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President's Message

Hi everyone, I hope you are having a good 2025. I can't believe that it is already half over. We continue to enjoy activities with fellow AACAs members. In April, we enjoyed another Quarterly Drive and Dine which was hosted by CENLA. Following that was the Louisiana Tour hosted by Horseless Carriage. I want to give a special thanks to Jack Wade and the folks in Horseless Carriage for putting on a great event. They had 42 cars registered (27 were AACAs members). While at the Louisiana Tour, the Region Board members met to discuss several topics which can be seen in the minutes included in this issue of The Duster.

That was just the beginning for 2025. Upcoming we have the following:

- ◆ June 7 is the picnic hosted by the Region at Chicot State Park in Ville Platte. Come and bring your own food and drinks while enjoying the fellowship. There are barbecue pits at the pavilion so bring your charcoal if you want to cook. Unfortunately, there is no electricity in the pavilion. If you have battery-operated fans bring those. There are new restrooms across the street from the pavilion in addition to a nice splash pad. Lesia and I are going to make a weekend of it and enjoy some camping at the park before and after the picnic. Those that enjoy camping consider joining us.
- ◆ Third Quarter Quarterly Drive and Dine hosted by Contraband with time and location TBD.
- ◆ Fall Tour is scheduled to be hosted by Lagniappe, we will keep you posted.
- ◆ Fourth Quarter Quarterly Drive and Dine hosted by Evangeline with time and location TBD.
- ◆ Christmas Party and Region Board meeting on December 7 at Chef Roy in Rayne, La.

I strongly encourage members that have not been coming to these events to please consider joining us. These events are great opportunities to get the old cars out and blow off the dust and pollen.

See you soon,

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

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

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.

REMINDER:

Your 2025 membership dues **MUST** be paid prior to registering for any 2025 National Activities.

June 1-7, 2025 – Vintage Tour (Pre-1932) – Southern/Eastern Pennsylvania – hosted by Buzzard's Breath Touring Region – 407-261-9318

June 19-21, 2025 – Eastern Spring National – hosted by Whitewater Region AACA – 304-673-6273

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) – mistergreg-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

2025 LOUISIANA TOUR AWARDS

Bart Guidroz

Past President's Award—'78 Camero Z28



Larry Rewert

Hard Luck Award—'77 Toyota Cecelia



Charlie Froehlich

Furthest Driven PreWar—'37 Ford



Jack & Tena Broussard

Best of Show—'56 BelAir



Allen Davis

Furthest Driven PostWar—'62



2025 LOUISIANA TOUR

HAMMOND, LA



Board Meeting
May 3, 2025
Louisiana Tour Hammond, LA

James Lass, Regional President, called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. with a roll call of Chapters. James passed out an agenda and the treasurer's report to the board members. Those in attendance were:

James Lass, Regional President
Lesia Lass, Regional Secretary
Faye Drake, Contraband President
Bart Guidroz, Proxy for Andy Slovacek Evangeline President
Whitney Richard, Lagniappe President
Leo Dobard, Cenla President
Wally Waguespack, Baton Rouge President

Guests in attendance:

Herb Comeaux
Bunny LeDoux
Charlie Froehlich
Jim Stratton
Skipper and Nancy McAdams
Perry Richardson

James led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance and Whitney led the group in a prayer.

Minutes of Meeting from December: James said he thought the minutes from the December 2024 meeting as printed in the January/February 2025 Duster had the incorrect Drive & Dine rotation by leaving out Baton Rouge for the fourth quarter of 2025. But after discussion, it was determined that Baton Rouge is not in the rotation and the minutes were correct. Leo Dobard then made motion to accept the December 2024 minutes as printed in the Duster with Bart Guidroz seconding and the motion passed.

Treasury Report: James informed the members that he had the proxy from Harry Kleinman to give the treasury report as Harry was unable to attend the meeting. Whitney Richard made a motion to accept the report as read by James with Wally seconding the motion, and the motion passed. James pointed out that Whitney needs to check with his treasurer to make sure that their members' regional dues were paid as Harry informed James that he does not have Lagniappe's regional dues. Whitney said he thought they were paid but he will check once he gets back home.

