



THE HEADLINER



CENLA OLD CAR CLUB

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PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

What a great start of 2026 for the club. We had one of the largest attendance at our January club meeting. We also had great club participation at our first club activity for 2026. On Jan. 17th, we had a drive to Stelly’s in Lebeau for lunch and a stop at Griffin’s in Bunkie on the way back for dessert.

We kick off February with a breakfast at the Experimental Aircraft Club at Lake Buhlow on Saturday, February 7th. Then on Friday, February 13th for those who wish to participate, we ride in the Alexandria Cheerleader and Classic Car Parade. We end the month on February 21st with a drive to the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame in Natchitoches and a lunch at Grayson’s Bar B Que in Clarence. Just the start of a very active 2026! I can’t wait to hear more suggestions for locations you would like to visit this year.

January ends with some really cold weather. I hope everyone makes it through this frigid weather without any problems.

Hope to see everyone on February 3rd at Golden Corral for our February meeting. If the weather is nice drive, your classic car to the meeting.

COCC President

Leo Dobard

February Meeting

Tuesday, February 3rd

6:00 p.m.

Golden Corral
Alexandria, LA

Upcoming Drive and Dine Schedule:

1st quarter 2026—March 14th, Fezzo’s in Broussard Lagniappe

2nd quarter 2026
Cenla

3rd quarter 2026
Contraband

4th quarter 2026
Evangeline

**CENLA OLD CAR CLUB January 6, 2026—Golden Corral Restaurant Alexandria**

Meeting called to order by Leo Dobard, President at 6:00 p.m. Clarence Filipi led opening prayer. Chris Stanley led the group in the pledge.

**Meeting
Minutes**

SECRETARY'S REPORT: By Lesia Lass, motion to accept the minutes as published in the newsletter by Clarence Filipi, seconded by Tony King. Approved by members.

TREASURER'S REPORT: By James Lass, complete treasury report was given. Motion to accept by Herb Comeaux, seconded by Jackie Brown. Approved by members.

FAMILY NOTES: Clarence gave an update on Dwight Rachal, former member. Dwight is in a nursing home in Pollock suffering from dementia.

Leo shared all the January birthdays.

CLUB BUSINESS:

Leo shared that he had some things planned for the start of 2026: On Saturday, Jan. 17th the club will drive to Stelly's in Lebeau for lunch and then drive to Griffin's in Bunkie for dessert. Lesia will send an email out for a headcount. We will meet at 10:15 a.m. at Leebo's in Lecompte on Hwy. 71 S, with plans to leave promptly at 10:30 a.m.

On Saturday, Feb. 7th the club will go to the Experimental Aircraft Assoc. breakfast at Lake Buhlow. Meet at 7:45 a.m. at YNot Stop by Buhlow with plans to leave promptly at 8:00 a.m. Lesia will send out reminder email.

On Friday, Feb. 13th, we will participate in Alexandria's Cheerleaders and Classic Car Mardi Gras Parade. Lesia will send out an email for headcount and plans on time and place to meet.

On Saturday, Feb. 21st, we will go to the La. Sports Hall of Fame in Natchitoches then to lunch at Grayson's Bar B Que in Clarence, La.

Other places suggested to visit is the museum in New Llano and the museum in Winnfield; Borden's Ice Cream in Lafayette, and the Orphan Museum in Opelousas.

Car Club Upcoming Activities:

- ◆ The 1st quarter regional drive and dine is hosted by Lagniappe on Saturday, March 14th in Broussard at Fezzo's Restaurant.
- ◆ Cenla has the 2nd quarter regional drive and dine. Leo said he is looking at doing this in June.
- ◆ Baton Rouge Chapter is hosting the 2026 La. Tour in Gonzales. Registration forms are in the newsletter, sent in email, and on our website. Deadline to register is April 15. Make sure to send in both forms to Wally.
- ◆ Cenla will be hosting a fall regional tour. Leo said he is looking at doing this in September and possibly doing a rally.

