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From the President – Mark Kubancik



Just drive it! Life is an adventure, and perhaps even more so when you drive an old car. This past Saturday we were unable to attend the Whiskey Row Car Show as we were again attending a grandson's baseball tournament. The good news was, the team played 8 and 10 am games, so we had the rest of the day to ourselves. We made plans to attend the monthly Bud's Tavern open cruise hosted by the Falls City Corvette Club. Despite the toasty weather, we drove the DeSoto the few miles from our home to Bud's in J-town. We arrived before 4:30 pm and there was already a good crowd. We parked the DeSoto and sat inside at Bud's and had dinner. Shortly after being seated, Tim Truax reached out to say he was at the show with his dad, also named Bud. They sat at our table, and we enjoyed each other's company for a few minutes.

After dinner, we walked back to the car, set up our chairs, and Pat read a book while I passed out some KYANA car show flyers. I made 75 copies of the flyer earlier in the day, thinking that would be enough for this neighborhood cruise on a Saturday packed with other car show opportunities. Unfortunately, I could have used double or perhaps triple that number of flyers. This was a *very* popular night at the cruise! While passing out show flyers, I connected with a couple of my neighbors who also had cars at the cruise. I also met a couple of other folks each with very nice original cars, one a '31 Chrysler sedan and the other with a '40 Lincoln Zephyr. Before being sold at Hershey last year to a Massachusetts old car dealer, the Lincoln Zephyr had been owned by the AACA's Antique Automobile Editor West Peterson. Both folks were already well-acquainted with KYANA thanks to Neil White, who seems to attend just about every popular car show in the area ("Just Drive It" could be Neil's mantra!). Knowing they were keen to join KYANA, I captured each person's name and phone number and sent it to membership chair Carol Bass to close the deal, which she did within the next few days



The next folks I recognized at the cruise were KYANA members Fred & Paula Shearer. Fred was eager to show me the result of his "just drive it" effort. Fred & Paula were awarded the "Top Pick" award at the Whiskey Row car show earlier in the day for their stunning '70 Olds 4-4-2 W30 convertible. The award, equivalent to Best of Show, was an engraved barrel head, in line with the whiskey theme of the show. Quite an honor for Fred & Paula considering all the vehicles at the show!

Speaking of the Whiskey Row show, KYANA's event sponsor for this inaugural event was Chris Mueller. The show organizers connected with local TV station WDRB Fox-41 and scheduled morning news live remotes with local personality Keith Kiser on the Thursday before show day. Chris got KYANA involved in this show early on, reserving a specific number of show spots that helped this show sell out all its allotted spaces weeks before the show! As a result of his involvement, Chris was invited to drive his car to the live remotes. Despite the early call on a workday for Chris, he did indeed take his '71 Olds 4-4-2 and "just drove it" to Whiskey Row. As a result, KYANA received several shoutouts during each segment that I was able to watch that morning. Credit to Chris for sponsoring the Whiskey Row event and waving the KYANA flag!

Yes, it's hot, traffic is crazy, we're all busy, but "Just Drive It"!

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

FROM THE SECRETARY ALEX WILKINS

KYANA Region Board Meeting Minutes – June 11, 2024

Location: KYANA Clubhouse

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

KYANA Region Members Present: None

Meeting called to order at 7:48 pm

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

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

Activities: The board discussed setting up a summer cave tour and an overnight tour. The picnic was set for September 8 as a potluck.

Membership: Nothing new to report.

Clubhouse Rentals: Nothing new to report.

Sidelight: Nothing new to report.

Website: Nothing new to report.

Old Business: Alex Wilkins updated the board on National Meet preparations. A chairpersons meeting will be held on June 24 at 6:30 pm at the clubhouse.

Willie Wilhoite discussed youth outreach opportunities.

New Business: Nothing new to report.

A motion to close the meeting was made by Chester Robertson and seconded by Shawn McDonald. The meeting adjourned at 8:54 pm. The next meeting will be held at the clubhouse on July 9 at 5:30 pm.

KYANA EVENTS BY CHESTER ROBERTSON



The year is now half over, and this part of the upcoming year has some fun events just ahead. The 4th of July Parade is just around the corner. Please look for information in this edition of The Sidelight and sign up as soon as possible. On the 27th of July, we have a tour back to Squire Boone Cave and a buffet dinner at Mr. Gatti's on Dixie Highway (see ad in this issue).

