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FROM THE PRESIDENT, MARK KUBANCIK



Pat & Mark Kubancik with their '86 Pontiac Parisienne

Rain, rain, go away! To no surprise, the months of January-April in Louisville were the wettest on record, and the beat goes on and on. Adding insult to injury for car enthusiasts, it appears that many of the rainy days this year have fallen on weekends, canceling car shows and cruise-ins. As we officially enter summer, let's hope we can string together several sunny days in a row, preferably on the weekends.

The Middletown Police

Foundation car show on Sunday, June 1, was blessed with a rare sunny day, and the car crowd turned out by the hundreds, literally. So did the KYANA crowd, albeit in lesser numbers, though still large enough to win a huge club participation trophy. This photo captures only a few of the KYANA members in attendance at this popular show.



POCI Members enjoying the Road Warrior Cruise through Bardstown, KY

Another recent event, blessed with great weather, was the



Some KYANA members who participated in the MPF Car Show on June 1st, with the club participation trophy

Pontiac Oakland Club International (POCI) National Meet, held from June 9 to 12 in Louisville. Rain appeared briefly on day one, followed by three clear, sunny days. I organized the club's Road Warrior cruise on Wednesday of show week. As the name suggests, Road Warriors are car enthusiasts who enjoy driving their vehicles. Many are modified for regular

travel, and most are driven to the annual show rather than being trailered. We traveled south on Bardstown Road through the city of Bardstown to our destination in New Haven, the Kentucky Railway Museum. The group then rode vintage train cars to Log Still Distillery in nearby Gethsemane, Kentucky, where they enjoyed a buffet lunch while learning about the distillery's history.

Car show day for the POCI was Thursday inside South Wing C of the Kentucky Expo Center. The local Pontiac club President arranged for Keith Kaiser of WDRB TV to conduct live spots during the Thursday morning news. One of the interviews featured KYANA's own Tim Truax, telling the history of his '60 Catalina "Road Runner" drag car. If you get a chance, search for the interview on WDRB and watch it. Tim represented the club well.

Let's hope that July gives us some dry weekends so we can enjoy the activities and shows on the KYANA calendar this month, including the Norton Commons July 4th parade and the AACA Grand National in Dayton, OH.



POCI and KYANA member Tim Traux is being interviewed.

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

FROM THE SECRETARY, ALEX WILKINS

KYANA Region Board Meeting Minutes – Jun 10, 2025

Location: KYANA Clubhouse

KYANA Region Board Members Present: Alex Wilkins, Stan Gaus, Shawn McDonald,

Willie Willhoite, Chester Robertson, Brian Koressel **KYANA Region Members Present:** Kim Steinke

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm

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

Treasurer's Report: Stan Gaus moved to accept the May report, Chester Robertson seconded the motion. The motion carried with all in favor.

Activities: Kim Steinke reported that Cars and Coffee has been going well – the May 17 event was a success.

Membership: Several new pre-members have been signed up. The next new member orientation will be at the JULY Cars and Coffee event.

Clubhouse Rentals: Alex Wilkins reported that the club rental calendar has been made available online – both boards have been granted access.

Sidelight: Kim Steinke reported that she has been working with the new software for managing The Sidelight.

Website: Nothing new to report.

Facebook Page: Willie Wilhoite reported that the KYANA Facebook page is growing.

Old Business: The by-law change notification for the establishment of Lifetime Membership rules has been posted in the

Sidelight for membership review. This will be voted on at the Picnic.

New Business: The board discussed hosting an AACA Tour in 2026. The board will discuss further at the next meeting. Board members will bring ideas for destinations for the tour. A motion to close the meeting was made by Stan Gaus and seconded by Brian Koressel. The meeting adjourned at 7:17 pm. The next meeting will be held at the clubhouse on

July 8 at 6:30 pm.

KYANA EVENTS BY CHESTER ROBERTSON



Chester Robertson

In June's Sidelight, there is a picture of a 1901 Locomobile (a steam car that was a good seller of that day). At the Cincinnati Concours on June 8, 2025, a 1901 steam car in the class I was judging couldn't secure a first place because the other cars were restored and had more style and elegance. I spoke with the chief judge, and we presented the Hup with a special award, and he got to drive across the winner's stand. The stream car got the most attention of the show.

