



September 2023

THE SIDELIGHT

Published by KYSWAP, Inc.,
Subsidiary of KYANA Charities
3821 Hunsinger Lane Louisville, KY 40220



Printed by: Middletown Copies & Printing 11714 Old Shelbyville Road • Louisville, KY 40243

KYANA REGION AACA OFFICERS

President: Mark Kubancik..... (502) 797-8555
Vice President: Chester Robertson... (502) 935-6879
Secretary: Alex Wilkins..... (615) 430-8027
Treasurer: Beth Coates..... (812) 989-7892

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Tim Truax.... (502) 744-1658
Stan Gaus (502) 821-4556
William Willhoite (502) 504-2576
Brian Koressel (502) 408-9181

CALLING COMMITTEE

Patsy Basham (502) 593-4009

SICK & VISITATION

Patsy Basham (502) 593-4009

MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

Ken Martin..... (502) 641-2153

HISTORIAN Open

PARADE CHAIRMAN

Howard Hardin (502) 550-6400

CLUB HOUSE RENTALS

Ruth Hill (502) 640-8510
Rentals available to all KYANA members. Upstairs only = \$100. Downstairs only= \$50. Both= \$150.

WEB MASTER

Interon Design (502) 593-7407

CHAPLAIN

Ray Hayes (502) 533-7330

LIBRARIAN

Jane Burke (502) 500-8012

Sidelight Email for Articles:

Sandra Joseph
Sidelighteditor@gmail.com
(502) 558-9431

KYSWAP Swap Meet Business, etc.

(502) 619-2916; (502) 619-2917
kyanaswapmeet@gmail.com

KYANA Website
KYANARegionAACA.com

THE SIDELIGHT OFFICIAL PUBLICATION OF KYSWAP, INC. LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY

Deadline for articles is the 18th of preceding month to have it printed in the following issue. Articles from the membership are welcome and will be printed as space permits. Members may advertise at no charge, either for items for sale or requests to obtain.

Editorials and/or letters to the editor are the opinion of the writer and do not necessarily reflect the official policy of the club.

The Sidelight is automatically delivered to all members by email each month. Anyone wishing to receive a paper copy via US mail may call Sandra Joseph (502) 558-9431 or email her to: sidelighteditor@gmail.com.



From the President – Mark Kubancik

KYANA members were a busy group in August, and as I write this article there are still a couple more events on the calendar. August began with another strong showing of KYANA members at Jefferson Mall to take part in National Night Out, supporting our area first responders. Thanks to Carol & Jerry Bass for their continued support and sponsorship of this event. A few days later was KYANA day at the NSRA show. We had nine members take advantage of this opportunity to visit the show and have their admission fee paid. Later that day, 31 members attended the Hot Wheels for Wilt car show at St. Matthews mall to benefit LMPD Officer Nick Wilt. Yours truly won the People's Choice award at the show, and I'd like to thank anyone who voted for my DeSoto! It's truly an honor to win this award. Thanks to David Hill and the Willhoite's for sponsoring and supporting this important event.

The following Monday saw ten KYANA families travel south to Asheville NC for a tour of the Biltmore House. More kudos to the Bass family for coordinating this fun overnight trip. Then today, 14 KYANA vehicles traveled to Sellersburg IN for a nursing home display that included lunch. Thanks to Eric Hill for organizing this new display opportunity. And we still have the Country Music Show to come, another activity sponsored by David Hill. Hopefully you've had an opportunity to attend one of these fun activities in August. If not, this edition of The Sidelight is chock full of more opportunities to have fun with your old car before the winter sets in. Hope to see you on the road this month!



Speaking of road trips, several KYANA members attended the AACA Grand National show in Bettendorf IA in mid-August. The Joseph's and the Palmer-Ball's showed their '64 Corvette and '67 Shelby GT-350 respectively. Both cars and their owners were awarded by the AACA for their efforts. Congratulations to Jim & Sandy and Hunt & Pat!