August 1st-4th is the Street Rod Nationals. KYANA will host the outside swap meet, so workers will be needed. There is also an opportunity to attend the Nationals as KYANA's guest. See the add in this Sidelight.

August the 6th is the National Night Out at the Jefferson Mall. Come out and enjoy food and games. The country music show is on August 24th. More information about these two activities will be included in the next Sidelight.

Plan now to attend one or all these activities.

See you! **Chester**



PRAYERS, THANKS AND CONGRATULATIONS

*My dear Kyana Members,
Your beautiful flowers were
so thoughtful and we will
keep all of you in our prayers.
Joe will be missed because
he touched so many lives daily,
and his knowledge of cars, trucks,
will be lost.
Beverly*

- ✚ Above is a note from Beverly Thornsberry following the sudden passing of her husband Joe.
- ✚ Kyana wishes to express our deepest sympathy to Carolyn Ostby and family in the death of Chris. He will be missed!
- ✚ Please continue to pray for our members who are having health issues at this time:
Janice Koonter
Glenda Clark, who has continued chemo.
Helen Fackler fell and has broken ribs.
Shelly Curtis who broke her foot.
Jeanne Crawford has shingles in her eye.
John Flechler, who had surgery on his feet.
- ✚ We received the following thank you from Stephen Hoehler: Just received the delivery of the fruit basket. So many things to lift my spirits after my hospital stay. Thanks to all the KYANA members for the generous gift and your kind thoughts. I am feeling better today.

It looks like a very hot summer. Stay cool and stay well. **Patsy**

NORTON COMMONS JULY 4TH PARADE



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

George Fackler
Phone: (502) 292-3235
Email: ghfackler@bellsouth.net

NEW ACTIVITY

Shepherdsville Cruise In - Friday, July 5th 5-9pm



Join your KYANA friends and family for a laid-back evening at the Shepherdsville Cruise-In at Shepherdsville Park alongside the Salt River in Shepherdsville, KY. The address of the park is: 170 W Joe B Hall Avenue (aka 2nd Street), just north of the KY 44 & KY 61 intersection.

It is a nice park setting with plenty of shade, food trucks, vendors, line dancing, and lots of cars. A very family-oriented affair!

Text or call: Tim Truax at 502-744-1658 before July 3rd if you plan to attend.

All pre-registered KYANA members will receive \$10 toward food & drink.

This event may repeat in future months if we get a nice turnout of members.

CAVE TOUR

SQUIRE BOONE CAVE TOUR



Stalactites, stalagmites, flowstone and more adorn the cavern walls, ceilings and floors in a natural wonder that has taken millions of years to create. You'll walk about 1/3 of a mile through this living and growing ecosystem deep below the Earth's surface and learn how its passageways were slowly formed over eons of time, even as dinosaurs roamed the earth!

The caverns stay a pleasant 54°F year-round; a jacket or sweater is recommended. The tour takes place along lighted, paved walkways and steel bridges and ends with a 73-step spiral staircase (not recommended for those with serious medical conditions).

We will meet on Saturday, July 27th, at 11 AM at Mr. Gatti's Pizza Buffet. The restaurant is located on 10035 Dixie Highway. If you are going north on Dixie Highway from the Gene Snyder Highway, you will pass Valley High School and take the 2nd right past KFC.

Cost per KYANA member:

Adult Buffet AND Cave	\$16.00
Adult Buffet	\$7.00
Child Buffet AND Cave	\$10.00 4-12 YEARS
Child Buffet	\$5.00

The deadline for this event is Wednesday, July 10th. Reservations for the cave must be made 14 days in advance. Send checks to: Chester Robertson 10012 Northridge Dr. Louisville, KY 40272. You can contact Chester at: 502-619-2916 for more information.

STREET ROD NATIONALS

KYANA Day @ NSRA Street Rod Nationals – Friday August 2

KYANA will return to the NSRA Street Rod Nationals at the KEC on Friday, August 2. Any KYANA member attending that day on a one-day ticket will be reimbursed for the cost of their ticket on the show grounds. Here's how this will work:



- Notify event sponsor Terry Craven of your plans to attend NO LATER THAN Wednesday July 31.
- Attend the Street Rod Nationals on Friday August 2, paying your way into the KEC, including parking.
- Once on the KEC grounds, find the registration tent in the outdoor swap meet. The outdoor swap meet is located on the east side of the KEC alongside the ring road that parallels I-65.
- Terry Craven will be stationed at the outdoor swap meet registration tent from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Display your one-day entry credential and each KYANA member will be refunded the one-day entry fee cost in cash.
- We are reimbursing entry fees for those who attend Friday only. If you are already an NSRA member and attend all four days, there is no reimbursement.

