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August Meeting

Tuesday, August 4th

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—June 13th
Cenla, Cajun Catfish
Ville Platte

3rd quarter 2026 – August
8th Contraband Knott's Cajun,
Lake Arthur

4th quarter 2026
Evangeline

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Looks like August is going to be just like July, HOT! Tropical storm Bertha visited the state in July. Thankfully we were spared the bad weather here in Cenla. Hopefully the members in the southern part of the state where not affected by the storm.

We had a good turnout for the Classic Car Appreciation Luncheon hosted by Ron Sonnier at the Regatta Restaurant in Lake Arthur on July 11th. Mark your calendar to attend the third quarter Drive & Dine hosted by Contraband at Knott's Cajun and Seafood Restaurant in Lake Arthur on August 8th.

Let's welcome our new members, Mike and Janet Hebert.

Hope to see everyone on August 4th at the Golden Corral. If the weather is nice drive your classic car to the meeting.

COCC President

Leo Dobard



Meeting Minutes

CENLA OLD CAR CLUB July 7, 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 Christine Drerup, seconded by Richard Kotynia. Approved by members.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer's report was suspended until next monthly meeting due to James Lass, treasurer, was out of state on vacation.

FAMILY NOTES:

Merle Hensell had a hip replacement on June 17th.

Vince Tallo had a knee replacement on June 10th.

Teri Comeaux lost a cousin.

CLUB BUSINESS:

2nd quarter Drive and Dine: Leo gave a recap of the second quarter drive and dine hosted by Cenla on June 13 at Cajun Catfish in Ville Platte. We had approximately 88 people from across the region attend. Thanks again to Richard Kotynia for setting up the drive and dine for everyone to attend.

Boy Scouts Troup 6: On June 30th eight cars from our club attended the Boy Scouts meeting. Those that attended were Paul and Christine Drerup, James and Doris Raila and their grandson, Randy Miller, Barney Ford, and Herb and Teri Comeaux.

Classic Car Appreciation Lunch will be on Saturday, July 11th in Lake Arthur. Those from our club that plan to attend will meet at Shipley's Donuts on Masonic Drive at 8:45 a.m., leaving promptly at 9:00.

Fall Tour Update: Leo gave an update on all the activities he has planned for the Fall Tour being held on Sept. 18th & 19th. Leo checked with the hotel and found out that we have 14 rooms booked so far. James will give an update on number of registrants at the next meeting when he returns.

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

**August Contraband planning 3rd quarter drive & dine
Sept. 18 & 19 Cenla Old Car Rally**

Car Story:

Ron Trahan shared that his neighbor has a Camaro-Hennessy for sale. Leo had to rescue Herb from Tyler, Texas when he was visiting his daughter. His Nissan truck broke down.

50/50 Drawing:

Pam Gorden won the 50/50 drawing.

Motion to Adjourn:

Paul Drerup made motion to adjourn with Rodger Peters seconding. Leo adjourned the meeting.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE: Leo Dobard, Paul & Christine Drerup, Pam Gorden, Bill Tull, Richard Kotynia, Frances Taylor, Judy McClaran, Rodger & Loretta Peters, Michael & Willie Mae Mote, Bob Thomas, and Ron Trahan.

SPECIAL THANKS TO CHRISTINE DRERUP FOR TAKING THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING WHILE LESIA WAS ON VACATION!!!!



August Birthdays:
Clarence Filipi - 8/10
Willie Mae Mote - 8/21



August Anniversaries:
James & Lesia Lass – 8/6
Rodger & Loretta Peters - 8/18
Randy & Judy Miller – 8/20
Chris & Lori Stanley -8/24

Car Trivia:

Q: Which of the Chrysler "letter cars" sold the fewest amount?



A: Only 400 1963 300J's were sold (they skipped "I" because it looked like a number 1)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

*Aug. 1

Cruisin Back in Time

Bunkie, LA

*Sept. 26

Ruffians Car & Bike Show

Alexandria, LA

*Flyers



2026 NATIONAL TOURS

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



**CENLA OLD CAR CLUB
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
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Pineville, LA. 71360



LOUISIANA AACA FALL TOUR
Hosted by the CENLA OLD CAR CLUB
September 18-19, 2026
Alexandria, LA



Headquarters: Courtyard By Marriott Hotel
3830 Alexandria Mall Drive
Alexandria, LA

(318) 445-2415 (INDIVIDUALS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR RESERVATIONS)

ROOM RATES: \$119 per room plus tax – go to link below – scroll to bottom of page to “Check Availability” DO NOT click “HOTEL WEBSITE”

<https://app.marriott.com/reslink?id=1775072438029&key=GRP&app=resvlink>

FRIDAY, September 18: Registration will be from 10:00 till noon. Subway sandwiches, chips and a drink will be available 11:00 AM until noon.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON TOUR: We will be lining up at 12:30 in the Courtyard parking lot and departing at 1:00. We will be visiting the Booker Fowler Fish Hatchery in Forest Hill. Then we will be driving some scenic backroads towards the Village of Forest Hill where we will meet at the Senior Citizens Center to learn about the history of Forest Hill and their development as the Nursey Capital of the Louisiana. Departing Forest Hill, we will travel through historic Camp Claiborne ending at Tunk's Cypress Inn Restaurant on Kincaid Lake for a seafood and roast beef buffet (cost of meal is included in registration fee).