Tour Rotations: James pointed out that this year (2025) Contraband hosted a tour in April with the Louisiana Tour being held in May then in the fall Lagniappe is supposed to host a chapter tour. Historically Contraband has always held their chapter tour in the Spring and Lagniappe historically has held theirs in the fall. James questioned when tours need to be held in the year in relation to the Louisiana Tour because of the financial strain on both the chapters and the members attending tours so close together. Faye said that according to the bylaws, the only tours that have a fixed date is the Louisiana Tour which is to be held in May. After much discussion, it was decided that each club would be more aware of scheduling chapter tours so that the chapter tours would not be held within weeks of the Louisiana Tour. And when there is only the Louisiana Tour and one chapter tour on the rotation, the chapter tour would consider holding their tour later in the year.

Minutes continued:

Herb Comeaux asked to address the board concerning tours, drive and dines, and point earning events. He said multiple people have talked with him about the cost of attending all the tours and the drive and dines. He asked what dictates that we have to have point earning events. Faye pointed out that this was in the by-laws. He pointed out that we are doing less now than in the past so why can't we include drive and dines as point earning events. Wally said that point earning events have to be overnight events. Herb said that was changed in the bylaws four or five years ago. James then read the current bylaws which states that "preferably a multi-day event, but a minimum shall be a full one-day event for the purpose of public displaying, touring, and general enjoyment of our classic automobiles" a pointed out that drive and dine is public displaying of cars. Wally said drive and dine is not a full day event. James disagreed and pointed out that the Baton Rouge rally was not overnight, and Wally disagreed and said he had hotel accommodations for those that came in on the Friday night but some chose to just come on the Saturday. Herb was asked exactly what he wanted to bring up as consideration because several members were confused about if he wanted to do less tours during the year because of the cost; did he want the drive and dines included as point earning events. He clarified that he either wants the drive and dines to be included in the point earning events; or to do away with the title "point earning events". Whitney said that he thought the point earning events were special and a way to entice people to join the club. Lesia and Herb both said that the point earning title in today's society is not relevant. Herb then said that he thinks we should have the Louisiana Tour in May, the drive and dines as point earning events and then only one other tour such as the Thanksgiving tour in the fall. He suggested that clubs eliminate the banquet on Friday nights to help with the cost. James pointed out that the bylaws do not state how the tours will be set up as far as banquets. That is left up to each individual host chapter. Lesia and Faye then brought up that the Thanksgiving tour is not something that needs to be in the rotation for tours. The Thanksgiving tour is an event that Evangeline has done for the past 20 plus years and it is by invitation. It is not something that was started as part of the Chapter rotations. Lesia pointed out that Evangeline members volunteer each year to plan out the place and events and she didn't believe that if it was put in the chapter tour rotation that Lagniappe nor Baton Rouge would do their rotation because historically no one from either chapters attend the Thanksgiving Tour. Leo and Faye pointed out that the Thanksgiving tour is not associated with AACA therefore it cannot be in the Chapter tour rotation or considered as a point earning event. Perry pointed out that you must be a member of AACA as far as insurance purposes to attend the Thanksgiving tour but it is not an AACA point earning tour. The discussion was then brought back to the original question of either doing away with the title "point earning event" or to include the drive and dine events in the point earning events. Wally then made a motion to table this discussion until the December meeting with Leo seconding. James informed each board president to discuss with their members the title point earning events and whether to include the drive and dine in the point earning category. Vote passed.

Scholarship Update: James asked Leo to update the board members about the scholarship that Cenla presented. Leo said that Cenla donated \$400 (\$200 from Cenla with matching \$200 from regional) to Glenmora High School Automotive Department.