Please contact Terry Craven with any questions or to register to attend. Call or text 502-269-0536. Email tc48caddy@gmail.com

KYANA SECOND ANNUAL CAR SHOW

The Second Annual KYANA Charities Open Car Show

The time grows near for the Second Annual KYANA Charities Open Car Show, which will be held at the clubhouse grounds on Labor Day, Monday, September 2, 2024. There will be some improvements to the show this year. Fast Fish Hot Wheels Drag Racing will be there, a new menu is planned, a better sound system, and hopefully more participants. LMPD will be back again with a display, and I have invited Oxmoor Ford to bring out some of their new cars to display. Jegs will be supplying goodie bags. There will be trophies awarded for first, second, and third places in the classes, along with a veteran trophy this year. A silent auction is planned if we can get enough high-end prizes donated. We will sell surplus KYANA t-shirts again this year. This will be a regular judged show instead of people's choice. There is a need for volunteers to staff the following positions:

Utility/Janitorial

Marshalling/Parking

T-Shirt sales / Water

Judges

Registration

Concessions

Communications / Raffles

Membership Table

Look for continuing updates in upcoming Sidelights and emails.

Jerry Bass

MARK YOUR CALENDARS



Are you ready for a new adventure? KYANA is traveling to Huntsville, Alabama, for the AACA Southeastern Fall Nationals. We have reserved a block of rooms for Friday, October 25th. There will be more details in the next Sidelight, including the price of the rooms. If you want to reserve a room now, please call Jim Joseph at 502-558-5075. These rooms tend to go quickly.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Just a short note to let everyone know about all the new pre-members that we have gotten since last April's Sidelight.

They are as follows:



Tommy Dolson	Louisville, KY
Jude Wheatley	Bardstown, KY
Charles and Kristin Dunlevy	Prospect, KY
Jim Hester	Mt Washington, KY
Dan Dunlevy	Louisville, KY

The KYANA family would like to give a great big welcome, to all our new pre-members. Please make sure you make them feel welcome when you see them. I hope they will enjoy our club as much as we do.

Carol Bass

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

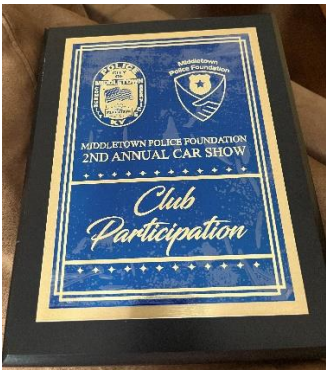
Also, Maureen Vannatta is still collecting old KYANA shirts to make a quilt for the clubhouse. Please contact her at 502-931-2173 for more information.

MIDDLETOWN POLICE FOUNDATION CAR SHOW

Rain kept the attendance down, but the diehards were rewarded with great weather after about one hour. KYANA edged out Chicken Eaters for Club Participation Award. Pictured below: Ed Ferguson and Dee Wathen, Ned Steinke, Tim Schnell, Willie Willhoite, Kenny Mitsch, Shawn McDonald, Greg Gitschier, Gary Rivoli. Not pictured were: Ed Ferguson & Dee Wathen's 1956 Chevy that won a top 50 award; Greg Gitschier's 1955 Thunderbird that won a top 50 award; Gary Rivoli's Ford Galaxie 500XL that won a top 50 award; Bruce Domeck.

See more photos at: <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1sptGiunD3QHmYEW9e3CNGCwZ5bH4Y0M-?usp=sharing>

Willie Willhoite



Ned Steinke's 1958 Rambler (Top 50)



Kenny Mitch's 1958 Chevy Corvette
People's Choice Winner



Shawn McDonald's 1955 Ford F-100



Bruce Domeck's Caterham Super 7



Tim Schnell's 1969 Chevelle Best GM Winner

ROOSTER RUN CAR SHOW

On June 9th, three KYANA members attended a car show held at Rooster Run in Kentucky. The show was well attended, with 141 registered cars and trucks overall.

There were muscle cars, hot rods, originals, rat rods, everything from a Crosley Firetruck to a stock 1939 Lincoln Zephyr. There were two semi tractors and one Farmall tractor. The weather was very cool, with light clouds and only a few very light sprinkles, which went almost unnoticed. All the spectators there were having a great time with all these different vehicles.

