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How did I get here? "Here" meaning the President of the KYANA Region. Please allow me to share some personal information that will hopefully help make a point. Many of you know that I own a '55 DeSoto. What you may not know is that I purchased that car in the

early '80's, not too long after Pat



and I were married. We had yet to buy a house of our own, and we rented half a duplex with access to a garage. I had

a place to shelter the DeSoto as I worked to bring it back to driver condition. This was in northeast Ohio, so having a garage during the brutal winter months was important. Shortly after acquiring the DeSoto, I met a like-minded, soon-to-be friend who lived nearby and owned a '56 DeSoto. He encouraged me to join the local WPC (Walter P. Chrysler) Club chapter, and so began my involvement with local car clubs. We enjoyed the local WPC club activities and events, especially their annual fall clambake.

In 1992, now with a 6-year-old son, we moved to western North Carolina to follow my job relocation. A year later, I drove the DeSoto from Ohio to Carolina and joined a local AACA region. Although my job duties continued to expand, the local region allowed me to meet classic-oriented local old car aficionados.

Four years later, we moved again to accept a field position based in Louisville. Once we moved into our new home, I drove the DeSoto from Carolina to Louisville. My work responsibilities included several days of travel every week, so time for car activities was rare. I recall attending the swap meet a couple of times, though I never gave KYANA a second thought. I explored the local MoPar clubs and found that they were hyper-focused on MoPar muscle cars from the '60's and '70's, and not exactly welcoming to a mid-'50's orphan car.

I recall it like yesterday. My parents were visiting from Ohio in the fall of 2004, and I was looking for an opportunity to drive them around in the DeSoto. Somewhere along the way, I found a flyer for the KYANA Toys for Tots breakfast, and we joined my parents for breakfast at the KYANA clubhouse. Recognizing us as new faces, then KYANA President George Fackler approached us and sold us on the benefits of joining KYANA. Fast-forward twenty-plus years, and I am now your President. How did that happen? Timing was right; the interest was there, but the 'spark plug' was George, who extended a warm welcome, encouragement, and support.

It's likely you also remember your initial introduction to KYANA. For many of you, it was many years ago, and now you consider KYANA part of your family. For many others, it's still a relatively

recent experience, and you may be struggling to feel at home. It's widely known that Carol Bass has exceeded all expectations and brought in many new members to KYANA. If you are a long-term member, I'd like to challenge you to reach out to our new members at our upcoming 2026 meetings and activities. If you usually sit with the same crew at our dinners, consider saving a few seats for new members and invite them to sit with you.

Fred Trusty has another great idea on this topic. Fred will see to it that disposable name tags are available at the sign-in table

at our January Business Meeting. If you have a KYANA name tag and don't wear it to the meeting, you will be prompted to wear a disposable name tag. If you are a new member yet to earn your KYANA name badge, you too will be asked to wear a name tag. I'm a Dale Carnegie Course (dalecarnegie.com) graduate, and I recall their teaching that a person's favorite word is their name. Now, with all of us sporting a name tag, we will be able to introduce ourselves to each other, call each other by name, and hopefully get to know one another better.

Who knows? You could be talking to our next President!

Remember, it is supposed to be fun!

KYANA EVENTS BY CHESTER ROBERTSON

Do you realize this century is a quarter over, with KYANA growing by leaps and bounds?



Chester

We have the largest membership ever. We now invest our money to earn returns and fund events so that the cost to participate for the membership is minimal. These returns provide KYANA charities' income that doesn't come from our swap meet. Just as we are growing, so is the fairgrounds, and while we hope the swap meet will always have a home there, in the world of event centers like the fairgrounds, we could be nudged out in the years ahead by events that want to use the whole facility. Your KYANA and

KYANA Charities board of directors are constantly working to ensure the future is secure for KYANA and the Swap Meet, and for the next couple of years, the Swap Meet has a home. 2026 gets off to a start with the January Business Meeting on January 18th to make plans for 2026. Send your check for the meeting to Donna Burchett now! Details of the meeting are shown in this issue of the Sidelight. Please come out and tell us something new we can try!

