



THE HEADLINER



CENLA OLD CAR CLUB

"LOOKING AHEAD"

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hope all made it through the month of March alright. We experienced all four seasons during the month. Started with warm days and budding trees to temperature in the 30's with gusts of winds as high as 40MPH. I am looking forward to saying goodbye to March.

I would like to thank Lagniappe for hosting the first quarter Drive & Dine at Fezzo's in Broussard. As usual, the food and company was great. Looking forward to ending the month of March with our club's drive to the Gothic Jail in DeRidder with lunch at Cecil's Cajun Kitchen.

Hope to see everyone on April 7th at the Golden Corral for our monthly meeting. If the weather is nice drive, your classic car to the meeting.

March Meeting
Tuesday, April 7th
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, Cajun Catfish
Ville Platte

3rd quarter 2026
Contraband

4th quarter 2026
Evangeline

COCC President

Leo Dobard



Meeting Minutes

CENLA OLD CAR CLUB March 3, 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.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT: By James Lass, complete treasury report was given. Motion to accept by Clarence Filipi, seconded by Madeline Tull. Approved by members.

FAMILY NOTES:

Leo shared all the March birthdays and anniversaries.

CLUB BUSINESS:

Leo reminded the club that we need to do our scholarship/donation to a school or club in accordance with regional. We have \$200 to donate with the region matching \$200. He suggested contacting Tioga High School to make sure they have an automotive department/class and see if they are interested. The club took a vote on this and everyone agreed to contact Tioga High School.

On Saturday, March 14th, Lagniappe Chapter will host the regional drive and dine at Fizzo's in Broussard. Lesia will send out a reminder and headcount email closer to the date. We will meet at the Burger King on I49 Forest Hill Exit at 9:10 a.m., leaving promptly at 9:20.

On March 21, Forest Hill is having a festival parade in conjunction with the Forest Hill Nursery Festival. Those interested in participating will need to meet at 9 a.m., leaving at 10:00 a.m.

On March 28th, the club will be driving to DeRidder to tour the Gothic Jail and have lunch afterwards at Cecil's Kitchen. Lesia will send out an email for a headcount and meeting instructions.

On June 13th, Cenla will host the 2nd quarter regional drive and dine to Cajun Catfish in Ville Platte. Richard Kotynia contacted the restaurant already. Meals will be \$25 per person.

Leo asked for suggestions for an April activity. He had originally thought of visiting Fort Polk but that fell through. It was suggested looking at the orphanage museum in Opelousas.

Minutes of Meeting Continued:**Car Club Upcoming Activities:**

March 14 First Quarter Drive & Dine Feezo's in Broussard

May 1 & 2 La. Tour in Gonzales

June 13 Cenla 2nd Quarter Drive & Dine Cajun Catfish in Ville Platte

July 11 Classic Car Appreciation Luncheon Regatta Restaurant in Lake Arthur

Sept. 18 & 19 Cenla Old Car Rally

Local Car Shows:

March 7 Cars & Coffee

March 14—New Roads Car Show

March 20-21—Forest Hill Nursery Festival

March 21—Cruisin Cajun

March 28—Hub City Ford Lafayette Car Show

Car Story:

When the club went to the La. Sports Hall of Fame in Natchitoches, Chris Stanley locked his keys in his car.

50/50 Drawing:

Madeline Hensell won the 50/50 drawing.

Motion to Adjourn:

Paul Drerup made motion to adjourn with Tony King seconding. Leo adjourned the meeting.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE: Herb & Teri Comeaux, Leo Dobard, Paul & Christine Drerup, Clarence & Jessie Filipi, Merle & Madeline Hensell, Anthony King, James Lass, Richard Kotynia, Frances Taylor, Judy McClaran, Randy & Judy Miller, Mike Mote, Rodger & Loretta Peters, James & Doris Raila, Chris Stanley, Vince Tallo, Bob Thomas, Ron Trahan, and Jim Waters.



April Birthdays:

Lynda Waters—4/6

Glen Thompson—4/8

Chris Stanley—4/9

Liz Ford—4/12

Merle Hensell—4/23

Vince Tallo—4/28

Tawney Tallo—4/30



April Anniversaries:

Richard & Deborah Humphries—4/2

Jim & Lynda Waters—4/15

Scott & Kelli Crooks—4/16

Vince & Tawney Tallo—4/29

Car Trivia:

Q: Who wrote to Henry Ford, "I have drove fords exclusively when I could get away with one. It has got every other car skinned, and even if my business hasn't been strictly legal it don't hurt anything to tell you what a fine car you got in the V-8"?