Whitney said he didn't realize that matching funds would be coming from the region. James told him that it was discussed at the December meeting and in the minutes printed in the Duster. Whitney said he would have to get with Harry because Lagniappe did a donation after Christmas. He will send Lesia the name of the recipient and some pictures to print in the Duster.

Wally then asked to speak about what Baton Rouge wants to do with their donation. He asked does the scholarship has to be given to a Louisiana organization. Wally then asked Skipper McAdams from the Baton Rouge club to address the board members. Skipper said he has researched the greater Baton Rouge area and was

Minutes continued:

not successful in finding a school with an automotive department that they could donate money to and be assured that it would go to the automotive department. Skipper has found the Model A Youth Restoration Award which is an educational charity. This award is to qualified youth ages 14-21 for Model A Ford restorations. The recipient must have a car project that they are currently working on in order to be considered. The award program has been in existence since 1994 and the awards are made annually. There is no guarantee that the award will go toward a Louisiana recipient, but it is nationwide. Lesia asked if everyone was ok with the money not going to a Louisiana organization. Faye suggested that every club appoint a member to research area high schools to see if they offer automotive classes. James then said the board needs to vote on whether we are okay with Baton Rouge giving the donation to the Model A Youth Restoration Award even though there is no guarantee the money will go toward a Louisiana recipient for the year 2025. Wally made a motion with Bart seconding and the vote passed.

Evangeline has not given their donation away yet.

Archivists: James informed the board that Susan Slovacek contacted him and is resigning her position on the board as archivist. He has talked with Perry Richardson and Perry is considering taking on that role and will inform James of his decision.

Regional Dues: Harry has talked with James and asked that James bring to the board that regional dues be discontinued for the 2026 year and revisit before the 2027 year whether to reinstate. James informed the group that the regional budget is in a good financial position. Harry said the majority of the money spent is for mailing out The Duster to members who do not have emails, the awards for point earning events, and gifts at Christmas. James asked Lesia how many members do not have emails. Lesia said 9 or 10 members do not have emails that she has to mail to. James asked if we should charge the members that do not have an email the \$7 dues in 2026 and it was agreed that the administrative burden was not worth collecting the money. Whitney made a motion with Faye seconding to discontinue \$7 dues for the 2026 year only and revisit discussion before the 2027 year, and the vote passed.

National Tour: Whitney asked to speak to members about hosting a national tour. Marty Roth, former national board member, asked Whitney to bring to this discussion to the board. According to Marty, the national board has cancelled the Founder's tours for 2026 and 2027 on a national level because the states scheduled to host has declined to host. Marty also said the national board seems to be more concerned with car shows than tours. Marty would like the Louisiana Region to consider hosting a national tour. Faye made motion table the discussion for a later date because there is no way the region can plan a national tour for 2026. James asked if any chapter is willing to take on a national tour for 2026. No chapter is willing.

Charlie asked to speak a few minutes about his concerns. He is concerned that the region is considering doing away with point earning events or even doing less tours. After he shared his concerns, Lesia asked him if he had any suggestions to address these concerns that everyone can agree to. He did not have anything but just wanted to say he had concerns about the discussions.

James asked for motion to adjourn the regional board meeting. Wally made a motion with Leo seconding. James adjourned the meeting.

Minutes Continued:

Louisiana Tour Rotation:

2025 – Horseless Carriage
2026 – Baton Rouge
2027 – Evangeline
2028 – Contraband
2029 – Lagniappe
2030 – Cenla

Chapter Tours:

2025 – Contraband and Lagniappe
2026 – Cenla
2027 – Lagniappe
2028 – Cenla and Baton Rouge
2029 – Evangeline
2030 – Contraband and Baton Rouge

Drive and Dine:

1st quarter 2025 – Lagniappe
2nd quarter 2025 -Cenla
3rd quarter 2025– Contraband
4th quarter 2025 - Evangeline
2026 rotation starts over

MEMBERSHIP MEETING:

Jack Wade with Horseless Carriage started the banquet with the Pledge of Allegience and a prayer. After thanking everyone for attending and thanking all his members for their hard work putting tour on, he turned the meeting over to James to address AACB business. James thanked Horseless Carriage and its members for the successful tour.

