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Meeting
August 19, 2026 – 6:30pm
Lagneaux's
445 Ridge Road, Lafayette, LA

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The President's Message

Hello all!

Thanks to all who attended our regular meeting on the 15th. Good to see you as always.

Andy finally got his new seat covers for his Corvette. He should be rolling again soon.

The Classic Car Appreciation event to Lake Arthur planned by Ron Sonnier was a great success again this year. The weather cooperated even though rain was predicted. The company great and food at the Regatta restaurant was delicious. Thanks, Ron!

The Contraband Club is hosting the next drive and dine to Lake Arthur for lunch at Knott's Cajun and Seafood Restaurant. They'll begin serving at 11 a.m. Please try to attend.

As you know, our club will be hosting the Regional Tour the first week of May 2027. Trips to the McIlhenny plant, Avery Island, and the distillery in Branch have been suggested. Hotel accommodations are not finalized. Doc Bacque will be contacting his connection at McIlhenny to see about tours there. We'll be forming a planning committee soon. In the meantime, if anyone has any ideas, please contact Brenda or me. This is our tour and we want to make it a good one!

Our next regular meeting will be Wednesday, August 19th, 6:30 pm, at Lagneaux's. Thanks for your continued support and until next time.....

DUST 'EM OFF AND DRIVE 'EM!
Bart Guidroz

Evangeline Chapter Meeting July 15, 2026

Bart Guidroz opened the meeting at 6:30pm. Thirty (34) members & guests signed in.

Bart thanked Harold, John, Kimmy, Joey and their wives for all they did to make the Crawfish boil (and meeting) a success.

Andy Slocacek said the invocation and Ron Sonnier lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ruby Langley made a motion to accept the minutes as printed in the Cajun Rally newsletter. Ted Bertrand seconded it. Motion passed.

Judie Alleman gave the treasures report. Ron Sonnier made a motion to accept the report, and Ted Bertrand seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Bart wished everyone a happy birthday and happy anniversary to all members who celebrate it in the month of July.

SICK CARS:

Andy's seat covers are in for the Corvette and should be on the road again soon.

Pam's & Toup are in the process of diagnosing the problems with her Cutlass.

Ron Sonnier said on his El Comino, the carburetor don't carb and the pistons don't work either.

SICK MEMBERS:

Pam spoke to Tom Smoak. He gets out of breath very easily. He went to cardiologist and pulmonologist and was told they couldn't find his problem.

PAST EVENTS

Ron gave a report on the trip to the Regatta. He counted 71 people there. Brenda counted 21 from Evangeline Chapter. Mark your calendar on July 10th for next year's Collector Classic Car drive back to the Regatta.

Next year, Evangeline Chapter is hosting the La. Region Tour in May. We need suggestions on where to go and things to do on the Friday afternoon and then on Saturday. Our first thing is to find the motel then work from there, Call Bart to be on the committee and with tour suggestions.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Aug 8th Contraband Drive & Dine – Lake Arthur
Sept -18th – 19th – Fall Tour hosted by Cenla – Alexandria, LA

Oct 4th – 11th – Cruisin the Coast

Nov 17th – 22nd – Thanksgiving Tour

Dec 6th – La. Region Board Meeting & Christmas Party – Chef Roy's in Rayne, LA

TRIVIA QUESTION

What year did Ford introduce the Model T?

1. 1907
2. 1908
3. 1909

The \$60 50/50 was won by Calvin Ardojun.

Trivia answer is 1908.

Our next meeting will be @ Lagneaux's on August 19th at 6:30pm.

Louise Ortego made a motion to adjourn, and Pam Sonnier seconded the motion. Motion Passed.

Members who signed the book were:

Bart Guidroz
 Louise Ortego
 Brenda Derouen
 Ruby Langley
 Calvin Ardoin & Annette Landry
 Perry Richardson
 Russell & Judie Alleman
 Ted & Brenda Bertrand
 Ron & Dianne Sonnier
 Robert Hoey & Sylvia Fenning
 Gerald & Linda Tribe
 Anne Marie Simon
 Frank & Miki Bacque'
 Kimmy Breaux
 Greg & Jenny Dronet
 John Hebert
 Joey Breaux
 Harold Breaux
 Andy & Susan Slovacek
 John & Donna Reaux
 Jim & Marguerite Ortego
 Pam & Toup Sonnier

2026 Louisiana Events

August 8th – Contraband Drive & Dine – Lake Arthur
 Aug 19th – Meeting - Lagneaux's
 Sept 16th – Meeting - Lagneaux's
 • Sept 18th – 19th – Fall Tour – CENLA
 Oct 4th – 11th – Cruisin the Coast – Mississippi
 Drive & Dine – 4th Quarter – Evangeline
 Oct 21th – Meeting - TBA
 Nov 11th – Meeting - TBA
 Nov 17th – 22nd Thanksgiving Tour
 • Dec 6th – Region Board Meeting & Christmas Party
 • Denotes Point Earning Event

