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## FROM THE PRESIDENT MARK KUBANCIK

### From the President – Mark Kubancik



In case you didn't catch my attempt at symbolism, that's a very big THANK YOU to all the KYANA members who helped to make our 58<sup>th</sup> Swap Meet a success. Preliminary figures suggest an increase in attendance this year vs. last year and even with additional swap spaces to sell, all vendor spots were sold out prior to the start of the meet. We are certainly bucking the trend of other swap meets where declining attendance and vendor loss is the order of the day.

What makes our swap meet so popular? If you put on your thinking cap, you will likely identify several key reasons. One of the major reasons is the KEC's indoor climate-controlled facilities. In addition to the swap space rental, our vendors have considerable additional costs including travel expenses, food, lodging, and perhaps salary payment to hired help. If you can guarantee no impact from inclement weather, you are more willing to invest precious resources and attend the KYANA Swap Meet. Another reason



that cannot be overlooked is the helpful and pleasant attitude of our all-volunteer labor force. For many of us, and despite long hours, working the swap meet is great fun and your attitude reflects that. The attendees and vendors take notice! Thanks for treating everyone with respect and gratitude. My random inquiries and feedback from other members suggest most vendors did very well at the Swap Meet and plan to return next year. One vendor who passed by me taking more supplies to his booth said, "We LOVE this meet!".

Another reason for our success is the desire to continually improve our processes and to not just "do what we did last year". Maureen Vannatta's idea to color-code vendor credentials has significantly improved the inbound traffic flow and set-up process. Chester's negotiation with the KEC to add the carpeted room spaces allowed new vendors to attend and improved the shopping experience for attendees.

Can we still do better? Most certainly yes! The KYSWAP board is planning a post-event follow-up meeting for chairpersons and other interested workers to brainstorm improvements to our processes prior to next year's meet. For example, the additional carpeted spaces adjacent to the KEC West Hall has created a new traffic flow that needs better control to ensure all attendees have paid their entry fee. With an early March date for next year's meet, it is likely that we will again compete with the volleyball tournament at the KEC. These competing events quickly fill up the front parking lots at the KEC, meaning many of our attendee's park on the backside of the KEC. This quickly overwhelmed both the pay entry and other access doors on the north side of the KEC. Adjustments are in order and will be addressed. If you have an idea how to improve something at the Swap Meet, please share it with me or with the appropriate chairperson.

I'm responsible for inside door security at the Swap Meet. That meant a lot of steps during the weekend to confirm volunteer attendance, provide a relief break, and to deliver worker cards. If you were working at a dedicated location and did not have time to see the crowd, you might enjoy viewing this photo gallery added to the KYANA website: <https://kyanaregionaca.com/photos>. When viewing the photos take note of all the smiling KYANA faces. It's what brings people back again and again!

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

## FROM THE SECRETARY ALEX WILKINS

KYANA Region Board Meeting Minutes – March 12, 2024

**Location:** KYANA Clubhouse

**KYANA Region Board Members Present:** Alex Wilkins, Mark Kubancik, Tim Truax, Shawn McDonald, Willie Wilhoite, Chester Robertson

**KYANA Region Members Present:** Butch Mahoney, Carol Bass

Meeting called to order at 6:50 pm

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

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

**Activities:** The board discussed scheduling for the Swap Meet Appreciation Dinner, and possible tours for this summer. Check the calendar for the latest updates!

**Membership:** Alex Wilkins and Carol Bass reviewed new membership submittals. Carol updated the board on several new members that were recruited during the Swap Meet.

**Clubhouse Rentals:** Nothing new to report.

**Sidelight:** Nothing new to report.

**Website:** Nothing new to report.

**Old Business:** Tim Truax will be getting club business cards printed out to distribute at events. This will give potential new members quick access to our website.

Rosters will be made available during the Business Class meeting on March 30 and the Swap Meet Appreciation Dinner.

Alex Wilkins shared that the key host hotels are checking if we can reserve a block of rooms for the 2025 National Meet.