Local Car Shows:

Jan. 10—Car Show for Lydia, Natchitoches

50/50 Drawing:

Teri Comeaux won the 50/50 drawing.

Motion to Adjourn:

Jackie Brown adjourn with Madeline Hensell seconding. Leo adjourned the meeting.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE: Yvon & Rena Batson, Herb & Teri Comeaux, Leo Dobard, Paul & Christine Drerup, Clarence & Jessie Filipi, Barney Ford, Pam Gorden, Merle & Madeline Hensell, Richard Kotynia, Frances Taylor, James & Lesia Lass, Judy McClaran, Jackie Brown, Tony King, Randy & Judy Miller, Mike & Willie Mae Mote, Rodger & Loretta Peters, James & Doris Raila, Chris & Lori Stanley, Ron Trahan, Bill Tull and Jim & Lynda Waters.

Guests were Bob Thomas (Judy McClaran).

**February Birthdays:**

Scott Crooks—2/3

Judy McClaran—2/3

James Raila—2/4

Paul Drerup—2/12

**February- Anniversaries:**

Clarence & Jessie Filipi—2/5

Car Trivia:

Q: What's the only car to appear simultaneously on the covers of Time and Newsweek



A: The Ford Mustang appeared on the covers of both *Times* and *Newsweek* magazine in April 1964. Released during the New York World's Fair, these simultaneous features highlighted the car's immediate status as a cultural phenomenon and an American icon

Q: What was the lowest priced mass produced American car?



A: The 1925 Ford Model T Runabout. Cost \$260, \$5 less than 1924.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Feb. 7	Cars & Coffee	Alexandria, LA
Feb. 13	Mardi Gras Classic Car Parade	Alexandria, LA
March 6-7	Midway Mega Show	Washington Parish Fair grounds
*March 11	Washington 5th Annual Car Show	Washington, LA
March 14	1st Qtr. Drive & Dine	Broussard, LA
*March 14	New Roads Car Show	New Roads, LA
*March 14	Cruzin at the Crest	West Monroe, LA
*April 11	Southern Forest Heritage Museum	Longleaf, LA
*May 1-2	2026 Louisiana Tour	Gonzales, LA

*Flyers

Do you have a date for Valentine's Day?

Of course! February 14th!

2026 NATIONAL TOURS

**February 5-7, 2026 – Annual Convention/National Awards – Westfields Marriott
Washington Dulles, Chantilly, VA – 717-534-1910**

**March 19-21, 2026 – Special Nationals – Guaynabo, Puerto Rico – hosted by Puerto
Rico Region**

**March 26-28, 2026 – Winter Nationals – Cartersville, GA – hosted by Lake Allatoona Re-
gion**

**April 9-11, 2026 – Southeastern Spring Nationals – Charlotte, NC – hosted by Hornets
Nest Region**

**April 23-25, 2026 – Annual Grand Nationals/Western Spring Nationals – Las Vegas, NV
– hosted by Las Vegas Region**

**May 28-30, 2026 – Eastern Spring Nationals – Indiana, PA – hosted by Shannock Valley
Region**

**June 11-13, 2026 – Southeastern Fall Nationals – Oak Ridge, TN – hosted by Volunteer
Region**

**June 15-19, 2026 – Sentimental Tour – Mechanicsburg, PA – hosted by Pontiac-Oakland
Worldwide Region**

July 23-25, 2026 – Central Spring Nationals – Green Bay, WI

**August 19-22, 2026 – Annual Grand Nationals / Zenith Awards – Allentown, PA – 717-
534-1910**

**September 9-14, 2026 – Founders Tour (1932-2001) – Williams-
burg, VA – hosted by Historic VA Peninsula Region**

**September 20-26, 2026 – Revival AAA Glidden Tour (Pre-1943) –
Dover, DE**

**October 6-9, 2026 – Eastern Fall Nationals – Hershey, PA – host-
ed by Hershey Region**





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Application for 2026 Membership

