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FROM THE PRESIDENT MARK KUBANCIK

From the President – Mark Kubancik



Reinvent. Repurpose. Think outside the box. Pretty common, somewhat worn-out terms to describe often significant changes to the status quo. Pat and I recently participated in a 4-day, 3-night AACA tour based in Oak Ridge, TN. During WWII, Oak Ridge was one of the largest cities in Tennessee with tens of thousands of workers participating in the Manhattan project to develop the atom bomb. Despite its size, however, Oak Ridge did not appear on any maps. It was a “secret city,” where all workers were sworn to secrecy. They knew only that their individual job was critical to winning the war for the allies.

Once WWII ended, atomic research in Oak Ridge continued for decades during the cold war era. In recent times, however, much of the work that won those wars either moved elsewhere or stopped entirely. “What now?” was likely the question asked by city leaders as workers and research left the area. With a great story to tell about their role in winning WWII, local leaders have transitioned the area to a tourist attraction, with multiple museums telling the story of the once “secret city.”

Another stop on the tour was a somewhat unlikely attraction.... the now de-commissioned maximum security Brushy Mountain State Penitentiary in rural Petros, TN. In operation for over one hundred years, the antiquated facility was shut down in 2009. Many men were housed there over that one-hundred-year span and one of the most well-known “residents” was James Earl Ray, the man convicted of assassinating Martin Luther King in 1968. Ray and several others even managed to escape the big house, although he was quickly apprehended, not making it far from the prison in the rugged mountain territory surrounding the prison. The prison was reopened to the public for tours in 2018, complete with displays of confiscated weapons and prisoner art. The outdoor exercise yard was converted to a concert venue and just outside the prison gates rests a moonshine distillery and restaurant. Incredible irony in that moonshine is brewed and sold next to a prison that once likely housed moonshiners.

So, what’s the point for KYANA? Sometimes you have to try something new. In this issue of The Sidelight, you will read about some upcoming activities that are new and different. Ken Martin is sponsoring the chrome plating seminar in early June, rescheduled from February. Most of us in the car hobby know a shop or specialist who can speak on a topic of interest to many in the club. Who do you know that would be a good candidate for a similar informational meeting?

George Fackler is sponsoring another new event in late July, taking us to a private car collection in northern Kentucky followed by lunch at a car-themed restaurant. Although not a new event, KYANA will again return to the NSRA Street Rod Nationals after an absence of several years. More info on that next month. Plans are also in the works to return to the Mid-Tenn AACA’s car show in Red Boiling Springs, TN, in early September. Stay tuned for more details.

Put your thinking caps on and suggest a new event for KYANA. And when you do, be sure you are “outside the box”!

Thanks, Mark

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

FROM THE SECRETARY ALEX WILKINS

KYANA Region Board Meeting Minutes – May 22, 2023

Location: KYANA Clubhouse

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

KYANA Region Members Present: Ken Martin, Ruth Hill, Butch Mahoney

Meeting called to order at 6:40 pm

Secretary's Report: Beth Coates moved to accept the April meeting minutes, Willie Willhoite seconded the motion. The motion carried with all in favor.

Treasurer's Report: Alex Wilkins moved to accept the April report, Stan Gaus seconded the motion. The motion carried with all in favor. The transition of the C7 accounts to Stockyards Bank is now complete. Tim Truax updated the board on electronic payment options and will further advise at next meeting.

Activities: Chester Robertson updated the board on events. Sponsors are needed for events – let Chester know if interested!

Membership: Ken Martin updated the board on membership recruiting ideas.

Clubhouse Rentals: The Koi Club will be hosting their annual show Memorial Day weekend, and a movie production crew will be using the Clubhouse as a base of operation while filming in the neighborhood.

Sidelight: Articles are needed from the membership.

Website: Stories are needed from the membership for the website.

Old Business: The board discussed 2023 budgeting. Alex Wilkins updated the board on 2025 National Event planning.

New Business: Nothing to report.

A motion to close the meeting was made by Brian Koressel and seconded by Chester Robertson. The meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm. The next meeting will be held at the clubhouse on June 13 at 6:30 pm.



KYANA EVENTS BY CHESTER ROBERTSON

June is the month we will remember as the start of the 1st Annual KYANA Car Show held at our Ole KYANA Home. This is something we have talked about for over twenty years, and it never happened until now. Thanks to our own Jerry Bass and family for giving all the time and work needed to make this happen. Now we must support Jerry by bringing out your cars and offering to help with the show. Call Jerry at 502-296-3814 to see what help he needs for the big day!

