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President's Message

Summer is winding down, schools are back in session and I've attended the first high school football game of the season. As I'm writing this article, I see the hummingbirds are back and I've noticed the first hint of cooler weather. Fall is such a great time to look forward to the cooler weather and activities with fellow AACA members.

In August, we had a great Quarterly Drive and Dine at C'est Bon Restaurant in Mermontau. As always, we had a great time with about 60 members/guest attending. Upcoming we have the following:

Fourth Quarter Drive and Dine hosted by Evangeline on October 25 at Jim and Marguerite Ortego's home.

Louisiana Region AACA Meet & Greet Cruisin the Coast . See info in this issue.

The Fall AACA Tour is scheduled to be hosted by Lagniappe, set for November 7-8 in Houma, with tours of Wedell-Williams & Cypress Sawmill Museum on Friday and Henry Shane Collection "Cars of Yester Years" on Saturday. Please see registration in this issue of The Duster. I hope everyone can make the trip.

Thanksgiving Tour set for November 18 – 23 in Nacogdoches, TX. See flyer in this issue.

Christmas Party and Region Board meeting on December 7 at Chef Roy in Rayne, LA. Flyer in this issue. Please mail in your reservation as soon as possible.

I strongly encourage members to invite guest to these events so they can see how much fun our club members are having. These events are great opportunities to get the old cars out and blow off the dust with fall temperatures less taxing on those old air conditioners (if they have one).

Finally, as we move into the fourth quarter of the year, it is time to begin the process of renewing memberships for the 2026 year. Please help by promptly completing your forms and paying your fees when the officers make them available to you.

God bless,

James Lass

Regional President



Louisiana Region 2025 Point Earning Events

December 1, 2024	Region Board Meeting & Installation of officers 2025-2027
March 21-23, 2025	44th Contraband Chapter Spring Tour Sulphur, LA
May 2-4, 2025	Louisiana Tour hosted by Horseless Carriage Club of New Orleans Tangipahoa Parish
November 7-8, 2025	Lagniappe Fall Tour Houma, LA

DRIVE AND DINE ROTATION:

**1ST QUARTER—LAGNIAPPE DATE SET FOR MARCH 15—
FEEZIO'S IN BROUSSARD**

**2ND QUARTER—CENLA DATE SET FOR APRIL 12—CAJUN CAT-
FISH IN VILLE PLATTE**

**3RD QUARTER—CONTRABAND, AUG. 9TH C'EST BON RESTAU-
RANT, MERMENTAU, LA**

4TH QUARTER—EVANGELINE, OCT. 25

LOUISIANA TOUR ROTATION:

2026—BATON ROUGE

2027—EVANGELINE

2028—CONTRABAND

2029—LAGNIAPPE

2030—CENLA

2031—HORSELESS CARRIAGE



Would you like registration information and materials about any of these National Activities?

You can:

1. Fill out the activity request card that came with the last issue of *Antique Automobile* magazine and mail it to us.

2. Sign into the [members only area](#) of the AACA website to print your own registration form and brochure. You can also now fill out your registration online and pay via credit card. You will need your member number and your PIN. If you don't remember your member number and your PIN, give AACA Headquarters a call, and we can provide you with that information.

3. Call us at AACA Headquarters and we will fill out a request for you and mail you the materials. Call 717-534-1910 Mon.-Fri. from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Eastern Time.

September 7-12, 2025 – Revival AAA Glidden Tour® (Pre-1943) – Owensboro, KY (VMCCA Hosted) – mistergreentrace@gmail.com

October 7-10, 2025 – Eastern Fall Meet – Hershey, PA – hosted by Hershey Region AACA – 717-566-7720

October 18-22, 2025 – Central Divisional Tour – San Antonio to Gonzales, TX – hosted by Texas DFW Region – 214-498-0531

October 23-25, 2025 – Central Fall Nationals – Galveston, TX – hosted by Gulf Coast Region AACA – 832-693-4008

February 5-7, 2026 – Annual Convention/National Awards – Westfields Marriott Washington Dulles, Chantilly, VA – 717-534-1910

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

Greetings from the Gulf Coast Region AACA

Our 2025 AACA National Meet Registration in Galveston, Texas is OPEN online

The dates are Thursday, October 22nd through Saturday night, October 25th

The 2025 Central Division Fall Nationals is NOW OPEN for members of the AACA to Register on-line for the National event as well as registering for the Moody Gardens Hotel. Listed below are the easy LOGIN notes.