**New Business:** Nothing new to report.

A motion to close the meeting was made by Alex Wilkins and seconded by Shawn McDonald. The meeting adjourned at 8:17 pm. The next meeting will be held at the clubhouse on April 9 at 6:30 pm.

## KYANA EVENTS BY CHESTER ROBERTSON



### Thanks To Everyone for Making This the Best Swap Meet Ever!!!!

The call for KYANA members to work at our 2024 Swap Meet was answered with a record number. Many members worked several shifts each day, and they still volunteered to help more. I want to thank each member that put in the extra time to help make the event run smoothly. Many KYANA members were observed helping the vendors and the shoppers alike, which made everyone happy, and the show a success. The vendors were very happy with record sales, and they loved seeing the shoppers filling up their cars and trucks with merchandise.

We need to continue working hard to keep our KYANA Swap Meet at this high level of efficiency. I have noticed that other swap meets are not having the success that KYANA has achieved. So again, thank you for your hard work.

Don't forget to send in your money attend the KYANA Swap Meet Appreciation Dinner on Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>. There is more information below regarding this event.

## PRAYERS, THANKS AND CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to KYANA members Cheryl and Tim Truax on the birth of their second grandchild, baby girl Arden True Armstrong, born on February 22nd weighing 7 lb. 14 oz.

- ✚ Please keep Mike Lyall's family in your thoughts and prayers as they go through this difficult time.
- ✚ Matt and Joan Howard sent this note as Matt recovers from pneumonia: A great big thank you for the big fruit basket. Matt is slowly getting better every day. We will enjoy a fruit daily for quite a while.
- ✚ Larry McKeehan sent this thank you as he recovers from surgery: Thank you for the fruit basket. The healthy apples and oranges are especially appreciated, but I like the cookies and candy. This thoughtfulness and kindness lifted my spirits and will hasten my recovery.
- ✚ Please keep the following KYANA members in your prayers:
  - Rita Schnell recovering from broken arm.
  - Dennis Buchholz recovering from back surgery.
  - Carl Johnson, test later.
  - Mary O'Keefe recovering from shoulder surgery.
  - Alan and Maureen Vanetta recovering from surgeries.
  - Shelly Curtis broken bones in ankle.

**Stay well Kyana friends. We hope to see you soon. Patsy**

## KYANA BUSINESS CLASS 101

**FREE  
FOOD**

Now that we have your attention, did you know that KYANA is comprised of three separate business entities? Do you know what those three entities are and how they work? What do we, as a club, get from the dues we pay? What responsibility do we have to the IRS? Are we a charitable organization? How is The Swap Meet managed? What are the responsibilities of the board members? These are just a few of the questions that will be answered on Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup> at 9:00AM. Come enjoy **coffee and donuts** and learn more about how KYANA works. The meeting takes place at the KYANA clubhouse, 3821 Hunsinger Lane. While this meeting will be helpful for newer members, all members regardless of tenure in KYANA are welcome. Board members will be in attendance to answer all your questions.

## COUNTRY MUSIC SHOW

What are you doing on Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup>? Hopefully, you are available to join your fellow KYANA members at the Country Music Show. This show features the Statler Brothers grandsons, Jack & Davis Reid. The boys had a show back in January that received rave reviews. Don't miss the opportunity to see them!! You will even get a chance for a meet and greet after the show. The boys will stay as long as needed to answer your questions.

Again, the show is on Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup> at 2:00PM. The concession stand will be open to purchase food and drinks. The cost is \$10 per KYANA member. Non-members will have to pay \$20 per person. Please make checks out to KYANA. The Shepherdsville County Music venue is located at 1833 HWY 44 West, Shepherdsville, KY. You must register by April 1<sup>st</sup>.

Please send payment to Ruth Hill at: 123 Dorchester Road Louisville, KY 40223. Call Ruth Hill @ 502-640-8510 if you have any questions.

