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June Meeting

Tuesday, June 2nd

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

What a wonderful time we had at the Louisiana Tour in Gonzales on May 1st & 2nd hosted by the Baton Rouge club. Friday started a little wet but I don't think anyone was upset once we left the distillery. The weather was great for Saturday's tours. I want to thank Wally Waguespack and the Baton Rouge club for hosting a great tour.

On May 12th we presented a check to the Tioga High School Automotive Department for \$400. The instructor, Mr. Brian Branch, stated that the funds would be used to purchase much needed tools.

Our next club activity will be hosting the Drive & Dine on June 13th at Cajun Catfish Buffet in Ville Platte. Looking forward to a great turn out!

Hope to see everyone on June 2nd 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 May 5, 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 Jackie Brown. Approved by members.

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

FAMILY NOTES:

Merle Hensell will be having a hip replacement, date of surgery has not been set yet. A friend of Teri Comeaux's is having health issues, and Teri asked for prayers. Rena Batson will be having a heart cath. Randy Miller called Leo and shared that he has cancer and will be undergoing more test in the next few days to determine treatment.

CLUB BUSINESS:

Leo gave recap of the Louisiana Tour hosted by the Baton Rouge Chapter on May 1st & 2nd. The tour was held in Gonzales. Cenla had 10 members attend: James Lass, Herb & Teri Comeaux, Leo Dobard, Jackie Brown, Tony King, Paul & Christine Drerup, Francis Taylor and Richard Kotynia.

Donation/Scholarship: Leo has been trying to get in touch with Brian Branch, the automotive instructor at Tioga High School to see if they are interested in our donation and to set up time to visit the school. He will continue to try to make contact and update members.

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.

Minutes of Meeting Continued:**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:

May 16 Cars & Coffee Pineville
May 23 Cruisin for Kindness Pineville

Car Story:

James shared that after the state tour, he had a leak on the exhaust pipe of the Corvette and will be having that looked at.

50/50 Drawing:

James Lass won the 50/50 drawing.

Motion to Adjourn:

Herb Comeaux made motion to adjourn with Jackie Brown 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, Richard Kotynia, Frances Taylor, Judy McClaran, Rodger & Loretta Peters, Chris Stanley, Bob Thomas, and Ron Trahan.

Guest: Jeff Strahan



June Birthdays:

Melissa Thompson—6/6

Doris Raila—6/10

Richard Humphries—6/11

Yvon Batson—6/23

Michael Mote—6/23



June Anniversaries:

James & Doris Raila—6/1

Barney & Liz Ford—6/7

Herb & Teri Comeaux—6/20

Car Trivia:

Q: What industry mogul described the automobile as simply “a box with a motor” to convey the thought, *“How hard could it be?”* when he attempted to diversify into an all-new and totally different market category?

A: William C. “Billy” Durant is said to have used the simple “box with a motor” analogy when he personally invested in the struggling Guardian Frigerator Company in 1918, which later became Frigidaire. The remark signaled his confidence in his ability to expand from automobiles into refrigeration. General Motors would go on to own Frigidaire from 1919 to 1979.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 6	Cars & Coffee	Alexandria, LA
June 20	Cars & Coffee	Pineville, LA
*June 6	Spring into Summer Show	Eunice, LA
*June 6	Krewe La Vie De Belle Parking In the Pines	Dry Prong, LA
*June 20	Rumble on the Bayou	Coushatta, LA
*June 20	Cruisin for Christ	Oakdale, LA
*Aug. 1	Cruisin Back in Time	Bunkie, LA
*Sept. 26	Ruffians Car & Bike Show	Alexandria, LA

*Flyers

Knock, Knock!

Who's there?

Ice Cream

Ice cream who?

Ice scam whenever I see a mosquito!



2026 NATIONAL TOURS

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**
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**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



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

DONATION

CENLA Old Car Club donated some much needed funds to Rapides Parish, Tioga High School's Automotive Department. Brian Branch, the department's teacher said the funds were very appreciated and would go toward purchasing some much needed tools. Representing the club was Leo Dobard, James & Doris Raila, Herb Comeaux, and James & Lesia Lass.



