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FROM THE PRESIDENT MARK KUBANCIK

From the President – Mark Kubancik



“1 Adam 12! 1 Adam 12!” Perhaps one of the most memorable opening lines of a network TV series, though I might be a bit biased in that opinion. When Adam-12 debuted on NBC in September 1968 I was a car-crazy 11-year-old kid. With only three TV networks back then, the new fall season was almost as exciting as the new car model-year announcements taking place at the same time. Adam-12 stood out to me since the “star” of the show was a police car. Once I saw the opening episode, I was hooked! Unlike many crime shows before or after, Adam-12’s attempt at realism included identifying cars by year, make, and model. No more APBs for a “red coupe” or a “blue sedan.” That first episode had the bad guys spotted in a green ’59 Buick 4-door hardtop, an Electra 225 to be exact. Not only did they find the car, Malloy and Reed eventually chased it into the Los Angeles River where it crashed and burned. Could it get any better than this?



Maybe ten or fifteen years ago I purchased all seven years of Adam-12 on DVD and binge watched. Lately, reruns of Adam-12 appear several times a day on cable retro TV channels. Even though I have every episode on DVD, I can’t resist watching the reruns, commercials, and all.

So how does all this relate to KYANA? With six episodes a day airing weekdays, some consistent dialog and routines become apparent. One such line often repeated to someone not happy with receiving a citation or being arrested is, “We don’t make the law; we just enforce it.” Only a handful of KYANA members attended the March 30 Business 101 meeting, with most missing the opportunity to see a very informative presentation by Fred Trusty. Fred explained how our club’s unique structure is designed to fit into current tax law and generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). While we may not like the current laws and restrictions, as good stewards of the club, we as officers are obliged to work within the laws and guidelines while still supporting good times with our antique vehicles.

Which leads me to this topic. The Region board is beginning to discuss and is seriously considering a dues increase for 2025. Our Region dues have been \$10 since I joined KYANA over twenty years ago. Nobody I asked can tell me how long dues have been \$10. While we enjoy the support of KYANA Charities and KYSWAP at many of our events, there are still other events and activities that are solely Region supported. Fred’s presentation made it clear why the Region support of many events and activities is required.

Clearly, ten dollars does not go as far as it did twenty years ago. The average cost of a meal at our clubhouse meetings has steadily increased in recent years, doubling from around \$8/person to \$16/person. Displaying your car at a local car show used to cost you \$10-\$15; most car shows today ask \$20-\$25 as your entry fee. I could go on, though you likely get the idea. The boards of our club have been creative and found ways to support our car activities without the sole support of the Region. Most local car shows have a charity component, and such shows KYANA adds as an activity can be supported by our charitable giving. If you attend only one of these shows, the higher dues amount being considered - \$20 – would be returned to you in the form of your car show registration paid by KYANA Charities. I’m aware that you may have questions about a dues increase which is why we are proceeding at a careful and thoughtful pace. If you have questions or concerns, please contact me to discuss: (502) 797-8555; mark.kubancik@gmail.com

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

FROM THE SECRETARY ALEX WILKINS

KYANA Region Board Meeting Minutes – April 9, 2024

Location: KYANA Clubhouse

KYANA Region Board Members Present: Alex Wilkins, Mark Kubancik, Tim Truax, Brian Koressel, Shawn McDonald, Willie Wilhoite, Stan Gaus

KYANA Region Members Present: Butch Mahoney, Ruth Hill

Meeting called to order at 6:44 pm

Secretary's Report: Stan Gaus moved to accept the March meeting minutes, Tim Truax seconded the motion. The motion carried with all in favor.

Treasurer's Report: Alex Wilkins moved to accept the March report, Brian Koressel seconded the motion. The motion carried with all in favor.

Activities: Check the calendar for the latest updates!

Membership: The board agreed to issue refunds of local dues to members who have been with KYANA for 50 years or more that had submitted dues for 2024.

Clubhouse Rentals: Clubhouse rentals are strong for the summer.

Sidelight: Nothing new to report.

Website: A link has been set up on the club website to allow people to join the club year-round. This is different from annual renewal fees.

Old Business: Tim Truax had club business cards printed out for distribution at local events.

Alex Wilkins shared that one of the key hotels for the 2025 National Meet will allow reservations one year in advance of the show. Another key hotel may allow reservations sooner.

