



THE HEADLINER



CENLA OLD CAR CLUB

"LOOKING AHEAD"

VOL. 49 ISSUE 7 July 2026

Inside This Issue:

President's Message	1
Minutes	2
Birthdays & Anniversaries	5
Car Trivia	5
Events	6-7
2026 Membership form	8
Fall Tour Registration form	9
Pictures	10-11
Event Flyers	12-17
2026 Officers	18

July Meeting

Tuesday, July 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—June 13th
Cenla, Cajun Catfish
Ville Platte

3rd quarter 2026
Contraband

4th quarter 2026
Evangeline

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope everyone made it through all this rain we have received in the last few days with minimum damage. The rain with the heat has made for some very muggy days. Remember to stay hydrated if outside for any length of time. Another good idea is a hat and sunscreen to protect yourself from the sun.

What a great turn out we had for our Drive & Dine on June 13th at the Cajun Catfish Buffet in Ville Platte. The unofficial count was 88 who attended from all the clubs. As usual the fellowship and food was great. A special thanks to Richard Kotynia for contacting the restaurant.

Our next club activity is the Classic Car Appreciation lunch on July 11th at the Regatta restaurant in Lake Arthur. Mark your calendar and plan on attending.

Hope to see everyone on July 7th at the Golden Corral. If the weather is nice drive your classic car to the meeting.

COCC President

Leo Dobard

CENLA OLD CAR CLUB June 2, 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 Clarence Filipi, seconded by Chris Stanley. Approved by members.

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

FAMILY NOTES:

Merle Hensell will be having a hip replacement on June 17th.

Leo received an update on Randy Miller. He had his first round (out of six) of chemotherapy treatment and is feeling okay at the moment.

CLUB BUSINESS:

Leo discussed the possibility of waiving the club's membership dues of \$13 for any new incoming members for the rest of the year. After discussions from members, Lesia Lass proposed to waive the \$13 membership fee for any new incoming members for the rest of 2026 and revisiting this at the end of the year for year 2027. Judy McClaran made motion to accept Lesia's proposal and Tony King seconded the motion. Members accepted and motion passed.

Donation/Scholarship: Leo was able to get in touch with Brian Branch, teacher of Automotive Department at Tioga High School. A group went to the school on May 12th and presented Mr. Branch a check of \$400 (\$200 from club with matching \$200 from the region).

2nd Quarter Drive & Dine: Lesia will send out an email asking for a headcount on who plans to attend the drive and dine we are hosting on June 13th at Cajun Catfish in Ville Platte. Richard Kotynia contacted the restaurant already. Meals will be \$25 per person. Those participating will meet at the Burger King I49 Forest Hill Exit on 10:10, promptly leaving at 10:20 a.m.

Boy Scouts Troup 6 in Alexandria has asked if any members would be willing to drive their classic car to their meeting on June 30th for the boys to view. Lesia will send out an email asking for volunteers.

Classic Car Appreciation Lunch will be on Saturday, July 11th in Lake Arthur. Leo needs an headcount by July 1st for those interested in participating. Lesia will send out an email for everyone to RSVP to.

Minutes of Meeting Continued:

Fall Tour Update: Leo gave an update on all the activities he has planned for the Fall Tour being held on Sept. 18th & 19th. James, Leo, and Herb will be driving the route again to finalize the miles and time for the rally on the 19th. Lesia has emailed all members the registration form as well as put it in The Duster and The Headliner newsletters. James said people have started mailing in their registrations.

James gave an update on legislative that was passed concerning antique car license plate status. He said that to be considered an antique car the car must be 35 years or older. It is no longer 25 years or older. However all antique cars with an existing antique license plate will be grandfathered in.

Car Club Upcoming Activities:

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

July 11 Classic Car Appreciation Luncheon Regatta Restaurant in Lake Arthur

August Contraband planning 3rd quarter drive & dine

Sept. 18 & 19 Cenla Old Car Rally

Local Car Shows:

June 6th Parking in The Pines Creola

June 6 Spring into Summer Eunice

Car Story:

James shared that he had the exhaust pipe of the Corvette replaced and then sold the Corvette to a gentleman out of Denham Springs.

Herb & Teri Comeaux bought a 1995 Mustang GT Convertible.

Christine & Paul Drerup shared that after participating in the TransAm/Firebird Car Show in St. Louis their 2002 TransAm need new struts and shocks.

50/50 Drawing:

Lori Stanley won the 50/50 drawing.

Motion to Adjourn:

Herb Comeaux made motion to adjourn with James Lass seconding. Leo adjourned the meeting.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE: Herb & Teri Comeaux, Leo Dobard, Paul & Christine Drerup, Clarence & Jessie Filipi, Pam Gorden, Bill Tull, Jackie Brown, Anthony King, James & Lesia Lass, Richard Kotynia, Frances Taylor, Judy McClaran, Rodger & Loretta Peters, James & Doris Raila, Chris & Lori Stanley, Bob Thomas, and Ron Trahan.