## SWAP MEET APPRECIATION DINNER



### APPRECIATION DINNER

**WHERE:** BIG SPRINGS COUNTRY CLUB

5901 Dutchmans Ln, Louisville, KY 40205

**WHEN:** Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup> @ 2pm

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

**REQUIREMENTS:** Must have worked SWAP MEET

**DEADLINE:** April 11<sup>th</sup> 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

## MOUNT WASHINGTON POLICE FOUNDATION CAR SHOW



**4<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL MWPF OPEN CAR, TRUCK & BIKE SHOW**

Date: April 13, 2024  
Rain Date: April 14, 2024  
Location: Mt. Washington Sports Complex  
176 Park View Ave., Mt. Washington, KY 40047  
Time: Registration @ 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.  
Awards presentation @ 2:00 p.m.  
First 100 cars get dash plaque.

AUCTION ITEMS	DOOR PRIZES	50/50	LIQUOR PULL
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• ENTRY FEE \$20.00 AT THE GATE</li><li>• TOP 50</li><li>• BEST OF SHOW</li><li>• VETERANS AWARD</li><li>• PEOPLES CHOICE</li><li>• CHIEFS PICK</li><li>• MAYOR'S CHOICE</li></ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• SPONSORSHIPS</li><li>Platinum- \$1,000.00</li><li>Gold- \$750.00</li><li>Silver- \$500.00</li><li>Bronze- \$250.00</li></ul>	

There will be a DJ, concessions will be open, and vendor booths are available for \$25.00 per booth. For more information contact Drew Vail @ (502)921-3033 or Bill Willhoite @ (502)504-2576.

KYANA member Willie Willhoite is assisting the Mt Washington Police Foundation (MWPF) with their 4th annual car show. The show arrives early on this year's calendar, Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup>. Should the weather not cooperate, the rain date is the next day, April 14<sup>th</sup>. The show location is the Mt Washington Sports Complex, 176 Park View Ave, Mt Washington, KY.

This show is an event on the KYANA calendar. Any KYANA member who registers in advance and shows a car, truck, or bike will have their \$25 registration fee paid by KYANA. All you need to do is let event sponsor Willie Willhoite know you plan to attend the show, show up, list KYANA as your club affiliation, and KYANA will pay your registration fee. You MUST notify Willie IN ADVANCE of the show day if you plan to attend. Willie will save a dash plaque for any KYANA member who pre-registers with him. You may phone or text Willie at 502-504-2576 or email him at [expo727@yahoo.com](mailto:expo727@yahoo.com)

## IF YOU SPONSOR AN EVENT...

### *If You Sponsor an Event...*

If you sponsor one of the events for this year, please reach out to me for the latest copy of the event sign-up sheets. This will ensure that when our members attend an event, everyone's name will be included. We have had a lot of changes to our roster for 2024, and have been blessed with an influx of new members. Please call me, Alex Wilkins at (615) 430-8027.



Thanks!  
Alex Wilkins  
Secretary

## MEMEBERSHIP UPDATE

This is just a short note to let everyone know about all the new pre-members that have registered to become a member of KYANA. I would like everyone to welcome them. They are as follows:

Eric and Paula Vest- Florence, KY	Mark and Jacky Domeck- Louisville, KY
Ron Hutchens- Louisville, KY	Keith and Teresa McCarthy- Louisville, KY
Steve and Silvia Grant- Ekron, KY	Carolyn Burns- Simpsonville, KY
Dennis and Dorothy Clark- Louisville, KY	Nick Clark-Louisville, KY
Rick and Cynthia Cash- Mt Washington, KY	Brian and Kim Shaughnessy- Louisville, KY
Pete Fell and Maryann Needy- Underwood, IN	David and Susan Wilding- Louisville, KY
Gregory and Ashlee Croft- Louisville, KY	Harvey and Shannon Gay- Louisville, KY
Glenn Fields & Kim Austin- Mount Washington, KY	Roy and Cynthia Francis- Louisville, KY
Gene and Deborah Courtney- Louisville, KY	Roy & Mary Douglas- Taylorsville, KY
Adam Robbins- Jeffersonville, IN	

We have a great organization and group of people that I know will make the new members feel welcome at the upcoming events. I would also like to take the time to congratulate Greg and Tracy Gitschier, Randy and Emily Puckett and welcome them as full members. They have attended the 6 required events and they have also worked the Swap Meet.