More information will be in the tour booklet given at registration.

FRIDAY NIGHT HOSPITALITY: The Courtyard is providing a hospitality room for our group to visit, play bouree', etc.

SATURDAY MORNING, September 19: Breakfast starting at 7:00 AM. at hotel. Breakfast tickets will be issued to each guest.

SATURDAY TOUR: Cars will need to depart hotel by 8:30 a.m. to travel to Family of Grace Church, 4200 South MacArthur Drive, Alexandria to pick up your rally directions/instructions and begin rally. Rally will be through Avoyelles Parish. Lunch stop will be included in your directions/instructions. Individuals will be responsible for the cost of lunch (cost not included in registration fee). Following lunch 50/50 drawing and awards will be given. Participants free to go home after awards.

50/50 tickets will be available at registration, dinner Friday night, and breakfast Saturday morning.

LOUISIANA TOUR - Registration Form 2026

Name _____ Guest _____

Children _____ Phone _____ Chapter _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

AACA# _____ Auto Insurance Carrier _____ Make, Model, Year of car _____

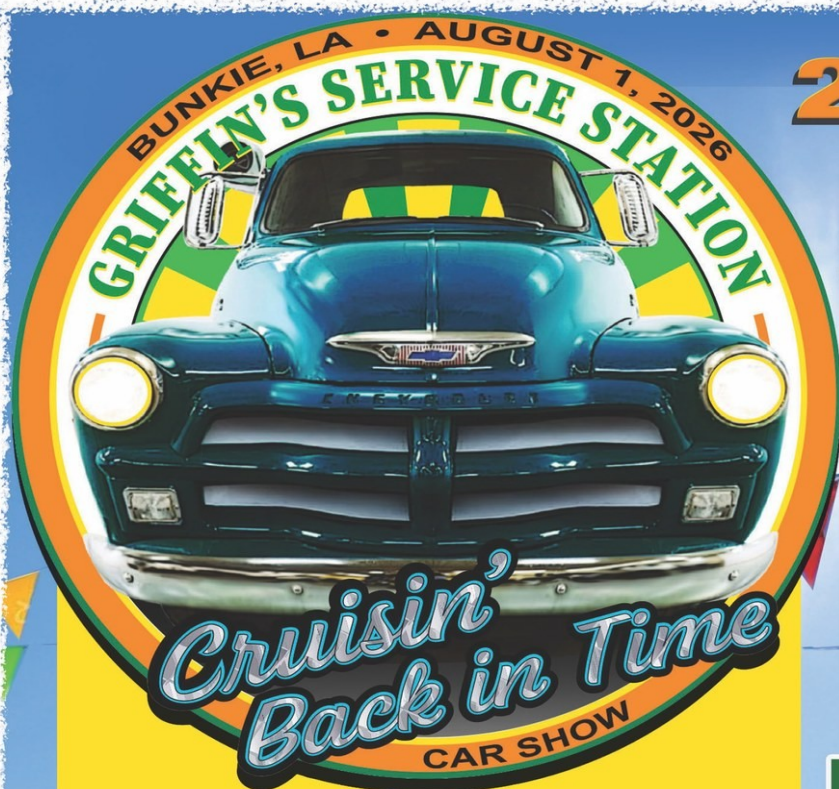
Fees: Car and Driver _____ \$70 _____ \$70
Guest \$70 x () = _____

Total Amount included \$ _____

*Cancellations after 9/1/2026
subject to a \$45 catering fee per person.*

Make check payable to CENLA Old Car Club
Mail to: James Lass
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Email any questions to James Lass @ jameslass@bellsouth.net



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

LOUISIANA WIDOWS SONS RUFFIANS CAR AND BIKE SHOW

OPEN

TO ALL CLASSES



★ **SEPTEMBER 26TH** ★

9 AM TO 2 PM

REGISTRATION STARTS AT 8AM

FUNDRAISING FOR

fostering
-COMMUNITY-

★ **AWARDS WILL BE GIVEN** ★

**ONSITE REGISTRATION
IS \$30 PER ENTRY**

LOCATION

SKINNY'S

4101 NORTH BOLTON
ALEXANDRIA, LA



LaSalle
SHRINE CLUB
Car Show

Saturday
OCTOBER 17, 2026
Jena, Louisiana

4 VEHICLE CLASSES

- ★ CLASSIC (PRE-1980)
- ★ MUSCLE (1980-1999)
- ★ TRUCKS
- ★ MODERN (2000 & NEWER)

\$25 DONATION
TO ENTER YOUR RIDE!

DOOR PRIZES!
★ YOU COULD BE A WINNER! ★

★ **ALL MAKES & MODELS WELCOME!**

ALL DONATIONS ARE APPRECIATED!
ALL PROCEEDS GO TO
LaSalle Shrine Club
Charities

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FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT THE LASALLE SHRINE CLUB 





Herb Comeaux, Leo Dobard, and Chris Stanley participated in the Brian Robin Benefit Car Show on July 16, 2026 in Lafayette. Herb won second place at the car show.

Classic Car Appreciation Day



Cenla members that participated in the Classic Car Appreciation Day in Lake Arthur on July 12, 2026. Left to right: Herb & Teri Comeaux, Doris & James Raila, Christine & Paul Drerup, Leo Dobard, Lesia & James Lass, Chris Stanley.



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