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President's Message

Hi everyone, I hope you are having a great summer. The weather is definitely hot and rainy this year. We continue to enjoy activities with fellow AACA members. In June, we had the picnic at Chicot State Park hosted by the Region. We had a great turnout with thirty-four members/guest enjoying an old-fashioned picnic with hamburgers, hotdogs, and plenty of sides including homemade ice cream courtesy of the Rewerts. Everyone had a great time.

Collector Car Appreciation Day is a national event generally celebrated on the second Friday in July. This year, the Louisiana Region members celebrated the day on Saturday, July 12 by driving to The Regatta Restaurant in Lake Arthur, Louisiana. We had 70 members/guest attend for a great lunch with plenty of fellowship. Special thanks to Ron Sonnier for coordinating this event for us.

Upcoming we have the following:

Third Quarter Drive and Dine hosted by Contraband with time and location TBD.

Fourth Quarter Drive and Dine hosted by Evangeline on October 25 with location TBD.

Fall Tour is scheduled to be hosted by Lagniappe, tentatively set for November 7-8 in Thibodeaux. We will keep you posted.

Thanksgiving Tour set for November 18 – 23 in Nacogdoches, TX

Christmas Party and Region Board meeting on December 7 at Chef Roy in Rayne, LA.

I strongly encourage members to invite guest to these events so they can see how much fun we have visiting with each other. These events are great opportunities to get the old cars out and blow off the dust and test the air conditioners (if they have one).

God bless,

James Lass

Regional President



Louisiana Region 2025 Point Earning Events

December 1, 2024	Region Board Meeting & Installation of officers 2025-2027
March 21-23, 2025	44th Contraband Chapter Spring Tour Sulphur, LA
May 2-4, 2025	Louisiana Tour hosted by Horseless Carriage Club of New Orleans Tangipahoa Parish
December 7, 2025	Region Board Meeting

DRIVE AND DINE ROTATION:

**1ST QUARTER—LAGNIAPPE DATE SET FOR MARCH 15—
FEEZIO'S IN BROUSSARD**

**2ND QUARTER—CENLA DATE SET FOR APRIL 12—CAJUN CAT-
FISH IN VILLE PLATTE**

3RD QUARTER—CONTRABAND

4TH QUARTER—EVANGELINE DATE SET FOR OCT. 25

LOUISIANA TOUR ROTATION:

2026—BATON ROUGE

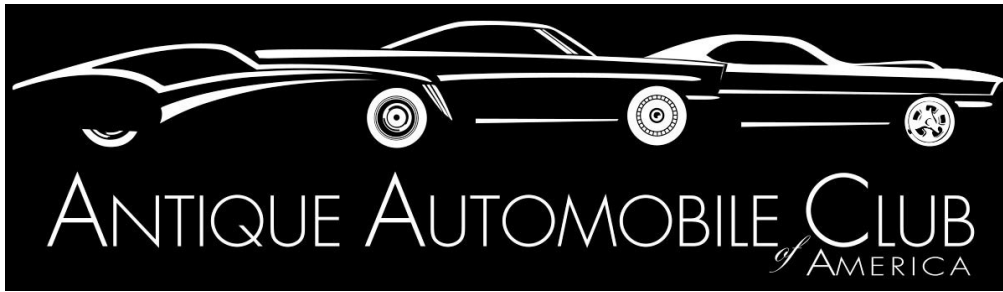
2027—EVANGELINE

2028—CONTRABAND

2029—LAGNIAPPE

2030—CENLA

2031—HORSELESS CARRIAGE



**Would you like registration information and materials about any of these
National Activities?**

You can:

1. Fill out the activity request card that came with the last issue of *Antique Automobile* magazine and mail it to us.
2. Sign into the [members only area](#) of the AACA website to print your own registration form and brochure. You can also now fill out your registration online and pay via credit card. You will need your member number and your PIN. If you don't remember your member number and your PIN, give AACA Headquarters a call, and we can provide you with that information.
3. Call us at AACA Headquarters and we will fill out a request for you and mail you the materials. Call 717-534-1910 Mon.-Fri. from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Eastern Time.