Remember the KYANA yard sale is on Saturday, June 10th. Pack up all your precious belongings that you have stored away and don't use anymore, and sign up to get your free space. Please call Beth Coates or Eric Hill at 812-989-7892 or 502- 821-2345 to reserve your space. There is more information below.

An important event will be held on Friday, June 2nd that will educate us about metal plating our old classic vehicles. Please call Ken Martin at (502) 641-2153 as there may not be enough time for the mail to deliver your check.

My recovery from heart surgery is a slow process. I don't seem to have any energy these days. I want to thank each of you for thinking about me. It makes one feel special to have so many friends. Thanks Chester

PRAYERS, THANKS AND CONGRATULATIONS



✚ Helen Fackler, Chester Robinson, Donnie Meyers, and myself are all improving.

✚ Continue prayers for Judy Mueller and Mike Lyall.

✚ Donnie Meyers sent this thank you: To all my KYANA friends: I want to thank everyone for all the prayers and thoughts sent my way during my recent hospital stay. I am now resting and recovering at home and getting In-Home care. Thank you for the delicious fruit basket and cards that were sent. Thanks also to Ray Hayes for coming to visit me in the hospital. It's really a blessing having so many people thinking about you. Anita is very thankful and appreciative too.

I hope everyone else is doing well. Call me, Patsy, if you are ill or stay overnight in the hospital.

Have a great spring. Patsy.

CHILI NIGHT AT THE KYANA CLUBHOUSE

Special Guest – Rick Smith, Owner, Eastern Tennessee Chrome Plating, Bristol, TN



Please join us **Friday evening, June 2**, for some good food, fellowship, and helpful discussion with Rick Smith, owner of East Tennessee Chrome Plating. Rick has been in the metal finishing business for many years, and he is looking forward to working with KYANA members who may have a need for chrome refinishing on our classic cars and trucks.

We will be serving a hearty chili & hot dog supper including dessert, soft drinks and all the fixings. Cost for KYANA members is only \$6.50 per member. Cost for non-members is \$13.00 per person. Non-members are welcome to attend the presentation by Rick at no cost if they choose not to dine. Supper will be served at 6:00 p.m. followed by a question-and-answer session with Rick Smith.

Mark Kubancik is inviting members of the local Pontiac Club to join us. Feel free to extend invitations to your car friends who are not yet KYANA members.

Send your check payable to KYANA to event sponsor Ken Martin at the address listed below. Deadline to provide a count to the caterer is Monday, May 29.

Ken Martin, 8106 Barbour Manor Dr, Louisville, KY 40241. Phone number: (502) 641-2153. Email address: bigbuick79@gmail.com

YARD SALE



What: GIANT YARD SALE

Where: KYANA CLUB HOUSE

When: Saturday, JUNE 10, 2023 8AM

Members set up for free.

Clean out your attic, garage, or maybe the trunk of your old car!

Many club members are now rich from attending this sale.

Please call Beth Coates (812) 989-7892 or

Eric Hill (502) 821-2345

to reserve a space. Food and drinks available!

TOUCH A TRUCK EVENT



Touch a Truck Event – Louisville Science Center – Saturday, June 10

The Louisville Science Center (LSC) extended an invitation to anyone interested to bring their antique vehicle to their Touch a Truck event on Saturday, June 10. There will be all sorts of mobile vehicles and equipment on display and available for interaction with children and their parents or guardians. In addition to our antique vehicles, other displays will include fire apparatus, police vehicles, emergency response vehicles, and construction equipment. Display units are admitted free and provided a promo code for free admittance to the LSC the day of the event.

The LSC is located at 727 W Main St in downtown Louisville. The Touch a Truck event space is in the LSC parking lot located behind the center at the corner of S 8th St and W Washington St. If you take River Rd to its end driving west, you will encounter the parking lot. If you are planning to attend and take your antique vehicle plan to arrive between 8:00 and 9:00 a.m. The event opens to the public at 10:00 a.m. and lasts until 2:00 p.m.

Note: This is not a KYANA sponsored event. This invitation was received via the KYANA website.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!!