The month starts off with the Norton Commons Parade. The parade will take place in the exact same location as last year, and you must arrive by

10:00 a.m. Please call George Fackler, our event sponsor, and let him know you're coming. Cars and Coffee will take place on the 19th. Please come out anytime between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. On July 25-26, KYANA will be attending the AACA Grand Nationals in Dayton, Ohio. Please call Jim Joseph and get a room for the 25th.

COMMUNITY

Please keep **Betty Haley** in your thoughts and prayers. She returned home on 6/13 after being in the hospital and a rehab stay and continues to recover at home. She wants to thank everyone for their cards, visits and her flowers from KYANA.

Jerry Bass suffered a medical emergency and was hospitalized. He received a fruit basket at home from KYANA and we are thankful he is back to work. He greatly appreciated the fruit basket and all the care and concern from the club.

One evening, **Chester Robertson** and his dog had an encounter with another dog. Chester received a head injury in the fall and spent some time in the hospital. He and his dog are recovering.

Other members are dealing with illness, surgeries, and challenges, but prefer to stay anonymous. Please keep them and everyone in your thoughts and prayers.

Janice Koonter sends her thanks for the fruit basket the club sent after her last stay at the hospital. She said the items were delicious and of exceptional quality.



Did you know that KYANA Car Club sends flowers when a member passes away? Did you know KYANA Car Club will send a nice fruit basket when you are released if you or your spouse is hospitalized (minimum 2 days inpatient)? Please let me know when these events occur so I can ensure they are sent. If you are aware of a member dealing with illness, surgery, or the loss of a family member, please don't hesitate to contact Nancy Ray at (502) 931-9433 via text or phone call.

Nancy Ray

MIDDLETOWN POLICE FOUNDATION CAR SHOW Sunday, June 1st



FOR SALE Cadillac/LaSalle Vacuum Antenna

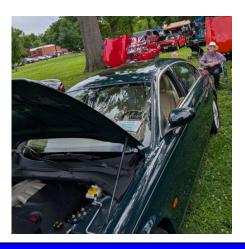
Two fully restored Cadillac/LaSalle vacuum antennas with show quality masts. \$400 each plus shipping. More info and photos available by request. Dennis Buchholz (502) 552-0076 Buchholz001@bellsouth.net



British Bash Saturday, June 7th



George & Helen Fackler took home the BEST IN CLASS, with their 2006 Jaguar S-Type at the British Bash!



NORTON COMMONS 4th of JULY PARADE

KYANA is again invited to take part in the Norton Commons July 4th parade. This year's parade begins at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, 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 participate 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

AACA GRAND NATIONAL DAYTON, OHIO JULY 24th-25th

The AACA is sponsoring a Grand National close to KYANA in Dayton, Ohio. Jim Joseph is sponsoring the trip for KYANA.

What a great opportunity for us to have a Grand National AACA event close to our KYANA home! The Holiday Inn Express is only 160 miles from our KYANA clubhouse. In addition to the car show, KYANA will be staying very close to the National Museum of the US Air Force, which I am told you can easily spend a day seeing, and admission is free. There is the Packard Museum downtown in Dayton. AACA members will have free admission on Thursday and Friday. The AACA will be holding an event there Thursday evening. Judging of the 18 cars selected from the 2024 Nationals to compete for the Zenith Award will be at the Packard Museum on Friday.

About the trip: KYANA will be staying at the Holiday Inn Express, 2417 Esquire Dr, Beavercreek, OH 45431. There are only twelve rooms left of the twenty rooms that have been reserved for club members and are subsidized by the club. If you want to stay additional nights before or after, please call the hotel directly. The number is 937-912-9643. When you call, ask for Brian. He works M-F 8:30 – 3:30. We intend to have a group dinner on Friday evening, and if you participate with us, the club will pay \$10 per person toward your dinner. (Location to be determined) The cost to participate will be \$70 per room. The first 20 people to send me a check will be guaranteed a room. Please send your check made out to KYANA to: Jim Joseph, 1925 Pine Run Lane, Batavia, Ohio 45103. Please call me if you have any questions, and also 3-4 days after mailing your check to ensure that I received it. (502) 558-5075. We are looking forward to a fun weekend and a great show!