James informed the group that the 2026 regional dues of \$7 per member will be suspended for the year 2026 and will be revisited before the year 2027. He also listed the quarterly drive and dine rotation. James then asked all past regional presidents in attendance to stand and be recognized. James informed everyone that the next Louisiana Tour will be held in 2026 with Baton Rouge hosting. Wally said he was looking at maybe having the tour in the Gonzales area.

James reminded everyone of the upcoming regional picnic to be held on June 7th at Chicot State Park. Everyone is responsible for bringing their own food and drinks. He also pointed out that the Thanksgiving Tour will be in Nacogdoches, Texas on November 18-23 and if anyone needs further information to contact Lesia Lass.

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Performance Specialist
By: Ted Drott

Recently, I took a forty-five minute ride down I-10 to Beaumont, Texas. Larry Rewerts, Tommy Little, Dr. Harry Kleinman and myself were given the opportunity to meet Dan Finn. His name is probably not readily recognizable and chances are you probably have never heard of him unless you follow the racing community. Dan mainly specializes in carburetor and fuel injection systems involving fuel systems from stock to high performance.

Nestled off I-10 in a small industrial park, you will find a small gray unpretentious metal shot gun building. It is a business you would probably drive by and never notice unless you're looking for it. Driving up to his front door, you'll notice a small modest sign saying "Performance Specialists". This sign does not give you any indication of the vast amount of expertise you are about to meet.

As we entered his business, we found a medium built, soft-spoken man that you could tell right away had lived a full experienced life. He stood up from his desk and greeted us with a smile and a handshake. By looking at him, you would never suspect he used to be a vital part of AJ Folt and his racing team as a mechanic. We found out his knowledge of building race cars far exceeds most mechanics ability and knowledge.

We introduced ourselves one by one and settled in around his desk. With the smell of coffee in the atmosphere, he began to explain the services he offered and telling us of common problems that always seem to arise with fuel systems. Slowly, in an orderly fashion emerged questions from our own fuel problems. Dan was gracious enough to answer our questions with sound solutions. We soon realized that he had practical knowledge and experience that only visionary racers have. It was also reassuring to know if we had problems in the future we knew who to go to.

Larry Rewerts, who was with us, thought ahead and brought his Toyota two barrel with anticipation that Dan might be able to look at it and possibly fix it. Dan looked at it, analyzed it, and told Larry the solution of what was wrong and how to fix it. He said he would fix it but would take some time.

I also brought an unserviceable Holly four barrel that I bought several years ago but it never performed correctly. I have made quite a few attempts with Holly's support team for answers but with no avail. They were never able to fix it and I just chalked it up as an expensive mistake.

Performance Specialists Continued

I brought the carburetor in from the truck. Dan looked at it, flipped it from side to side and with an ease of certainty told me it was an easy fix. We were all surprised when he quickly made the adjustments and put it on his test engine to verify his results. Within a few minutes the carburetor ran like a "chicken on fire". It was amazing!

Dan also mentioned that a lot of customers will send him their engine information and a new carburetor still in the box to have him set it up before they race.

In conclusion, it was truly a pleasure to meet such an interesting and knowledgeable person and I want to thank him for taking the time away from his work to explain and show us what he does.

Below is his contact information in case you might need his services in the future.