KYANA is excited to announce that there is a new event taking place at our home base. Jerry Bass will be hosting this 1st Annual KYANA Car Show on Saturday, June 24th. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to help, you can call Jerry at: 502-296-3814. Volunteers are needed starting at 8:00AM. Let's make this a 1st annual event by having a great turn out.

Jerry needs help with the following: parking cars; emptying trash cans; checking in cars; helping with traffic flow on the street, and good will ambassadors. These are just a few of the voluntary jobs that will help make this a smooth-running event.

Jerry will contact you to set up a meeting time to discuss this event more. Please call Jerry ASAP!!!!!!!

NORTON COMMONS JULY 4TH PARADE

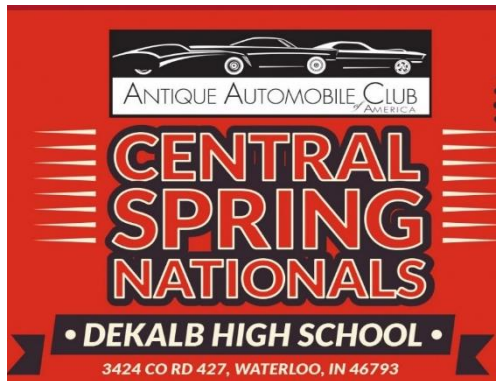
KYANA is again invited to take part in Norton Commons July 4th parade. This year's parade begins at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, July 4th. Parade units will gather and line up at 9:30 a.m. in the parking lot of The Grand Senior Living center located at 9300 Civic Way. The Grand is located just off Chamberlain Lane and can be accessed from several different streets in Norton Commons. **Please note that this is a new meeting location for this parade.** Please let me know if you plan to take part in this fun event, and don't forget the candy to toss to the kids!

Mark Kubancik

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AACA CENTRAL SPRING NATIONALS



THERE ARE ONLY 10 ROOMS LEFT. SEND YOUR MONEY IN NOW OR CALL JIM JOSEPH AT 502-558-5075.

If you haven't been to the spring nationals in Auburn, IN trip, we would love to have you join us. The meet will be held Saturday, July 8th, at Dekalb High School, 3424 CO Rd 427, Waterloo, IN 46793. This is approximately 5 miles from the Comfort Inn in Auburn. Judging school is at 2-4PM on Friday, July 7th, if you need it. Judge's breakfast is at 8 AM Saturday and the vehicles should be on the show field by 9 AM. There is a brochure at the website listed below with more details about the event. You will have to

scroll down to see a list of everything that is available: [Auburn information](#)

We will be staying at the Comfort Suites, 1137 W 15th St, Auburn, IN 46706. The rooms I reserved for KYANA members and pre-members are for Friday, July 7th ONLY and they will only cost you \$55. This includes a free breakfast at the hotel. If you want additional nights you will need to make these reservations on your own.

We will have dinner at the Paradise Buffet at 4:30PM on Friday. KYANA will pay \$15 per member toward your tab. The address for the restaurant is: 1411 Shook Drive, Auburn, IN 46706. This should give those interested to still see the cruise in downtown Auburn which is at 5-8PM.

Make a check out to KYANA for \$55 for a room and let me know if you prefer 1 king bed or 2 beds in your room and I will let the hotel know.

Send the check to Jim & Sandy Joseph, 1925 Pine Run Lane Batavia, Ohio 45103. If you have any questions call 502-558-5075. Hurry rooms are limited to the first 18 responders.

If you haven't been to the museums, they are definitely worth your time. You can find information on line about: Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum, National Auto & Truck Museum, Early Ford V-8 Foundation Museum, Kruse Museums which are all in Auburn and the International Monster Truck Museum is only 12 miles away in Butler, IN.

KEENELAND 2023



Mark your calendars for the Keeneland Concours d'Elegance! This year the event date is Saturday, July 25 at the Keeneland Racecourse. While we can't enter our cars into the show, you will be given the opportunity to view cars that are worth up to \$1,000,000. Yes one million dollars!!!!



There will be more information in the next Sidelight. If you have any questions contact Ken Martin - (502) 641-2153

Here is a little preview of what you can expect if you attend:

On the third weekend of July, the annual Keeneland Concours d'Elegance will again be held on the

beautiful grounds of Kentucky's renowned Keeneland Race Course in Lexington, Kentucky. We will be showcasing the finest collector vehicles in the country from antiques to future classics. Automobiles and other unique types of vehicles will be judged for their historical accuracy, presentation, and cleanliness. Each class winner and runner-up will receive an award.