DATE _____	SPONSOR of New Member
MEMBER NO. _____	
Name of Applicant _____	
Address _____	
City _____ State _____ Zip _____	
Phone Number _____ Cell _____	
NAME	
ADDRESS	
City/State/Zip	
Membership Number	

Applicant's Birthday _____ Do you carry Liability and Property Damage Insurance on your automobile? ___Yes___No

Applicant's Signature _____ Children Names(optional) _____

E-Mail Address _____

Spouse's Name _____ Spouse's Birthday _____ Anniversary Date _____

Antique Vehicles Owned _____

MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP.....\$58.00
Enjoys voting privileges, receives the following publications: ANTIQUE AUTOMOBILE MAGAZINE, THE COCC NEWSLETTER, AND THE REGIONAL NEWSLETTER, is eligible to exhibit cars and compete for National Prizes and Awards..

JOINT MEMBERSHIP.....\$58.00
In addition to the publications and rights for INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS, both member and spouse enjoy voting privileges.

DUES BILLED ANNUALLY

COCC membership dues include **LOCAL (13.00)**, **REGIONAL (free)** and **NATIONAL (\$45.00)**. Dues are billed annually and continuing membership in COCC requires full payment of dues (\$58.00) by December 15th. Memberships beginning after November 1 of 2025, will apply to the 2026 calendar year. There is no pro-ration of fees for late memberships, and no back issues of the magazines or newsletters are supplied except at extra cost.

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY

INDIVIDUAL or JOINT: \$58.00

AMOUNT _____ DATE _____
BY: _____

Make Checks Payable To: COCC
Mail To:
James Lass, Treasurer
4046 Old Marksville Hwy.
Pineville, LA. 71360

Revised for 2026 membership.



THE 2026 LOUISIANA TOUR

MAY 1ST & 2ND 2026

The tour will be based out of the **Clarion Inn 1500 W. Highway 30, Gonzales, La. 70737 (225) 285-4614**

Request room rate for **1844 LA Regional Antique Tour** of \$92.00 plus tax per night

Friday and Saturday dinners served by Mike Anderson Restaurant on site

FRIDAY: We plan to line up around 1:30 pm and convoy over to **SUGARFIELD SPIRITS** located in Gonzales for a tour of the facilities and tasting for some of the spirits they produce on site. You can return the Hotel (if you can drive) at your own pace. Then meet with friends and rest up for dinner. **Please chose your dinner meal on the attached menu and return to Wally before April 15th, 2026.**

Saturday: We plan on line up and leaving AT 9:00am and will travel to Tiger Stadium for a tour of the working of **Tiger Stadium**. After the tour we will head South on Hwy 30 to have a **Dutch Treat** lunch at **Istrouma Eatery and Brewery** in St. Gabriel, La. After lunch we will hop over to River Road to Carville, to view the National Hansen’s Museum and then take a driving tour of the facilities. After which we will return to the hotel so the Region’s board can hold their semi- annual meeting while the rest up or enjoy the hotel facility and or the Mike Anderson’s Bar.

Please chose your dinner meal on the attached menu and return to Wally before April 15th, 2026.

Please Print all the follow required information:

Drivers Name: _____ Age: _____ AACA member No. _____

Address: _____ City, State & Zip _____

Phone (H) _____ Cell _____ Email _____

Passenger 1: _____ City, State, & Zip _____

Passenger 2: _____ City, State, & Zip _____

Passenger 3: _____ City, State, & Zip _____

YEAR: _____ MAKE: _____ Body Type: _____ Color: _____

Auto Insurance Co. _____ Policy # _____

AACA is dedicate to the preservation of antique automobiles. For this tour All years 25 years and older and countries accepted.

Registration Fee:	Cost:	Number	Total:
One Vehicle and Driver:	__\$89.00	_____	_____
Each Passenger:	__\$89.00	_____	_____
		Grand Total	_____

Make Checks Payable to BRAACA Please also include meal choses form the attached menu for both nights.