Last month's Sidelight featured many photos from June's KYANA car show. Despite competition from a dozen or so other shows on the same day, our show was a financial success, raising \$2,000 for the Housing Development Alliance (HDA) of Hazard KY. You will read in this Sidelight how these funds were delivered to HDA and more importantly how the funds are being put to good use. Thanks again to the Bass family for hatching the idea to have a car show at our clubhouse and seeing it through to a successful conclusion.

It's election time! No, not *THAT* election spawning all sorts of nasty TV ads. It's time again for KYANA's annual elections. If you have the desire to serve the club and run for office or a seat on the board, this is your opportunity. Read further for all the details on becoming a candidate.

Thanks, Mark

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

FROM THE SECRETARY ALEX WILKINS

KYANA Region Board Meeting Minutes – August 17, 2023

Location: KYANA Clubhouse

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

KYANA Region Members Present: Ruth Hill

Meeting called to order at 7:03 pm

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

Treasurer's Report: Alex Wilkins moved to accept the July report, Chester Robertson seconded the motion. The board discussed centralizing the mailing address for club business as prior club officers continue to receive official communications. Mark updated the board that electronic payment options will be discussed further with the Charities board.

Activities: Chester Robertson updated the board on upcoming events. Elections were scheduled for November 19.

Membership: The board discussed new pre-members that have joined since the Swap Meet.

Clubhouse Rentals: Nothing new to report.

Sidelight: Nothing new to report.

Website: Car related articles are needed for the website. Send in stories about your favorite ride!

Old Business: Details of printing the roster will be finalized this week. KYANA will begin planning for hosting a national event September 18-20, 2025.

New Business: All members intending to run for Club Officer or Board Member positions must submit their resume to Tim Truax. Details to be provided in The Sidelight.

A motion to close the meeting was made by Chester Robertson and seconded by Tim Truax. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm. The next meeting will be held at the clubhouse on September 14 at 6:30 pm.



KYANA EVENTS BY CHESTER ROBERTSON





KYANA EVENTS BY CHESTER ROBERTSON


The hot weather should be breaking very soon and our touring in the old cars will be much more enjoyable. On the 17th of September we will tour out to Mike Linnigs for a car show and a relaxing time and maybe enjoy a fish sandwich. Please look for instructions on how to register in this issue of The Sidelight. The main event of the month will be the KYANA picnic out at the Ole KYANA Home with the C3 meeting at 2pm with a great picnic meal to follow. This is a great time to come out and meet old friends we haven't seen as of late.


There are several nursing home tours in the coming weeks. If you would like to attend one or all call the sponsor listed for the event. Let's be active this fall. Chester.

PRAYERS, THANKS AND CONGRATULATIONS



-  KYANA wishes to express our sympathy to Anita Kolb and the family of Donnie Meyers. He will be missed.
-  Glenda Clark is still going through a lot of tests.
-  Laura McKeehan is having health issues as well.
-  Michael Okeefe fell and is recovering in the hospital.

 Pat Kubancik has knee replacement surgery scheduled on September 5.

 Continued prayers for Mike Lyall.

Please remember these members in your prayers. Pray for all your KYANA friends. Call me if you are going in the hospital and plan to spend the night.

Fall is coming y'all. Patsy

KYANA BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION



The KYANA Region Nominating Committee will be accepting resumes for the 2024 Board of Directors: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and 2 director positions. This is your opportunity to step up and serve KYANA on the Region board of directors. If you are interested and have questions about the duties and responsibilities, please contact current President Mark Kubancik (502) 797-8555. Otherwise, if you are ready to run, please state

the position for which you are running and submit your resume to the Nominating Committee Chairperson Tim Truax at truax.tim@gmail.com. Electronic resume submission is preferred. **Deadline for resume submission is Friday September 15.** Thank you for considering service to your club.

NURSING HOME VISIT AND CAR DISPLAY

Friday, September 15 – Louisville East Post Acute



The staff at Louisville East Post Acute has again invited KYANA to display our antique vehicles at their facility on Friday afternoon September 15. If you can attend and brighten the day for the patients and residents, please plan to arrive around 1:30 p.m. and expect to stay until around 3:30 p.m. The name and address of the facility is listed below. Please RSVP to Mark Kubancik if you plan to attend. Hope to see you there!

