



THE HEADLINER



CENLA OLD CAR CLUB

"LOOKING AHEAD"

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I want to start off by welcoming our newest members, Vince and Tawney Tallo. We are looking forward to spending time with them during club activities.

February started off the way January ended with several club events. First on the first Saturday of the month, we had 13 members that enjoyed breakfast at the Experimental Aircraft Association. Then on Feb 13th, we had 6 cars with 11 members that participated in the Alexandria Classic Car and Cheerleader Parade. After the parade, we enjoyed dinner at Sombrero's Mexican Restaurant. We ended the month with 16 members traveling up to Natchitoches to the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame and having lunch at Grayson's Bar B Que in Clarence, La.

March promises to be just as active. Looking forward to the Lagniappe Drive & Dine to Fizzo's in Broussard on Saturday, March 14th, and our club trip to Deridder. Stay tuned for more to come!

Hope to see everyone on March 3rd at the Golden Corral. If the weather is nice drive your classic car to the meeting.

COCC President

Leo Dobard

March Meeting
Tuesday, March 3rd
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

3rd quarter 2026
Contraband

4th quarter 2026
Evangeline

**CENLA OLD CAR CLUB February 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.

**Meeting
Minutes**

SECRETARY'S REPORT: By Lesia Lass, motion to accept the minutes as published in the newsletter by Randy Miller, seconded by Judy McClaran. Approved by members.

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

FAMILY NOTES: Richard Kotynia is home recovering from shoulder surgery. Pam Gorden has a friend who's 16 year old died.

Leo shared all the February birthdays.

CLUB BUSINESS:

Leo welcomed a new guest, Vince Tallo. Vince has a '67 Mustang, '64 Corvair, and a '95 Jeep.

Leo shared that he had some Cenla Old Car Club car decals made. Anyone interested can pick some up before they leave the meeting.

Leo then gave an update on the January 17th outing. COCC had 17 members and 3 guests participate in the drive to Stelly's in Lebeau for lunch and then drive to Griffin's in Bunkie for dessert. Everyone said they had a great time.

On Saturday, Feb. 7th the club will go to the Experimental Aircraft Assoc. breakfast at Lake Buhlow. Meet at 7:45 a.m. at YNot Stop by Buhlow with plans to leave promptly at 8:00 a.m. Lesia will send out reminder email.

On Friday, Feb. 13th, we will participate in Alexandria's Cheerleaders and Classic Car Mardi Gras Parade. Everyone will meet at the empty lot next to St. James Episcopal Church on Bolton at 2:30. Lesia will send out an email for a headcount.

On Saturday, Feb. 21st, we will go to the La. Sports Hall of Fame in Natchitoches then to lunch at Grayson's Bar B Que in Clarence, La. We will meet at the Texaco on I49 Airbase Road exit at 8:30 a.m., leaving promptly at 8:45 a.m. Lesia will send out an email closer to this date with a reminder.

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.

Other places suggested to visit is the museum in New Llano and the museum in Winnfield; Borden's Ice Cream in Lafayette, and the Orphan Museum in Opelousas.

Car Club Upcoming Activities:

- ♦ The 1st quarter regional drive and dine is hosted by Lagniappe on Saturday, March 14th in Broussard at Fezzo's Restaurant.
- ♦ Cenla has the 2nd quarter regional drive and dine. Leo said he is looking at doing this in June.
- ♦ Baton Rouge Chapter is hosting the 2026 La. Tour in Gonzales. Registration forms are in the newsletter, sent in email, and on our website. Deadline to register is April 15. Make sure to send in both forms to Wally.
- ♦ Cenla will be hosting a fall regional tour. Leo said he is looking at doing this September 18th & 19th and possibly doing a rally.

Local Car Shows:

Feb. 21—Jackson Street Outlaws in Hineston

Feb. 28—Bayou Tech Gear Headz

March 14—New Roads Car Show

March 20-21—Forest Hill Nursery Festival

50/50 Drawing:

Pam Gorden 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, Merle & Madeline Hensell, James & Lesia Lass, Judy McClaran, Randy & Judy Miller, Mike & Willie Mae Mote, Rodger & Loretta Peters, Doris Raila, Chris Stanley, Bob Thomas, Ron Trahan, and Bill Tull.

Guests were Vince Tallo.



March Birthdays:

Herb Comeaux—3/7

Frances Taylor—3/13



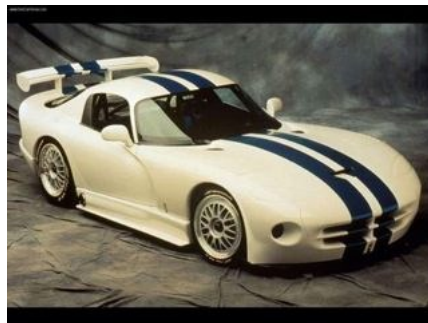
March- Anniversaries:

Yvon & Rena Batson—3/23

Merle & Madeline Hensell—3/31

Car Trivia:

Q: What is the fastest internal-combustion American production car?