2026 AACA National Shows and Tours

August 5-8, 2026 – Southeastern Divisional Tour –
 Flat Rock, NC
 August 19-22, 2026 – Annual Grand Nationals / Zenith Awards
 – Allentown, PA – 717-534-1910
 September 9-14, 2026 – Founders Tour (1932-2001) –
 Williamsburg, VA
 September 20-26, 2026 – Revival AAA Glidden Tour (Pre-1943) –
 Dover, DE
 October 6-9, 2026 – Eastern Fall Nationals – Hershey, PA

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

5 – Lisa Ousse
 6 – Dennis Leger
 12 – Calvin Ardoin
 16 – Teresa Huval
 22 – Dr Frank Bacque'
 28 – Russell Alleman
 28 – Toup Sonnier



JUNE ANNIVERSARY

6 – James & Lesia Lass





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 bourrée, 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 _____

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



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One of the best ways to get value from Hello isn't by doing everything at once — it's by making it part of your routine in small, simple ways. Here's what that can look like:

- ° Start your week with a short class: Something like mobility, balance, or light strength to get moving.
- ° Check in midweek: Explore your AACA space, see what others are sharing, or join a discussion.
- ° Try something new over the weekend: Whether it's a wellness session, a brain game, or a new topic that catches your interest.

There's no right way to participate. Some members join regularly; others drop in when it fits their schedule — both are great. Matters most is finding a rhythm that works for you.

If you haven't explored Hello yet, now is a great time to get started — just [click here](#).

We hope to see you soon!

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Sabel LeBlanc Guidry Obituary

November 11, 1938 – July 13, 2026

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, July 16, 2026 at a 2:00 PM Mass of Christian Burial in St. Basil Catholic Church for Sabel LeBlanc Guidry, age, 87, who passed away on July 13, 2026 at her residence.

Entombment will be held in St. Basil Catholic Mausoleum.

Reverend Donovan Labbé will be the Celebrant of the Funeral Mass and will officiate the service.

Survivors include her husband, Nolan "Crip" Guidry; her children, Leonard and Mel Guidry, Todd and Norma Guidry, Chad and Hope Guidry, Stacy and Kathy Guidry, Danny and "E" Guidry; grandchildren, Leonard Carr Guidry, Michael (Renee), Matthew (Demi), Derek (Megan), Miles Guidry, Morgan Green (Connor), Adam Guidry, Emma Guidry and her ten great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Electa Boudreaux Leblanc and Claude LeBlanc, Sr., her son, Damian Guidry, her siblings, Gussie LeBlanc and Claude LeBlanc, Jr.

With heavy hearts, we celebrate the life of Sabel Guidry, a loving mother, grandmother, teacher, and friend whose kindness and generosity touched everyone she met.

Sabel was a woman of deep faith and a giving spirit. She faithfully served her church by teaching catechism at St. Basil, sharing her love of God and helping guide young people in their faith.

Her greatest joy was her family. As the devoted mother of six boys, she dedicated her life to nurturing, protecting, and caring for her children. She was also a proud and loving grandmother who cherished every moment spent with her grandchildren. They were the light of her life and brought her endless happiness.

Known for her warm heart and welcoming home, Sabel was an exceptional caretaker who always put others first. She loved to cook and found joy in bringing people together around the table. Whether family, friends, or unexpected visitors stopped by, they were always welcomed with a delicious meal, sweet treats, and her famous supply of ice cream. No one ever left her home hungry or without feeling loved.

Sabel's legacy is one of faith, compassion, generosity, and unconditional love. She leaves behind countless memories of laughter, comforting words, home-cooked meals, and unwavering support. Her life was a beautiful example of serving others with grace and humility.

Though she will be deeply missed, her love, kindness, and enduring spirit will live on in the hearts of her family, friends, and all who were blessed to know her. May she rest in eternal peace.

Pallbearers will be, Michael Guidry, Derek Guidry, Matthew Guidry, Adam Guidry, Leonard Carr Guidry, and Connor Green.

A Rosary will be recited on Thursday at 11:30 AM in Martin & Castille's DOWNTOWN Location.

The family requests that visitation be observed on Thursday July, 16th from 9:00 AM until time of services.

Special thanks or In lieu of flowers donations can be made in Sabel LeBlanc Guidry name to Hospice of Acadiana and Food for Love by visiting <https://hospiceacadiana.com/hoa/donate>

August

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