

The Cajun Rally

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Evangeline Chapter – Louisiana Region AACA

Celebrating 68 years AACA Membership

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Meeting
May 21, 2025 - **6PM**

Toby's
125 N Court St, Opelousas, LA

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The President's Message

Dear Members,

First and foremost, I'd like to extend heartfelt wishes to all mothers—Happy Mother's Day!

By the time this newsletter reaches you, the 2025 Louisiana Tour in Hammond, hosted by the Horseless Carriage Club, will likely have wrapped up. For those who couldn't attend, keep an eye on our website—hopefully some of our members will post pictures to share the experience!

Looking ahead, don't forget to mark your calendars for Saturday, June 7th. Leisa and James Lass will be hosting the Region Picnic at Chicot State Park in Ville Platte. This event will follow a "bring your own" format, like our Christmas Party tradition. Only this time, instead of a bottle, BYO Lunch (bring your own favorite foods). Grills will be available for you to cook whatever you like!

On another note, following discussions at our last meeting about the timing of our gatherings, we'll be sending out a ballot so you can vote on your preferred meeting time. Keep an eye on your email and don't forget to cast your vote!

Looking forward to seeing you in May at Toby's in Opelousas.
Warm regards, *Andy Slovacek*

MINUTES OF THE APRIL MEETING OF THE EVANGELINE CHAPTER AACA

The Evangeline Chapter AACA held their monthly meeting on April 16, 2025, at Morvant's in Broussard, LA.

Andy Slovacek called the meeting to order at 6pm. 42 members and guests signed in.

Monica Leger gave the invocation, and Robert Hoey led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Margurite Ortego motioned to accept the minutes printed in the Cajun Rally and Bart Guidroz seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Judie Alleman gave the Treasurer's report. Roy Carraway motioned to accept the report and was seconded by James Lass. Motion carried.

Andy asked if there were any guests. Ron Sonnier introduced his guests, Don & Anne Boulet. Andy introduced Dr. Patrick Magee. Dennis & Monica had their grandson, Cade, with them. Long time members, Tom & Sheila Smoak were at the meeting after a long absence. Tom was recovering from heart problems. Their son, Patrick, was a guest. He has decided to join the club. He has his father's beautiful Ford. Welcome Patrick.

Andy wished a Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary to all members who celebrated one in the month of April.

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 2nd – 4th, is the Louisiana Tour in Hammond. It's being put on by the Horseless Carriage Club. Anyone wanting to caravan, meet in Aldi's parking lot in Lafayette, off of Louisiana Avenue. We will leave at 9am.

May 15th, 16th & 17th is Cruisin Cajun Country annual event. (flyer)

Ron Sonnier talked about Collector Car Appreciation Day. The club will meet at Burger King in Rayne on Saturday, July 12th and leave at 10am to go to The Regatta in Lake Arthur for lunch.

Dr Bacque' talked about the Chrysler 300 Spring meet in Lafayette April 30th – May 4th. He invited members to come by to see all the awesome cars.

The Thanksgiving Tour, November 18th - 23rd will be in Nacogdoches – Lufkin, Texas Area. (flyer)

We had a discussion about the time of our meetings. John Hebert mentioned, the traffic in Lafayette is very heavy when trying to get to meeting on time. John R Young also mentioned, 6 O'clock is early to get to the meeting. It was decided to table the matter. Andy will call a board meeting to discuss the matter. The board will recommend a couple of options and the membership will vote by ballot at the next meeting.

TRIVIA QUESTION

The 1937 Ford Cabriolet is Creamy white. What is it's nickname?

1. The Light Dream
2. White Wonder
3. White Flash
4. Vanilla Shake

TRIVIA ANSWER

4. Vanilla Shake

The term "Vanilla Shake" evokes the image of a smooth and creamy drink, which matches the appearance of the car.

Our next meeting will be May 21st at Toby's in Opelousas.

Bart Guidroz made a motion to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Robert Hoey. Motion passed.

Those signing in were:

Andy & Susan Slovacek
 John & Donna Reaux
 Bart Guidroz
 Louise Ortego
 Gerald & Linda Tribe
 Russell & Judie Alleman
 Dennis & Monica Leger
 Jim & Marguerite Ortego & Cade
 Ron & Dianne Sonnier
 Don & Anne Boulley (guest)
 Liz & Roy Carraway
 Jim & Lisa Ousse
 Kimmy Breaux
 Joey Breaux
 Greg & Jenny Drouet
 Harold Breaux & Elva Duhon
 Robert Hoey & Sylvia Fenning
 Tom & Sheila Smoak
 Patrick Smoak (guest)
 Frank Bacque'
 Sam & Erica Bacque'
 John R & Glenda Young
 Calvin Ardoin & Annette Landry
 John Hebert
 Dr. Patrick McGee (guest)

