



THE HEADLINER



CENLA OLD CAR CLUB

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We ended March on a high note with a great tour of the Gothic Jail in DeRidder. April was a quiet month for the club since I was unable to schedule a tour of the Orphan Train Museum in Opelousas but I will be trying to schedule a tour for a later date. Looking forward to the Louisiana Tour in Gonzales hosted by the Baton Rouge club on May 1st & 2nd. Also mark your calendars for the regional second quarter Drive & Dine hosted by our club at the Cajun Buffet in Ville Platte on June 13th. Hope to have a Great Turn Out!

Every weekend there are car shows in the towns throughout area. When you meet other car owners that might be interested in joining a car club, invite them to our meeting. Also mention that they can check out our club on Facebook or our website.

Hope to see everyone on May 5th at the Golden Corral. If the weather is nice, drive your classic car to the meeting.

May Meeting
Tuesday, May 5th
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

COCC President

Leo Dobard



Meeting Minutes

CENLA OLD CAR CLUB April 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 Herb Comeaux, seconded by Clarence Filipi. Approved by members.

TREASURER'S REPORT: By James Lass, complete treasury report was given. Motion to accept by Judy McClaran and seconded by Pam Gorden. Approved by members.

FAMILY NOTES:

Leo shared all the April birthdays and anniversaries.

Judy McClaran shared that her sister-in-law hurt her back and is waiting on test results. Clarence Filipi's brother-in-law is battling cancer. Jim Waters called during this meeting to inform us that Lynda was in the ER with chest pains.

CLUB BUSINESS:

Leo gave a recap on our trip to DeRidder to tour the Gothic Jail and lunch at Cecil's. We had 15 members and 2 guests attend. Everyone agreed that it was a fun trip.

Members were reminded that the deadline for the La State Tour is on April 15th. Leo asked who were planning on attending. Lesia will send out an email on when and where to meet so that we can caravan to Gonzales together.

Leo asked who would be interested in an outing to the Louisiana Orphan Train Museum in Opelousas. He will contact the museum to see if they are open on Saturdays. He is looking at possibly having an outing on April 25th.

Leo gave an update on the fall tour that Cenla will be hosting. It is scheduled for Sept. 18th & 19th. It will be a tour-rally combo. He finalized plans with Courtyard by Marriott in Alexandria to host the tour. They have a meeting room that they will allow us to use for free. He has also made arrangements with both Booker Fowler in Woodworth and the mayor of Forest Hill for presentations on that Friday. On Friday night, we will eat dinner at Tunks. On Saturday after the tour, we will have lunch at Rocky's in Bunkie. We will not do raffle items but will plan on doing the 50/50 drawing.

Minutes of Meeting Continued:

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. Lesia will send out an email to members of the region to put this date on their calendars.

Car Club Upcoming Activities:

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:

April 19th—Crowley

April 19th—Jackson Street Outlaws

Car Story:

Doris Raila drove her car to to a car show on Saturday, April 4th but had car trouble on the way home. She broke down but lucky enough it was in her own driveway.

50/50 Drawing:

Paul Drerup 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, Merle & Madeline Hensell, Jackie Brown, Anthony King, James & Lesia Lass, Richard Kotynia, Frances Taylor, Judy McClaran, Randy & Judy Miller, Mike & Willie Mae Mote, Rodger & Loretta Peters, James Raila, Chris Stanley, Bob Thomas, and Ron Trahan.



May Birthdays:

None



May 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 Enzo Ferrari to adopt the V12 himself in 1948.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 2	Cars & Coffee	Alexandria, LA
May 16	Cars & Coffee	Pineville, LA
May 1-2	2026 Louisiana Tour	Gonzales, LA
*May 9	MayDaze Car Show	Many, LA
*May 16	Cars for a Cause	Alexandria, LA
*May 23	Cruisin for Kindness	Pineville, LA
*June 6	Krewe La Vie De Belle Parking In the Pines	Dry Prong, LA
*Aug. 1	Cruisin Back in Time	Bunkie, LA

*Flyers

**What do you call
a fake noodle?**



An impasta.

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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**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..

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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.