Submitted by Carol Bass, Membership Chairperson

**Editor's Note:** A great big thank you to Carol Bass who has worked hard to obtain new members. This list is very impressive. Hopefully we can keep it going. Please reach out to Carol if you know of someone who might be interested in joining the club. Carol Bass: (502) 425-2712 Email: [67carolvwbeetle@gmail.com](mailto:67carolvwbeetle@gmail.com)

## 2025 AACA NATIONAL MEET

### KYANA Hosting the 2025 AACA National Meet!!

Next September 18-20, 2025, KYANA will be hosting a National Meet to celebrate the 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the AACA at the Harrison County Fairgrounds in Corydon, IN. We have already secured the Fairgrounds and will be finalizing the host hotel soon.

As part of organizing this event, we will need volunteers to head up each of the committees that are required by the AACA. Chairpersons are needed for:

- Chief Judge
- Banquet Committee
- Flea Market Committee
- Trophy Committee
- Publicity Committee
- Finance Committee

Other Committee Chairs that have already been filled are:

- Meet Chair – Alex Wilkins
- Registration Chair – Mark Kubancik
- Field Marshall – Chester Robertson
- Club Merchandise Committee – Ned & Kim Steinke

Please reach out to me if you are interested in leading any of these committees. Once all the Chairs are filled, we will begin to meet regularly to prepare ourselves for hosting a fantastic National Meet! Thanks! Alex Wilkins

# THANK YOU!

The KYSWAP officers, namely Chris Mueller, Chester Robertson, and Maureen Vannatta, would like to extend their sincere gratitude to the following KYANA members who worked at least one four-hour shift at the 2024 KYANA Swap Meet. Thanks to their volunteer efforts, the swap meet was again a financial success. Thank you!

Richard & Norene	Alford	Beverly	Foster
James & Brenda	Allison	Tony & Debbie	Foster
Kevin (and Lauren)	Alwes	Jeffrey	Fugate
Austin	Alwes	Jamie & Marsha	Garey
Carl & Patsy	Basham	Stan	Gaus
Jerry & Carol	Bass	William (Larry) & Jenni	Gaus
William (Pope)/Chris	Beeler/Pickering	Luther & Sheila	Gideon
Steve & Karen	Bowling	Greg & Tracy	Gitschier
Michael & Marilyn	Bryant	Mary	Godbey
Warren	Bryant	Darrell	Graham
Dennis	Buchholz	Krystal & Kevin	Grubbs
Donna	Burchett	Betty	Haley
Charles & Debbie	Burney	Howard & Betty	Hardin
John & Cheryl	Campbell	Lynn	Harpring
Nick	Clark	Ray & Danita	Hayes
Glenda	Clark	Alethea	Hayes
Anthony & Marilyn	Clayton	David & Johnna	Heitz
Bennie & Sarasue	Coleman	Brian & Ruth	Hill
Colin/Anne Claire	Coleman/Clemmens	Eric	Hill
Linda	Connor	David & Angela	Hill
Gene & Debbie	Courtney	Stephen & Janet	Hoehler
Terry & Rosie	Craven	Rick & Mary	Holtmeier
Jeanne	Crawford	Ron & Kathy	Horseman
Jim & Judy	Crotty	Morgan	Howard
Shelly	Curtis	Mark	Howard
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George & Pat	Dowdy	Carl & Ramona	Johnson
George & Helen	Fackler	Robert	Johnson
William (Ed) & Deanna	Ferguson & Wathen	Ernie & Barb	Jones
Alan & Djoana	Fischer	David	Jones