Some of the best cars in AACA will be there, and if you have never attended an AACA show, this one will be a treat. For more information on planned activities and all there is to see in the area, Google AACA Grand Nationals in Dayton, and click on the brochure (print version of the Sidelight)

Online Edition, click this link: Link for AACA Grand Nationals in Dayton, Ohio

SHEPHERDSVILLE COUNTRY MUSIC SHOW Saturday, August 16th

KYANA night at the Shepherdsville Country Music Show is just around the corner! The show starts at 7:00 pm. Cost is \$13.00 per person, and KYANA will pay \$10.00 toward your meal. Pat Portman has a great line-up planned for the show, including Kelly Case, Artist

Green, Billy Keith, and Clint Spalding. Send your check made out to KYANA for \$13 per person to:

Ruth Hill 123 Dorchester Road Louisville KY 40223



KYANA TRIP to MEMPHIS, TN to VISIT GRACELAND SEPTEMBER 21st-22nd



On September 21st and 22nd, Carol and I will be taking a group of KYANA members to Memphis, Tennessee to visit Elvis Presley's Graceland Mansion.

The cost of the trip will be \$120 for a single and \$160 for a double. We will be staying at the Drury Inn in Southhaven, MS. The Drury Inn has a free dinner 'Kick Back' buffet every night from 5:30 to 7:00 and a

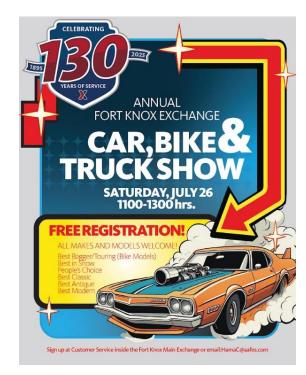
complimentary breakfast buffet. The dinner buffet includes a salad bar, chili, grilled chicken, Penne pasta, veggies, and baked potatoes. As a guest of the hotel, you are allowed three free alcoholic drinks with your dinner.

I have twenty double-occupancy rooms reserved. The hotel is located fifteen minutes' driving time from Graceland. You can keep your room for an additional night if you choose to do so and explore downtown Memphis. Memphis has stellar weather, great dining, art galleries, and an electric nightlife on Beale Street. Memphis is considered the Home of the Blues and the Birthplace of Rock and Roll.

Space is limited to 20 double-occupancy rooms. Please get in touch with either Carol or Jerry Bass and reserve your space soon at (502) 425-2712, (502) 296- 3814, or (502) 714-8947.

Fort Knox Exchange Car Show – July 26th

Do you or someone you know have trophies you don't want any more? Please donate them to KYANA for our Labor Day Car Show. They will be refurbished and put to good use! Please call (502) 425-2712 and leave a message with your info and we will return your call.



The "CAR SHOW SEASON" is officially

underway! The goal of this section is to provide you with the resources to stay informed

AREA CAR SHOW AND EVENTS

about local car activities. While we will show a couple of flyers, space doesn't allow for a complete list and the particulars. Instead, we want to put you in touch with where you can get up-to-date information. We will list what to Google (for those reading the print version of the Sidelight) and a link that will take you to the sites (for those reading the digital version). We will update the list as we find more information.

(Google) Wilder than Most <u>Wilderthanmost.com event calendar</u>

(Google) British Car Club British Sports Car Club of Louisville Events on Facebook

(Google) River City Rippers RiverCityRippers Events

1st Saturday of the month:

Fante's Cars & Coffee 2501 Grinstead Drive 40206 April – November 8am – noon Free

2nd Saturday of the month:

Captain's Quarters Cars & Coffee 5700 Captain's Quarters Rd. 8 am -10 am (usually goes longer) \$5 donation per car goes to a charity

3rd Saturday of the month

KYANA Cars & Coffee 3821 Hunsinger Lane 40220 9 am – noon \$5 donation per car goes to the Cruisin' Bud's Tavern
Hosted by the Falls City Corvette Club 4 pm-8 pm
Bud's Tavern
9119 Galene Drive, J'Town KY 40299

4th Saturday of the month Louisville Cars & Coffee Cox Park

Cars in the Commonwealth: A Celebration of Horsepower

July 26th, 2025 Noon- 5 pm at Hermitage Farm (10500 US 42, Goshen, KY) For more info and how to register your car for the show, go to: rivercityrippers.com/blogs/news/cars-in-the-commonwealth (print Version of Sidelight)

<u>Cars in the Commonwealth at Hermitage Farm! – RCR RiverCity Rippers</u> (Online edition of the Sidelight)

This show used to be held at Norton Commons. The additional space and beautiful setting will make this show a must-see and a treat for car enthusiasts as RCR makes it a great experience for participants and spectators.