A: Clyde Barrow (of Bonnie and Clyde) in 1934

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 4	Cars & Coffee	Alexandria, LA
April 18	Cars & Coffee	Pineville, LA
*April 11	Camp Pollock Car Show	Pollock, LA
*April 11	Southern Forest Heritage Museum	Longleaf, LA
*May 23	Cruisin for Kindness	Pineville, LA
*May 1-2	2026 Louisiana Tour	Gonzales, LA
*June 6	Krewe La Vie De Belle Parking In the Pines	Dry Prong, LA
*Aug. 1	Cruisin Back in Time	Bunkie, LA

*Flyers



- Did you hear about the goats that got in trouble for playing pranks on April Fools'? It turned out to be a couple of kids.
- Two guys walk into a bar on April Fools' Day. The third one ducked.

2026 NATIONAL TOURS

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) – Williamsburg, 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 – hosted by Hershey Region





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ALEXANDRIA, LOUISIANA
ANTIQUE AUTOMOBILE CLUB OF AMERICA, INCORPORATED**
America's oldest and Largest Automotive Historical Society
Ownership of an automobile not prerequisite of membership

**Application for 2026 Membership**

DATE _____ MEMBER NO. _____ Name of Applicant _____ Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone Number _____ Cell _____ Applicant's Birthday _____ Applicant's Signature _____ E-Mail Address _____ Spouse's Name _____ Spouse's Birthday _____ Anniversary Date _____ Antique Vehicles Owned _____	SPONSOR of New Member NAME _____ ADDRESS _____ City/State/Zip _____ Membership Number _____ Do you carry Liability and Property Damage Insurance on your automobile? ___Yes___No Children Names(optional) _____
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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



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

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House Salad- Fresh Garden Salad Tossed in House dressing

Main:

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Grilled chicken Breast

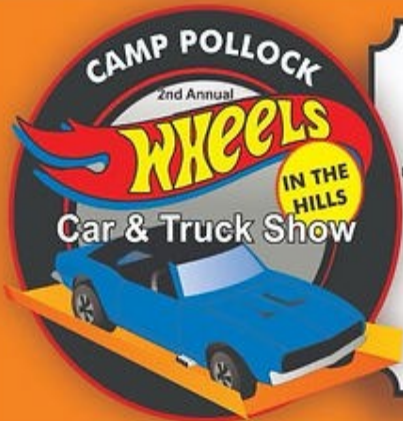
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Driver Please sign approved menu choices: _____



CAR & TRUCK SHOW

SAT. APRIL 11th 8am to 2pm

WHEELS IN THE HILLS CAR & TRUCK SHOW 

Louisiana Congregational Ministries of the church

Pollock Campground Car Show

Our camp ground reaches 100's of youth each year and for a very nominal amount. There are a lot of great volunteers that donate their time each year. We look forward to having a great show. The entry fee is \$25 per vehicle, and we will have some of the coolest handmade trophies you have ever seen. We have 25 different classes of cars. We hope to see you there!



SOUTHERN FOREST HERITAGE MUSEUM



2026 CAR SHOW



**SAWMILL &
ENGINE HOUSE
TOURS**

**FOOD & VENDORS
TRAIN & MODEL T RIDES
CAR SHOW AWARDS**

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

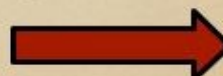
ADMISSION SPECTATORS \$10 per car

CAR SHOW PARTICIPANTS \$25 per car



PREREGISTRATION

Or register at the gate



77 Longleaf Rd. Longleaf. LA

Cruising For **KINDNESS** CAR SHOW

MAY 23, 2026

LAKE BUHLOW • PINEVILLE, LA

9AM - 2PM



ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT:



**Ronald McDonald
Charity House**

® Building Hope, One Family at a Time.

LOCATION: LAKE BUHLOW • PINEVILLE, LA

TIME: 9:00AM - 2:00PM



CARS WITH A PURPOSE. COMMUNITY WITH HEART.

Krewe La Vie De Belle
2nd Annual
Parking In the Pines
Classic Car • Truck • Bike Show

June 6th, 2026
Dry Prong, LA (Next to Cougar Stop)
21449 Hwy 167
More Details Coming Soon! Mark Those Calendars!!

\$20 pre-registration

\$25 the day of the show



NO REGISTRATION FEE
\$5,000 in CASH PRIZES

Drawings for registered
car show participants.
20 winners of
\$250 CASH!

2nd Annual Car Show

Saturday, August 1, 2026
302 SW Main St.
Bunkie, LA

Live Music
Food
Shopping
Free Admission
FAMILY FUN!



SCAN THE CODE TO REGISTER
your vehicle for the Car Show

1st Quarter Regional Drive & Dine

March 14, 2026

Feezo's in Broussard, LA

Hosted by Lagniappe Chapter





*Leo Dobard & Herb Comeaux attended the
2026 Buggin' the Beach in Biloxi, MS March 21
Leo placed in the Top 10 (165 registered Volkswagens)
Congratulations!!*





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Please let us know
about YOUR event.
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and info:

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