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Anita	Kolb	Donnie & Nancy	Ray
Steve & Janice	Koonter	Dick & Julia	Renders
Brian & Shelly	Koressel	Chester	Robertson
Raymond	Koressel	Ronnie	Rudolph
David Sr. & Jeana	Koressel	Dennis & Marian	Rupp
Mark & Patricia	Kubancik	James	Sapienza
Steve	Lippmann	Tim & Rita	Schnell
Jim & Angie	Logue	Larry & Dody	Searcy
Ronnie & Karen	Long	Brian & Kim	Shaughnessy
Thomas & Kathie	Lyvers	Fred & Paula	Shearer
James	Mahoney	Don Jr. & Donna	Sisco
Tom & Dee Dee	McCarty	Ned & Kim	Steinke
Shawn & Kim	McDonald	Tim & Cheryl	Truax
Adam	McHone	Fred & Marcia	Trusty
Larry & Laura	McKeehan	Bryan & Lynne	Valentine
Joanna	Miller	Alan & Maureen	Vannatta
Louis "Pat"	Millhollan	Don	Wesner
Kenny	Mitsch	JJ	Westphal
Dan	Morrison	Larry & Ruth	Wherthey
Frank & Judy	Mueller	Neil & Margaret	White
Chris / Karen	Mueller / Dahlem	Alex & Rebecca	Wilkins
Mike & Jenni	Mulrooney	William & Carol	Willhoite
Paul	Newton	James (Leroy)	Wimsatt
Joseph & Linda	Nizzi	Brian & Joyce	Zurschmiede
Hunt & Pat	Palmer-Ball		
Jim & Karen	Parrish		
Lynn & Monica	Pierce		
Randy & Emily	Pucket		
Will	Puckett		

\*Note: The KYSWAP board makes every effort to ensure that everyone who worked at the swap meet is included on this list. If, however, you worked the swap meet and your name is not included on this list we apologize and if notified we will include your name in the next issue of The Sidelight.

**KEENLAND CONCOURS IS LOOKING FOR CARS**

KYANA received the following email message from a Keeneland Concours representative. **Please respond directly to Ray Szeluga if you or someone you know has a suitable vehicle.**

**Message**

I'm reaching out to the KYANA AACA region to ask if they have any members with an antique automobile (up to 1924) that would like to nominate their car for the Keeneland Concours this year. Nomination information can be found on our website [www.keenelandconcours.com](http://www.keenelandconcours.com). If any members have questions my contact info is noted below. Best Regards, Ray Szeluga 859.396.7879 Past President Bluegrass Region AACA Director Emeritus - Car Selection Keeneland Concours d'Elegance [www.keenelandconcours.com](http://www.keenelandconcours.com) 501(c)(3) UK Kentucky Children's Hospital.

**Name:** Ray Szeluga

**Email:** [ray.concours@gmail.com](mailto:ray.concours@gmail.com)



# KYANA SWAP MEET PHOTOS

Thanks to Mark Kubancik for taking the following pictures. There are more pictures at:

<https://kyanaregionaaca.com/photos> I am sure you all agree, this was the best KYANA Swap Meet ever!



# TRUCKS\* OF THE WWII RED BALL EXPRESS

(... \*and some more truck stories too ...)

Steve Lippmann 2024



US troops fighting toward Nazi Germany during 1944-1945, had supplies delivered to them by a huge convoy of trucks following the June 1944, D-Day Normandy invasion. French and Belgian ports and railroad systems had been bombed into disrepair. The so-called Red Ball Express convoy started in August and ran for about 83 days until November of that year. Convoys generally included five trucks at a time, separated to minimize targeting by the enemy artillery or aircraft. Jeeps provided a front and rear escort to the supply vehicles that kept a steady, continuous flow of food, fuel, ammunition, medical care, other equipment going to the front.

They also quickly evacuated wounded soldiers back to hospitals in safer base areas.

Approximately 75% of drivers were African Americans; the US military services were still segregated in the mid-1940s. The drivers were recognized and heralded for their great bravery, devotion, dedication to get the job well-done! Their logistic delivery was an important aid to an Allied victory over the German Wehrmacht; Patton was impressed and is quoted to have said, "infantries win battles, but logistics win wars".

With high motivation and energy, the Red Ball Express drivers reportedly sustained an average of 25 mph and at 60-yard intervals all the way through France. The Express was vital to the war effort to maintain good morale, hope, and fighting spirit. They trucked in many tons of material each day, using about 6,000 vehicles. It is said that about 170,000 truckloads were unloaded during this operation.