-Editor, Kim Steinke

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:



502-649-7421When placing your order include the stock number of the garment, description (Polo, Hoodie, T-shirt), color, and size. To view apparel and color choices go to SANMAR.com, and 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 the time of purchase with cash, check, credit card, Venmo, or 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 CS410SM-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) SM-XL = \$31, 2X-5X=\$37
- Zip Hoodie (18600) SM-XL= \$40, 2XL-3XL=\$44, 4XL+= \$47



Drop off a New Toy on

Saturday, November 15, 2025

Between 9:00am - 11:00am



Kyana Club House 3821 Hunsinger Lane Louisville, Ky 40220

Questions contact: Maureen Vannatta - 502-931-2173

Free breakfast to the first 100 Sponsored by:

Kyana Charities









New event sponsored by the members of KYANA COFFEE

3rd Saturday of the Month 9-Noon at the KYANA Clubhouse 3821 Hunsinger Lane 40220

All cars are welcome! You do not have to be a KYANA member.



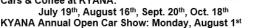
Coffee, Donuts, water will be available for purchase. Profits donated to the Housing Development Alliance

\$5 entry fee (donated to the Housing Development Alliance).

Rain cancels.



Mark your calendar for the rest of the season: Cars & Coffee at KYANA:









CHECKER: THE BEST TAXI So very practical...but gone...

-Steve Lippmann

Checker automobiles were notable as purpose-built taxicabs. Lots of folks still remember these niche-appropriate service vehicles. They were robust taxis and famous for their utilitarian, purpose-built, cab-specific design.



1923 Checker Cab

The Checker Cab Manufacturing Company was started in Chicago by Morris Markin in 1921. Competition there between the Checker Taxi and the Yellow Cab Company was overtly fierce and even dangerously so. Thus, following several corporate mergers, Checker later moved to Kalamazoo, MI, and began regular automobile production by 1923. After 1933, E.L. Cord acquired some input into Checker production plans.

Never prominent in the market, they were nevertheless iconic and popular

as excellent taxi-cabs. Checkered "Checker-motif" stripes facilitated their visibility painted prominently on their auto-bodies. Their manufacture was efficient; at least 100,00 taxis were built. Design also focused on passenger comfort and durability. This included an extra-wide rear door entry, spacious back seats, ample legroom, and a large trunk. They had two (2) fold-down, jump seats to accommodate more people (rear-facing, attached to the back of the



1936 Checker Cab

front seat). The axles were positioned more rearward to gain interior space; they also featured strong, city-traffic-friendly bumpers.

These cars were standard as taxis back in the days during the 1920s to 1980s. Cab companies prominently utilized Checker Taxis in numerous communities throughout this country. During World War II, Checker fabricated lots of military transport equipment.

The company changed its name to Checker Motors in 1958. Besides these commercial vehicles, they were soon available also as conventional passenger cars, called the Checker Marathon. They were never produced in high volume or popular for personal transport ownership. Nevertheless, they emerged as sedans, station wagons, and limousines (in up to 12 seats). Style or manufacture otherwise altered little during all the years of production.



1982 Checker Cab

Power was originally provided by a Continental L-head straight 6. Over time other engines include Chevrolet 6s & two V8s, Lycoming, Oldsmobile, and Perkin engines, in gasoline or diesel versions. Modern upgrades included seat belts, headrests, and catalytic converters, etc. The Vatican used Checker Marathons in motorcades for Pope Paul VI.

Unable to compete on the basis of economy of scale production and price, nor being attractively fancy, their market share declined. This was especially true since larger automobile companies offered taxi-type versions of

their sedans, as well as more discounted fleet purchase prices, whereas Checker lacked widely available dealerships. Vehicle production ended in 1982.