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SPORTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Spring Into Summer

**Classic Car
& Truck Show***presented by*

HELD ON DOWNTOWN 2nd STREET

Saturday, June 6, 2026

(VEHICLES MUST BE 1985 AND OLDER)**Registration 8-10 A.M. • Awards 3 P.M.****EVENT T-SHIRT & DASH PLATES FOR ALL ENTRANTS****Contact: Mark Denette (337) 789-6276***There will be 100 awards sponsored by
Eunice Businesses*

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Awards such as:
People's Choice
Best of Show
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REGISTRATION



EARLY REGISTRATION

\$20 Vehicles

\$10 Bikes & ATVs



DAY OF SHOW

\$25 Vehicles

\$15 Bikes & ATVs

*First 50 entries receive
DASH PLAQUES!*



AWARDS



- ★ TOP 25
- ★ BEST OF SHOW
- ★ BEST SOUND
- ★ BEST ATV
- ★ LOWEST RIDE
- ★ PEOPLE'S CHOICE

★ SPECIAL AWARDS ★



OLDEST DRIVER
 YOUNGEST DRIVER
 FURTHEST DISTANCE TRAVELED

KIDS DIVISION

(AGES 0-10)



FREE PARADE



RACE @ 11:30 AM – \$5



JUDGING – \$10 ENTRY

KIDS AWARDS:

- ★ CUTEST RIDE
- ★ BEST DECORATED
- ★ CROWD FAVORITE
 (BY VOTES)



CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT



\$20 PER TEAM
 (2 PLAYERS)
 STARTS AT 9:30 AM

WINNER TAKES TROPHY!

★ EXTRAS ★



- ★ FOOD
- ★ VENDORS
- ★ FAMILY FUN

CONTACT

318-316-0003

PAYMENTS ACCEPTED:

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BAYOU CRUISERS CAR CLUB PRESENTS:

RUMBLE ON THE BAYOU



— Father's Day Weekend —
JUNE 20, 2026

GRAND BAYOU RESORT
5286 LA-784
COUSHATTA, LA

Top 30 Awards • Best in Show • People's Choice • Kid's Choice

\$25 Registration • Goody Bag & **\$5** Vendor Coupon!

Registration 8 AM • Judging Starts 10 AM • Awards at 2 PM

Open to All Vehicles & Motorcycles!

Vendors Welcome!

- Patrice Harper 318-471-4714
- Timmy/Anita Hinds 318-393-7708
- Jacqueline Martin 318-471-8370

UPDATES:

We will have a band!
And AIR CONDITIONED
Events Center on site!

Proceeds Benefit
Operation Christmas Child & Local Charities



OPEN CAR SHOW

Registration \$40 8:am, awards 1:pm

Saturday June 20, 2026

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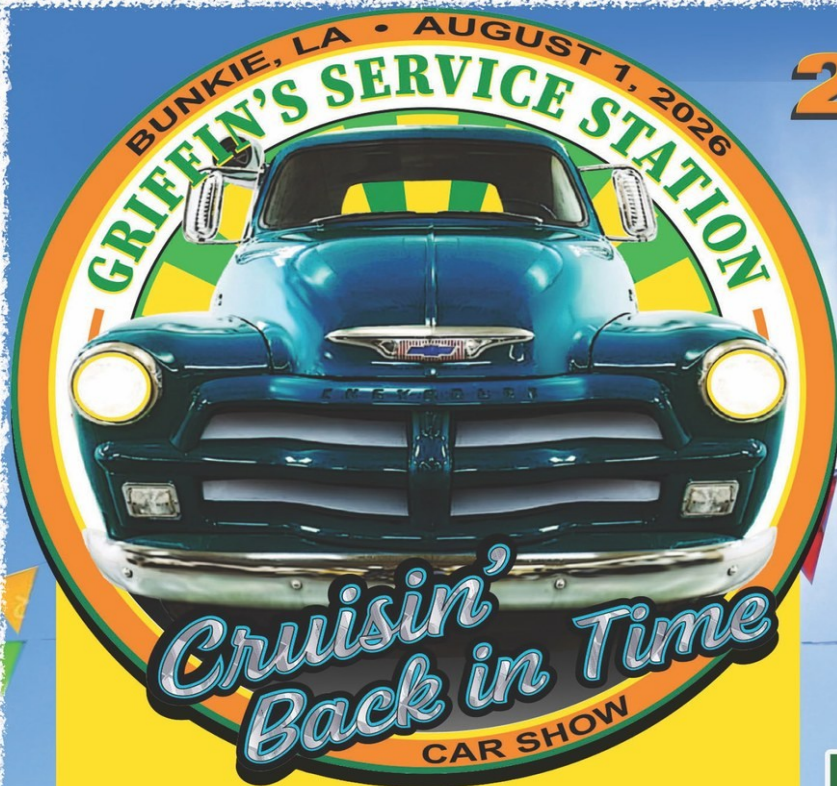
1013 E Whatley Road Oakdale, La.



Food and drinks will be available for purchase:

Restrictions: no drones or pets, side by sides are only to be ridden for loading and unloading, golf carts only for staff.

PopUp canopies may be used for registration, drinks for sale, auction and vendors, must be securely anchored, none will be permitted in parking area, wind directions will determine.



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
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Free Admission
FAMILY FUN!



SCAN THE CODE TO REGISTER
your vehicle for the Car Show

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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



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