Louisville East Post Acute, 4200 Browns Lane, Louisville, KY 40220

Mark Kubancik Email: mark.kubancik@gmail.com Phone: 502-797-8555

JDRF/FORD KTP CAR SHOW

CLASSIC CARS HELP SAVE LIVES- Sunday, September 17, 2023



This year marks the 15th Annual Open Car & Motorcycle Show presented by Ford Kentucky Truck Plant (KTP) in support of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF). The car show, which is open to the public, typically features approximately 150 cars and motorcycles of all makes, models and classifications. It is just one of several fundraising events KTP hosts annually to help JDRF in its fight to find a cure for Type 1 diabetes. Thanks to the generosity of employees, volunteers, supporters, and sponsors, KTP has raised over \$3M in the past 20+ years on behalf of JDRF.

To support this worthy cause, KYANA will be making a donation to JDRF for the first twenty (20) KYANA member's show vehicles registered. KYANA members can pre-register for the show and have their registration fee waived **if they act on or before Wednesday, September 13**. If you plan to attend the show, please contact Shawn McDonald via phone, text, or email and provide your name and car details. Please register for the show via Shawn and not via any online show registration page. Shawn will record the information and you will not need to pay a registration fee on show day. Please direct any questions to Shawn McDonald.

Shawn McDonald

Mobile phone: 502-758-6103

Email: Shawnmcdonald87@yahoo.com

EVENT: 15th Annual Open Car & Motorcycle Show

LOCATION: Mike Linnig's Restaurant 9308 Cane Run Rd, Louisville, KY 40258

DATE: Sunday, September 17, 2023

TIME: 10:00 a.m. (*gates open*) to approximately 3:30 p.m. (*immediately following award presentation at 3:00 p.m.*)

ACTIVITIES: Live music, food concessions, Ford merchandise store, auctions and 50/50

NURSING HOME VISITS & CAR DISPLAYS

Tuesday, September 19 – Forest Hills Commons



The staff at Forest Hills Commons has again invited KYANA to display our antique vehicles at their facility on Tuesday afternoon September 19. If you can attend and brighten the day for the residents, please plan to arrive around 12:30 p.m. and expect to stay until around 2:00 p.m. The name and address of the facility is listed below. Please RSVP to Howard Hardin if you plan to attend. Hope to see you there!

Forest Hills Commons, 9107 Taylorsville Rd, Louisville, KY 40299

Howard Hardin Email: bettyhardin2018@att.net Phone: (502) 550-5400

KYANA PICNIC KYANA CHARITIES MEETING

KYANA PICNIC & KYANA CHARITIES MEETING

WHEN: September 24, 2023

WHERE: Ole KYANA Home at 2:00PM

WHAT: A time of fun to enjoy fellowship with all our members and enjoy some great food. Just come on out. The event will be held, rain or shine. If it rains we will move the picnic inside the clubhouse.

As we have done previously, we want to help Ronald McDonald House once again. We would love for everyone to bring something to contribute to their needs. Some items that are always needed are: Individually packaged snacks (chips, cookies, brownies), baking mixes (cake, cookie, brownie), icing, and assorted breakfast cereals. Of course, they are always in need of cleaning supplies (dishwasher detergent, paper towels, toilet paper, liquid bleach, glass cleaner, laundry detergent and garbage bags – (10, 13, 30 and 55 gallon).

So please be generous and give a helping hand to those families that are away from home with their ill children.

We will also have a 50/50 drawing where dollars collected will go to Ronald McDonald House to help with other necessities.

Please be considerate and send your money in by September 15 so we can place our food order. We certainly don't want to turn any of our members away hungry if we didn't order the right amount of food for everyone. Thank You.

