT.

JEEP AND KUEBLWAGEN OF WORLD WAR II

Steve Lippmann

April 2023

Willys MB, Ford GPW, US Army General Purpose Vehicle, or just good ole JEEP

Jeeps were the premier multirole vehicle of the US Army in World War II. They performed well and became an iconic symbol of durability, even up to this present day. It was successful as probably the first mass-produced, four-wheel-drive car. General Eisenhower said Jeeps were vital to winning the war. General Marshall reinforced how much they contributed to the mobility of our forces, and President Roosevelt inspired troops while riding in one. Nearly 650,000 Jeeps were manufactured in the USA during those war years and that accounted for approximately 18% of all US military wheeled vehicles in those years.

It all got started with a US Government rearmament-request to numerous automotive companies in 1940 to build a general purpose (G.P., later called the Jeep) army combat-reconnaissance vehicle capable of mounting a machine gun. The original concept automobile was a Karl Probst designed vehicle constructed by the American Bantam Car Company of Pennsylvania. Prototypes came from Bantam; this model was selected. Blueprints were later copied and shared in 1941 for huge production by Willys-Overland in Ohio and later too by Ford Motor Company, based in Michigan. A lesser number were built by Bantam and some of them featured 4-wheel steering. Bantam also manufactured the quarter-ton trailers design to be towed by Jeeps. The final version was a standardized compromise using Bantam's differential, Willys's engine, and Ford's bodywork design. Drivetrains were supplied by the Spicer Company. Jeeps could run on railroad tracks and there also was an amphibious version by Ford, called the Sea Jeep or Seep. The three companies' cars were nearly identical, with only minor alterations - like later producing a change from the original Bantam and Willys 9-slot grills to different grill-slot number versions (copied on some more current-day Jeeps). Spare tire mounting varied from the rear to side-of-the-car attachments - up front or near the back.



The selected powerful Willys (Go-Devil) straight-4-cylinder engine was made of iron and water-cooled. At a 134.2 cubic inch displacement (2.2 L) and with a compression ratio at 6.48:1, it had a 3.125 inch-cylinder bore and single barrel carburetor. Many US Army soldiers reportedly were advantageously able to themselves perform much of the maintenance and repairs.

Besides being rugged on-or-off-road infantry troop transportation, Jeeps performed excellently in many other ways as commander cars, reconnaissance vehicles, light-duty haulers, ambulances, a power source for other machines, and at various airport services. They were utilized during WW II in Europe, Africa, Asia, many Pacific Ocean islands, and in South America. About 30% of war-time Jeep production was delivered to the armies of Great Britain and the Soviet Union, as one example of the USA then being the arsenal of democracy.

After WW II, Kaiser, American Motors, and Chrysler Corporation have in-turn continued Jeep production and to keep the Jeep-like legacy car fabrication and sales going. Some models remain very popular to this day, maintaining a loyal customer base of ownership interest.



The German equivalent of the US Army Jeep was the Kuebelwagen. During the mid-1930s, the Wehrmacht rearmament mandated an upgrade to their army vehicles. Their current ones were not well cross-country-capable, robust, or standardized. Already in 1934, Adolph Hitler and Ferdinand Porsche discussed plans to militarize existing automobiles to easily make a cheap army vehicle that could survive under harsh combat and weather circumstances. In 1938, Hitler

commissioned Porsche to design a light-duty four-wheel drive military transport car. It would have a uniform chassis, engine, and components utilizing early Volkswagen (VW) Beetle models (in German Volkswagen = People's Car). Designs included the ability to mount a machine gun. Porsche (1875-1951) was an Austrian-German automobile designer. Over time, he was the originator of VW, Porsche, some Mercedes-Benzes and Auto Union cars, and other vehicles, even a gasoline-electric hybrid automobile.

Kuebelwagens were manufactured in several different versions, at Wolfsburg, Germany, and modified over time. Kuebelwagen in German translates to "tub car". Empty, they weighed nearly 1,600 pounds and were mostly equipped with an air-cooled, flat 4-cylider 985cc engine, limited-slip differential, and 4-speed gearbox. Combat duty in colder parts of Europe and hot African deserts favored air-cooling instead of a water circulating method. Many were only two-wheel drive types, but they performed well, sometimes even better than 4-wheel drive ones. Mass-produced they functioned much like US Army Jeeps. Originally, they were named the Kuebelsitzwagen because they came with two front bucket seats (in German sitz = seat); that helped to better keep people inside the car while riding on rough terrain. Many of them had a rear bench-seat, big enough for three personnel.