Dan Finn
790 Delmar
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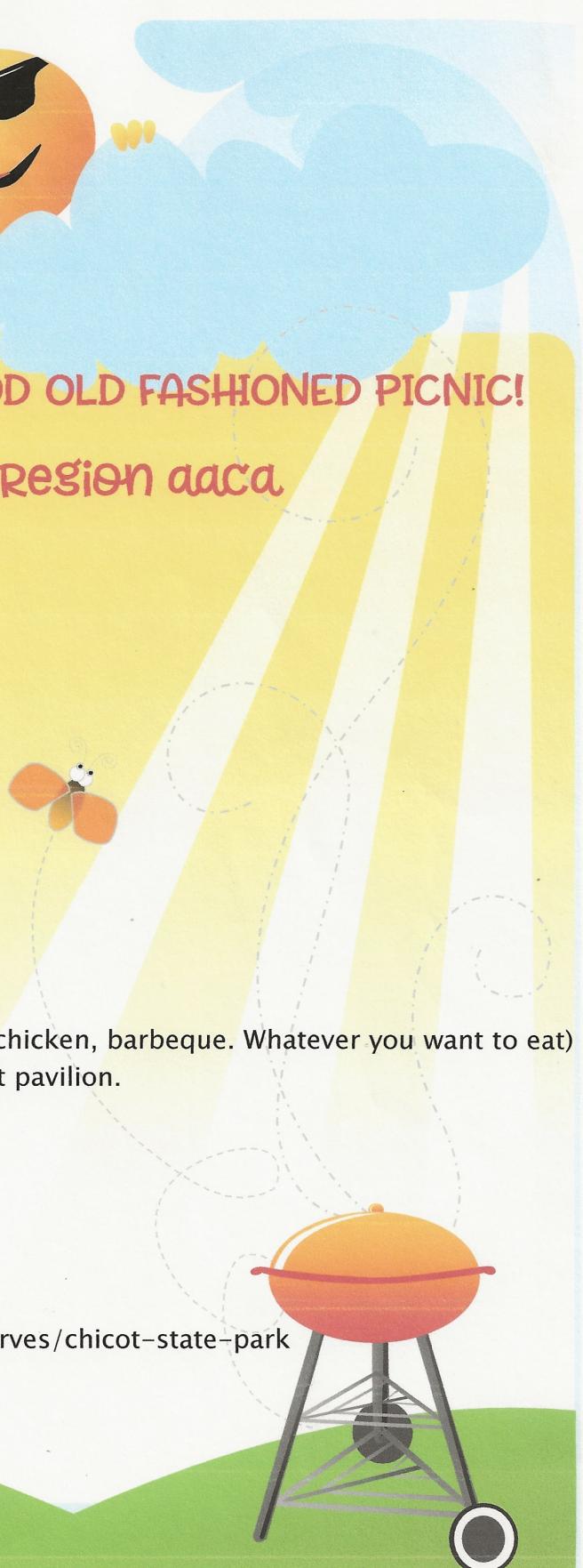
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1988 Avanti Convertible



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.

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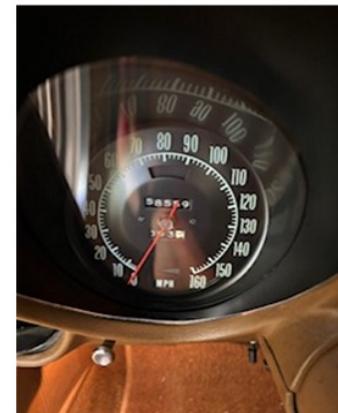
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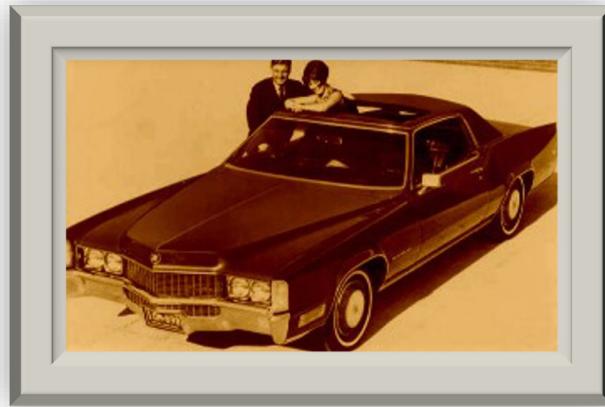
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Trivia Question!

Q: In what model year did Cadillac introduce the first electric sun-roof?

A: 1969



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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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