Must send \$7.50 per member (children under 12 \$5.00) to:

Pat Palmer-Ball

5504 Felker Way

Louisville, Ky 40291

Any questions just call 502-693-3106

NURSING HOME VISITS & CAR DISPLAYS

Thursday, October 19 – Magnolia Springs Senior Living



The staff at Magnolia Springs Senior Living has invited KYANA to display our antique vehicles at their facility on Thursday afternoon October 19. If you can attend and brighten the day for the residents, please plan to arrive around 1:00 p.m. and expect to stay until around 3:00 p.m. The name and address of the facility is listed below. Please RSVP to Howard Hardin if you plan to attend. Hope to see you there!

Magnolia Springs Senior Living, 8225 Whipps Mill Rd, Louisville, KY 40222

Contact: Howard Hardin Email: bettyhardin2018@att.net Phone: (502) 550-5400

KENTUCKY RAILWAY MUSEUM CAR SHOW



It is time for the Kentucky Railway Museum Car Show this year in New Haven KY. The show is **Saturday, October 21st** and KYANA will pay the entry fee for each old car that is registered. Please send a \$5 check made out to KYANA to: **Neil White 3512 Echo Valley Cir. before October 14th**. All checks will be returned at the show field.

There will be food available, museum tours, door prizes, music, a 50/50 raffle and photos will be available. Train rides are available to show entrants for \$10. Awards to be given out when the train returns to the station. See kyrail.org for more information.

We will meet at 7:30 behind the Chic-Fil-A parking lot on Bardstown Rd. just south of the Gene Snyder Freeway exit 17. **We will leave at 8:00AM** for the museum. We follow Rt 31E thru Bardstown and continue south to New Haven. The show will be on the left at the railroad tracks. Please call Neil with any questions at 502-263-9064.



Drop off a New Toy on
Saturday, November 4, 2023
Between 9:00am - 11:00am

Kyana Club House
3821 Hunsinger Lane
Louisville, Ky 40220

Questions contact: Maureen Vannatta - 502-931-2173

Free breakfast to the first 100
Sponsored by: KYANA Charities

KYANA TOURS OLLECTION 21

Thanks to George and Helen Fackler for arranging and sponsoring the July 29 tour of the Collection 21 antique car and model train museum followed by lunch at Ford's Garage in northern Kentucky. A sizable group of 21 KYANA members attended along with guests from both the local Corvair and Pontiac clubs. Thanks also to Ken Martin for taking photos at both Collection 21 and Ford's Garage. More photos from this event can be found on the KYANA website under the 2023 photos link.



LMPD NATIONAL NIGHT OUT & HOT WHEELS FOR WILT



The first week of August is always a busy one in Louisville with the annual return of the NSRA Street Rod Nationals to town. Added to that excitement this year were two KYANA events which showed support for our first responders, LMPD's National Night Out and the Hot Wheels for Wilt benefit car show. Carol & Jerry Bass organized KYANA's attendance at National Night Out at Jefferson Mall on August 1, supporting LMPD's 6th and 7th Divisions. KYANA again was well represented at this event with over 15 vehicles on display, much to the delight of the general public in attendance.

On Friday August 4, Angela & David Hill and Carol & Willie Wilhoite organized KYANA's participation in the first Hot Wheels for Wilt car show at St. Matthews Mall. KYANA members registered 23 vehicles for this event which resulted in a sizable donation to support Officer Wilt in his recovery from injuries received at the Old National Bank shooting. The car show was a huge success, generating \$4,500 in donations. In total, the entire "Wilt Week" of events tallied \$170,000 of proceeds and donations for the Wilt family.

Thanks again to the Bass, Hill, and Wilhoite families for organizing and sponsoring these fun and important events. More photos from both events can be found on the KYANA website.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MARK KUBANCIK WHO WON BEST OF SHOW AT THIS EVENT WITH HIS 1955 DeSoto. WHAT A GREAT TROPHY.