Tim Truax and Shawn McDonald reported that local schools have not been very responsive regarding opportunities for youth outreach. This is likely related to spring breaks across the school districts.

New Business: The board discussed running ads in the Sidelight for KYANA apparel.

The board discussed a potential increase in club dues for 2025.

A motion to close the meeting was made by Alex Wilkins and seconded by Shawn McDonald. The meeting adjourned at 8:09 pm. The next meeting will be held at the clubhouse on May 7 at 6:30 pm.

KYANA EVENTS BY CHESTER ROBERTSON



The first three months of 2024 have been a successful time for KYANA including one the best SWAP MEETS ever. Our membership has done an outstanding job showing lots of enthusiasm for our weekend event and spending longer hours at the show. Thanks to all our great members!

The Appreciation Dinner at Big Springs Country Club had a hungry bunch of members telling stories of yesterday and visiting old friends. Everyone seems to have enjoyed themselves and are now ready for spring.

Our touring season is now upon us. Our first tour will be to Georgetown, Kentucky on May 18th to visit Don Wesner's plantation full of KYANA memories of his parents. Just a short distance away, an old friend close to one hundred years old is going to let KYANA visit his antiques in his various buildings and fields for a public viewing never done before. He even has an old REO still sitting on a trailer that may have belonged to a KYANA member years ago. Rumor has it the old timer may want to sell a few items. On the tour up we may stop in our Capital, Frankfort to view the flowers and have a quick rest stop. Please make your reservation by May 13, 2024 to allow Don to prepare dinner. The details are included in an article below. Get your cars ready to tour the country this year. Chester

PRAYERS, THANKS AND CONGRATULATIONS



Please keep the following members in your prayers:

- ✚ George Fackler had trouble with a-fib and is doing better.
- ✚ Marsha Garey had shoulder surgery.
- ✚ Dick Renders had leg surgery.
- ✚ Michael O'Keefe had hip surgery.
- ✚ Chester Robertson had some issues with his blood pressure which caused weakness that required some bed rest.
- ✚ Donna Burchett had knee surgery.
- ✚ John Flechler is having serious foot issues and anticipates surgery.
- ✚ Shelly Curtis had a second fall and x-rays showed two new breaks which requires a leg brace.
- ✚ Kyana expresses our sympathy to the Koressel family in the death of Lynn Koressel

Thank you for praying and have a great spring. Patsy

KYANA CLUBHOUSE CLEAN-UP

The time is fast approaching for the KYANA spring clubhouse cleanup. We need some help cleaning up the outside and inside of the building. The inside has not been a focus in a few years. We will meet at the KYANA Clubhouse on Saturday, May 11th at 8:00AM, depending on the weather. Please watch your email as this date could change based on conditions. If you do not have email, please contact Jerry Bass at 502-296-3814 to confirm.

Please bring any of the following tools: shovels; rakes; spades; hedge trimmers; chain saws; string trimmer; electric edger; backpack blower; safety glasses and gloves. The whole job should take about 4-6 hours.



Remove more of the old overgrown bushes



Clean up the beds on the north side of the building



Edge the sidewalks



Clean up the parking lot



Finish filling in the areas where the bushes were removed last year

BLUEGRASS BARN BLAST

Are you ready for a new adventure? KYANA member Don Wesner is offering you a chance to see his mini museum as well as his neighbor's antique collection. Please join us on Saturday, May 18th as we come together for this great adventure. You might want to wear old clothes for the barn tour. Don't wear your good junkyard clothes... dress down. 😊

The rough itinerary is as follows:

9:00AM Meet at the KYANA Clubhouse. Chester Robertson is handling the caravan. You can contact him at: 502-619-2916. You can arrange to car pool or meet others on your own if you wish.

11:00AM Don Wesner's mini museum tour

1:00PM Lunch- KFC chicken, sides, drinks, and desserts

2:30PM Gaylord's big barn tour

If you are going to have lunch please send \$8/person to: Don Wesner 630 Crumbaugh Rd. Georgetown, KY 40324. Make the checks payable to: KYANA. **Deadline for payment is May 14th so that the chicken can be ordered.** Please contact Don at: 502-863-5364 or 502-868-9700 if you have questions.