July Birthdays:

Jim Waters - 7/15

Christine Drerup - 7/26



July Anniversaries:
None

Car Trivia:

Q: What car was the first production V12, as well as the first production car with aluminum pistons?



A: The cylinder wars were kicked off in 1915 after Packard's chief engineer, Col. Jesse Vincent, introduced its Twin-Six. Used during WWI in Italy, these motors inspired Enzi Ferrari to adopt the V12 himself in 1948.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 4	Cars & Coffee	Alexandria, LA
June 18	Cars & Coffee	Pineville, LA
*July 4	Avoyelles Arts & Music Festival	Marksville, LA
*July 11	Fight Like Mike	Forest Hill, LA
*July 11	Benefit Car & Motorcycle Show	Elmer, LA
*July 18	AW's Drive Inn First Annual Car Show	Deville, LA
*Aug. 1	Cruisin Back in Time	Bunkie, LA
*Sept. 26	Ruffians Car & Bike Show	Alexandria, LA

*Flyers

**What did the
colonists wear to the
Boston Tea Party?**

Tea-shirts.



2026 NATIONAL TOURS

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





**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) _____
--	--

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



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
4046 Old Marksville
Pineville, LA 71360

Email any questions to James Lass @ jameslass@bellsouth.net



June 12, 2026
Drive Through at Summit
Nursing Home Alexandria
Members participating: Leo
Dobard, Paul & Christine
Drerup, Herb & Teri Comeaux,
James & Doris Raila



2nd Qtr Regional Drive & Dine
June 13, 2026 – Cajun Catfish in Ville Platte
Hosted by Cenla Old Car Club
Approximately 88 AACA Louisiana Members
attended; Cenla Members that participated were Leo
Dobard, James & Lesia Lass, Paul & Christine
Drerup, James & Doris Raila, Rodger & Loretta
Peters, Judy McClaran, Bob Thomas, Chris Stanley,
Jackie Brown, Tony King, Richard Kotynia, Frances
Taylor





Saturday, July 4, 2026

Paragon Casino Resort

\$30 to Enter • Registration 8AM - 9AM • 5 Judges

10 Trophies Awarded

Awards at 2PM

**Open to All
Makes and Models**

**Independent judges,
no participant judges**

**Live music, shopping,
food vendors
and arts & crafts**

Kids Zone

**Proceeds benefit
Make A Wish
Foundation**

**Entrants Must be
Parked by 9AM**

*Cannot participate
in parade and car show*

**Tents and Chairs
are recommended**

Contact Josiah Blood . 318-717-2719 or Jana Joshua . 318-717-4575

AAMF Car Show Registration Form

Name: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Type of Vehicle: _____ Model: _____ Year: _____

**Avoyelles
Arts & Music
Festival**

Cars for a Cause: Supporting
Make-A-Wish
Part of the 15th Annual
Avoyelles Arts & Music Festival
Celebrating 250 Years of American

Arts
Council of
AVOYELLES

VAUGHN
AUTOMOTIVE
CHEVROLET BUICK GMC TOYOTA
CHRYSLER Jeep DODGE RAM
Ford LINCOLN

BENTLEY'S
AUTOMOTIVE

NAPA
AUTO PARTS
MOREAUVILLE PARTS HOUSE INC
10624 HIGHWAY 1, MOREAUVILLE, LA 71355
318-985-2473 • INFO@MVILLEPARTS.COM

AVOYELLES
TAG AND TITLE
(318) 500 - 1956

P. O. Box 956 / Marksville, LA 71351 / 318.264.1826
FED TAX ID 72-0864957

FIGHT *LIKE* MIKE

*Cruise in and
Jambalaya Fundraiser.*



July 11th

**138 Blue Lake, Rd.
Forest Hill, La.**

9 *UNTIL* 2 PM.

\$10.00 FOR A BOWL
WITH CORN SALAD.

**JAMBALAYA
WILL BE SERVED
AT 11:00.
FIRST COME
FIRST SERVED.**



BRING A CHAIR
AND COME
HANGOUT AWHILE.



NO ENTRY FEES.
DONATIONS ARE
APPRECIATED.



ALL PROCEEDS GO TO HELP
DEFER COSTS FOR CANCER
TREATMENTS FOR MIKE NESS.

*Please share and try to
help if you can.*



ALL VEHICLES
ARE WELCOMED.



THIS IS NOT A SHOW.
OLD, NEW, CLEAN OR DIRTY. JUST COME.