Mail Checks to: Wally Waguespack 15944 Chickmauga Av. St. George, La. 70817

THE 2026 LOUISIANA TOUR DINNER MENU

Driver Passenger 1 Passenger 2 Passenger 3

Friday:w

House Salad-

Fresh Garden Salad Tossed in House dressing _____

Main:

Grilled chicken Caesar Salad : Fresh Romaine Lettuce _____
and croutons tossed in Caesar dressing topped with
Grilled chicken Breast

Marinated Chicken Breasts: Chicken Breast _____
Marinated Sweet & Spicy, served with Garlic Bread
and Steamed Vegetables

Fried Catfish Plate: (5) Golden Fried Catfish Strips _____
served with stuffed potato & hushpuppies

Fried Shrimp Plate: (5) Golden Fried Gulf Shrimp _____
served with stuffed potato & hushpuppies

Saturday:

House Salad- Fresh Garden Salad Tossed in House dressing _____

Main:

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and croutons tossed in Caesar dressing topped with
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Driver Please sign approved menu choices: _____

The logo for the Midway Mega Show features the word "Midway" in a large, red, stylized font with a gold, beaded border. Below it, the words "Mega Show" are written in a white, outlined, serif font with a drop shadow effect.

March 6-7, 2026

Washington Parish Fairgrounds

www.facebook.com/events/1471001484324785

We're excited to announce the 4th Annual Midway Mega Show! Mark your calendars for March 6–7, 2026 and get ready for two incredible days filled with stunning rides, great people, and that unbeatable car show energy. Whether you're a long-time participant or brand new, this year's show is one you won't want to miss.

Stay tuned for more details on pre-registration, featured events, and special surprises—we've got some exciting things in the works!

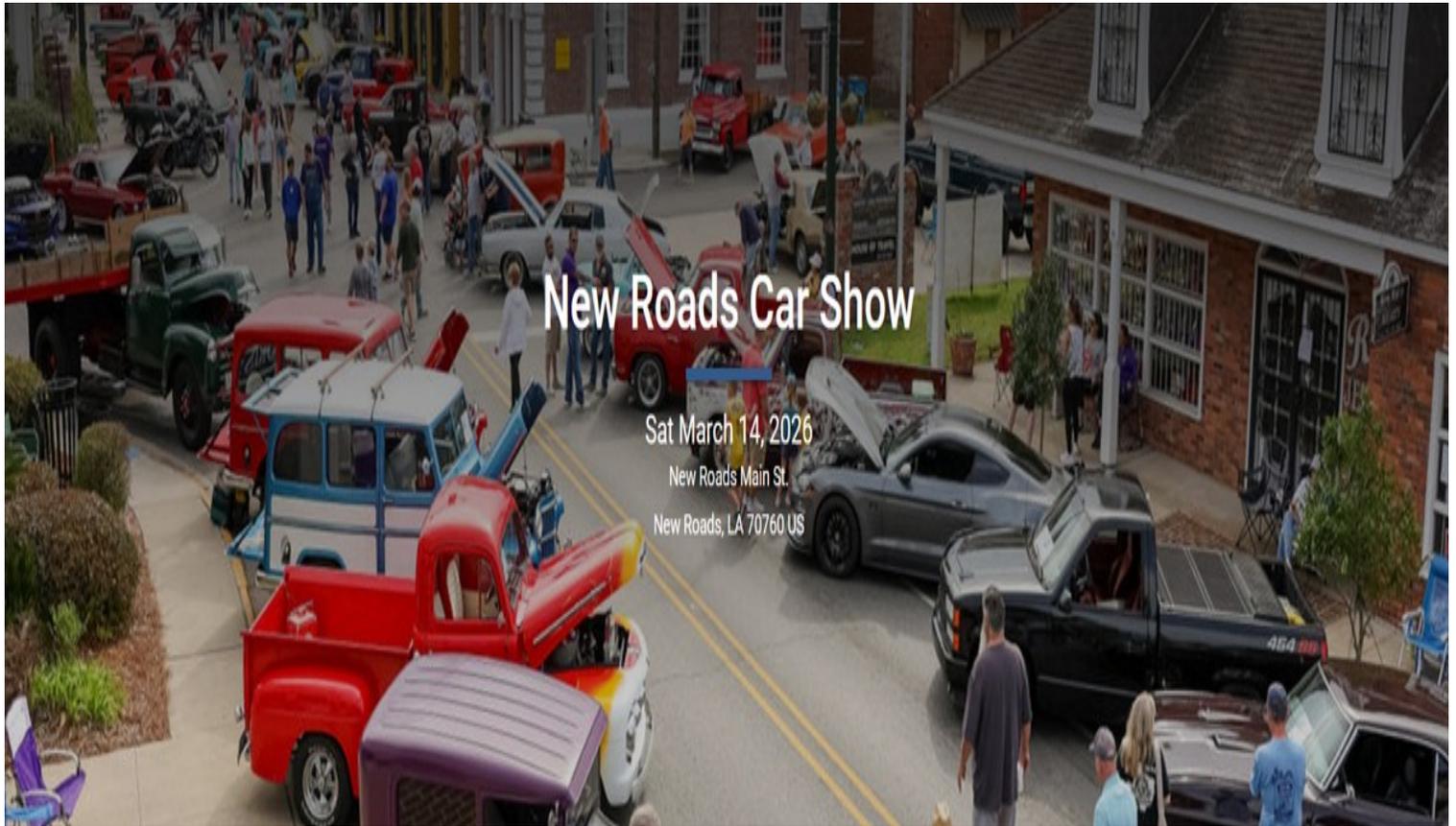
We are now accepting SPONSORS and VENDORS as our first rounds of flyers will be going out at the end of this month!