Directions (if you decide to go on your own):

Take 64 East to exit 69

Turn left onto US62

Go 3.2 miles, turn right onto McClelland Circle

Go 3.5 miles, turn right onto Lemons Mill Rd

Go 1.9 miles, turn left onto Crumbaugh Rd

Look for a 2-tone blue wood 1.5 story house with matching horse drawn wagon in the front yard. Park any place in the front yard. The house will be on the right.



MIDDLETOWN POLICE FOUNDATION CAR SHOW



CITY OF MIDDLETOWN POLICE FOUNDATION
Second Annual
CAR-TRUCK-BIKE SHOW
Sunday June 2nd
Rain Sunday June 9th
Village Square Shopping Center
11750 Shelbyville Road

Show Time: 11:00-4:00
Registration Ends: 1:00
Awards Ceremony: 3:30
Best Of Show Award
Top 50
People's Choice
Club Participation
Veterans Award

Entry Fee \$20.00
50/50
Raffle/Silent Auction
Refreshments Available
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Contact:
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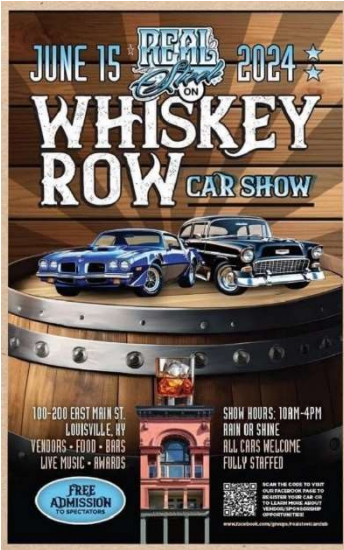
KYANA members Willie Willhoite and Greg Gitschier are assisting the Middletown Police Foundation (MPF) with their 2nd annual car show. The show is scheduled for Sunday, June 2. Should the weather not cooperate, the rain date is the next Sunday, June 9th. The show location is the Village Square Shopping Center, 11750 Shelbyville Rd in Middletown.

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 \$20 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. You may phone or text Willie at 502-504-2576 or email him at expo727@yahoo.com

MPF's first show last year was a huge success and they are hoping and planning for an even more successful show this year. Let's help them make it happen!

WHISKEY ROW CAR SHOW

Whiskey Row Car Show – June 15



This is a new car show on both the car show and KYANA calendar. Show space on Whiskey Row is limited, and word is that pre-registration has already sold out all available spaces. KYANA member Chris Mueller has connected with the show organizers, and they are holding ten prime spots for KYANA members to display their vehicles. Show proceeds support the Active Heroes local charity based in Shepherdsville, KY. Active Heroes supports both active duty and discharged military through activities, events, and programs that can facilitate needed camaraderie. Read more here: <https://activeheroes.org/>

If you want to attend a fun show in a historic location and support a great organization in the process, contact Chris Mueller and get your name on the list for the KYANA display space. KYANA pays the registration fee on behalf of any member who displays a vehicle.

Chris Mueller call/text: 502.291.0717 email: cmueller442@outlook.com

AMAZING TRIP TO NAPLES

By Hunt Palmer-Ball

Two months ago, I was working out in the garage when I received a most interesting phone call from Mr. Gary Patterson of the Shelby American Factory in Las Vegas, Nevada. He explained to me that they were bringing the newly designed Shelby Cobra to Naples, Florida for its unveiling, which was going to be a mega event. It was to be held at the Naples Florida Airport. This event was so special, that the media from around the world would be present to cover all the festivities. The entire event would last 4 days. You see Mr. Patterson is the President/CEO of Shelby American Motor Factory.

I was blown away when he told me that this unveiling of the new car was the most important news from the company, because they were only going to build 10 of these handmade beauties. He told me that 3 of the cars were going to be carbon fiber and 7 of them would have aluminum bodies. All would have several engine combinations available. The starting price on these new Cobras would be \$650,00, but don't worry, all have already been sold. LOL!

I told Mr. Patterson that this news was great, but what did this have to do with me? He then chuckled and said, "Hunt, I would like for you to please bring the most beautiful 1967 Shelby in the world to help us kick off this event. I know this is short notice but your car is so spectacular and is part of the foundation of this company. We really want it here." He then said, "This event is going to be very special and we want you, Pat and the car to be part of it." So, I said, "Mr. Patterson I would be honored to be there, so count us in. I will get back with you for all the particulars as soon as I talk with Pat about the timing."

