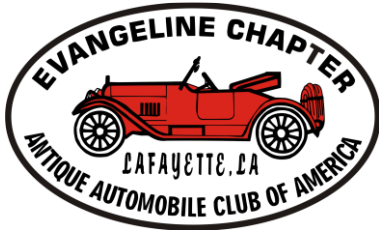


The Cajun Rally
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Evangeline Chapter – Louisiana Region AACA
Celebrating 69 years AACA Membership
Editor – Brenda Derouen



Meeting
February 25, 2026 – **6:30PM**
Lagneaux's
445 Ridge Rd, Lafayette, LA

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members,

Thanks to all who attended our first meeting of 2026 and braved the weather to make it to Lagneaux's.

I hope your holiday season was filled with family, good food and fun.

I would like to thank our new Vice President, Russell Alleman, our Treasurer, Judie Alleman, Secretary, Brenda Derouen and all Board Members for your support (in advance). I appreciate the opportunity to work with you all!

I hope everyone stayed warm and dry during this nasty cold spell.

Please remember our February meeting had to be pushed back a week to Wednesday the 25th at 6:30pm.

If you plan to attend the Louisiana Tour in May, get your reservations in soon.

TAKE 'EM OUT AND DRIVE 'EM!

Bart Guidroz

MINUTES OF THE JANUARY MEETING OF THE EVANGELINE CHAPTER AACA

The Evangeline Chapter AACA held their monthly meeting on January 21, 2026, at Lagneaux's in Lafayette, LA.

Our new president, Bart Guidroz called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. Signing in were 42 members.

Lesia Lass gave the invocation and John R Young led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Louise Ortego motioned to accept the minutes printed in the Cajun Rally and Pam Sonnier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Judie Alleman's gave the Treasurer's report. Perry Richardson motioned to accept the report and was seconded by Ted Bertrand Motion carried

Bart wished everyone Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary to all members who celebrated one in January.

Bart read a list of members & former members we lost in 2025. Ray Thibodeaux, Jill Hall, Linda Guidry, Donald Domingue, Shirley Judice, Thelma Comeaux, Don Hernandez and Boo Derouen.

Bart read a thank you card from Brenda for the beautiful peace lily given by the club for Boo's funeral.

NEW BUSINESS

The new calling committee is Linda Tribe, Louie Ortego, Ruby Langley and Pam Sonnier. If you have anything you want to notify the members, call Brenda Derouen and she will call each committee member.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Lagniappe Chapter will have a Drive & Dine on March 14th at Feezo's in Broussard.

On March 21st, Cruisin Cajun Country will have a car show at Courtesy in Broussard.

The Louisiana Tour will be on May 1st & 2nd in Gonzales put on by the Baton Rouge chapter.

The Cruisin Cajun Country 3-day event will be May 14th – 16th.

Cruisin the Coast will be October 4th thru the 11th in Mississippi.

Nov 17th – 22nd is the Thanksgiving Tour in Monroe.

December 6th is the La. Region Board Meeting & Christmas party @ Chef Roy's in Rayne.

PAST EVENT

Leisa Lass told us about last year's Thanksgiving Tour. It had the largest attendance so far but so many did not stay for the entire tour. Pam commented on the tour also. She said most other tours had two things per day but Leisa and James had three & fours things in a day. There were so many venues and so much fun. It was really well planned.

TRIVIA QUESTION

What was the 1st car to offer Speedo Stacks?

1. 1959 Cadillac El Dorado
2. 1958 Crysler Imperial
3. 1957 Ford Fairlane Skyliner 500

TRIVIA ANSWER

2. 1958 Crysler Imperial

Bart opened the floor to any member that had something to say. Dr. Bacque' told us about the work being done on Jim Ortego's '67 GTO by Sam Bacque'. Jim told us the previous owner made a hot rod out of it. With Sam's help it is now a matching number car.

As a Christmas gift Harold's children gave him a trip to Scottsdale Arizona for Barret Jackson. There were 2000 cars crossing the block. They viewed the cars on Saturday & Sunday. The auction started on Monday thru Sunday. If you ever have the chance, you need to go.