A: The 1998 Dodge Viper GETS-R, tested by Motor Trend magazine at 192.6 mph

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 7	Cars & Coffee	Alexandria, LA
March 6-7	Midway Mega Show	Washington Parish Fair grounds
*March 11	Washington 5th Annual Car Show	Washington, LA
March 14	1st Qtr. Drive & Dine	Broussard, LA
*March 14	New Roads Car Show	New Roads, LA
*March 14	Cruzin at the Crest	West Monroe, LA
*March 21	Cruisin' for NHS Archery	Boyce, LA
*March 21	Washington Community Festival	Washington, LA
*March 28	Wheels on the Bayou	Opelousas, LA
*April 11	Camp Pollock Car Show	Pollock, LA
*April 11	Southern Forest Heritage Museum	Longleaf, LA
*May 1-2	2026 Louisiana Tour	Gonzales, LA
*May 2	Bayou Rumble Car Show	Lafayette, LA

Can you believe how long February felt this year?

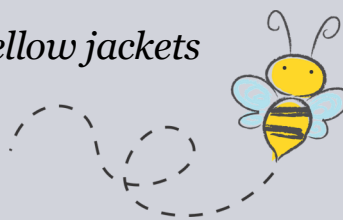
GoodBye February

Thankfully, time Marches on!



What do bees wear in the rain?

Their yellow jackets



2026 NATIONAL TOURS

March 19-21, 2026 – Special Nationals – Guaynabo, Puerto Rico – hosted by Puerto Rico Region

March 26-28, 2026 – Winter Nationals – Cartersville, GA – hosted by Lake Allatoona Region

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





**CENLA OLD CAR CLUB
ALEXANDRIA, LOUISIANA
ANTIQUE AUTOMOBILE CLUB OF AMERICA, INCORPORATED**
America's oldest and Largest Automotive Historical Society
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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



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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Driver Please sign approved menu choices: _____



March 6-7, 2026

Washington Parish Fairgrounds

www.facebook.com/events/1471001484324785

We're excited to announce the 4th Annual Midway Mega Show! Mark your calendars for March 6–7, 2026 and get ready for two incredible days filled with stunning rides, great people, and that unbeatable car show energy. Whether you're a long-time participant or brand new, this year's show is one you won't want to miss.

Stay tuned for more details on pre-registration, featured events, and special surprises—we've got some exciting things in the works!