The 2023 Concours will feature Cadillac as our Featured Marque and will include two classes of Cadillacs, also we will have Fire Trucks as the Guest Marque.

In addition to the Concours vehicles, the Car Club Paddock has become an important element of our Concours, as each club proudly displays their cars for spectators to enjoy. Last year's Paddock boasted over 14 different car clubs and approximately 425 members. If you are a member of a Car Club or are interested in participating, visit the [Car Club Paddock page](#).

The Keeneland Entertainment Center will be the sight of our unique silent auction. More information and items available are posted on the [Silent Auction page](#).

Be sure to visit the Artists section of our website for more information regarding the nationally acclaimed artists who will be attending the Concours and displaying their art in the Keene Barn on the Day of Show.

Food, fashion, and music add to the festive atmosphere of the day!!

COLLECTION 21



Want to see a collection of over 230 American cars and trucks from the early 1900's to 1980 plus a large model train layout for FREE? **That's right for free.**

KYANA is sponsoring a trip to Collection 21 in Erlanger, Ky on Saturday, July 29th. All you have to do is show up and identify yourself as a KYANA member and the \$15 entrance fee will be paid for you. After the tour we will be going to the Ford's Garage Restaurant in Florence for lunch on your own. The collection opens at 10:00 AM and it usually takes about an hour and a half to go through.

Erlanger is about 90 miles from Louisville and takes about an hour and forty-five minutes to drive up I-71 and I-75. Directions to the collection and restaurant will be in the July Sidelight. Mark your calendar now for this event.

Collection 21 is nonprofit organization that benefits the Housing Opportunities of Northern Kentucky (HONK).

If the Ford's Garage is too full there are plenty of restaurants nearby: Agave & Rye (amazing taco restaurant); Buca di Beppo Italian restaurant; BJ's Restaurant; The Pub; Rusty Bucket; Taste of Belgium, and many others.

Information: call George Fackler 502-292-3235

FOR SALE

For Sale: Allied brand 2-ton engine hoist with extendable legs and boom; Pittsburgh one ton engine stand with rotation and fold up legs; 20-gallon parts washer from Harbor Freight - barely used. Hood for early 70's Pontiac Grand Am, LeMans, GTO with factory NACA/NASA scoops. Make Offer! Call Chris A. Ostby, Jr. for info: 502-817-5698

BILTMORE TRIP

Please join Carol and I for a trip to The Biltmore Estate in Ashville, N.C. We will be leaving on Monday, August the 7th and returning on Wednesday, August 9th 2023. This will be a 3-day 2-night trip. The cost per couple will be \$275.00 and \$225.00 for a single.



Trip will include 2 nights at the Country Inns and Suites near Biltmore with complimentary breakfast each morning. Dinner the first night is still to be determined. Dinner the second night will be at the Cracker Barrel near the Hotel. A detailed itinerary with addresses and maps will be emailed to participants when the date gets closer.

The Estate tour includes 4 floors of the mansion, the grounds, **Italian Renaissance Alive** immersive exhibition tour, and free wine tasting at the winery.



Other activities for the brave are carriage rides, horseback tours of the grounds, kayaking, rafting, guided hikes, sporting clay lessons, trap shooting lessons, guided jeep tours. These are at additional cost and are not part of the trip and should be scheduled in advance.

Space is limited so please RSVP Carol Bass by June 30th at (502) 714-8947 to hold your spot.

THANK YOU

Kaye Thomas has been in charge of the advertising for KYSWAP since 1990. She retired this year. The Charities board invited her to the SWAP Meet Appreciation Dinner where she was recognized for her hard work. Neil White received this thank you from Kaye Thomas:

Thank you and KYANA so much for the gift certificate! I really appreciate it! It has been my pleasure to work with you and the club for all these years, and a journey I will never forget. Continued good success to you, and all the members.

Kaye

KYANA CLUBHOUSE CLEAN-UP 2023

After a rainy Saturday morning the KYANA Clubhouse clean-up got started. With a small crew we were able to achieve all the goals for the day. Unfortunately, there is still some work that needs to be done. We need to rebuild the trash enclosure and remove some of the crimson pigmy barberies at the one end of the parking lot, which are providing cover for some uninvited guests at night. This work will be done at a later date. There is still a large pile of limbs that we were unable to get into the trash cans, but we will come back and do that in a few weeks.