AUBURN WRAP-UP

The rain before the Auburn Car Show didn't deter anyone from attending this show. There were about 30 KYANA members that attended, many for the 1st time. For those newbies, they had the chance to visit all the wonderful car and truck museums in Auburn. The Friday night dinner provided everyone the chance to eat as much as they wanted and the variety of food on the buffet was to everyone's liking (even the pineapple was fresh and tart). After dinner, the group travelled to the downtown area for a car show. Many local owners brought their cars down to square for all to admire. The early skies the morning of the show looked ominous, but partly cloudy skies prevailed for later. Thanks to Mark Kubancik, John Flechler, and Fred Trusty for bringing their cars to display in the HPOF category. Congratulations to Jim Joseph for receiving his chief judge status.





KYANA BILTMORE TRIP

The KYANA sponsored trip to Asheville, NC was a huge success and Carol and I would like to say thank you to everyone who participated. Nineteen members enjoyed three days of food, fellowship, and a very interesting tour of the Biltmore Estate. We arrived at the Country Inns and Suites on Monday afternoon and had dinner at Bear's Smokehouse Barbeque. The barbeque was excellent. Bear's offered award-winning K.C. Style BBQ with signature items like brisket burnt ends, smoked sausage, loaded baked potatoes, and more.

On Tuesday morning, we had a quick breakfast at the hotel the caravanned over a few short miles to the Biltmore Estate. The drive from the front gate to the parking area was a mere 4 miles which was followed by a short drive via shuttle bus to the main house. As soon as our feet touched the grounds and we were preparing for our group photo, Alethea Hayes found a 4 leaf clover!! Surely that set the tone for the rest of the trip. To say the mansion is huge is an understatement. Biltmore has four acres of floor space with 250 rooms in the house, including 35 bedrooms, 43 bathrooms, 65 fireplaces plus three kitchens. It boasts an indoor 70,000-gallon heated swimming pool with underwater lighting, a bowling alley, and a gymnasium in the basement.





The servants' area is also found in the basement. It holds the main kitchen, pastry kitchen, rotisserie kitchen, walk-in refrigerators that provided an early form of mechanical refrigeration, the servants' dining hall, laundry rooms, and additional bedrooms for staff.





After a daylong tour of the house and grounds including 75 acres of magnificent gardens, the Winery and Italian Renaissance show it was time for dinner. We had a delicious dinner at The Cornerstone Restaurant. They featured meals such as hand cut steaks, fresh seafood, slow cooked baby back ribs, authentic Greek food with incredible Greek Dressing, biscuits made from scratch and other daily specials. Ask Janice about the spaghetti and meatballs.



On Wednesday we had breakfast at the hotel again and some of the members went over to the Grove Park Inn to do some sightseeing. After that, members headed back to Louisville.

KYANA CONTINTUES TO HELP THOSE IN NEED IN HAZARD KY

KYANA Car Show Proceeds Delivered to Hazard Kentucky



On August 2nd, Neil White and Mark Kubancik delivered a \$2,000 check to the Housing Development Alliance, Inc. (HDA) in Hazard, KY. The donated funds represent the proceeds from our first KYANA Car Show at our clubhouse on Hunsinger Lane. Accepting on behalf of HDA were Executive Director Scott McReynolds and Director of Development and Communications Mindy Miller. You may recognize Mindy as she was the HDA representative who attended a KYANA meeting last year to personally thank KYANA for our donation immediately following last year's devastating floods.



Much progress has been made since the club's visit last year and Mindy took them to see the Blue-Sky development underway on reclaimed coal mine property, up a mountain and far away from the flood plain. The houses are being built with quality materials and are being provided to those who lost everything in the 2022 floods. We can rest assured that our donations are making a difference in the lives of our fellow Kentuckians.



Finally, they were talking with Mindy about Hazard's annual Black Gold festival, held each year in mid-September. We asked if the festival included a car show. She said they used to have a large festival car show in a covered parking garage. For reasons not known, the car show has not been held for several years. We planted the seed with Mindy, and the office manager at HDA, that KYANA would be willing to help re-launch the Black Gold Car Show. We'll see if the idea germinates...

UPDATE FROM EASTERN KENTUCKY



HDA Executive Director Scott McReynolds (at left) presents a new home key to flood survivor William White and his family! Read the Whites' story in the HDA newsletter, which all active donors will receive via postal mail in July.