A promotional poster for a 'Benefit Car & Motorcycle Show'. The background features a blue classic car with 'SS' on the front on the left and a red motorcycle on the right, parked on a road with trees. A large, glowing cross is in the upper left, and a red heart is to the right of the title. The title 'Benefit CAR & MOTORCYCLE SHOW' is in large, bold, black and red fonts. Below the title, event details are listed: DATE: SATURDAY, JULY 11TH (with a calendar icon), TIME: 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (with a clock icon), and LOCATION: OAK HILL HIGH SCHOOL (with a location pin icon). At the bottom, a red banner reads 'All proceeds will go DIRECTLY TO THE FAMILY OF COURTNEY PARKER' flanked by two hearts. Below this is the quote 'Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.' - Galatians 6:2. On the right, a QR code is shown with a red arrow pointing to it and the text 'SCAN TO REGISTER!' below.

Benefit
CAR & MOTORCYCLE
SHOW

DATE: SATURDAY, JULY 11TH
TIME: 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM
LOCATION: OAK HILL HIGH SCHOOL

All proceeds will go
DIRECTLY TO THE FAMILY OF COURTNEY PARKER

"Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ." - Galatians 6:2

SCAN TO REGISTER!



AW'S Drive Inn

FIRST ANNUAL CAR SHOW & VENDOR'S MARKET

When: July 18th

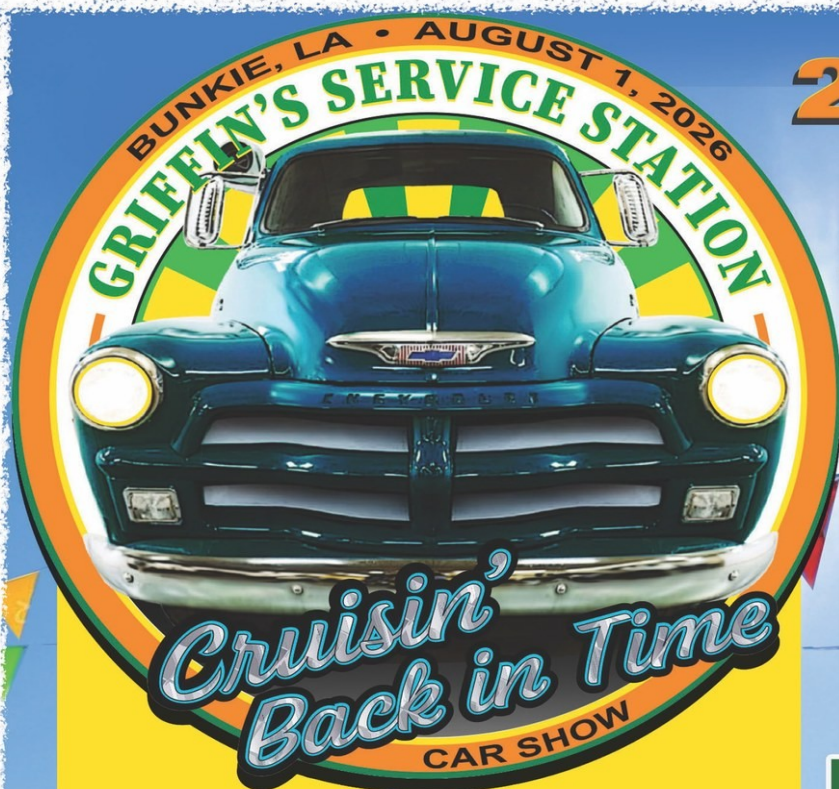
Time: 10:00am-3:00pm

Where: 13527 HWY 28 E

Deville, LA 71328

Vendor fee: \$20

Phone # 318-201-6678



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



CONTACT US

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

Lesia Lass, Editor
4046 Old Marksville
Hwy.
Pineville, LA 71360
llass@yahoo.com



www.aaca.org www.aacamuseum.org www.classiccarclub.org <http://local.aaca.org/louisiana>

This is a non-copyrighted publication of the Cenla Old Car Club of the LA Region AACA, . 4046 Old Marksville Hwy., Pineville, LA 71360. Permission is given to reproduce any material from this newsletter provided that proper recognition/credit is given. Certain material printed in this publication may have required written permission to be used in this publication only. Any such copyrighted material is noted.

FIRST CLASS MAIL

PLEASE
PLACE
STAMP
HERE

2026 COCC OFFICERS

President: Leo Dobard, 128 Earl Linzay Rd., Forest Hill, LA 71430 PH: 318-452-9975, Leo.dobard@yahoo.com

Vice President: Herb Comeaux 212 Reynolds Rd. Alexandria, LA 71302 PH: 318-419-7841 Email: comohjc1953@aol.com

Secretary/Editor/Webmaster: Lesia Lass 4046 Old Marksville, Pineville, LA 71360 PH: 318-201-8683 email: llass@yahoo.com

Treasurer: James Lass 4046 Old Marksville Hwy., Pineville, LA 71360 PH: 318-308-3582, Email: Jameslass@bellsouth.net

Salutations Committee: Lori Stanley 1613 Emberly Oak Dr., Alexandria, LA 71301 PH: 318-787-4680 ayservice1@gmail.com