As soon as I got off the phone, I went into the house to tell Pat the news and she was so excited and said, "Of course we will go!" She said, "This was really nice for Mr. Patterson and Shelby American to think that much of us and our car."

So, a few days later we received all the particulars relating to the event and the list was unbelievable. On Thursday evening the unveiling was to take place. It was \$500 a person to attend, which included live entertainment, celebrities, open bar, and food located all around. They had private jet planes to look at and board, to see how the elite live (lol). Along with several of the jets were exotic cars parked all around and several special helicopters. This was the most upscale event we had ever been to and it was amazing!

As the night continued, we had to leave early since we had to have the car at the REVS Museum in Naples, Florida for an early morning television station interview. This place is COOL because it is a Race Car Museum and Library. The

Museum sits on beautiful, landscaped grounds with 24-hour security. The Shelby Factory had scheduled another unveiling and a large Shelby, Cobra, and FORD GT Motoring Festival for everyone to enjoy. After the TV interview we set the car up and visited with new friends. The weather was beautiful and all the many visitors had a wonderful time looking at a collection of beautiful and rare cars.

As the day pressed on we were all invited inside the Museum for a brief presentation from the Shelby designer and the chief body engineer for the new Cobra Series II. All the Shelby elites, including Carroll Shelby's grandson, his daughter, and the senior executive assistant to Mr. Shelby himself were present.

The day was exciting, and it was fun to see all the neat cars. My friend, from Indiana Pete Wojtowicz, brought his beautiful red 1968 Shelby GT500KR as one of the featured cars like mine. We were displayed at the very beginning of the show in front of the Museum for all to see.

Toward the end of the day, they called everyone to the podium. We were all surprised about this, but none the less we went to see what was cooking. Unbeknownst to us, the Shelby Factory had some awards to give out. They gave awards to the designer of the new Cobra, Bob Winstead, and a few more people that worked on the car. They also gave out a couple awards to those local enthusiasts who helped make the event so special. My friend Pete won 2 awards, People's Choice, and Best of Class. Once that awards were given, we assumed that was the end and started to go back to the car. But wait... Mr. Patterson and Shawn Shelby announced, "Would Hunt and Pat Palmer-Ball please come up on stage to receive their award"? The Shelby Factory had deemed our car the most beautiful and outstanding 1967 Shelby in the world and presented us with the "Best of Show Award" signed by all the elites from Shelby. If that wasn't enough, they told the entire audience that this beautiful car came all the way from Kentucky and was on display to share with everyone. This was so humbling and amazing. Mr. Patterson would also announce that all the Series II Cobras were sold (at the starting price of \$567,000 without the selected engine). WOW what an event!

What a nice time this day turned out to be. It was time for us to get the car loaded up so we could meet everyone down at the pier for a nice evening dinner cruise. More fun and time to relax.

This was such a nice trip and truly memorable. It just seemed to keep going on and on. During the dinner cruise, the President of Shelby America asked us if we would consider bringing our 1967 Shelby to Las Vegas, Nevada to display at the Shelby Factory for all to see. ARE YOU KIDDING!!!

What a wonderful trip and totally awesome!

Happy Motoring
Hunt and Pat Palmer-Ball



Picture of the car's engine.



The new series 2 Cobra for 2024 that that is hand built. There are only 19 made at the starting price of \$65,000.



Hunt and Pat's car on display at the REVS museum.



The new continuation Cobra.



Hunt and Pat at the unveiling.

EASTER EGG HUNT

Who doesn't love the Easter bunny and a good Easter egg hunt? Thanks to Beverly Foster, Debbie and Tony Foster, and Brian and Ruth Hill for what looks like a well-attended and fun event. To see more pictures go to:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1bx28pruXebL1Uoh7k8BzuCbXujWMn41?usp=sharing>



MT. WASHINGTON POLICE FOUNDATION CAR SHOW

KYANA had 8 cars at the show, winning 4 trophies. Congratulations to all the winners and thanks to the following members who brought out their cars for people to enjoy. Thanks to Willie Willhoite for hosting this event.