Last year, we started Cars and Coffee at the clubhouse. The membership loves the short event, and you are welcome to sponsor one of its months or come up with another event the membership could enjoy. Did you go to a car show in 2025 that was a lot of fun? Come and tell us about it! You could sponsor it for 2026!

KYANA Region Board Meeting Minutes – Dec 9, 2025

Location: KYANA Clubhouse

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

KYANA Region Members Present: Reagan Lanum, Ned & Kim Steinke, Alan & Maureen Vannatta, Jim Woodall, Fred Trusty, Steve Lippmann, Donna Burchett, Jim & Sandy Joseph

Meeting called to order at 6:38 pm
Secretary's Report: Stan Gaus moved to accept the November report, Tim Truax seconded the motion. The motion carried with all in favor.

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

Activities: The board discussed the upcoming Business meeting on January 18, Derby Dinner Playhouse, and Swap Meet.

Membership: Alex Wilkins updated the board that about half of all current members and pre-members have submitted dues. Alex will coordinate with Carol Bass to transition the Secretary role for next year.

Clubhouse Rentals: Ruth Hill reported that the clubhouse is booked for all

weekends through December.
Sidelight: Nothing new to report.

Website: Nothing new to report.

Facebook Page: Nothing new to report.

Old Business: Kim Steinke and Mark Kubancik reported that the text messaging service is waiting on a decision by the Charities board to proceed.

The club discussed options for retention of new members considering that the current pre-member list is about 173 people.

Shawn McDonald confirmed that the Club only has a debit card and checks available for expenses. A business card would be needed if the board decided that carrying a line of credit was essential to manage catering services.

New Business: Mark Kubancik confirmed that the by-law change for 50-year members passed and that the By-Laws have been updated. The rule will come into effect for membership year 2026. Alex Wilkins reported that four members will need to be refunded with the rule implementation.

A motion to close the meeting was made by Brian Koressel and seconded by Stan Gaus. The meeting adjourned at 7:14 pm. The next meeting will be held at the clubhouse on Jan 13 at 6:30 pm.

KYANA Events continued

February brings another fun event – a trip to Derby Dinner Playhouse. You will find those details also listed in this issue. Get your reservation

in as this event always sells out. Hope everyone had an exciting holiday and is looking forward to the best new year ever!

KYANA COMMUNITY

Hans Cruz is home recovering from hip replacement surgery. **Luther Gideon** was hospitalized this month. Please keep them in your prayers as they heal.

Bobby Johnson is home from the hospital and KYANA sent him a fruit basket. His wife, **Ramona**, is hospitalized with bronchitis. We wish them both a speedy recovery and will keep them in our prayers.



Nancy Ray

You know that KYANA

Car Club sends flowers when a member passes away? Did you know the 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.

KYANA BUSINESS MEETING JANUARY 18, 2026

Mark your calendar and send your check in for the
annual KYANA business meeting:

WHEN: Sunday, January 18th at 2:00 pm

WHERE: KYANA Clubhouse

COST: \$10 per member

Please send a check payable to KYANA to:

Donna Burchett

4907 Seville Drive

Louisville, KY 40272

Deadline to receive checks is January 11, 2026

Call Donna with questions at 502-851-0715



MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN!

KYANA at DERBY DINNER PLAYHOUSE
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2026

Show: The Bunco Squad Rolls Again

When: Sunday Feb 15th, 2026

~ SUNDAY MATINEE ~

Doors Open 11:45am Meal at 11:45am

Main Show Begins 1:30pm

Run time approximately 2 and ½ hours with an intermission



SYNOPSIS: The Bunco Squad is back! It is August, and Suzie's turn to host. She thinks she is hosting a normal bunco night, but with this bunch, normal is never . . . well, normal. Something is thrown all right, and it's not just the DICE. Join the ladies you fell in love with for another laugh-filled and heart-felt evening of FUN. Bunco "newbies" WELCOME! Written by Derby Dinner's very own, Jim Hesselman, this comedy is a slice of life with characters we all can recognize from our own neighborhoods. With a scoop of sass, a dollop of drama, a heap of heart, and loads of laughs, you will leave smiling ear to ear and ready to reconnect

**Cost: \$ 20.00 per Member \$ 40.00 per Couple
\$ 40.00 per non-member**

****Make checks payable to KYANA****

Feel free to either send checks to the address below:

**Alethea Catapano
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Any questions, feel free to text or call me at, 502-510-9459, and I will get back to you within a day.