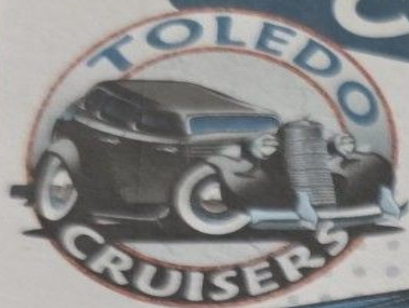
MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY

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

11TH ANNUAL MAYDAZE CAR SHOW



This year's show is
dedicated to the memory of
long-time member and friend
HAROLD STEWART



**MAY
9
2026**

9am - 1 pm

\$20 entry
Spectators Free

Over 25 Awards

**MANY HIGH SCHOOL
MANY, LA**

toledocruisers@gmail.com
Facebook: Toledo Cruisers

3rd Annual KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

CARS FOR A CAUSE

Saturday, May 16th, 2026

10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

MENARD HIGH SCHOOL

4603 Coliseum Boulevard, Alexandria, Louisiana

- All makes & models of cars and trucks welcome
- \$1 Tickets for Split Pot
- \$1 Raffle Tickets, 6 for \$5
- Trophies will be awarded
- Food, Drinks, Music

FREE TO THE PUBLIC

\$25 REGISTRATION FEE FOR CARS

Sponsored by:



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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.



\$20 pre-registration

\$25 the day of the show

OPEN CAR SHOW

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

Saturday June 20, 2026

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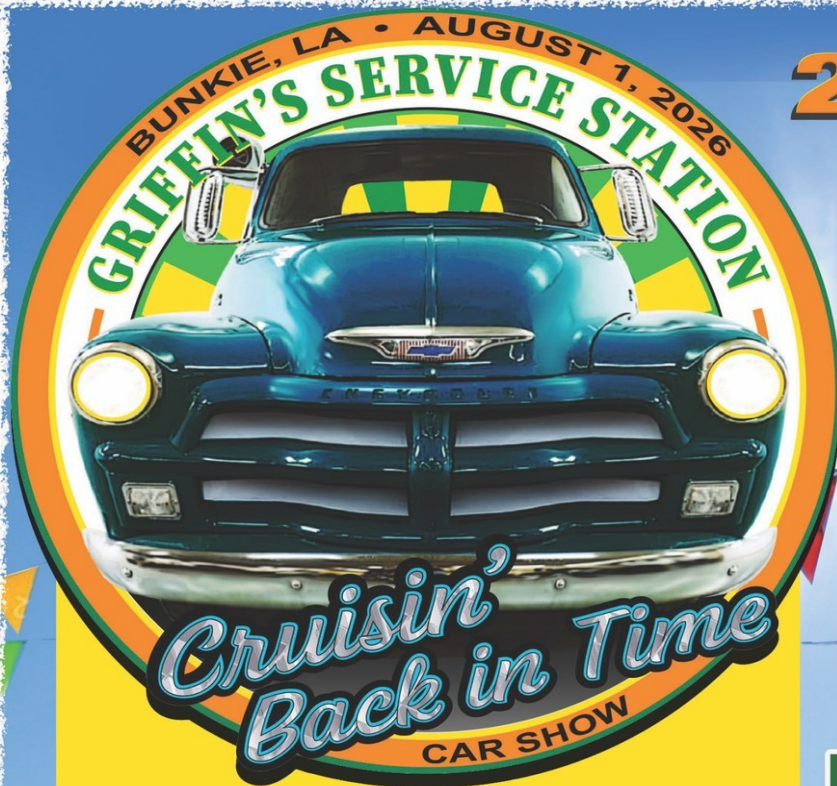
1013 E Whatley Road Oakdale, La.



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
Shopping
Free Admission
FAMILY FUN!



SCAN THE CODE TO REGISTER
your vehicle for the Car Show

A few of our members participated in the Wheels in the Hills Car Show in Pollock. They walked away with a new set of trophies.

Paul Drerup—2014 Corvette

Christine Drerup—1978 Trans Am

James Raila—1934 Plymouth

Doris Raila—1950 Ford





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