The volunteers were hard at work entailed trimming bushes, and removing “volunteer” wild white mulberry shoots that appear every spring inside the shrubs, weeding the beds and limbing up some of the overgrown trees in the large grass field in preparation for the upcoming KYANA Car Show on June 24th.



A TRIBUTE TO CHARLIE MYERS



Charlie Myers, 12/28/1939 - 2/27/2023

Charlie served in the Navy from 1956 through 1960. He flew with the DEW, the distance early warning line. When he returned home from duty, he reconnected with Sherry, the love of his life and they married. They were married 57 years until her passing in 2019.

I met Charlie at GE in 1979 working together on a piece of equipment that formed Range parts. Over the years, I watched a loving family man raise his family while reaching out and helping many others.

Charlie left GE and went to work for GM at the Corvette Plant in Bowling Green as they opened and started building Corvettes there. While Charlie worked at the Corvette plant, he and Sherry got active with raising money and pulled in support for building the Corvette Museum and helped run it until they moved to Taylorsville. I stayed in touch with Charlie through car shows etc. Then in 1988, while building my first street rod, I contacted Charlie and drove to Bowling Green several times to meet with him as he gave me ideas on how to build my first street rod.

Charlie was a gear head and loved building engines, and anything that went fast and was exciting. In his early years of drag racing, he ran a 1940 Ford flathead. He then became the crew chief for a few top fuel dragsters and A/gas Anglia teams. In 1969 he got interested in flat bottom drag racing and formed the Kentucky chapter of the National Drag Boat Association. In 1974 he held the 1/4-mile world flat bottom speed record at 151MPH. While he was doing all the above, he was also a major engine builder for many of the drag racing teams, both car and boat.

After he stopped racing boats and cars, he joined the NSRA. In 1976 he became very active in building and helping other car enthusiasts build cars. In 1979 he became the Kentucky state safety rep which led to him becoming the Kentucky state rep for the NSRA and he was the number 2 seniority representative for the NSRA.

After retirement, he was hired by Holley as a consultant and car builder for their Hot Rod Power Tours. He built the '57 Chevy Convertible, the '32 Ford coupe and the '48 Cadillac convertible, that were the Holley power tour cars from 2002 through 2006.

Charlie joined KYANA in 2012, the one club that had all types of cars and car collectors. He liked originals as much as his street rods and muscle cars that he represented through the NSRA. He was also very active and sponsored other swap meets around the country, along with the KYANA Swap Meet.

His knowledge, experience and personal friendship will be missed by many.

RIP Charlie.

Terry Craven

Editor's note: If you have a club member that has passed away and you would like to write a tribute to that person please send an email to: sidelighteditor@gmail.com

AUTOMOTIVE ICON: WHO WAS DAVID BUICK

Submitted by: Steve Lippmann

May, 2023



There are lots of powerful personalities in automotive history; they often named their vehicles after themselves. We know many American car guys like Lewis Chevrolet, Walter Chrysler, Powel Crosley, Errett Cord, John DeLorean, Horace and John Dodge, August and Fred Duesenberg, Henry Ford, Joseph Frazier, Henry J Kaiser, Joseph Moon, Ransom Olds (& the REO name), James and William Packard, Francis and Freelan Stanley, five Studebaker brothers, Preston Tucker, three White brothers, John Willys, and lots more. There are also a bunch of cars named to honor some people, places, or things like Cadillac, Corvette, DeSoto, Dixie, Edsel, Lexington, Lincoln, Mercury, Mustang, Plymouth, Pontiac, Saturn, Tesla, and too many to list here. Similar naming traditions are observed in other countries. What about Buick?

What about the Buick name-brand? Well, David Buick was an innovative automotive inventor and founder of Buick cars over a century ago. David Buick was born in Arbroath, Scotland in 1854 and with his family moved to Detroit in 1856. He was mechanically inclined and initially became a very successful plumbing supply manufacturer.

By 1899, he got interested in gasoline engines, especially those used for marine and some agricultural purposes. In 1902, he founded the Buick Manufacturing Company, making automotive engines and soon built his first car. About this time, he became the initiator, along with his team, of the very prominent Buick “valve-in-head engine” which was designed in 1903. He was also a developer of vehicle parts, including windshields. Nevertheless, the business was financially failing and resulted in a merger with the Flint Wagon Works to become the Buick Motor Car Company.