If you have any questions please feel free to reach out!

Brady Mitchell

985-516-9819

midwaymegashow@gmail.com



Join us for a vibrant day of community celebration, classic cars, and entertainment at the 16th Annual Spring Street Festival and Car Show, hosted by the City of New Roads and New Roads Main Street. This fun-filled event takes place on Saturday, March 14, 2025, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. along Main Street.

Celebrate local talent, enjoy live music with Cajun Sounds by Dylan, and participate in our exciting 50/50 Mega Raffle benefiting Pointe Coupee Homebound & Hospice. With over 300 participants and more than 2,000 visitors, this event brings a positive economic impact to our community and is a favorite for car enthusiasts and families alike.

Register by February 22nd for a guaranteed complimentary tee!

Follow link to sign up (\$32.24 PLUS \$2.24 fee) www.newroadscarshow.com



1st Annual

Cruzin at The Crest

Car, Truck, & Bike Show



March 14, 2026
10am-2pm



Cedar Crest Baptist Church
3245 Arkansas Rd. WM

Hosted By



14 different show classes

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Cruzin at The Crest

Cedar Crest

West Monroe, La

WASHINGTON COMMUNITY FESTIVAL

5TH ANNUAL CAR SHOW



REGISTRATION 8AM - 10AM

REGISTRATION \$25

AWARDS AT 2PM

CLASS 1: MODELS 1989 AND OLDER CARS

CLASS 2: MODELS 1989 AND OLDER TRUCKS

CLASS 3: MODELS 1990 AND NEWER

ADDITIONAL AWARDS:

TOP 30

MAYOR'S CHOICE

BEST IN SHOW

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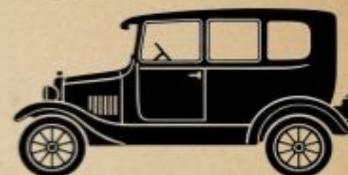
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CAR SHOW AWARDS**

SATURDAY APRIL 11th 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

ADMISSION SPECTATORS \$10 per car

CAR SHOW PARTICIPANTS \$25 per car



PREREGISTRATION →

Or register at the gate



77 Longleaf Rd. Longleaf, LA

Saturday, Jan. 17, 2026

Stelly's in Lebeau & Griffins in Bunkie







CONTACT US

Please let us know about YOUR event. Send me your flyer and info:

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