Glen Fields 1978 Ford F-100
Hunt/Pat Palmer-Ball 1965 Ford Mustang (People's choice)
Glen/Marilyn Ray 2011 Chevy Camaro
Steve/Janice Koonter 1957 Chevy (Top 50)
Larry/Jenny Jaus 1940 Chevy Coupe (Top 50/ Special recognition)
Ed Ferguson 1983 Buick Riviera
Terry Craven 1937 Chevy Coupe
Fred Shearer 1970 Olds Cutlass 442(Top 50)

SALVAGE YARD TOUR

It was a bright and sunny day when over 20 KYANA members came together to hunt for parts or other items needed for that certain project. There seemed to be some interest in certain cars. Perhaps someone went home with a “new” car or project?? Thanks to Mark Kubancik for hosting this event. See more pictures at:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1405dr7pqutPWIV04I_rZlwblyoWDXi9-?usp=sharing.



COUNTRY MUSIC SHOW

There were 39 KYANA members that attended the Shepherdsville Country Music Show to see Jack and Davi Reid, the grandsons of the Statler Brothers. What a great show! Thanks to Ruth Hill for sponsoring this event.



SWAP MEET APPRECIATION DINNER

It was an unbelievably gorgeous day for a celebration dinner. I think it is fair to say that everyone had a great time sharing different stories and reconnecting with some friends that they haven't seen during the winter months. Of course, the food was as fabulous as ever. Thanks to the Mulrooney family for hosting this event. To see more pictures please visit: <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1dz5gEcX8wy4AFT5t24nyipDRKB6gQol4?usp=sharing>



YOU TOO CAN BE AN ACTIVITY SPONSOR!

If you have been a KYANA member for more than a few years, you have probably noticed that some of our events repeat themselves every year. For most of these events, that is a good thing. Many of these events are well attended every year and we look forward to a repeat performance. If an event were unpopular, odds are we would not continue to organize and attend.

That said, I'm sure many KYANA members would look forward to trying something new. KYANA VP Chester Robertson is responsible for event planning and would like to hear from you. Perhaps you know a good restaurant outside the city that would be a great place for a backroad car tour destination. Maybe you regularly attend a fun charity car show and think more members from KYANA would enjoy that show as well. You may have thought about an overnight tour to a favorite destination with multiple things to do there or along the route. We would love to hear your ideas.

Never sponsored an event before and not sure you could pull it off? Relax.... we have your back. Chester or another KYANA member will answer your questions and guide you through the process. It's not as hard as it may appear and you're not walking alone in the process. You don't have to be a long-term member to sponsor. We have had several events and activities sponsored by members during their first year of membership.

So put on your thinking caps and offer up some ideas. Please contact any member of the KYANA Region board with your ideas. We will get back to you as soon as possible and work to get the event scheduled.

Chester Robertson
502-935-6879

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502-797-8555

IF YOU SPONSOR AN EVENT...



IMPORTANT

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

KYANA REGION APPAREL



Apparel for KYANA members will now be available year-round. All garments will be embroidered with the KYANA Region logo and the member's first name at your request. No extra charge for your name.

To order contact KYANA member Tom McCarty: email: Tommc204@gmail.com or Text: 502-649-7421

When placing your order give stock number of garment, description (Polo, Hoodie, T-shirt), color, and size. To view apparel and color choices go to SANMAR.com, search for 8000 (t-shirt), CS410, CS418 (Polos), 18000 (Sweatshirts), 18500 (Hoodie), 18600 (Zippered Hoodie).

Garments will be available for pickup at the next meeting. You can also have garments mailed to you at a shipping cost of \$5.00 each. Make payment at time of purchase with cash, check, credit card, Venmo, PayPal. You may also order from Tom before and after meetings if you need help. Some leftover premade shirts may be available at meetings with special pricing.

- Polo CS410 Sm-XL = \$36, 2X-3X = \$38, 4X = \$41, 5X = \$43
- Polo CS418 Sm-XL = \$30, 2X-3X = \$34, 4X = \$37, 5X-6X = \$41
- T-shirts (8000) Small-XL \$16, add \$2 for each XX large size.
- Sweatshirts (18000) Sm-XL = \$27, 2X-5X = \$32
- Hoodie (18500) Small-XL = \$31, 2X-5X = \$37
- Zip Hoodie (18600) Sm-XL = \$40, 2XL-3XL = \$44, 4XL+ = \$47

2025 AACA NATIONAL MEET

Next September 18-20, 2025, KYANA will be hosting a National Meet to celebrate the 90th 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

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 615-430-8027.