July 2-5, 2025 – Central Spring Nationals – Auburn, IN – hosted by Crossroads of America Region AACA – 260-925-4710

July 24-26, 2025 – Grand Nationals / Zenith – Dayton, OH – hosted by AACA National – 717-534-1910

August 12-15, 2025 – Eastern Divisional Tour – Northern Maine – hosted by Maine Region AACA – 207-768-1033

September 7-12, 2025 – Revival AAA Glidden Tour® (Pre-1943) – Owensboro, KY (VMCCA Hosted) – mistergre-atrace@gmail.com

October 7-10, 2025 – Eastern Fall Meet – Hershey, PA – hosted by Hershey Region AACA – 717-566-7720

October 18-22, 2025 – Central Divisional Tour – San Antonio to Gonzales, TX – hosted by Texas DFW Region – 214-498-0531

October 23-25, 2025 – Central Fall Nationals – Galveston, TX – hosted by Gulf Coast Region AACA – 832-693-4008

Greetings from the Gulf Coast Region AACA

Our 2025 AACA National Meet Registration in Galveston, Texas is OPEN online

The dates are Thursday, October 22nd through Saturday night, October 25th

The 2025 Central Division Fall Nationals is NOW OPEN for members of the AACA to Register on-line for the National event as well as registering for the Moody Gardens Hotel. Listed below are the easy LOGIN notes.

To Register login to AACA.org

You will need your Member Number and PIN (these are on your Member ID card)

Select Event Pre-Registration

Complete the Registration process by selecting your options

SAVE your data and you will receive a printed Confirmation

It will then ask for payment information. You can charge a credit card,

Or mail a check. Details are on the registration page.

We already have registrations by people who have been waiting for it to OPEN!

The first group event was also held at our 2016 National Meet and is back by popular demand! We will caravan on the Ferry from Galveston Island to Bolivar Peninsula. Then caravan to a Mexican Food Restaurant on Bolivar. The Ferry is FREE, and Lunch will be ordered and paid by attendees.

We have many attractions that you can coordinate with other attendees and make your selection of date and time. Here is a list of popular island attractions:

Moody Gardens Resort, our Host Hotel, has many attractions on site, including Rainforest Pyramid, Discovery Museum, 3D Theater, Butterfly Garden.

Tall Ship Elissa, The Bryan Museum (a journey through the history of Texas located in the original Galveston Orphans Home that survived the 1900 hurricane; The Galveston Railroad Museum located in the historic Strand Shopping area, a very popular area. Brochures for all these attractions and more will be in your "Goody" bag with your Registration materials.

Hope to see you all at the 2025 Central Division Fall National in

Galveston, Texas Questions call Jim Johnston, Chairman at 832-693-4008

Email questions to 2025galvestonmeet@att.net

Jim Johnston - Chairman

Contraband Chapter Donates Money To SOWELA Foundation Vehicle Maintenance Program

The Contraband Chapter AACA gave two checks, \$200 each, to the SOWELA Foundation for their Vehicle Maintenance Program scholarships. The checks were presented to Neil Aspenwall, SOWELA chancellor. Dr. Harry Kleinman, acting as treasurer for the Louisiana Region AACA, and Faye Drake, Contraband AACA president, each presented a check to this program. We had a brief tour of their Transportation Technology Building and showed a few of our old cars to several of the program's students. Also attending were Sonny LeBleu, Ted Drott, and Charlotte Rewerts.



Congratulations!

Freddie and Celeste Hebert (Lagniappe Chapter) had their 1961 Cadillac selected to be featured on the 2025 Cruisin' the Coast Bourbon bottle! What an honor!

The bottles will be a limited edition release with only 500 bottles (100 bottles released per day) being released. Release begins on Monday, October 6, 2025 at Pass Christian Bottle Shop. First Come, First Served so good luck!



Thanksgiving 2025 Tour

Where: Nacogdoches & Lufkin, Texas

When: Tuesday, Nov. 18 -
Sun., Nov. 23, 2025

Hotel: Comfort Inn Suites in
Nacogdoches
(trailer parking is VERY limited)

[https://www.choicehotels.com/reservations
/groups/UW27R3](https://www.choicehotels.com/reservations/groups/UW27R3)

Things we are working on to see/do:

