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President's Message

Fall has arrived in full force with the beautiful weather and all the activities! Big shoutout to the Lagniappe Chapter for their successful fall tour. Sorry I had to back out of attending due to a family matter but I understand everyone had a great time. Thank you to all who worked planning the tour and all who attended.

Also thank you to the Evangeline Chapter, and Jim and Marguerite Ortego for opening their family garage for the fourth quarter drive and dine. Even though the weather was pretty bad that day, we had a good turnout and as always the food and fellowship was top notch.

To close out our 2025 year, we have the following:

- 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. Flyer in this issue.

The Baton Rouge Chapter has been planning the tour for May 1 & 2, 2026 (see the flyer in this issue - it's two pages). It looks to have some fun activities for everyone. Please get those registrations mailed into Wally as soon as possible (deadline April 15, 2026) and don't forget to make your hotel reservations.

I strongly encourage members to invite guest to these events so they can see how much fun our club members are having. Finally, as we finish out the year, everyone should be renewing memberships for the 2026 year. Please help by promptly completing your forms and paying your fees when the officers make them available to you.

God bless,

James Lass

Regional President



Louisiana Region 2025 Point Earning Events

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| 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 |
| November 7-8, 2025 | Lagniappe Fall Tour Houma, LA |

2025 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, AUG. 9TH C'EST BON RESTAU-
RANT, MERMENTAU, LA**

4TH QUARTER—EVANGELINE, OCT. 25, ORTEGO'S HOME

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.

**February 5-7, 2026 – Annual Convention/
National Awards – Westfields Marriott Washing-
ton 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 – Cart-
ersville, GA – hosted by Lake Allatoona Region**

**April 9-11, 2026 – Southeastern Spring Nation-
als – 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 – Me-
chanicsburg, PA – hosted by Pontiac-Oakland
Worldwide Region**

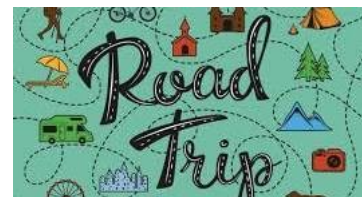
**July 23-25, 2026 – Central Spring Nationals
– Green Bay, WI**

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

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

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

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



Check out our clubs' websites:

<https://contrabandaaca.com/>



<https://evangelinechapteraaca.com/>

<https://cenlaoldcarclub.com/>

<https://louisianaregion.aaca.com/>

Information from Nationals:



Free Region/Chapter Membership Applications:

Four 2026 FREE membership applications have been mailed to your current region/chapter President. These applications can only be used for the recruitment of BRAND NEW AACA NATIONAL MEMBERS and must be signed by a region/chapter representative. These membership forms must be signed by September 1, 2026. All 2025 free membership applications received after September 1, 2025, will be applied to the 2026 member year.

2025 I.C. Kirkham Membership Award

The I.C. Kirkham Membership Award is again up for grabs at the 2026 Annual Convention. This award recognizes the efforts of a region or chapter to grow their membership. Entering the competition is simple. Go to your copy of the Speedster that was emailed to you in September. Fill it out with how many members you had on December 31, 2024, and how many members you gained in 2025. Then write up a short paragraph to share with us what you did in order to increase your membership and email the completed form to general@aaca.org. A committee will review and select the applicant with the largest percentage increase, along with the best narrative. The deadline to apply is December 1, 2025.

is YOUR Chapter Prepared to Recruit New Members?

When your region or chapter holds a local car show, that is your best opportunity to recruit new members. The people attending your show are there because they already have an interest in antique cars. If your event is open to non-members, those who have registered and are showing their cars are already willing to participate. These are the folks you should be engaging about how much you enjoy being an AACA member and that they should think about joining.

Now, don't be caught empty-handed at this point! Make sure your region/chapter has something to hand out to potential new members. When you are planning your event, be sure to reach out to National Headquarters to get a supply of materials to help you.

All of these items are available to you at no charge:

- **AACA National Membership Brochure**
- **AACA National Membership Application**
- **Mustang Car Cutouts**
- **AACA National Military Membership Application**

To request a supply of these items, please [email Karen](mailto:kwhite@aaca.org) at kwhite@aaca.org and include your region, address where you would like the items mailed to and the date of your event.



Come for the Cars, Stay for the People.

- Celebrating vehicles 25 years and older
- AACA is one of the largest and most inclusive car clubs in the world with more than 40,000 members
- Ownership of an antique vehicle is not required for membership





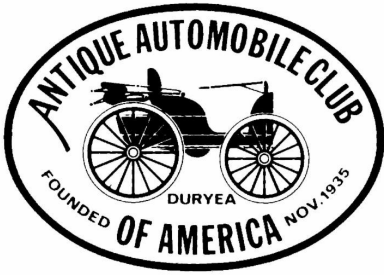
Freddie and Celeste Hebert (Lagniappe Chapter) had their 1961 Cadillac selected to be featured on the 2025 Cruisin' the Coast Bourbon bottle! What an honor!



Freddie with the man that they bought the car from 13 years ago. He came to get his copy of the bottle.



Freddie autographing a bottle for Evelyn & Buddy Whitney.



2026 Membership Renewal Time

It's 2026 Membership Renewal Time

It's our busiest time of the year here at AACA Headquarters – it's membership renewal time! The first renewal notice for 2026 dues will be included in the September/October mailing package of Antique Automobile.

Members can also use the online renewal option on our website. Renewing online is quick and easy! Just log in with your membership number and pin number, review the information currently listed on your membership record and make changes if necessary. Review your information one more time and click on credit card. Payment options include Visa, MasterCard or Discover. Your payment will automatically update your membership record.

Antique Automobile Club of America

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LOUISIANA REGION CHRISTMAS PARTY SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2025

Board Meeting at 11:00 sharp
Meal and General Membership meeting follows at 12:00

Blackened Fish Etoufee (seasoned filet over a bed of rice, smothered with crawfish etouffee)

Fried Shrimp and Crab Cake Combo (6 fried shrimp, 1 crab cake, stuffed potato)

Hamburger Steak (fresh ground chuck, seasoned and formed, covered with brown gravy, served with stuffed potato)

Price includes meal, salad, bread, bread pudding dessert, soft drink, or tea, tax and tip
Alcoholic beverages are charged separately

Deadline: November 14, 2025

James Lass 318-308-3582

Blackened Fish Etoufee qty _____ @ \$34 _____

Fried Shrimp and Crab Cake Combo qty _____ @ \$34 _____

Hamburger Steak qty _____ @ \$34 _____

Name _____ Chapter _____

Name _____ Phone _____

Payable to Louisiana Region AACA
Mail to: James Lass, 4046 Old Marksville Hwy., Pineville, LA 71360



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) 450-6999

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 to line up and leaving AT 9:00am and will travel to Tiger Stadium for a walking tour 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 _____

THE 2026 LOUISIANA TOUR DINNER MENU

Driver Passenger 1 Passenger 2 Passenger 3

Friday

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

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Driver Please sign approved menu choices: _____

LAGNIAPPE FALL TOUR 2025—HOUMA, LOUISIANA





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

1957 Studebaker Silver Hawk

289 engine, AC, like new tires, runs great, 66,300 miles

Asking \$25,000

Contact Faye Drake

Cell 337-794-5678

fayedrake@sbcglobal.net



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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