**MAY BIRTHDAYS**

22 – Shelia Smoak
 29 – Dawn Morgan
 31 – Billy Miller

**MAY ANNIVERSARY**

11 – Ron & Dianne Sonnier

2025 National Events

May 1, 2025 - May 3, 2025

[**2025 Western Spring Nationals/Grand National – Tucson, AZ**](#)

June 1, 2025 - June 7, 2025

[**2025 AACA Vintage Tour – Southern/Eastern Pennsylvania**](#)

June 14, 2025

[**AACA Gettysburg Region 50th Anniversary**](#)

York Springs, PA

July 2, 2025 - July 5, 2025

[**2025 Central Spring Nationals – Auburn, IN**](#)

September 7, 2025 - September 12, 2025

[**2025 Revival AAA Glidden Tour® \(Pre-1943\) – Owensboro, KY \(VMCCA Hosted\)**](#)

October 7, 2025 - October 10, 2025

[**2025 Eastern Fall Meet – Hershey, PA**](#)

October 22, 2025 - October 25, 2025

[**2025 Central Fall Nationals – Galveston, TX**](#)

2025 Louisiana Events

- May 2nd – 4th, 2025 Louisiana Tour – Hammond, LA – Horseless Carriage Club

May 14th - 17th, 2025 Cruisin Cajun Country, New Iberia, LA

May 21st – Meeting – Toby's Restaurant – Opelousas, LA

June 7th – Region Picnic – Chicot State Park

June 18th – Meeting – TBA

July 12th – Collector Car Appreciation Drive – Regatta – Lake Arthur, LA

July 16th – Meeting Location TBA

Aug 20th – Meeting Location TBA

Drive & Dine – 3rd Quarter – Contraband

Sept 17th – Meeting Location TBA

Drive & Dine – 4th Quarter – Evangeline

Oct 15th – Meeting Location TBA

Nov 12th – Meeting Location TBA

Nov 18th – 23rd - Thanksgiving Tour - Nacogdoches – Lufkin, Texas Area

- TBA – Lagniappe Chapter Tour
- Denotes Point Earning Event



Linda Butaud Guidry

September 1, 1947 - April 23, 2025

Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, April 29, 2025 at 1:00 PM in Martin & Castille's La Fleur de Lis Chapel in Lafayette, for Linda Butaud Guidry, age 77, who passed away on Wednesday, April 23, 2025 at The Carpenter House-St. Joseph Hospice in Lafayette.

Interment will be held in Lafayette Memorial Park Cemetery.

Reverend Howard Blessing will officiate the services.

The family requests that visitation be observed on Tuesday from 9:00 AM until time of services. A Rosary will be recited on Tuesday at 11:00 AM in Martin & Castille's SOUTHSIDE Location.

Survivors of Linda include her son, Deeke G. Guidry; her sister, Donna Reaux and husband, John; her nephews, Chad Reaux and Brent Johnson; her niece, Brandy White; great nephew, Joshua Reaux; great nieces, Crystal White and Michelle White.

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Davis G. Guidry; her parents, Lubell Broussard Butaud and Erwin Joseph Butaud, Jr.

Linda was a devoted wife, a caring mother, a loyal sister, and a true friend. She worked for more than 20 years at Abbeville Building and Loan, then continued her service at Home Bank in Lafayette, retiring after over 20 years. Her coworkers were more than colleagues-they were like family. Linda loved to bake, and she never missed a coworker's birthday without a homemade cake. Linda enjoyed shopping and dressing nicely, her favorite color was red. To honor Linda at her funeral, please consider wearing your favorite color in her memory.

With her husband Davis, Linda tended a beautiful Daylily garden in Abbeville. She took joy in leading garden tours with her in-laws, welcoming and hosting visitors from all over the world. She loved working in her yard and found peace in gardening.

Linda and Davis were proud members of the AACA Evangeline Chapter, sharing their love of antique cars and attending car shows with her sister Donna and brother-in-law, John.

She delighted in baking for those she loved and cherished every holiday. For Linda, family gatherings were sacred-a time to share joy, laughter, and love. She will be dearly missed by those who knew and loved her.

Pallbearers will be Deeke G. Guidry, Joshua Reaux, Brent Johnson, Johnny Lewis, David Smith, Larry Provost, Tracy Broussard, and Toup Sonnier.

Honorary Pallbearers will be John Reaux, Dr. Juan Perez, Casey White, Mike Dean, Martial Broussard, Kerry Lange, and James Roger.

The family of Linda Guidry would like to thank the staff of Ochsner Lafayette General Medical Center, floor 8, especially Jayden for their compassion and care shown to Linda. The family also thanks the staff of The Carpenter House-St. Joseph's Hospice; her sitters, Andrea Arceneaux and Jackie Smith, and her friend, Mary Nero for her many years of assistance and friendship.