To Register login to AACAOrg

You will need your Member Number and PIN (these are on your Member ID card)

Select Event Pre-Registration

Complete the Registration process by selecting your options

SAVE your data and you will receive a printed Confirmation

It will then ask for payment information. You can charge a credit card,

Or mail a check. Details are on the registration page.

We already have registrations by people who have been waiting for it to OPEN!

The first group event was also held at our 2016 National Meet and is back by popular demand! We will caravan on the Ferry from Galveston Island to Bolivar Peninsula. Then caravan to a Mexican Food Restaurant on Bolivar. The Ferry is FREE, and Lunch will be ordered and paid by attendees.

We have many attractions that you can coordinate with other attendees and make your selection of date and time. Here is a list of popular island attractions:

Moody Gardens Resort, our Host Hotel, has many attractions on site, including Rainforest Pyramid, Discovery Museum, 3D Theater, Butterfly Garden.

Tall Ship Elissa, The Bryan Museum (a journey through the history of Texas located in the original Galveston Orphans Home that survived the 1900 hurricane; The Galveston Railroad Museum located in the historic Strand Shopping area, a very popular area. Brochures for all these attractions and more will be in your "Goody" bag with your Registration materials.

Hope to see you all at the 2025 Central Division Fall National in

Galveston, Texas Questions call Jim Johnston, Chairman at 832-693-4008

Email questions to 2025galvestonmeet@att.net

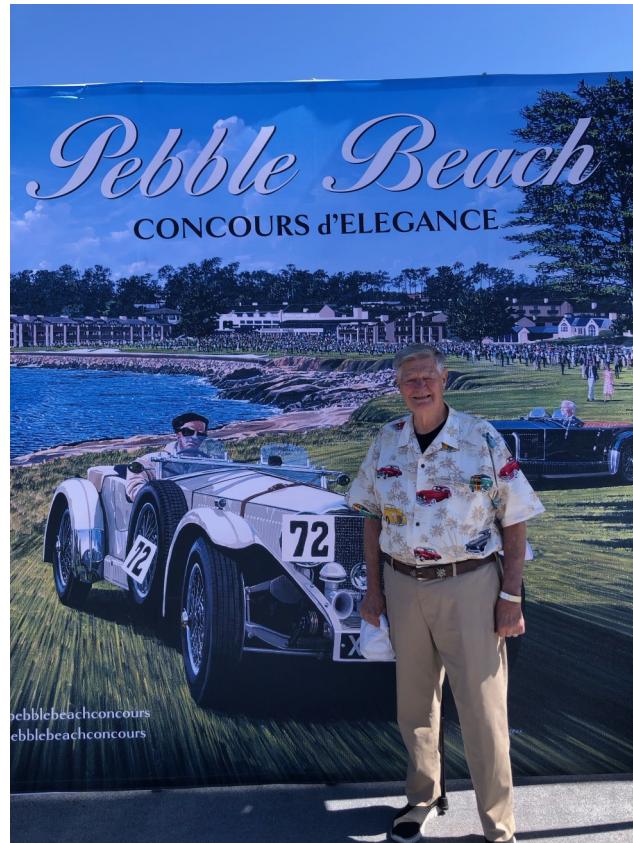
Jim Johnston - Chairman

Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance

Attended by Billy White

The Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance is an annual automotive event held on the Pebble Beach Golf Links in Pebble Beach, California. It is widely considered the most prestigious car show in the world, and it is the pinnacle Concours d'Elegance competition worldwide. It is the finale of Monterey Car Week held in August every year. A Concours d'Elegance is an event open to both prewar and postwar collector cars in which they are judged for authenticity, function, history and style. Classes are commonly arranged by type, marque, coachbuilder, country of origin, or time period.