50/50

The winner of the \$60 50/50 was Kimmy Breau.

Our next meeting will be February 25th at Lagneaux's.

Margurite made a motion to adjourn the meeting and seconded by John Young.

Members who signed the book were:

Bart Guidroz
Louise Ortego
Brenda Derouen
John & Donna Reaux
Susan & Andy Slovacek
Pam & Toup Sonnier
Jim & Marguerite Ortego
Jim & Lisa Ousse
Calvin Ardoin & Annette Landry
James & Leisa Lass
Roy Carraway
Ted & Brenda Bertrand
Russell & Judie Alleman

John R & Glenda Young
Robert Hoey & Sylvia Fenning
Perry Richardson
Anne Marie Simmon
Gerald & Linda Tribe
Jenny & Greg Dronet
Kimmy Breaux
Harold Breaux & Elva Duhon
John Hebert
Joey Breaux
Ralph & Yvonne Artall
Erica & Sam Bacque'
Frank Bacque'

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

3 – John R Young
8 – Ralph Artall
10 – Liz Carraway
12 – Glenda Young
15 – Sandra Juneau
18 – Jim Ousse
19 – Karen Quebedeaux
24 – John Hebert
28 – Dianne Sonnier

**FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARY**

24 – John & Angie Hebert

**PLEASE NOTE:**

Because our regular scheduled meeting falls on Ash Wednesday. We have changed our meeting to the following Wednesday, February 25, 2026.

At Lagneaux's

2026 AACA National Shows and Tours

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

March 26-28, 2026 – Winter Nationals – Cartersville, GA

April 9-11, 2026 – Southeastern Spring Nationals – Charlotte, NC

April 23-25, 2026 – Annual Grand Nationals/Western Spring Nationals – Las Vegas, NV

May 28-30, 2026 – Eastern Spring Nationals – Indiana, PA

June 11-13, 2026 – Southeastern Fall Nationals – Oak Ridge, TN

June 15-19, 2026 – Sentimental Tour – Mechanicsburg, PA

July 23-25, 2026 – Central Spring Nationals – Green Bay, WI

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

2026 Louisiana Events

Feb 18th – Meeting – Lagneaux's
 Drive & Dine – March 14th - Lagniappe
 March 21st – Spring Car Show –
 Courtesy – Broussard, LA
 March 18th – Meeting = Lagneaux's

April 15th – Meeting – Lagneaux's

- May 1st & 2nd, 2026 Louisiana Tour – Gonzales, LA –

May 14th - 16th, 2026 Cruisin Cajun Country, New Iberia, LA

Drive & Dine – 2nd Quarter – CENLA

May 20st – Meeting - Lagneaux's

June 17th - Meeting - Lagneaux's

July 15th – Meeting - Lagneaux's

Aug 19th – Meeting - Lagneaux's

Drive & Dine – 3rd Quarter – Contraband

Sept 16th – Meeting - Lagneaux's
 Oct 4th – 11th – Cruisin the Coast - Mississippi
 Drive & Dine – 4th Quarter – Evangeline
 Oct 21th – Meeting - Lagneaux's
 Nov 11th – Meeting - Lagneaux's

- Dec 6th – Region Board Meeting & Christmas Party
- Denotes Point Earning Event



For Sale

1971 Chevy El Camino For Sale
\$29,500

Exterior-Gray with Black Racing
Striped & Black Vinyl Top

Interior- Black

Engine - Automatic 350 bored
out to 383 Stroker- 4 barrel
carburetor

Approx. 10,000 miles on
engine.

Call Toup or Pam Sonnier if
interested 337-207-3226

A vibrant poster for the 'Cruisin' Cajun Country' 17th Annual event. The top features the event name in a stylized, colorful font. Below it, a banner lists 'Tours ★ Music' and 'Food ★ Dancing'. The dates 'May 14-15-16, 2026' and location 'NEW IBERIA, LA' are prominently displayed. The central image shows a green Ford Mustang with black stripes parked in front of a building with a sign that reads 'EVANGELINE'. At the bottom left, there is a Facebook logo and the website 'www.facebook.com/CruisinCajunCountry'. To the right of the Facebook logo is the 'MotorSports Magazine' logo and the text 'PIT STOP'. At the bottom right, there is a block of text providing contact information for registration, host hotel, and itinerary.