KYANA members in attendance were: Jim Crotty's '65 Corvette; Don Ledington's '58 Dodge; and Neil White's '41 Dodge. All three won Top Fifty awards out of 141 great cars.

Then, on the way to the parking lot, it happened. As Jim and I were walking back to our cars after dinner, a family with three or four young teenagers had been looking at our cars, and they said how nice they were. Then one of the boys said something about a ride in one. I looked around the parking lot and said, "Once around the parking lot?" The young lad didn't know what to say, so his mother said, "Go ahead and go." He looked at me, and I said, "Come on, let's go." When he got in the car, he was almost speechless but managed to ask a few questions about the car. When we got back to his parent's car, the whole family said many thanks.

I think that was one happy teenage boy, and that made me feel good too.

Neil White



Don Lettington's 1958 Dodge



Jim Crotty's 1965 Corvette and
Neil White's 1941 Dodge

KYANA DONATION



J-Town Fire Department was very appreciative of the check for \$10,000 from KYANA for the Crusade for Children. KYANA has been donating to this charity for many years. To support the structure of the club, as both a charity and social club, we are obligated to make charitable donations. Pictured above: Willie Willhoite.

WHISKEY ROW CAR SHOW

Saturday, June 15th, turned out to be a great day and turnout at the first annual Whiskey Row Car Show. The show featured 150 parking spots on Main Street between Second Street and Brook Street, and the event sold out early. The event coordinators saved KYANA a spot for 10 cars in the Merle's Whiskey Bar parking lot, which proved to be perfect. The KYANA attendees had good shade in the morning, and the live bands were not as loud from the parking area. The event was well attended, and there was a good mix of cars and trucks from the 1020's to the 2020's. The event was partially sponsored by Real Steek, and they had a booth with artists that were doing pinstriping for donations. They did various works of art that were auctioned off at the end of the day (proceeds benefiting Active Heroes). Several restaurants were open early (10:00 AM) to provide food and drinks, and Merle's had a food tent in the parking lot with delicious Green Chili Pork Tacos. KYANA had a couple of new members in attendance, and there were a couple potential new members in attendance.

The biggest news of the show was our own Fred & Paula Shearer and his 1970 Oldsmobile 442 W30 Convertible won Best of Show for this first event. The trophy was a Bourbon barrel top with Best of Show on it. Congratulations to Fred & Paula.

Hopefully this will become an annual event for KYANA. The organizers of the event have already asked if KYANA will attend next year. It's a great opportunity to show our cars to some families and out-of-town folks, and one of the only events in downtown Louisville. See more pictures at: <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1-5sCiAq5gNlseuzDRmc56FefnUr1Zkhi?usp=sharing>

Chris Mueller



THE IMPERIAL

THE IMPERIAL: WHY IT CAME, WAS SPECIAL, AND WHY IT WENT

By Steve Lippmann

Chrysler Corporation's Walter P. Chrysler already back in the 1920s wanted to offer a luxury automobile to compete with Cadillac, Continental, Duesenberg, Lincoln, Packard, Pierce Arrow, and others. An upgraded Chrysler Imperial version was introduced beginning in 1926 as a fancy, best version of the Chrysler brand. Indeed, it was the upscale Chrysler automobile model.

Then in 1955, that plan altered with the introduction of the Imperial brand, a car marketed by a separate, somewhat independent producer -the Imperial Division within the larger Chrysler Corporation. The intent was to better compete more directly in the luxury market, especially against Cadillac and Lincoln. Chrysler stressed its separate status with what was advertised as the "100 Million Look." Imperials were no longer marketed as just a "top" model Chrysler. They were all V8 engine powered and equipped with automatic transmissions. Advances in Chrysler Corporation technology was to be first introduced in these cars and later adopted by the other of the company automobile brands.

Ford Motor Corporation followed two years later with the Continental as their best offering –independent and not just a classier version of Lincoln. That gave Chrysler, Ford, and General Motors five (5) separate, directly competitive automotive divisions. However, the realism can be debated for the two newcomers, as to whether they were really independent and differentiated as separate car brands within the Big Three US domestic vehicle manufacturers.

New on the scene, the 1955 Imperial had impressive styling. It featured some unusual and distinctive freestanding taillights that extended, jutting out, at the rear of the car's body. These contours got a lot of admiring public attention. The engine was a 331 cubic inch version, power brakes/steering were standard features, and air conditioning was an optional extra.