Bus tour/car show

Private Toy Collection

Naca Valley Winery

Millard's Crossing

Caddo Mounds

SFA Planetarium & Stone Fort Museum

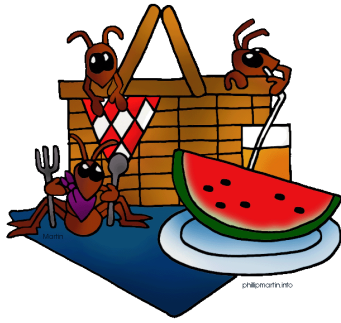
Fredonia Brewery

Texas Forestry Museum

Naranjo & Natural History Museum

Museum of East Texas



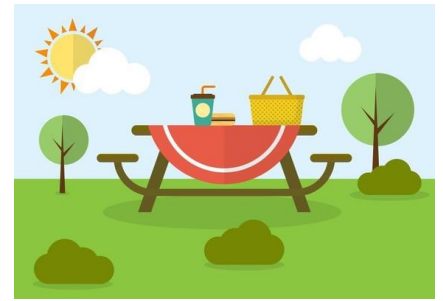


Regional Picnic Chicot State Park Saturday, June 7, 2025

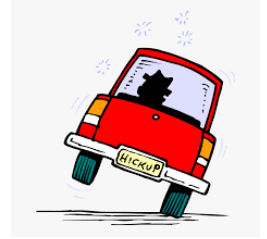


34 Members from Cenla, Contraband, and Evangeline
Chapters were in attendance

Regional Picnic
Chicot State Park
Saturday, June 7, 2025



Classic Car Appreciation Day
Regatta Restaurant—Lake Arthur
Saturday, July 12, 2025



70 members from Cenla, Contraband, and Evangeline Chapters participated.



*Save
the Date
& Reserve
Your Room
NOW!*



Host Hotel: Moody Gardens Resort and Spa
One Hope Boulevard, Galveston, Texas 77554

Call 409-683-1299 Monday-Friday between 7AM-8PM to make reservation for the *Antique Car Club* room block. Group rate is \$182. **Hotel Reservation Deadline: September 30**

Texas Rangers Presentation • Welcoming Day Party Activities
Technical Session on Chrome Plating • Driving Tour to the
Galveston Ferry Ride to Port Boliver Peninsula • Judging
School • Membership Roundtable • Island Banquet with
Band & Silent Auction • Judges Breakfast • CJE • Owners
Briefing • Southern Hospitality & Award's Presentation

Chairman:
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Oct 3 at 12 PM – Oct 4 at 4 PM

19th Annual Natchitoches Car Show - repost

Downtown Natchitoches, La



For Sale

1988 Avanti Convertible



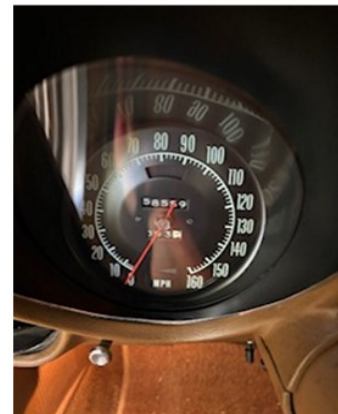
Avantis were originally manufactured by Studebaker Corp. in 1962 and 1963 as a fiberglass coupe. When Studebaker ceased production, **Leo Newman and Nate Altman**, wealthy Studebaker dealers, bought the rights to the Avanti, tooling and stock to continue manufacturing the car in one of the Studebaker buildings in South Bend, Indiana. They called it the **Avanti II** to differentiate it from the Studebaker produced cars. Other owners and partners continued to manufacture coupes and convertibles under Avanti Motor Corporation until 2006. As the company ran out of most Studebaker parts, they began basing the car on GM production cars.

This Avanti, manufactured under the "Michael Kelly Era" in Youngstown, Ohio, is based on a 1988 Chevrolet Monte Carlo (GM 305CID). It is a reliable and road worthy car with 77,038 miles. It doesn't burn any oil and gets average fuel mileage. It rides on 15" original chrome wire wheels. The interior is in good condition.

AACA National First Senior Award, Naples FL in 2016. Only about 250 Avanti Convertibles ever produced.

\$20,000 Seller: Fred Duplechin, 985 803-0672

**1971 Stringray Corvette
T-top
58,559 miles
All original
\$32,000
Call James Lass 318-308-3582**



For Sale:

1941 Studebaker Champion

4 door Sedan

56,000 miles

\$6,000

Contact: Rodger Peters 318-880-6764



PRAYER FOR PROTECTION DURING HURRICANE SEASON

BY THE MOST REVEREND MAURICE SCHEXNAYDER
SECOND BISHOP OF LAFAYETTE

O God, Master of this passing world, hear the humble voices of your children.
The Sea of Galilee obeyed your order and returned to its former quietude; you are
still the Master of land and sea.

We live in the shadow of a danger over which we have no control. The Gulf, like a
provoked and angry giant, can awake from its seeming lethargy, overstep its
conventional boundaries, invade our land, and spread chaos and disaster.
During this hurricane season, we turn to You, O loving Father. Sparing us from past
tragedies whose memories are still so vivid and whose wounds seem to refuse to
heal with the passing of time.

O Virgin, Star of the Sea, Our Beloved Mother, we ask you to plead with your Son in
our behalf, so that spared from the calamities common to this area and animated
with a true spirit of gratitude, we will walk in the footsteps of your Divine Son to
reach the heavenly Jerusalem where a storm-less eternity awaits us.

Amen.

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