In Linda Butaud Guidry's memory, donations can be made to St. Joseph's Hospice
<https://www.stjosephhospicefoundation.org/donations.php>



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NEW IBERIA, LA 70562-0628

Entry Number
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Cruisin Cajun Country Cruise-In
May 15-17, 2025
New Iberia, LA
Early Arrivals May 14, 2025
www.cruisincajuncountry.com

All Entrants are Subject to Cruisin Cajun Country, Inc. Approval
Registration form must be completely filled out and signed by entrant
Read All Information Before Completing Your Entry Form

Please Print Clearly:

Date: _____

Registration Fee: \$65.00

Name: _____

(First) _____ (Last) _____

Purchased T-Shirt: _____

Spouse/Guest: _____

(First) _____ (Last) _____

Additional T-Shirts: _____

Mailing Address: _____

(City) _____ (State) _____ (Zip) _____

Total Fee: _____

Club Affiliation: _____

(City) _____ (State) _____ (Zip) _____

E-mail: _____

Primary Contact #: _____

Secondary Contact #: _____

Age: 21 or Older? [] Yes [] No

Spouse/Guests under 21? [] Yes [] No

Insurance Carrier: _____

Extra person/guest included in registration:

Print: _____

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Signature: _____

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Vehicle 1: _____

(YARD) (GARD) (GARDL)

Vehicle 2: _____

(YARD) (GARD) (GARDL)

Select One **Free T-Shirt W/Registration:**

Crew Neck

SIZE: S [] M [] L [] XL [] 2XL [] 3XL [] 4XL [] 5XL [] Poly/Cotton T-Shirt []

Ladies V-Neck:

SIZE: LV/S [] LV/M [] LV/L [] LV/XL [] LV/2XL [] LV/3XL [] LV/4XL [] Poly/Cotton T-Shirt IF AVAILABLE []

Additional T-shirts may be purchased for \$20.00 each:

Crew Neck

SIZE: S [] M [] L [] XL [] 2XL [] 3XL [] 4XL [] 5XL [] Poly/Cotton T-Shirt []

Ladies V-Neck:

SIZE: LV/S [] LV/M [] LV/L [] LV/XL [] LV/2XL [] LV/3XL [] LV/4XL [] Poly/Cotton T-Shirt IF AVAILABLE []

Please Do Not Send Cash: Payment by: Credit Card or Checks or Money Orders Made Payable to:

Cruisin Cajun Country, Inc. P.O. Box 10628 New Iberia, LA 70562-0628

Credit Card Information:

Name: _____ Card Number: _____

Expiration Date: Month: _____ Year: _____ Secure Code: _____ Zip Code: _____

INITIAL: _____



PLEASE JOIN US FOR A GOOD OLD FASHIONED PICNIC!

Louisiana Region aaca

HOST: James & Lesia Lass
Regional President & Secretary
James—318-308-3582
Lesia -318-201-8683

WHEN: Saturday, June 7th
11:00 a.m. till ...

WHERE: Chicot State Park
(Pavilion 1)
3469 Chicot Park Rd.
Ville Platte, LA

BRING: *Your own lunch (brown bag, fried chicken, barbecue. Whatever you want to eat)
There is a barbecue pit at pavilion.
*Your own drinks
*Chairs
*Playing Cards
*Cornhole Boards & Bags
*Dominoes

<https://www.lastateparks.com/parks-preserves/chicot-state-park>



Thanksgiving 2025 Tour

Where: Nacogdoches & Lufkin, Texas

When: Tuesday, Nov. 18 -
Sun., Nov. 23, 2025

Hotel: Comfort Inn Suites in
Nacogdoches
(trailer parking is VERY limited)

[https://www.choicehotels.com/reservations
/groups/UW27R3](https://www.choicehotels.com/reservations/groups/UW27R3)

Things we are working on to see/do:

Bus tour/car show
Private Toy Collection
Naca Valley Winery
Millard's Crossing
Caddo Mounds
SFA Planetarium & Stone Fort Museum
Fredonia Brewery
Texas Forestry Museum
Naranjo & Natural History Museum
Museum of East Texas



The quarterly Drive & Dine hosted by Cenla
April 12, 2025

Enjoyed a delicious lunch at Cajun Catfish in Ville Platte with antique clubs from Cenla, Lake Charles and Evangeline Chapters. I'm not sure how many attended but we had 32 members from Evangeline Chapter. Here are a few pictures.



APRIL						
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MAY 2025

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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					Louisiana Tour – Hammond, LA May 2 nd – May 4 th , 2025	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
				Cruisin Cajun Country May Event May 8 th – 10 th , 2025 – Travel & Tour 4 Parishes		
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
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			Meeting 6PM Toby's in Opelousas			
25	MEMORIAL DAY	27	28	29	30	31

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JUNE 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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					La. Region Picnic Lake Chicot	
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FATHER'S DAY!	16	17	18	19	20	21
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JULY						
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