Cruisin' CAJUN COUNTRY

17TH ANNUAL

Tours ★ Music Food ★ Dancing

May 14-15-16, 2026

NEW IBERIA, LA

EVANGELINE

www.facebook.com/CruisinCajunCountry

MotorSports Magazine

PIT STOP

For more information about the event including Registration,
Host Hotel and Itinerary please visit cruisincajuncountry.com
or email cruisincajuncountry@gmail.com

2026

Antique Automobile Club of America
Evangeline Chapter
Renewal Form

Name _____ Spouse's First Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone number _____

E-Mail Address _____

Make, Model and Year of Antique Automobile (s) Note: It is not necessary to own an antique automobile to be a member of the club:

Autos:

National AACA Membership Number _____

YOU MUST BE A MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING OF THE NATIONAL AACA IN ORDER TO BE A MEMBER OF A REGION OR CHAPTER.

Birthdates: Member _____ Spouse _____

Anniversary Date: _____

Region & Chapter Dues \$28.00

Submit check payable to the:

Evangeline Chapter AACA
Judie Alleman
128 Cedar Park Lane
Rayne, LA 70578



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) 450-6999

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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**2026 Cruise-in**

May 14, 15, 16

Early Arrivals May 13, 2026

www.cruisincajuncountry.com

Entry Number
For Official Use Only

All Entrants are subject to Cruisin' Cajun Country, INC approval
Registration form must be completely filled out and signed by entrant
Please read all information before completing your entry form

Please Print Clearly:

Date: _____

Name: _____ Spouse/Guest: _____

Mailing Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____

Club Affiliation: _____ Email Address: _____

Primary Contact#: _____ Secondary Contact#: _____

Age 21 or Older? () Yes () No Spouse/Guest under 21? () Yes () No

Insurance Carrier: _____

Vehicle: _____

Year	Make	Model
Additional Vehicle: _____	_____	_____

Year	Make	Model
_____	_____	_____

Registration includes one free t-shirt

T-shirts are made from dri-fit breathable material

Please check here if you would prefer cotton: ☐

Cotton available for Pre-registration only

Please Indicate Size Below:

Crew Neck	Ladies	Extra Crew Neck	Extra Ladies
Small	Small	Small	Small
Medium	Medium	Medium	Medium
Large	Large	Large	Large
X-Large	X-Large	X-Large	X-Large
2XL	2XL	2XL	2XL
3XL	3XL	3XL	3XL
4XL	4XL	4XL	4XL
5XL		5XL	

Registration Fees:Before April 30, 2026 \$65.00

(must be postmarked by April 30th)

after May 1, 2026 \$80.00Additional Guest (per individual) \$40.00

(limit 2 additional guests)

One Day Pass \$45.00Additional Car \$40.00Additional T-shirt \$20.00Event Hat \$25.00Event Total

Please DO NOT send cash

Mail checks orders to: Cruisin' Cajun Country, P.O. Box 10628 New Iberia, LA 70562-0628

Credit Card Information:

Name: _____ Card Number: _____

Expiration Month/Year: _____ Security Code: _____ Zip Code: _____

Signature: _____ Spouse/Guest Signature: _____

2026 EVENT REGISTRATION TIME AND FEES:

Pre Registration is from May 18, 2025 thru April 30, 2026

\$5.00 Per Vehicle. (Includes up to two people plus one free event t-shirt.)

Registration is May 1, 2026 through May 16, 2026

\$80.00 Per Vehicle. (Includes up to two people plus one free event t-shirt.)

Each Addition Person : \$40.00

One Day only Registration Fee:

\$45.00 Per Vehicle includes up to two people and \$25.00 for each additional Person.

One day fee does not include the free t-shirt.

Preregistration packets may be picked up by registrant @ Registration table @ Host Hotel beginning @ 1:00 PM on Wednesday, May 13, 2026

Preregistration & Onsite Registration Packets Will include: A Vehicle Registration Card which allows you to enter all scheduled events, collect your free event t-shirt and all extra merchandise you may have purchased.