Judges select first, second, and third-place finishers for each class in the event, and the judges confer the pinnacle "Best of Show" award on one car from the group of first-place winners, which includes an engraved trophy and engraved Rolex watch.



LOUISIANA REGION AACA CRUISIN' THE COAST

If you are a member of Louisiana Region AACA and plan to attend Cruisin the Coast, we are planning a meet and greet breakfast at Island View Casino in the buffet area on Friday, October 10th at 9:00 a.m.



All members are welcome, and bring family and/or friends!



Check out our clubs' websites:

<https://contrabandaaca.com/>

<https://evangelinechapteraaca.com/>

<https://cenlaoldcarclub.com/>

<https://louisianaregion.aaca.com/>



2026 Membership

Renewal Time

It's 2026 Membership Renewal Time

It's our busiest time of the year here at AACA Headquarters – it's membership renewal time! The first renewal notice for 2026 dues will be included in the September/October mailing package of *Antique Automobile*.

Members can also use the online renewal option on our website. Renewing online is quick and easy! Just log in with your membership number and pin number, review the information currently listed on your membership record and make changes if necessary. Review your information one more time and click on credit card. Payment options include Visa, MasterCard or Discover. Your payment will automatically update your membership record.

Antique Automobile Club of America

(717) 534-1910; kwhite@aaca.org



2025 AAC Lagniappe Fall Tour November 7-8, 2025

"A Fun, Festive, Fall Tour!"

Hotel: Plantation Inn Houma Group Rate \$72.95 per night

1381 W Tunnel Blvd • Houma, LA • 70360 • Ph: (985)868-0500

Friday Nov 7th, "Wedell-Williams & Cypress Sawmill Museum"

Friday Lunch 11:00AM to 12:00PM Leaving Host Hotel at 12:30PM

Saturday Nov 8th, Henry Shane Collection "Cars of Yester Years"

Lunch @ Boudreaux River Road Restaurant and Sculpture Garden Tour

(Registration includes 4 paid meals, Lunch and Dinner Fri & Sat.)

Registration accepted postmarked between

Sept. 1st, 2025 - Oct. 24th, 2025

Late Registrations Call Whitney Richard 985-722-4120

Please Print:

Drivers Name _____ Age _____ AACAA Membership No. _____

Address _____ City, State, Zip _____

Phone(H) _____ (C) _____ E-Mail _____

Print Names for Name tags:

Driver _____

Passenger 1 _____ City, State, Zip _____

Passenger 2 _____ City, State, Zip _____

Passenger 3 _____ City, State, Zip _____

Year _____ Make _____ Body Type _____ Color(s) _____

Auto Insurance Co. _____ Policy Number _____

NOTE: AACAA is dedicated to the preservation of antique automobiles.

For this tour. All years, 25 years or older, are accepted.

<u>Registration Fee</u>	<u>Cost:</u>	<u>Number:</u>	<u>Total:</u>
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One Vehicle and Driver \$99.95

Each Passenger \$99.95

Grand Total \$ _____

Make Checks Payable to: AACAA Lagniappe

Mail to: Celeste Hebert • 110 Brinwood Dr • Houma, LA • 70360

Thanksgiving 2025 Tour

Where: Nacogdoches & Lufkin, Texas

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

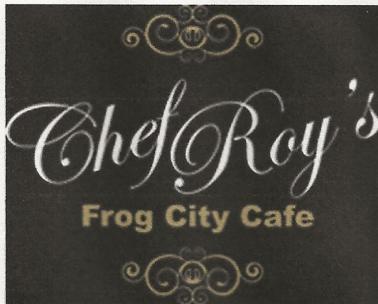
Hotel: Comfort Inn Suites in
Nacogdoches
(trailer parking is VERY limited)

[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





1131 Church Point Hwy.
Rayne, LA 70578
337-334-7913
I10 Exit 87
North 1/10 mile

LOUISIANA REGION CHRISTMAS PARTY SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2025

Board Meeting at 11:00 sharp
Meal and General Membership meeting follows at 12:00

Blackened Fish Etoufee (seasoned filet over a bed of rice, smothered with crawfish etouffee)

Fried Shrimp and Crab Cake Combo (6 fried shrimp, 1 crab cake, stuffed potato)