KAISER/FRAZER AUTOMOBILES

KAISER / FRAZER Automobiles, But First Ships

... big origins ... short presence ...

Submitted by Steve Lipmann May 2024

There is an interesting history about the Kaiser and Frazer automobiles; however, it begins way before these cars were made. The story starts with Henry J. Kaiser born in 1888 (died in 1967) and his partner, Joseph W. Frazier, who lived from 1892 until 1971. Both were prominent entrepreneurs and industrialists.

Frazier came to the partnership with lots of previous automotive experience at Chrysler, General Motors, Packard, and Willis-Overland. Kaiser was already famous for his construction businesses that built the Hoover Dam and production of Liberty ships during World War II, starting in 1941. Besides trying to build lots of boats faster than the Nazis were sinking them, his California shipyard was notorious for introducing welding in ship construction rather than relying on riveting. Less well known are Victory ships, an improved, larger, and better version of these cargo ships produced throughout the last two wars years. (Note: There are lots of inconsistencies about the historical details).

Kaiser and Frazer cars, of course, were later also jointly produced by them. Kaiser companies were a stimulus during WWII to the industrialization of the US western coast. Kaiser Industries also included Kaiser Aluminum, Kaiser Steel, mining, cement production, radio stations, a charitable organization, and Kaiser Permanente health insurance.



Liberty Ship-USS John W. Brown

What about the ships? Over 2,700 Liberty ships were quickly built from a standard British design between 1941-1943. They were the first mass-produced cargo vessels and were made with old-fashioned technology to shorten design, manufacture, and assembly time and to swiftly replace World War II shipping losses to German Navy (Kriegsmarine) U-boat submarines. Steam powered at about 2,500 horsepower; their manufacture was innovative. Steam also drove other mechanical aspects of these vessels. President Franklin Roosevelt noted that they fulfilled an important service, but were not grand looking, and he nicknamed them “ugly ducklings.” Riveted steel bodies were soon replaced by welding to speed and simplify production. However, that yielded dangerous changes in steel metallurgy that sometimes resulted in Liberty vessels splitting in half with no known other incident. The high heat temperatures during welding changed the ductile-to-brittle transition of steel in cold temperatures, so together with inner frame weaknesses, some ships develop cracks that extended and ultimately scuttled some of these boats. Some of them split disastrously at mid-section into two pieces, sinking quickly. Additionally, by 1942, despite popularity and good production numbers they were unable to meet the huge cargo transport demands of war supply, nor successfully evade German U-boats.



Victory Ship- USS Gage

Thus, between 1943-1945, faster, larger transport vessels were needed and developed: Victory Ships. These vessels were mostly steam-turbine powered at between 6,000-8,500 horsepower with several electronic device adjuncts and use of more up-to-date hydraulics. They carried more cargo with twice the speed of their predecessors and could outrun most German U-boats. Over 2,700 Victory ships were built. They successfully transported troops and equipment to Europe, and at the end of the war brought our soldiers back to the U.S.A.

Maritime records indicate that over 3,000 British and US ships were lost to German submarines during WW II. That included over 2,800 merchant vessels and nearly 200 warships. Out of over a thousand German U-boats, approximately 863 patrolled the Atlantic Ocean with about 785 of these submarines were sunk through 1945. Merchant marine boat numbers and shipping capacity for the Allies, despite the losses, was bigger at the end of the war than at the beginning.

On to the cars. Henry J. Kaiser and Joseph W. Frazier together founded the Kaiser Frazer company in 1945 and acquired the Graham Page Company. Frazier was the first president; Kaiser succeeded him two years later. After WWII, prototypes of these up-to-date automobiles were developed earlier than the reengineered products offered by most other domestic vehicle manufacturers. Kaiser came out in 1947 with a more modern, advanced front-wheel-drive design and Frazer with an upscale model utilizing rear wheel drive. Competition later from General Motors, Ford, and Chrysler resulted in the two brands sometimes sharing body parts and drive trains. Their identities soon merged somewhat and

once into overproduction of vehicles in the 1950s. That was a problem and it resulted in a Kaiser-Frazer interpersonal conflict.