**KYSWAP
KYANA SWAP MEET
LARGEST INDOOR
SWAP MEET**

59th YEAR - SINCE 1965

March 21 - 22, 2026

KY State Fair & Exposition Center

937 Phillips Lane

Louisville, KY 40209

Saturday – 8:00am – 6:00pm

Sunday – 8:00 – 4:00pm



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

Room for over 1140 Vendors under one roof

Regular Space - (10x20) - \$115.00

Corner Space - (10x20) - \$130.00

Carpeted Space - (10x10) - \$60.00

100 Space Outside Car Corral

Contact: Ned Steinke

502-836-2961

\$50.00 per space



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KYANA CHARITIES - OPEN POSITION

A big ***Thank You*** to **Sandy Joseph** who has just retired as KYANA Charities Secretary after seven and a half years of dedicated service.

With Sandy's retirement, the Charities board is now seeking a qualified candidate to serve as board Secretary. The Secretary is an appointed position with no voting privileges. Board meetings are normally held every other month but sometimes every month depending on the issues at the time. Responsibilities include:

1. Proficient with Microsoft Office
2. Attend board meetings and general membership meetings
3. Record the minutes and email to the entire board in a timely manner.

If this is something that interests you, please contact:

Fred Trusty, KYANA Charities President

502-292-7008

or bearcamp1988@gmail.com

Any KYANA member in full member status (no pre-members) are welcome and eligible to apply and serve.



LIGHT UP LOUISVILLE PARADE



Even the Grinch was smiling a bit at the Light up Louisville Parade!



KYANA CHRISTMAS PARTY



Thank you event hosts,
Brian and Shelly Koressel
for a wonderful meal and
celebration of the start of the Christmas Season!

KYANA CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY



Crafts to make and take home, a pizza party, goodie bag...and a visit from Santa with a gift for each child!

Thank you to Santa and the many elves that made this event possible, especially Pat Kubancik and Carol Bass.

TOM BOEHM'S 1941 LaSALLE WOODIE Wagon



Cars & Coffee is always exciting because you never know who is going to be there and what they are rolling in. September did not disappoint and we were all eyeing Tom Boehm's passion project - A 1941 LaSalle Woodie Wagon.

I knew something special had rolled into the lot when everyone gravitated to the other end of the lot to look it over. Once I was done selling coffee and the crowd around the car had cleared enough to see it, I took the picture above.

It is truly a labor of love, over the course of many years to custom make this wood body. Tom took this huge project on as his first time making a wood body!

Using a commercial hearse/ambulance frame, Tom has carefully and meticulously reconstructed all the woodwork by hand.





The vision and planning it took to bring this car back to life as a one of a kind LaSalle is so amazing!

Making a Woodie Wagon calls on all the skills - auto mechanic, body work, AND wood working.

Wow!

Since September, some additional progress has been made, as you can see in the photo above, with the addition of running boards, the metal fenders, and the back bumper. Hopefully Tom will keep us informed of the progress on this beautiful project. We can't wait to see the finished car!



Do you have a project car or great car story and pictures? We would love to hear about it! We will feature cars and stories as space allows in the Sidelight every month! You can send information and pictures to sidelighteditor@gmail.com.

SHEPHERDSVILLE CHRISTMAS MUSIC SHOW



BLUEGRASS WORLD OF WHEELS JANUARY 25-26, 2026

The 2026 Bluegrass WORLD OF WHEELS is fast approaching. KYANA will have four cars in the show again this year. Come on out and see all of the cars! There will be classics, street rods, and restomods from local and national collectors.

The Bluegrass World of Wheels 2026 is scheduled for Saturday, January 24th, and Sunday, January 25th, at the Kentucky Exposition Center in Louisville, KY.