The Buick valve-in-head engine was an early prototype for developing overhead valves. The advent of integrating valves into the cylinder head was a huge performance enhancement. This simplified method allowed much higher revolutions per minute and greatly boosted power; being more compact, it also allowed for less engine displacement. Compact engines improve the power-to-weight ratio. In its early days, they afforded a technological advantage to Buicks with lighter weight and about 25% more horsepower than many contemporary cars; most of their early competitors were heavier, due to having bigger engines.

William Durant joined the firm in 1904 and greatly expanded the business. He recognized the excellence of this overhead valve design innovation and put it into production in the Buick Model B. This two-cylinder, 159 cubic inch engine produced up to 4,000 revolutions per minute and 21 horse-power. David Buick, however, left the company to pursue several unsuccessful, non-automobile endeavors in California oil and Florida land development ventures.



Within four years, the Buick company gained some dominance in the automotive field and had manufactured 8,000 automobiles. When Mr. Durant took over the company and soon founded the General Motors Corporation (GM) in 1908. Ultimately, he built GM by purchasing other car firms including Cadillac, Ewing, Oakland (became Pontiac), Marquette, Oldsmobile, and others like Reliance and Rapid trucks. About a million Buicks were built within twenty years and over 50 million have been fabricated since then. In recent times, they have remained productive, and Buick is still popular, even outside of the U.S.A., like in China.

Another comment on the mix of automotive names: After a 1911 meeting with Charles Nash, then President of Buick, Walter Chrysler, joined Buick for an innovative automotive career. Chrysler became a leader at Buick, but a disagreement with Durant's founding of GM led him to leave in 1919.

David Buick was financially bankrupt by 1924; reportedly, he returned to Detroit penniless and in poor health. He then became employed as a teacher at the Detroit School of Trades and died of pneumonia in 1929.

He was a productive innovator of engines, vehicles, other mechanical devices, including inventing sprinkler systems, toilet flushers, and ways to manufacture cast-iron sinks or bathtubs, etc. He apparently was an excellent mechanic and a better "car guy" than businessman. An honors-plaque commemorating his engineering expertise was placed on a building in his Scottish hometown in 1994.

On a related issue, Buick began production in China in the 1990s. General Motors partnered with Shanghai Automotive Industry Corporation and Buick quickly became a high-volume brand. They recently have had an elitist reputation, were popular with young car-buyers, and were selling well over a million Buicks per year. Some of the vehicles built there have been exported to our dealers in the U.S.A. Many Americans surprisingly do not know that even well into this century, GM and Buick, stock have made lots of their money from Chinese manufacturing and marketing. Buick sales in China have dropped in the last four years. Since 2019, they have lost lots of market-share to domestic brands. In 2022 sales-volumes fell to about 644,350 units. This also prompts an uncomfortable question:

Do we Americans really support, or do we disfavor importing China's factory output? There is an issue of our own business/corporate money-making aspect, and/or do we prefer cheaper Chinese-industry made imported goods. Manufacturing there has resulted in many good jobs having left our shores along with losses of research innovation, industrial skill, and manufacturing capacity. (Buick also has automotive plants in Canada, Germany, and South Korea, and the GM Company has more plants in dozens of other countries). These are concerns which each of us and our leadership should consider.

Oh, when talking about Buicks, do you remember the Buick Dynaflo Transmission? My dad had a 1955 Buick Special equipped with Dynaflo; I remember that this automatic transmission surely was smooth, but also sluggish. It was a torque converter with a 3:1 mechanical advantage that was partly copied from other company torque converters.

General Motors unsuccessfully featured an automatic transmission in some Buicks during 1937. Cadillac, Oldsmobile, and Pontiac began using the Hydra-Matic version in the late 1940s as their automatic transmission, but it was noted to produce some jarring movements at gear change upshifts. Chevrolet's two forward-speed automatic transmissions, called Powerglide, were of a still different design.

The Dynaflo Transmission version was marketed in 1948. Buick engineers wanted to avoid any shaking motion via its rigid torque tube assembly that ultimately connected to the rear end and was suspended by coil springs. An upshifting jerk would send a vibration throughout the car, including the passenger compartment. This was judged as ill-advised since Buick with its smooth, straight-8 engines and luxury branding prized an even, quiet smoothness to the driving.