The company continued as a subcontractor, automotive parts supplier - especially for Chrysler, Ford, and General Motors. Auto body stamping was a large part of their production. Nevertheless, Checker Motors finally ended in bankruptcy by 2010.

KYANA EVENTS FOR 2025

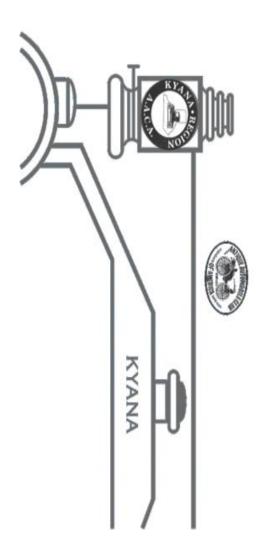
DATE	EVENT	SPONSOR
January 18, 19	Bluegrass World of Wheels	Jerry Bass
January 26	January Business Meeting	Donna Burchett
February 15	Derby Dinner Playhouse	Alethea Hayes
February 23	Swap Meet Planning Meeting	Morgan Howard
March 7-9	KYANA SWAP MEET	Robertson & Vannatta
March 29	Salvage Yard Tour	Mark Kubancik
April 6	Swap Meet Appreciation Dinner	Jenni Mulrooney
April 19	Cars & Coffee at KYANA Clubhouse	Ned Steinke
May 17	Cars & Coffee at KYANA Clubhouse	Ned Steinke
June 1	Middletown Police Foundation Car Show	Will Willhoite
June 14	Shaker Village Vintage Dad's Day	Mark Kubancik
June 14	Whiskey Row Car Show	Chris Mueller
June 21	Cars & Coffee at KYANA Clubhouse	Jerry/Chester
June 19-21	AACA Eastern Spring Nationals, Beckley, wv	
July 4	Norton Commons July 4 th Parade	George Fackler
July 2-5	AACA Central Spring Nationals, Auburn, IN	
July 19	Cars & Coffee at KYANA Clubhouse	Ned & Kim Steinke
	New KYANA Member Orientation	
July 24-26	AACA Grand Nationals, Dayton, Ohio	Jim Joseph
August 5	National Night Out	Jerry & Carol Bass
August 12-15	AACA Eastern Divisional Tour, Northern Maine	
August 16	Cars and Coffee at KYANA Clubhouse	Ned Steinke
August 16	Shepherdsville Country Music Show	Rian & Ruth Hill
September 1	KYANA Open Car Show	Jerry & Carol Bass
September 20	Cars & Coffee at KYANA Clubhouse	
September 21-22	KYANA trip to Memphis TN, Graceland	Jerry & Carol Bass
September 26	St. Francis in the Fields Car Show	Steve Lippmann
Oct 7-10	AACA Eastern Fall Meet – Hershey, PA	
Oct 4-5	Bowmanfest	
Oct 17	Mt. Washington Police Foundation Car Show	Will Willhoite
Oct 18	Kentucky Railway Museum Car Show	Neil White
Oct 18	Cars & Coffee at KYANA Clubhouse	
November 8	Veterans' Day Parade	Chester Robertson
November 15	Toys for Tots Breakfast	Alan & Maureen Vannatta
November 23	Awards & Elections Meeting	Beverly Foster
	Light Up Louisville Parade	Alan Vannatta
	Adult Christmas Party	Brian & Shelly Koressel
	Children's Christmas Party	Bass, Kubancik & Mulrooney Families
	Christmas Country Music Show	Brian & Ruth Hill

(sponsoring an event isn't hard – you set it up with the event site, send info to Chester and to the Sidelight Editor, and sign up members for the event and collect registrations and any event fees. Chester will be happy to "tutor" you on your first time as an event sponsor)

When you send a check to a sponsor for an upcoming event, please call or text the sponsor to let them know that "the check is in the mail" and provide your information, including the number of attendees. USPS delivery can be inconsistent, sometimes taking 7-14 days for delivery *in town!*

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On the cover: A handful of **KYANA** members pose with the trophy KYANA received at the Middletown Police Foundation car show. Thirty KYANA members were there.





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