<https://bluegrassworldofwheels.com>



HOW DID WE GET TO GASOLINE?

by Steve Lippmann

In what way did gasoline emerge? It begins with natural petroleum deposits that seem to have always existed under and on the surface of the earth. They were long known about at some places for thousands of years, just a pool of oil seeping out of the ground. Crude petroleum has apparently been burned as fuel for the last couple of thousand years. Deliberate oil extraction began shortly thereafter with some purpose-built oil wells, which gradually became increasingly sophisticated over time. Distillation of petroleum started sometime around the year 800, and its products became popular in Europe by the 1300s.

Steam-powered external combustion engines were the first means of large-scale machinery, motorized vehicles, railroads, and ship- or boat-powered movement in the 1700s. Electronic carriages, like buses, emerged in the early 1800s, and a few automobiles after 1880. Internal combustion engines began to appear after the 1897 development of the Otto engine. That accelerated the greater need for lots more fuel. In the early days of automotive development, steam-powered 50% of vehicles, with the rest split evenly between internal combustion and electricity. Many

different internal combustion engine varieties were being built, tested, and gradually adopted in most automotive production by the second decade of the 1900s.

Initially, there was also a wide variety of energy choices for these internal combustion engines. That included a significant number of liquid options—such as ammonia, benzene, ethanol, gasoline, hexane, kerosene (and more), a few powdered versions (like dust from coal or corn), some oils (e.g., whale or vegetable), and several gaseous means – as in hydrogen, propane, or natural gas, etc.

An unusual, not too efficient source of gaseous fuel occurred during World War II shortages, when small external combustion stoves were attached to cars and buses, with the effluent from the flames captured and routed into the carburetor to energize internal combustion engines. These vehicles carried large flexible bladders on the top of the car as a type of “gas” tank.

The petroleum distillate we call gasoline has many different names in the world, such as petrol in British areas and benzine in German ones, for example. Our word gasoline might come from an English oil called Cazeline, used in the mid-1800s for lighting lamps. Patent-right conflicts resulted in changing the spelling, somehow and somehow,

to gasoline. The word gasoline was adopted and documented in dictionaries by 1863.

Well into the 1800s, kerosene, as a lighting source, was the primary distillation product of petroleum. Gasoline was an unwanted byproduct of crude oil refining and was either discarded or burned off, as it was considered too volatile to use in lamps. Greater interest in gasoline followed Karl Benz's automotive use of it in 1888; yet, Henry Ford still relied on ethanol in 1896. Petroleum for lubrication and energy had already become a big US industry, especially following the Pennsylvania (Drake) oil strike in 1859, but it was still primarily marketing kerosene.

The selection of fuel choice included consideration to ease of availability, price, and energy density (power per volume). Another issue was engine knock potential, or how properly, where, and when it burned during engine operation; and that is related to vapor pressure/volatility. One seasonal/regional aspect: high volatility helps cold-weather engine starts, while lower vapor pressure diminishes emissions.

Gasoline emerged from among the many fuel options as the internal combustion engine proliferated. Ransom Olds relied on gasoline in 1897, and it grew in automotive industry

popularity; cars increasingly were more often powered by gasoline. That expanded dramatically after the massive Spindletop, Texas, big petroleum strike of 1900-1901. The electric engine starter of 1911 significantly sped up this trend. Sales of gasoline as a fuel exceeded those of kerosene in 1916.



Subsequently, as gasoline became more available and cheaper, it became the standard automotive fuel. Production greatly expanded and began to incorporate additives to improve performance, especially as engine size and compression ratios increased. Engine knocking sometimes emerged from improper combustion. There are many ways to suppress knocking. That resulted in adding some chemical solutions (e.g., benzene or ethanol) to improve cylinder burn/explosion control. That finally established ways to boost higher octane ratings.

In 1921, refineries began utilizing tetraethyl lead to increase octane numbers. This significantly

improved burning, mitigated knock, and provided lubrication to engine parts. However, even early on, lead was well-known to cause health damage, especially to the nervous system. Despite numerous reliable, worldwide reports about the grave dangers, lead became the primary means of increasing octane and reducing knock. Concerns about the hazards of lead increased, but industry and money exerted greater influence, thereby suppressing health concerns.