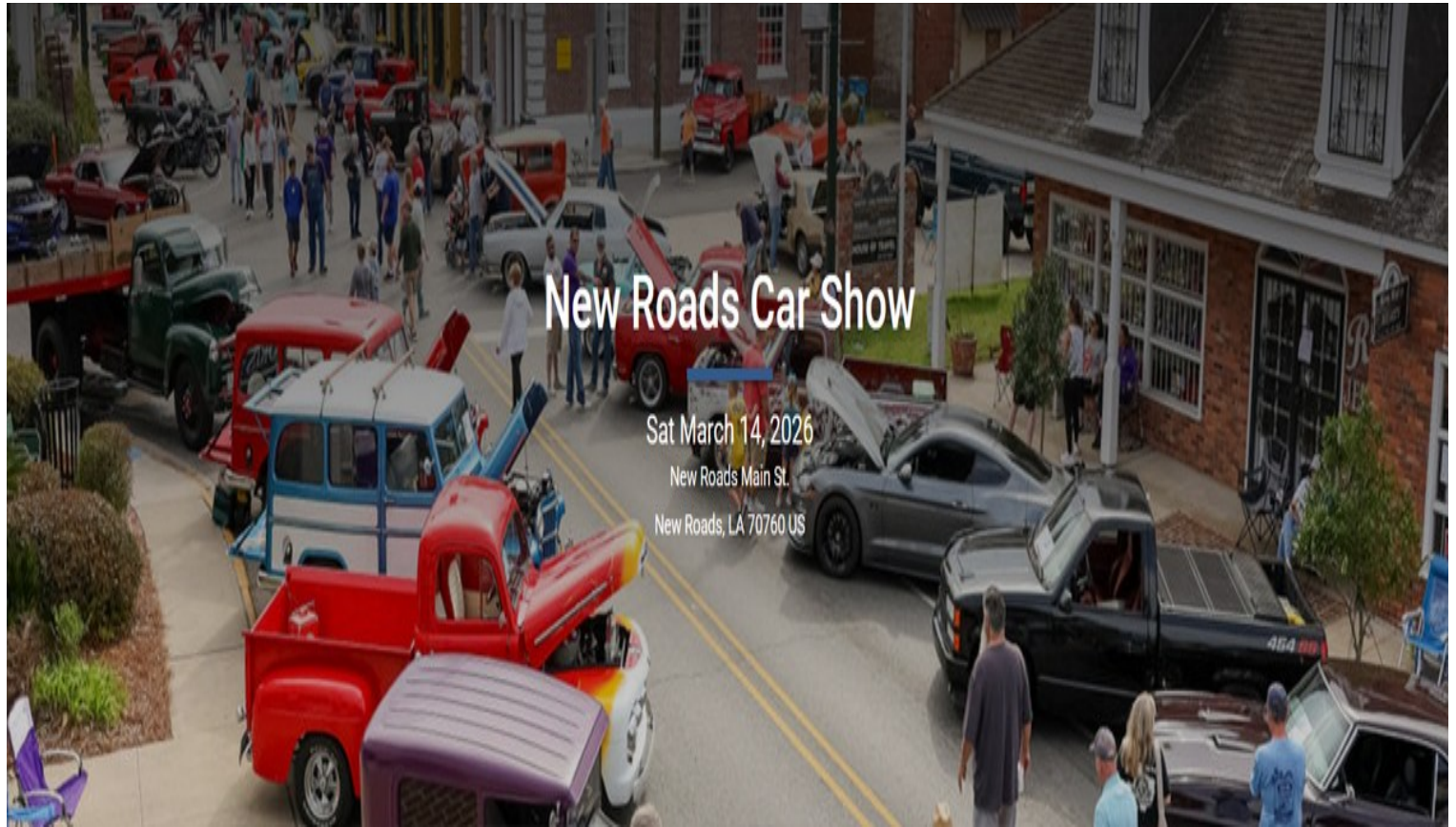
We are now accepting SPONSORS and VENDORS as our first rounds of flyers will be going out at the end of this month!

If you have any questions please feel free to reach out!

Brady Mitchell

985-516-9819

midwaymegashow@gmail.com



Join us for a vibrant day of community celebration, classic cars, and entertainment at the 16th Annual Spring Street Festival and Car Show, hosted by the City of New Roads and New Roads Main Street. This fun-filled event takes place on Saturday, March 14, 2025, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. along Main Street.

Celebrate local talent, enjoy live music with Cajun Sounds by Dylan, and participate in our exciting 50/50 Mega Raffle benefiting Pointe Coupee Homebound & Hospice. With over 300 participants and more than 2,000 visitors, this event brings a positive economic impact to our community and is a favorite for car enthusiasts and families alike.

Register by February 22nd for a guaranteed complimentary tee!

Follow link to sign up (\$32.24 PLUS \$2.24 fee) www.newroadscarshow.com



1st Annual

Cruzin at The Crest

Car, Truck, & Bike Show



March 14, 2026
10am-2pm



Cedar Crest Baptist Church
3245 Arkansas Rd. WM

Hosted By



14 different show classes

Cedar Crest

West Monroe, La

Find us on Facebook @
Cruzin at The Crest

Cruisin' FOR NHS Archery

Lil Boo's
Y-NOT STOP

415 Saint Clair Road, Boyce, LA 71409

March 21, 2026

Event Starts at 5PM

Hosted by NHS Archery Parents

► **Door Prizes for Car Owners!**

Hot Wheels Race!

Sponsored by
A&E Automotive Repair
& RSH Vinyl Creations!

65" TV
Giveaway!
WITH CAR ENTRY!

Fundraiser event benefitting NHS Archery team
Event jam packed with **family fun!**

EVENT SPONSORED BY

 **HAMMERS GARAGE** AND **A&E AUTOMOTIVE REPAIR**

WASHINGTON COMMUNITY FESTIVAL 5TH ANNUAL CAR SHOW



REGISTRATION 8AM - 10AM

REGISTRATION \$25

AWARDS AT 2PM

CLASS 1: MODELS 1989 AND OLDER CARS

CLASS 2: MODELS 1989 AND OLDER TRUCKS

CLASS 3: MODELS 1990 AND NEWER

ADDITIONAL AWARDS:

TOP 30

MAYOR'S CHOICE

BEST IN SHOW

PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT
**WASHINGTON CEMETARY FOUNDATION
& VETERANS ORGANIZATIONS**

CONTACT:

GREG DOUCET (337)945-1531

RICKY DUCOTE (337)945-3426

MARCH 21 2026

VETERANS MEMORIAL HWY, WASHINGTON, LA 70589

Vehicle Number:

2026 WASHINGTON COMMUNITY FESTIVAL CAR SHOW

REGISTRATION FORM

Saturday, March 21, 2026

Registration: 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM

Winners Announced at 2:00 PM

Registration Fee: \$25

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Vehicle Year: _____ Make: _____ Model: _____

Select a class: I ____ CARS 1989 Models & Older

II ____ TRUCKS 1989 Models & Older

III ____ 1990 & Newer Models

IV ____ Rat Rod

V ____ Survivor

I agree to release, defend, indemnify and hold harmless the Steamboat City Association, Inc, the Washington Community Festival, and its organizer, and the Town of Washington, its employees and all elected officials, from and against any and all claims, damages, liability, loss, causes of actions or lawsuits, including any and all damages to my property, which may result/arise from my participation in the Steamboat City Association, Inc /Washington Community Festival.

Signature_____
Printed Name_____
Date

Mail registration form with payment to: Steamboat City Association, Inc, P O Box 218,
Washington, LA 70589

OFFICE USE ONLY:

Payment accepted by: _____



CUSTOM CAR, TRUCK, & BIKE SHOW

MARCH 28, 2026

EVANGELINE DOWNS • OPELOUSAS, LA

CAR & TRUCK ENTRY • \$30 IN ADVANCE • \$35 DAY OF SHOW

BIKE ENTRY • \$25 IN ADVANCE • \$30 DAY OF SHOW

REGISTRATION OPENS AT 8AM • SHOW OPEN TO PUBLIC AT 9AM

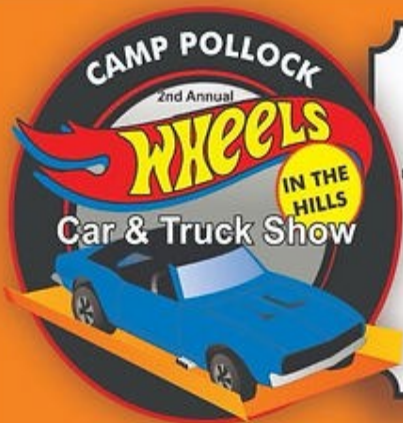
VOTING STARTS AT 11AM • WINNERS ANNOUNCED AT 2PM

PRE-REGISTER ONLINE AT DELTAMEDIACORP.COM

CONTACT: SHANAE LAVERGNE • SHANAE@DELTAMEDIACORP.COM

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CAR & TRUCK SHOW

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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

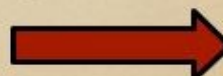
ADMISSION SPECTATORS \$10 per car

CAR SHOW PARTICIPANTS \$25 per car



PREREGISTRATION

Or register at the gate



77 Longleaf Rd. Longleaf. LA

BAYOU RUMBLE
CAR AND BIKE SHOW
ANYTHING OVER RICE
COOKOFF
MAY 2ND, 2026

PRESENTED BY
SUNSET MARDI GRAS ASSOCIATION
HOSTED BY OUR FRIENDS AT **MOTOR CITY**
1111 N. UNIVERSITY LAFAYETTE, LA

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MOTOR City

Venmo @Sunset-MardiGras

BAYOU RUMBLE

CAR AND BIKE SHOW

Anything Over Rice Cookoff

Entry fee for car show:

\$30 for cars, trucks and SUVs

\$15 for bikes

Free entry for Spectators

Contact info for car show—

DJ Kimble 337-849-1120 (please text)

Entry fee for Cookoff:

\$50 per team 5 members max per team

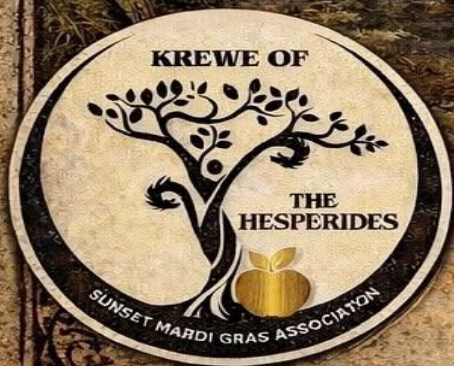
Spectator entry fee \$10 ages 13 and up

\$5 ages 12 and under

Contact info for Cookoff—

Hank Mergist 337-852-7724 (please text)

Jason Soileau 337-356-3361 (please text)



Venmo: @Sunset-MardiGras



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2026 Alexandria Classic Cars & Cheerleaders

Mardi Gras Parade

Saturday, February 13, 2026





Saturday, Feb. 21, 2026
La. Sports Hall of Fame, Natchitoches
Lunch at Grayson's BarBQue, Clarence









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