Mud, poor road conditions, insufficient drivers, and driver fatigue were major problems. Going from the Atlantic coast to the front sometimes took up to 54 hours. One-way traffic and no civilian use on all highways were enforced militarily by troops especially at intersections to avoid congestion, slow-downs, or traffic jams. Being targeted by the German Air Force was an early concern, and thus, shielded-blackout lights for nocturnal driving were installed for protection. However, later as the Luftwaffe airpower diminished, convoys were rarely attacked.

The Express was phased out toward the end of the year once seaports in France and Belgium were re-opening and French railroads were repaired. Logistics by 1945 began to even include gasoline deliveries by a temporary pipeline system. Supreme Army Commander, General Dwight Eisenhower, said that the Express was vital to winning the war. Reportedly, so influenced by its efficiency and later a view of the excellent German autobahn system, that it started his presidential plan for the US interstate highway system in the 1950s.

What about the trucks? General Motors and Dodge were the biggest manufacturers. Some details follow.



General Motors manufactured over 560,000 of their 2.5 ton, 6x6, trucks after the beginning of WWII and these trucks continued in US Armed Forces service up through the 1990s; some even stayed into the more modern times. Named the CCKW, G-508, or deuce and half, they were nicknamed the "deuce" or "Jimmy". There were five different designs to operate on or off-road, in all weather conditions. The cargo Red Ball versions for the were made to carry about 5,000 pounds of equipment. Two similar types were produced in Canada. Most of them ran 6-wheel drive, but a few were equipped without front wheel drive as 6x4 trucks.

Different Timken split axle systems allowed 6x6 operation on rough or slippery terrain, but without front-wheel drive on hard surfaces. This truck accounted for about 1/3 of all the trucks made during that war. There also was a larger and some smaller versions of this design produced in lesser numbers. The 6x6 version was later also called the "workhorse of the Army".

Power came from the General Motors overhead valve, inline, straight-6 gasoline engine, rated at either about 92 or 104 hp at 2,750 rpm from a displacement of 269.5 cubic inches. Initially designed for a maximum speed of 45 mph, but Red Ball drivers often removed "governors" to afford faster velocities, when pressured for urgent deliveries. The Warner T95 transmissions had a four-speed gearbox and overdrive capacity; beam axles on leaf springs were the suspension. Brakes had a vacuum-assist, hydraulic activation. Its 40-gallon fuel tank allowed a 300-mile driving range.

Many of the 1940 commercial versions had closed cabs, but lots of the military ones had an open roof cab that included the capability to mount a 0.50-caliber machine gun. Several of them included a front-mounted 10,000-pound winch, which weighed 300 pounds. They had a 12-foot wheelbase that was expanded from an original 9-foot length. There were a variety of Jimmy's beyond the standard cargo versions

that included dump trucks, semi-tractors, tankers, vans, amphibious types, and specialized versions that could carry maintenance or water purification equipment, pole setters, air compressors firefighting devices, and medical, shop, decontamination, or even other equipment, etc.

It was difficult finding as much clear information on the Dodge trucks provided to the Red Ball Express. This is partly true because Dodge made lots of them and in so many versions during that era. I also have a personal memory in the late 1950s as a teenager having a big-thrill chance to ride in a WWII Dodge Power Wagon, while at a Texas Boy Scout Camp.

Another predominant truck for Red Ball Express convoys was the 1.5-ton, Dodge WF-32 version, with a closed cab. It was very reliable and came in numerous different varieties and designations, sometimes nicknamed the "Beep". Mobility came from a 236.6 cubic inch gasoline engine rated at 104 hp, at 3,000 rpm. The official maximum speed was 45mph. A four-speed manual transmission was provided; an 18-gallon fuel tank, allowed a 125-mile range, and another adaptation had extended potential travel with a larger gasoline capacity. These 6X6 trucks had live-beam axles on leaf springs, but some utilized 4X4s drive trains. There were several different winch-power versions, sometimes included, each for different duty options.