Cruisin Cajun Country entries are non-transferable. Cancellations are subject to a \$30.00 processing fee. No refunds or cancellations after April 30, 2026

INSURANCE:

All registered vehicles must carry automobile liability coverage. UNDERSIGNED acknowledges and understands that no insurance is available for coverage to the UNDERSIGNED unless provided by private insurance obtained by the UNDERSIGNED. ,

DECORUM/CONDUCT:

Cruisin Cajun Country, Inc., reserves the right to restrict entrants to acceptable behavior during any and all activities of Cruisin Cajun Country, Inc. Any reason an entrant or his/her vehicle, their appearance or conduct are deemed objectionable by event management, entrant and his/her vehicle will be subject to eviction from the premises. This reservation includes persons, things, conduct, printed matter or any act or item of poor character which management considers objectionable or offensive to the event's well-being. The operation of any vehicle while intoxicated or impaired from alcohol or any illegal drug or stimulant is prohibited. Individuals ejected from the event for any cause, no refund will be given. Event details are subject to change without notice

HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT/LIABILITY RELEASE:

In signing this registration form, I and any listed or accompanied person included in my registration agree to indemnify, release, defend, protect and hold harmless Cruisin Cajun Country, Inc. (also referred as CCC), along with any affiliates, members and/or officers either directly involved in the event to include the State of Louisiana, its parishes, city or municipality, including their officers, directors, trustees, employees, governmental agents, representatives and along with any volunteers, sponsors, organizers, promoters, servants and any and all entities and and all other persons connected with management or presentation of Cruisin Cajun Country, Inc. from and against any and all claims, demands, suits, causes of action, judgements. Losses, damages, penalties, fines, cost and expenses (including, without limitation, court costs and attorney's fees) and liabilities, for personal injury or death, property damage, loss or destruction, sustained by participant, family members of other accompanied person(s), in any way directly or indirectly arising out of or resulting from participation with any sponsored event, drive or gathering. excepting only the gross negligence or willful misconduct of the CCC indemnified parties. I also agree that the above is not responsible for any damages, loss of use, or theft of my belongings including vehicles and trailers. I furthermore declare my registration is of my own free will and I accept by my registration that any damage to property of club sponsored events, host hotels or violation of event rules, including local and state including fire marshal rules, may make me subject to penalty including but not limited to be evicted, and/or local city or state charges.

ENTRY AND ADVERTISING RELEASE:

In consideration of this entry, I and all accompanying persons noted above as family members and/or guests agree to permit Cruisin Cajun Country, Inc., the use of their names and pictures of their cars for publicity, advertising and commercial purposes before, during and after the event and do hereby relinquish all rights to any photos taken in connection with the event and give permission to publish or sell or otherwise dispose of said photographs by Cruisin Cajun Country, Inc. All rights reserved by Cruisin Cajun Country Inc. U.S. Patent and Trademark Have been applied for Cruisin Cajun Country, Inc. and its logo.

I have read and agree to all terms and conditions noted herein related to Cruisin Cajun Country, Inc. Registration and the rules governing the event as set forth on this form, I agree to observe all rules and decisions of event management.

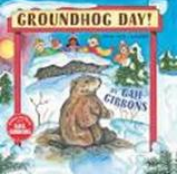
Entrants must be 21 years old or older. Proof of insurance may be requested upon your arrival. The event will be held rain or shine.

Signature

Printed Name

Date

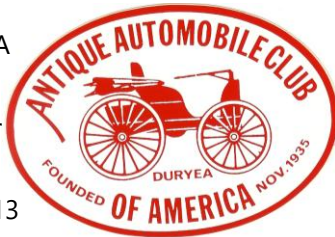
February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	
15 	16 	17	18 	19	20	
22	23	24	25 Meeting 6:30 Lagneaux's	26	27	28

March

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Daylight Saving Time Begins 8	9	10	11	12	13	14 Drive & Dine Feezo's Broussard LA
15	16	17 St Patrick's Day 	18 Meeting 6:30 Lagneaux's	19	20	21 Spring Show Courtesy Broussard, LA
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Palm Sunday 	30	31				

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