Reliance on tetraethyl lead continued until the established risks induced by lead pollution became scientifically, medically, socially, and politically overwhelming. The US Congress passed the Clean Air Act in 1970. Unleaded gasoline then gradually entered our fuel supply. Lead was phased out of gasoline in the U.S.A. by 1996, and that already yields some health benefits. Nevertheless, lead is still added to specific other fuel sources, such as for certain aviation uses. Jet engine turbine-fuel is a type of kerosene with various additives, has good energy density, a low freezing point, and, with lower volatility (like diesel), a lower fire risk than gasoline.

Various other substances have been added to gasoline over recent decades; some are still

utilized, others have been discarded for a variety of reasons, including health, cost, or pollution-related concerns. A 10% ethanol blend raises octane ratings, burns cleaner than pure gasoline, and is a bio-renewable energy source – said to be better for the environment.

For the last few decades, I have added a commercially available, bottled lead substitute to each gasoline tank fill-up in my 1951 Chevrolet. Lead substitute is a petroleum distillate that protects valve seals, minimizing deterioration in engines made before 1970. The no-knock aspect is not a problem for my car. So far ... so good; yet, while that provides lubrication without lead, it seems (?) to make more smoke at the tail pipe, too.



KYANA EVENTS for 2026

DATE	EVENT	SPONSOR
January 18	KYANA Business Meeting	Donna Burchett
January 24-25	Bluegrass World of Wheels	Jerry Bass
February 5-7	AACA Annual Convention/National Awards Chantilly, VA	
February 15	Derby Dinner Playhouse	Alethea Hayes Catapano
March 21-22	KYANA Swap Meet	Robertson/Vannatta
March 26-28	AACA Winter Nationals, Cartersville, GA	Lake Allatoona Region
April 9-11	AACA Southeastern Spring Nationals, Charlotte, NC	Hornets Nest Region
April 18	KYANA Cars & Coffee	Steinke Family
May 16	KYANA Cars & Coffee	Steinke Family
May 28-30	AACA Eastern Spring Nationals, Indiana, PA	Shannock Valley Region
June 11-13	AACA Southeastern Fall Nationals, Oak Ridge, TN	Volunteer Region
July	Norton Commons 4th of July Parade	Mark Kubancik
July 18	KYANA Cars & Coffee	Steinke Family
July 23-25	AACA Central Spring Nationals, Green Bay, WI	
August 15	KYANA Cars & Coffee	Steinke Family
August	Shepherdsville Country Music Show	Brian & Ruth Hill
August 19-22	AACA Annual Grand Nationals/Zenith Awards, Allentown, PA	
September 9-14	AACA Founders Tour (1932-2001) Williamsburg, VA	Historic VA Peninsula Region
September 19	KYANA Cars & Coffee	Steinke Family
September	St. Francis in the Fields Car Show	Steve Lippmann
October 6-9	AACA Eastern Fall Meet, Hershey, PA	
October 17	KYANA Cars & Coffee	Steinke Family
November	Toys for Tots Breakfast	Alan & Maureen Vannatta
Dec	Light Up Louisville Parade	Alan Vannatta
Dec	Adult Christmas Party	
Dec	Christmas Country Music Show	Brian & Ruth Hill

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!

AREA CAR SHOWS & 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

Cruisin' Bud's Tavern

Hosted by the Falls City Corvette Club 4 pm-8 pm

Bud's Tavern, 9119 Galene Drive, J'Town KY \$5 donation per car

4th Saturday of the month

Louisville Cars & Coffee

Cox Park

Starting next month, we want to have a list of car shows, drive-ins, and car events for the year.

Please send events you know about to me at:

sidelighteditor@gmail.com

Include your name and the event name, sponsor, date, time, and event location.

IT WON'T BE
WINTER FOREVER!



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ON THE COVER:
KYANA president Mark Kubancik,
Santa, and most of the children
who participated in the Christmas
party.

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