Imperials in 1956 were bigger yet generally similar. Engines were expanded to 358 cubic inches, and the push-button control and PowerFlite transmission first became available. The protuberant taillights were retained in the styling. A Mopar (Philco) transistor radio was introduced as a new luxury option, the first of this technology available in automobiles.

A "Forward Look" styling was included in all Chrysler Corporation cars in 1957. Imperials now placed those famous external taillights somewhat more into the car's tailfin body parts. Quad headlights were becoming a new trend. Several models and three styling trim levels were offered. All automotive dimensions were much bigger, including even for the passenger compartment. While the rest of the company utilized unibody construction, Imperial retained robust perimeter frames with crossmembers in the middle for extra rigidity, and the driveshaft passed through a hole in this portion of the frame. The parking brake gripped the driveshaft as a means of emergency and/or parking brake control. Front-mounted torsion bars with an anti-roll bar combined with multi-leaf springs in the rear afforded a lower and rearward positioning. However, suboptimal quality of the torsion bar performance was a problem of too quick design and rush to market production.

There were only minor changes in 1958, like dual headlights on all models. Newer options included cruise control and power door locks. Such changes again documented the corporate philosophy of introducing new innovations first in this flagship automobile before offering it throughout the whole company lineup. Not good for sales was that these fancier, new accessories were also available on other Chrysler-brand automobiles. Also bad for marketing was that Imperials were sold through Chrysler dealerships rather than being more independent entities, as was often true at many Cadillac and Continental stores.



Alterations were again small in 1959. Distinctive taillights, somewhat similar to the past, were continued. A manually operated swivel-out front seat and front portion stainless steel roofs became options. Most models had a more powerful yet less heavy engine. Interestingly, front seat swivels became automatic the following year; however, they were soon withdrawn from the market presumably because of safety concerns. Note that they activated the front seat outwardly whenever the front door opened, even without passenger control and sometimes with potential danger.

Not much changed in 1960; there were some stylistic revisions, electroluminescent dashboard lighting, use of 15-inch wheels, and a “squared” steering wheel to expand leg room. 1961 included new external contour designs with big tailfins and free-standing headlights, but quality control reportedly was suboptimal, and sales disappointing. 1962 models ushered in smaller tailfins and a less prominent transmission hump. Manufacture was then only in Detroit along the same assembly line as for Chryslers since separate factories were no longer economically viable. Annual changes for 1963 witnessed surprising style changes in the body, like taillights now incorporated into the fenders. Cosmetic redesigns inside and out were offered in 1964; also, windshield defrosters were built in and were an extra option for the rear window. Standard features included powered version brakes, steering, and seat controls plus padded dashboards; an adjustable steering wheel became available as an add on. The pushbutton gear selectors were replaced by a shift lever in 1965.



Third generation Imperials were produced in 1967 and 1968. They included major redesigning, resulting in smaller and lighter vehicles with unibody construction. Limousine versions were bigger exteriorly and inside, adding some rear-facing back seats. An executive adaptation offered a rear-directed front passenger seat with a table and office equipment with extra lighting made available. Energy-absorbing steering columns became a national safety mandate. A dual braking system with front-wheel discs and lane-change blinkers was introduced as well.

The fourth-generation Imperials looked different with regular, minor style changes, but now shared bodyshells with Chryslers between 1969 and 1973. They retained front torsion bar suspensions. Front-cornering lights appeared in 1970 and anti-lock brakes on all four wheels the following year. Tear-drop rear lights were present along with side-marker lighting. Imperials were expensive and the longest non-limousines made in this country. Two limousines were converted for Presidential transport (in service until the 1980s). 1973 was the year that upgraded bumpers extended length to minimize collision damage. During this time, there was a plan to stop manufacture of Imperials.

Nevertheless, a fifth generation of these cars was still marketed in 1974 and 1975, despite the 1973 oil crisis and a US economic downturn. Safer front bumpers became routine. Four-wheel disc brakes were standard; an alarm system was a new option. 1975 was the end of Imperial as a really distinct automobile brand since it increasingly was just a fancy Chrysler model, and that resulted in a temporary end for the Imperial name.