A much bigger truck arrived with the Dodge D60S in 3-ton types; some of them were also supplied in a dump truck configuration. Besides the big cargo trucks, carryall vans, and ambulances; some other specialty vehicle types were also provided. There were several smaller, pickup style trucks offered too (with a smaller engine rated at 92 horsepower and speed up to 55). In fact, Dodge trucks came in so many types, sizes, and purposes that they could only be described in a longer article. During these years, Dodge also built cars, jeeps, and trailer/wagons, etc., all designed for military services.

Apparently, there were some Ford, Studebaker, Mack, Reo, Willys, and more vehicles made by other manufacturers also utilized in Europe, but in significantly fewer numbers. US heavy industry companies switched from commercial to nearly all military production during the war years - beyond vehicles, to lots of airplanes, ammunition, guns, etc.

Otherwise, Studebaker, Ford, and Rio exported numerous quantities of trucks elsewhere throughout WWII, and especially in large volume to the Soviet Union for fighting on Germany's so-called "Eastern Front". Studebaker US6 trucks were the predominant one supplied via the US Lend-Lease program to the Soviet Union; they arrived through Iran, via a so-called Persian Corridor. These vehicles there were instrumental in decisive battles as Soviet armies pushed westward into Germany and secured victory ultimately in Berlin.

In Southeast Asia were WWII convoy systems going over the Himalaya Mountains into China, called "The Hump". Initially, called "Flying-the-Hump" since airplanes provided the earliest deliveries. Some of these supplies were brought to US pilots who flew and fought with the Chinese forces against Japan. Their famous volunteer Flying Tigers unit used the effective, but somewhat antiquated Curtiss P-40B Warhawk aircraft painted with Chinese markings.

Once road quality was improved, truck convoys were used for military transport. The most famous highway connecting India with China was the 1,072 miles long Ledo Road; it was sometime called the Berma Road since it windingly passed through parts of Berma. After being partially destroyed by the Japanese, it was rebuilt and renamed the Stilwell Road, in honor of US General Joseph Stilwell.

A 3-ton cargo truck, called the Dodge T-234 or the "Burma", seems have been predominantly (?) used logically in Southeast Asia; it was equipped with a larger engine at 331.4 cubic inch displacement with 118 hp at 2,800 rpm. A five-speed manual transmission was included. The troops there provided convoy systems from Burma and India, over the Himalayas, at a high mountain pass, and into China; the supplies helped the Chinese army that was still in conflict with Japan. In the late 1940s, my family heard stories about this, told by my dad's best friend, who was long-stationed there in the US Army during WWII.





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58<sup>th</sup> YEAR - SINCE 1965  
March 8 - 9, 2025**



**KY State Fair & Exposition Center**

Saturday – 8:00am – 6:00pm  
Sunday – 8:00 – 4:00pm  
100 Space Outside Car Corral

Contact: Ned Steinke  
502-836-2961  
\$30.00 per space



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**KYANA Salvage Yard Tour – Friday March 29**

Mark your calendar on March 29 – Good Friday - for another KYANA salvage yard tour. We will be visiting a “new” yard in Liberty, KY; by “new” I mean a yard that we have not previously visited on a KYANA tour. This is a large yard with lots of modern iron with many older vehicles scattered in and about. The yard owner is very accommodating and welcomes customers to walk the yard and remove parts on their own. If you plan to remove some needed parts, please bring your own tools. We will be getting a relatively early start on March 29<sup>th</sup>, as the drive to the salvage yard takes about two hours from south Louisville. Be sure to get plenty of rest the night before and set your alarm.

Most salvage yards in early spring can be very muddy, messy places, and this yard is no exception. Please plan accordingly, dress in old clothes, and wear boots or footwear you do not mind getting muddy and dirty. You may want to bring a change of shoes to wear on the return trip home. Other suggested attire includes gloves and rugged pants to battle the briar bushes. There is limited parking at the yard itself so it would help to keep the cars in the caravan to a minimum. Please carpool with your fellow club members if possible and leave your car in one of the parking lots close to our morning meeting location.