Hamburger Steak (fresh ground chuck, seasoned and formed, covered with brown gravy, served with stuffed potato)

**Price includes meal, salad, bread, bread pudding dessert, soft drink, or tea, tax and tip
Alcoholic beverages are charged separately**

Deadline: November 14, 2025

James Lass 318-308-3582

Blackened Fish Etoufee qty _____ @ \$34 _____

Fried Shrimp and Crab Cake Combo qty _____ @ \$34 _____

Hamburger Steak qty _____ @ \$34 _____

Name _____ Chapter _____

Name _____ Phone _____

**Payable to Louisiana Region AACA
Mail to: James Lass, 4046 Old Marksville Hwy., Pineville, LA 71360**

2nd Annual Car Show Toy Drive

October 25th 2025 From 8:00am-3pm
Lake Buhlow 200 Lake Buhlow Rd, Pineville, La
71360

1st-2nd-3rd Place Trophies
Over 40 Plus Trophies will be handed out

Categories

- Antique (1904-1979)
- Classic Cars (1980-2010)
- Classic Trucks (1980-2011)
- Modern Cars (2011-2025)
- Modern Trucks (2011-2025)
- Rat Rods
- Jeeps
- Big Rims (26 and Bigger)/Swanger
- Imports
- Coups
- Sport Cars
- All Original/ Survivors
- Motorcycles
- Kids Power Wheels
- Dear To Be Different
- People Choice
- Best of Show
- Rev Battle Champion

Cruising for Kindness
One Burnout at a Time!

Rev/2step Battle

\$30 Car Show Entry Fee

Face Painting
Power Wheel Race
Fishing
Raffling
Giveaways
Vendors

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Oct 3 at 12 PM – Oct 4 at 4 PM

19th Annual Natchitoches Car Show - repost

Downtown Natchitoches, La



For Sale

1988 Avanti Convertible



Avantis were originally manufactured by Studebaker Corp. in 1962 and 1963 as a fiberglass coupe. When Studebaker ceased production, **Leo Newman and Nate Altman**, wealthy Studebaker dealers, bought the rights to the Avanti, tooling and stock to continue manufacturing the car in one of the Studebaker buildings in South Bend, Indiana. They called it the **Avanti II** to differentiate it from the Studebaker produced cars. Other owners and partners continued to manufacture coupes and convertibles under Avanti Motor Corporation until 2006. As the company ran out of most Studebaker parts, they began basing the car on GM production cars.

This Avanti, manufactured under the "Michael Kelly Era" in Youngstown, Ohio, is based on a 1988 Chevrolet Monte Carlo (GM 305CID). It is a reliable and road worthy car with 77,038 miles. It doesn't burn any oil and gets average fuel mileage. It rides on 15" original chrome wire wheels. The interior is in good condition.

AACA National First Senior Award, Naples FL in 2016. Only about 250 Avanti Convertibles ever produced.

\$20,000 Seller: Fred Duplechin, 985 803-0672

For Sale:

1941 Studebaker Champion

4 door Sedan

56,000 miles

\$6,000

Contact: Rodger Peters 318-880-6764



PRAYER FOR PROTECTION DURING HURRICANE SEASON

BY THE MOST REVEREND MAURICE SCHEXNAYDER
SECOND BISHOP OF LAFAYETTE

O God, Master of this passing world, hear the humble voices of your children. The Sea of Galilee obeyed your order and returned to its former quietude; you are still the Master of land and sea.

We live in the shadow of a danger over which we have no control. The Gulf, like a provoked and angry giant, can awake from its seeming lethargy, overstep its conventional boundaries, invade our land, and spread chaos and disaster. During this hurricane season, we turn to You, O loving Father. Spares us from past tragedies whose memories are still so vivid and whose wounds seem to refuse to heal with the passing of time.

O Virgin, Star of the Sea, Our Beloved Mother, we ask you to plead with your Son in our behalf, so that spared from the calamities common to this area and animated with a true spirit of gratitude, we will walk in the footsteps of your Divine Son to reach the heavenly Jerusalem where a storm-less eternity awaits us.

Amen.

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