This is what happens when we band together!

Dear Neil,

I wanted to give you an amazing update on the work we've been doing this year. This is a testament to what we can do when we all come together to help those in great need!

1. We showed up big time for our community after the 2022 flood, ensuring that flood survivors and our region have a much better chance to recover. So far, your support has helped us complete **42** muck outs, **31** home rehabs, and **8** new homes! As of today, we have **8** more

rehab currently under construction as well as **11** new homes for flood survivors. We can't stress enough that a donation to HDA may take only a moment of your time, but it makes a lifetime of impact! All these families are now able to rebuild their lives *because you cared*. **2. We are building and repairing more homes than ever before!** We're on track to build **42** new homes this year (half for flood survivors and half for low-income families in need), and we've been able to help low-income and flood survivor families get over **\$1 million** of funding needed to complete repairs on their homes. Our hope is to help families secure another \$1 million in the second half of this calendar year. Thank you for supporting our mission to use the power of housing to transform lives and build a brighter future for our community. Because of you, we were able to expand our construction crews from 5 to 8 (with an additional 2 crews to be added this summer) so that we could **DOUBLE** our annual impact!

3. We completed our Gurney's Bend subdivision in Hazard and unveiled it officially to the community. Thanks to your support of our Gurney's Bend project, which we accomplished in partnership with the City of Hazard, we've not only housed 15 low-income families (including a flood survivor!), but we also showed that we can build many high-quality homes quickly in a single location. That helps us tremendously as we work to address the needs of flood survivors and the housing crisis that existed here before the flood.

Let me tell you, it's good to have GOOD news, especially after the year our community has had. **Thank you** to every single person who has supported us in some way this year. None of the work we've done would have been possible without folks like you speaking out for housing (Housing Can't Wait!), showing up to volunteer and finding other ways to serve our community, and supporting Eastern Kentucky families in their moments of greatest need.

We appreciate you so much!
Best wishes,

Mindy Miller, MFA
Director of Development & Communications

STEAM... STEAM ENGINES.. STEAM VEHICLES.. STEAM AUTOS

Steve Lippmann - September 2023 -

Steam power energized the Industrial Revolution and changed the world. People had noticed that boiling water produced steam, and that in a confined space those copious hot water vapors created high pressures that could be mechanically useful. Boiling increases the volume of water in its liquid state, and becoming vaporized, steam expands by up to many thousands of times more volume and space. Thus, by the 1700s, boiling water and venting the resulting steam, kept now under pressure into a closed cylinder, was utilized to push a piston, its connecting rod, and rotate a fly wheel in such a way that it would powerfully drive a machine. Thus, began our modern society.

The first steam engines were simple products of “backyard-or-garage” experimenters. Adding valves, sophistication, and more cylinders to their reciprocating mechanisms, they increased power and efficiency. Soon these engines developed into large stationary mechanical means to power pumps, factory equipment, and other similar industrial systems. Innovation followed; steam engines were further improved and designed for mobility into powering railroad locomotives, steamboats, and ships.



The first successful steam locomotives were developed in the late 1700s. The heyday of steam-engine railroads began in the early 1800s. Trains in many parts of the world completely revolutionized transport and manufacturing, including commercial, military, and passenger traffic. Of course, water-based travel also modernized into the use of steam propulsion instead of the force of wind on sails. Fuel needs for coal and oil, each transformed the economy just about everywhere. People were amazed about how unbelievably fast they could traverse distances, especially so with railroads (just like we think about our own “amazing” new inventions).

One of the first documented versions of a steam-powered, ground-traversing vehicle occurred between 1769 - 1771. Nicolas-Joseph Cugnot, a Frenchman, designed and built a steam-powered wagon for hauling heavy military equipment. From then on, mechanics and inventors all over created and built their own versions of steam-powered vehicles.