Joseph Frazer left the company with only 10,000 Frazer automobiles made thereafter. The company changed its name to Kaiser Motors and purchased Willis Overland, to become Kaiser-Willys Corporation in 1953. By 1955, the name changed to Henry J. Kaiser Company, and they phased out of passenger car manufacture, only making utility vehicles, Jeeps, and diversifying into other businesses. No further Kaisers nor Frasers were built. By 1970, the company under the name, Kaiser Industries, was sold to American Motors Corporation and finally acquired by Chrysler Corporation in 1985.



1952 Henry J

What about the automobiles? Kaiser cars were produced in Willow Run, Michigan between 1945 and 1953. They also manufactured Frazer's and Graham-page cars. Frazer was to be the more upscale offering of the company. Yet, they did not compete well in that market despite fancy interior appointments. In addition, they later built some Allstate-branded automobiles for sale at Sears Auto

Centers and their own inexpensive brand, the Henry J. Some details about this company and these vehicles were already presented in an article under the title "Allstate Automobiles" in our February, 2020, issue of the Sidelight.

Initially, company sales had been robust, but competition from Chrysler, General Motors, and Ford by 1948 became an increasing serious problem in sales volume and financial issues. Despite production of about 300,000 cars in 1948, that next year, Kaiser only sold 58,000 automobiles. A fiberglass sports car, called the Kaiser Darren, was introduced in 1953, but ended the following year. The Michigan factory was closed in 1954, ending all Kaiser/Frazer cars, and other types of vehicle production moved to Willys in Toledo, Ohio.

And previously there already had been Allstate and Henry J automobiles made too. Never a big seller, Allstate vehicle production ended in 1953. Henry J also marketed an additional and innovative, so-called "Traveler" model, that had the trunk and rear seats jointly openable for camping or load carrying. Car shopping in 1951 with my parents, I remember looking at these cars before by Mom bought the 1951 Chevrolet that KYANA folks know. The 1953 Henry J was sold as 1954 models before finally before closing.

Between 1946 until ending in 1955, the company produced nearly 760,000 cars. GM Hydra-Matic transmissions and Oldsmobile Rocket 88 V-8 engines were sometimes installed in selected versions of these cars after 1952. Worker wages at Kaiser-Frazer had been the highest in this country, but the company experienced lower productivity and declining sales numbers. Market competition and an economic shortfall ended Kaiser/Frazer car manufacture in this country.

Some car production then continued in Argentina and Brazil. Cordova and Willys were the names for two of these passenger cars. They were originally built on earlier Kaiser / Frazer mechanical designs, but they too terminated production in the 1960s.



1951 Frazer Manhattan



1943 Kaiser



Frazier



Kaiser

KYANA REGION BUSINESS CARDS

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Region board member Tim Truax brought an idea to the board to design and print KYANA business cards. The cards would include pertinent information about the club allowing members to give to non-members for recruitment purposes. The board liked the idea and gave Tim the go-ahead. Examples of the cards are presented here. In addition to an email address and website address, the reverse side of the card includes a QR code that takes anyone with a camera phone to the club's website. If you would like some cards to take with you to local car shows or other events, please contact one of the Region board members.

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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 11	KYANA Spring Clubhouse Clean Up	Jerry Bass
May 18	Bluegrass Barn Blast	Don Wesner
June 2	Middletown Police Foundation Car Show	Greg Gitschier & Willie Willhoite
June 15	Whiskey Row Car Show	Chris Mueller
July 4	Norton Commons July 4 th Parade	Sponsor needed
August 1-4	NSRA Street Rod Nationals	Terry Craven
August 6	National Night Out	Jerry Bass
August	Country Music Show	David Hill
September 2	KYANA Open Car Show	Jerry & Carol Bass
September 21	St Francis Car Show	Steve Lippmann
September 22	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	Alex Wilkins
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 & McCarty Families
December	Christmas Country Music Show	Brian & Ruth Hill

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Maureen Vannatta
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personalized water
bottles to Fred &
Marcia Trusty
recognizing their year
as AACA President
and First Lady.