Modifications during the war included slow-speed, lower gear availabilities to match marching infantry troops. They also featured innovative gear-reduction hubs that raised ground-clearance and provided more torque. Having a smooth underbody protection construction afforded a better and easier traverse over snow, mud, or sand. Being light-weight, these vehicles provided some extra safety when accidentally crossing mine fields, since they sometimes failed to set-off pressure sensitive mine-detonators. Amidst WW II, further up-grades were developed, but changes were modest or made in small volume. They also manufactured a few amphibious versions called the Schwimmwagen and rail-capable versions. Spare tires were affixed to the hood. Many of these vehicles famously had convoy-blackout lights to minimized nocturnal detection by Allied aircraft. Total production between 1940-1945 was at about 50,4335 units (way less than that for Jeep manufacture numbers). Slave labor and prisoner-of-war workers were heavily impressed into wartime-forced Kuebelwagen production.

After the war, the British Army received 2,490 brand new Kuebelwagens and some more models were built for domestic markets and/or export. Later, they became the inspiration for newer designs like the "Thing", a popular VW version sold in the USA in 1973-1974. About 25,000 of these cars made it to this country (out of 140,000 built), but safety restrictions suggested by Ralph Nader ended their import to our market. Other versions were sold elsewhere.



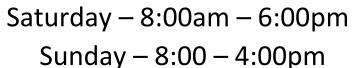
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100 Space Outside Car Corral Contact: Kevin Alwes 502-468-1442 \$30.00 per space



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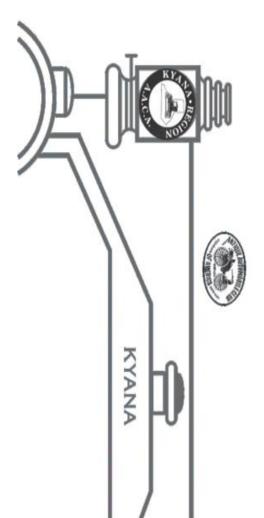
KYANA EVENTS FOR 2023

DATE	EVENT	SPONSOR
January 22	January Business Meeting	Donna Burchett
February 12	Derby Dinner Playhouse	Alethea Hayes
Postponed	Chili/Soup Dinner Chrome Plating Seminar	Ken Martin
February 26	Swap Meet Planning Meeting	Morgan Howard
March 10-12	KYANA Swap Meet	Robertson & Vannatta
March 18	Salvage Yard Tour	Mark Kubancik
March 25	Roger Stephan Memorial Service	
April 8	Easter Egg Hunt	Beverly Foster
April 15	St. Joseph Catholic School Car Show	Alex Wilkins
April 16	Middletown Police Foundation 1st Car Show	Greg Gitschier
April 23	Swap Meet Appreciation Dinner	Jenni Mulrooney
May 13	Day at the Movies	Bethany Coates
May 20	Kentucky Down Under	Chester Robertson
June 24	KYANA 1 st Open Car Show	Jerry Bass
June	KYANA Spring Clubhouse Clean Up	Jerry Bass
June	KYANA Yard Sale	Hill Families
June	Play & Dinner – Little Colonel Playhouse	Jane Burke
July 15	Keeneland Concours Day Trip	Kenneth & Donna Martin
August 1	National Night Out with LMPD- Jefferson Mall	Jerry Bass
August	Biltmore Estate in Asheville, NC	Jerry Bass
August	Country Music Show	David Hill
September	KYANA Picnic	Pat Palmer-Ball
September 17	JDRF /Ford KTP Car Show – Mike Linnigs	Shawn McDonald
October 3-6	Hershey Fall Nationals	AACA
October 21	Kentucky Railway Museum Car Show	Neil White
October	St. Francis Car Show	Sponsor Needed
October	Bowman Field Festival	Chris Mueller
October	Corydon Fall Auto Show	Alex Wilkins
October	Toys for Tots Breakfast	Alan & Maureen Vannatta
November 11	Veteran's Day Parade	Chester Robertson
November	Awards and Elections	Beverly Foster
November 24	Light up Louisville Parade	Alan Vannatta
December 3	Adult Christmas Party	Brian & Shelly Koressel
December 16	Children's Christmas Party	Kubancik & Mulrooney Family
December	Christmas Country Music Show	Brian & Ruth Hill
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On the cover:

Dwight Hardesty is the only current member of KYANA that has worked the KYANA SWAP Meet every year since the beginning, 56 years!!! Thank you for your dedication, Dwight.





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