Indeed, there were no perceptible gear changes; however, the Dynaflo was more complicated, slower, and being less efficient and wasted power. The unique aspect was that it would gradually transfer rotational motion through one turbine at low speed to a second one at greater velocities. It also featured a so-called "passing gear," for a boost in speed once cruising when the accelerator was pushed to the floorboard.

Finally, I long wondered about the unique front fender chrome and paint portholes on Buicks, most consistently in the 1950s and 1960s. There was some association between the number of holes and engine displacement. Buick Specials had three such ornamental portholes on both sides, while the Century, Super, and Roadmaster models sported four-hole adornments. Perhaps they came about as a sale, prestige item and/or initially to copy the rakish style of Auburn and Cord cars. I am unaware of them ever being manufactured into exhaust exit points. Though only cosmetic, they could have been used as openings to provide under-the-hood cooling. Over time, this distinctive styling has gradually diminished in size and presence.



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57th YEAR - SINCE 1965

March 9-10, 2024

**KY State Fair & Exposition Center
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Louisville, KY 40209**

Saturday – 8:00am – 6:00pm

Sunday – 8:00 – 4:00pm



Admission - \$10.00 per day
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100 Space Outside Car Corral

Contact: Kevin Alwes

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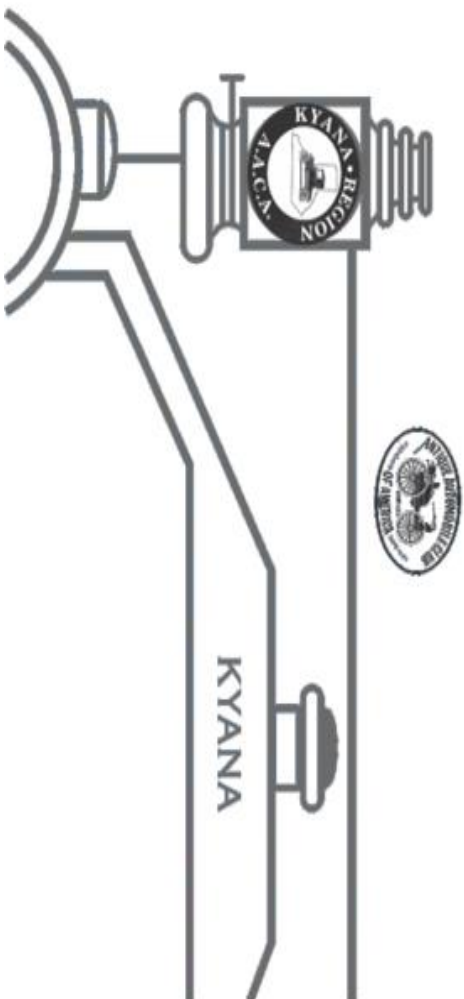
KYANA EVENTS FOR 2023

DATE	EVENT	SPONSOR
January 22	January Business Meeting	Donna Burchett
February 12	Derby Dinner Playhouse	Alethea Hayes
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 23	Swap Meet Appreciation Dinner	Jenni Mulrooney
May 13	Day at the Movies	Bethany Coates
Cancelled	Kentucky Down Under	Chester Robertson
May 20	KYANA Spring Clubhouse Clean Up	Jerry Bass
May 21	Middletown Police Foundation 1st Car Show	Greg Gitschier
June 2	Chili/Hot Dog Dinner Chrome Plating Seminar	Ken Martin
June 10	KYANA Yard Sale	Hill Families
June 24	KYANA 1 st Open Car Show	Jerry Bass
July 4	Norton Commons July 4 th Parade	Mark Kubancik
July 7-8	Auburn AACA Show Overnight	Jim & Sandra Joseph
July 15	Keeneland Concours Day Trip	Kenneth & Donna Martin
July 29	Car Collection Tour & Lunch- Northern KY	George Fackler
August 4	NSRA Street Rod Nationals	Terry Craven & Mark Kubancik
August 7-9	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	Bass, Kubancik & Mulrooney Families
December	Christmas Country Music Show	Brian & Ruth Hill

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KYANA's 1st Annual Car Meet. Do you have a car you can register? Do you know someone that you think could register a car? Let's make this an event that everyone wants to attend!!!!



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