On Friday morning March 29 we will meet at 8:00 a.m. at the Mt. Washington Burger King restaurant located at 127 Brookside Ct, Mt Washington, KY 40047. This is the Burger King located in front of the Mt. Washington Kroger on Bardstown Rd-US 150. There is adequate parking in the Burger King lot as well as additional parking in the large lot behind the restaurant. Again, please consider carpooling with a fellow member or two and leave your vehicle in the lot. We will depart Burger King at 8:30 a.m. so plan to arrive a little early if you wish to eat breakfast at Burger King. Breakfast will be on your own. We will provide detailed directions to the salvage yard before departing Burger King.

Following the salvage yard tour, we will eat lunch as a group at Big Papa’s Smokehouse in Lebanon, KY. If you plan to have lunch with the KYANA group, the cost per KYANA member is \$8.00. Non-members will order off the menu and pay their full fare. There is no cost to attend if you decide not to eat with the group and just want to visit the salvage yard. However, if you plan to attend this tour and will **NOT** be eating with the group and therefore not sending a check, please extend the courtesy of notifying me that you plan to attend. This will allow me to know how many members and guests to expect at the salvage yard. Although we will be eating at a BBQ restaurant on Good Friday, we have confirmed that several meatless dining options will be available.

Please note: KYANA’s salvage yard tours take place rain or shine! There is no rain date, and since we must commit to Big Papa’s by March 26, NO REFUNDS will be granted if your plans change after March 26. Thanks for your cooperation and understanding. **Deadline to register for this event is March 26.** Send your check payable to KYANA, \$8.00 (for lunch) per KYANA member, to: Mark Kubancik, 11403 Saratoga Ridge Dr, Louisville, KY 40299-8313. (502) 797-8555.

## KYANA EVENTS FOR 2024

DATE	EVENT	SPONSOR
January 28	January Business Meeting	Donna Burchett
February 16	Derby Dinner Playhouse	Alethea Hayes
February 17	Collector Car Insurance and Woodgraining	Mark Kubancik
February 25	Swap Meet Planning Meeting	Morgan Howard
March 8-10	KYANA Swap Meet	Robertson & Vannatta
March 23	Easter Egg Hunt	Beverly Foster
March 29	Salvage Yard Tour	Mark Kubancik
April 1	Business Meeting 101	KYANA Charities -
April 7	Country Music Show	Ruth Hill
April 13	Mt Washington Police Foundation Car Show	Willie Willhoite
April 14	Swap Meet Appreciation Dinner	Jenni Mulrooney
May	KYANA Spring Clubhouse Clean Up	Jerry Bass
May	Middletown Police Foundation Car Show	Greg Gitschier
July 4	Norton Commons July 4 <sup>th</sup> Parade	Mark Kubancik
August 6	National Night Out	Jerry Bass
August 1-4	NSRA Street Rod Nationals	Terry Craven & Mark Kubancik
August	Country Music Show	David Hill
September 2	KYANA Open Car Show	Jerry & Carol Bass
September	JDRF /Ford KTP Car Show	Shawn McDonald
September	KYANA Picnic	Pat Palmer-Ball
October 5-6	Bowmanfest	Chris Mueller
October 8-11	Hershey Fall Nationals	AACA
October 12	St Francis Car Show	Steve Lippmann
October	Corydon Fall Auto Show	
October 19	Kentucky Railway Museum Car Show	Neil White
October 24-26	Huntsville Alabama AACA Car Show	Jim & Sandy Joseph
November	Toys for Tots Breakfast	Alan & Maureen Vannatta
November	Veteran's Day Parade	Chester Robertson
November	Awards and Elections	Beverly Foster
December	Light up Louisville Parade	Alan Vannatta
December	Adult Christmas Party	Brian & Shelly Koressel
December	Children's Christmas Party	Bass, Kubancik & Mulrooney Families
December	Christmas Country Music Show	Brian & Ruth Hill

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AT THE SWAP MEET.