In England in the early 1800s, steam-motorized carriages functioned like buses for intercity travel; they were more like a locomotive with ground-contact wheels for street use and passenger seats. Initially, many of them had a driver and stoker. In this country by 1805, Oliver Evans, built a paddle-wheeler boat for water travel that also had iron wheels for use on land as well. It was intended to go from roads downtown in Philadelphia and be mobile in water on the Schuylkill River. Ultimately, however, it was converted into a stationary steam-powered device to dredge the riverbed.

Increasingly many steam-motorized vehicles by then were factory-manufactured, and in numerous places were especially very popular and successful as railroad train locomotives throughout much of the world. Also, there were locomotive-type engines for heavy hauling wagons, delivery vans, and then even more for other car-type-street vehicles. By the mid-1800s, roadway-

driven steam “locomotive” automobiles were seen in lots of US cities; however, these conveyances created concern and frightened horses and the public. Folks generally did not like the noise and clouds of steam and dirty smoke. Throughout the 1800s, progressively better two wheel and four-wheeler vehicles were developed; some even began to use liquid fuels, like gasoline as a fire starter and then heat the boiler by burning kerosene. Also built were steam-engine bicycles, with one of them, the Columbia, clocked at 60 miles an hour before a fatal crash in 1896.



After 1900, several known automotive history personalities around the world tinkered with steam engines; Ransom E. Olds was an early example. Soon, there were many dozens of steamer autos marketed in this country. Stanley Steamers, White, and Doble were three of the most famous US automotive steam-powered brands, and they were already briefly reviewed in our April 2021, Sidelight. Steam-driven advantages included no clutch, transmission, cranking, a starter, electricity, or gasoline ... they just needed wood or coal for fuel and some water. However, they ultimately disappeared due to the time and complexity required to light a fire, build up boiler pressure, and to easily find liquid water available along the way, especially during freezing cold winters.

Steam’s demise soon and precipitously followed the 1912 introduction of electric starters for internal combustion engines. Despite their popularity, the same initial automotive end became true for early electric vehicles (EVs); though since the late 1990s, electric automobiles are currently making a come-back. New EVs are marketed all the time; is that a good idea? Will we have enough batteries and electricity in the longer run? What will EVs and their batteries’ future be like a few decades from now?



There were long lists of numerous other steamer car brands available including Cloughly, Grout, Lane, Gearless, Prescott, and a huge bunch more varieties. There is some other amazing history to add here involving the Stanley brothers, their Steamer, and the Locomobile. Originally, the identical twin brothers, Francis E. Stanley, and Freeland O. Stanley, were intent on their Stanley Steamer firm. These Steamers were powerful, very fast, successful, and mass-produced, at about 200 vehicles per year, in Massachusetts. They were famous for hill-climbing prowess. For example, in 1899, a Stanley reportedly ascended Mt. Washington (tallest peak in the eastern USA) in 27 minutes, as compared to contemporary gasoline car speed times at nearly two hours.

That is where it gets even more intriguing: during 1898, John B. Walker and Anzi L. Barber bought the Stanley brothers’ Steamer patent and factory for \$250,000. It came with a two-year non-competition clause. They founded The Locomobile Company of America, but soon split into two different companies. By 1900, John Walker ran the Mobile Steamer business interestingly along with Freeland Stanley as the general manager, while surprisingly, and in direct sales competition, Anzi Barber oversaw the Locomobile Company with Francis Stanley at supervising production. The Mobile and Locomobile steamers were essentially the same car, used a Stanley-designed engine, and were said to be reasonably priced.

Locomobiles were well-made steamers, but between 1902 - 1903, the company switched to internal combustion gasoline engines. A Locomobile claim to fame is that Rudyard Kipling once owned one. About 4,000 Locomobiles were manufactured. During 1922, the business was purchased by Durant Motors and ended production in 1929.