With Chrysler Corporation near bankruptcy some years later and a former Ford executive its newest leader, Lee Iacocca hoped to revive the company, and that included the 1981-1983 Imperial luxury car nameplate. Style was a big consideration. Rear suspension now used leaf and other springs, an anti-sway bar, better shock absorbers, and very quiet-ride steel belted radial tires. Warranty guarantees were for two years or 30,000 miles. Quality improvements were provided to be more exclusive, with supplementary post-manufacture inspections and a factory road test on all sorts of terrain. 1981 innovations encompassed better air-conditioning control, CB radios, electronic fuel injection, cruise control, tilt steering wheels, and a whole bunch of power assists beyond windows and seats, to outside mirrors, moon roofs, and trunk openers, etc. The power moon roof was dropped in 1982, yet electronically tuned radios were added. 1983 was compromised by costly warranty issues at needing to fix problems with a troubled fuel injection system. US inflation remained high and sales trended low; thus, further fabrication of Imperials ceased with only 932 cars made that year.

Imperials were offered yet again in 1990, but only as a Chrysler model. Over the years, they had an interesting though brief automotive life. Especially in the 1950s and 1960s, they were idealized in the then very powerful American car-culture of that era. Imperials were a flagship at introducing new product innovations, and probably also a harbinger of how most US vehicle car makers increasingly lost market share to competition from many car brands from all over the world.

Particularly in the 1950s and 1960s, lots of young men and teenage boys (mostly) were fascinated with the engineering and sales rivalry between these five separate-and-competitive automotive car brand offerings of the biggest three US car producing companies. New model year introductions, usually in the fall of each year, were highly anticipated and enthusiastically speculated upon. Imperials briefly claimed a prominent spot of recognition within the luxury vehicle market.



1960 Imperial



Taillights



Imperial

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

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.

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KYANA REGION BUSINESS CARDS

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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**KYSWAP
KYANA SWAP MEET
LARGEST INDOOR
SWAP MEET
58th YEAR - SINCE 1965**

March 8 - 9, 2025

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Saturday – 8:00am – 6:00pm
Sunday – 8:00 – 4:00pm
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KYANA EVENTS FOR 2024

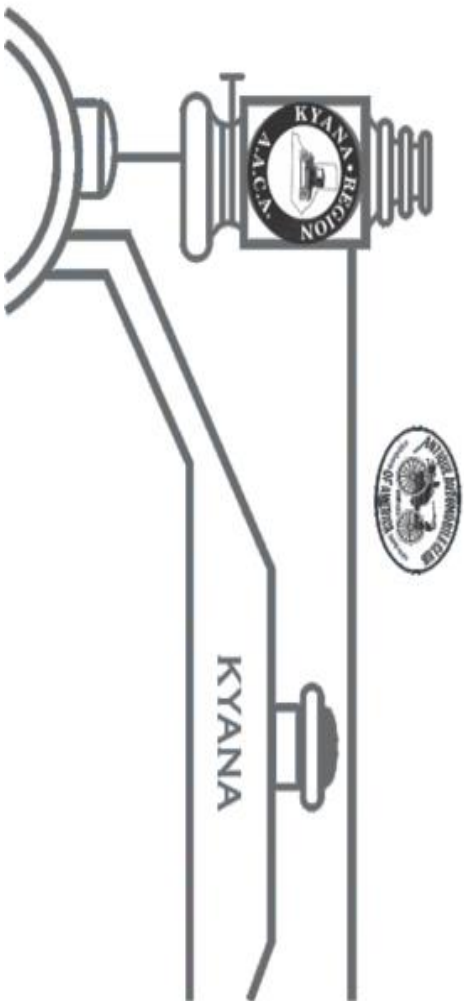
DATE	EVENT	SPONSOR
January 28	January Business Meeting	Donna Burchett
February 16	Derby Dinner Playhouse	Alethea Hayes
February 17	Collector Car Insurance and Woodgraining	Mark Kubancik
February 25	Swap Meet Planning Meeting	Morgan Howard
March 8-10	KYANA Swap Meet	Robertson & Vannatta
March 23	Easter 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	George Fackler
July 5	Shepherdsville Cruise In	Tim Truax
July 27	Squire Boone Cave Tour	Chester Robertson
August 1-4	NSRA Street Rod Nationals	Terry Craven
August 6	National Night Out	Jerry Bass
August 24	Country Music Show	David Hill
September 2	KYANA Open Car Show	Jerry & Carol Bass
September 21	St Francis Car Show	Steve Lippmann
September 22	KYANA Picnic	Pat Palmer-Ball
October 5-6	Bowmanfest	Chris Mueller
October 8-11	Hershey Fall Nationals	AACA
October 19	Kentucky Railway Museum Car Show	Neil White
October	Corydon Fall Auto Show	
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 & McCarthy Families
December	Christmas Country Music Show	Brian & Ruth Hill

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