By 1901 the Stanley exclusion period expired, and the patent was sold back to the brothers, who were now together again in the "driver's seat." They both notably loved fast cars, speeding while avoiding the police, and very loud steam whistles. By 1906, a Stanley Rocket was clocked at over 126 mph. The following year, this racer hit a bump, became airborne, and crashed, yet with claims that it was going nearly 190 mph. The Stanley business and vehicle production greatly expanded especially after engineering improvements to the boiler and automobile velocity capabilities. Nevertheless, this famous, once prosperous company faded by the early 1920s. There had been less technical innovation following the death of Francis Stanley in 1918; he died in a car-crash, deliberately driving off the road to avoid hitting oncoming traffic. Later Freeland Stanley sold the business and generally all steamer car demises followed, mostly due to the advent of electric engine starters.

On a personal note: I remember railroad travel with steam-powered locomotives in the 1950s. As a boy, I liked hearing the loud chug-chug sounds and the powerful jerky, increasingly rapid train-motion-surges of steam locomotives as they gained momentum from a standing start.

With my family years later, we frequented several historic steam museums and got some steam train rides. Together with my son, Michael, that later included often seeing several antique locomotives in Louisville, Kentucky that ran near LaGrange Road. He loved everything that was mechanical, especially if it made a loud racket. The two of us were fond of their noise and smoke, and particularly enjoyed the huge clouds of hot vapor enveloping us while standing close to the locomotive as steam pressure was released. It was fun too, hearing the steam hissing as it passed out of the valve system (... now largely a bygone pleasure).

AGREE OR DISAGREE?





KYSWAP KYANA SWAP MEET LARGEST INDOOR SWAP MEET



57th YEAR - SINCE 1965

March 9-10, 2024

**KY State Fair & Exposition Center
937 Phillips Lane
Louisville, KY 40209**

Saturday – 8:00am – 6:00pm

Sunday – 8:00 – 4:00pm



Admission - \$10.00 per day
Children under 12 Free with an adult

Room for over 1140 Vendors under one roof

Regular Space - (10x20) - \$90.00

Corner Space - (10x20) - \$100.00

Carpeted Space - (10x10) - \$50.00

100 Space Outside Car Corral

Contact: Kevin Alwes

502-468-1442

\$30.00 per space



CONTACT

Maureen Vannatta

502-619-2917

kyanaswapmeet@gmail.com

Visit us on the web: www.kyanaswapmeet.com

Chester Robertson

502-619-2916

chestererobertson@gmail.com

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 & Carol 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 1	National Night Out	Jerry Bass
August 4	NSRA Street Rod Nationals	Terry Craven & Mark Kubancik
August 4	Hot Wheels for Wilt	David Hill
August 7-9	Biltmore Estate in Asheville, NC	Jerry & Carol Bass
August 18	Traditions at Hunter Station Car Show	Eric Hill
August 19	Country Music Show	David Hill
September 15	Louisville East Acute Post Car Display	Mark Kubancik
September 17	JDRF /Ford KTP Car Show – Mike Linnig’s	Shawn McDonald
September 19	Forrest Hills Commons Car Display	Howard Hardin
September 24	KYANA Picnic	Pat Palmer-Ball
October 3-6	Hershey Fall Nationals	AACA
October 7	St Francis Car Show	Steve Lippmann
October 15	Corydon Fall Auto Show	Alex Wilkins
October 21	Kentucky Railway Museum Car Show	Neil White
October 19	Magnolia Springs Senior Living Car Display	Howard Hardin
November 4	Toys for Tots Breakfast	Alan & Maureen Vannatta
November 11	Veteran’s Day Parade	Chester Robertson
November 19	Awards and Elections	Beverly Foster
November 24	Light up Louisville Parade	Alan Vannatta
December 3	Adult Christmas Party	Brian & Shelly Koressel
December 9	Children’s Christmas Party	Bass, Kubancik & Mulrooney Families
December 23	Christmas Country Music Show	Brian & Ruth Hill

THE SIDELIGHT

KYANA

ANTIQUE AUTOMOBILE OF AMERICA

Volume 106 September 2023 Number 84

Sidelight Editor
C/O Sandra Joseph
1925 Pine Run Lane
Batavia, OH 45103

On the cover:

Congratulations to Mark Kubancik for winning the best of show car at the Hot Wheels for Wilt Car Show.

