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President's Message

I hope everyone is keeping cool in the heat of the summer. Summer is underway and our clubs are planning gett togethers monthly. I had a great time at the Second Quarterly Drive and Dine hosted by CENLA in June in Ville Platte. We had over 80 people at the Drive and Dine. Then in July, we celebrated our enjoyment of all things classic cars with the Classic Car Appreciation Luncheon in Lake Arthur. We had over 50 people at the Classic Car Appreciation Luncheon enjoying great fellowship and food. Thanks go out to Ron Sonnier for all the planning for this fun event.

I am excited seeing some growth in membership in all five chapters. Keep up the good work recruiting new members. Remember to encourage new members to attend our events so that they may meet everyone.

Before I say good bye, I just want to mention what is next up in 2026:

- Third Quarter Drive and Dine hosted by Contraband on August 8th at 11 am at Knott's Cajun and Seafood Restaurant in Lake Arthur.
- Fall Tour hosted by CENLA in September 18th – 19th,
- We will also have the fourth quarter drive and dines to be hosted by Evangeline.
- Christmas Luncheon at Chef Roy's on Sunday, December 6th.
- In addition, each Chapter is also planning their own activities

Again, please attend and enjoy these events to help make 2026 a fun and adventurous year.

God bless,

James Lass

Regional President

Louisiana Region 2026 Point Earning Events

December 7, 2025	Region Board Meeting & Christmas luncheon
May 1-3, 2026	Louisiana Tour hosted by Baton Rouge Chapter Gonzales, Louisiana
September 18 & 19, 2026	Fall Rally hosted by Cenla

2026 DRIVE AND DINE ROTATION:

**1ST QUARTER—LAGNIAPPE MARCH 14, 2026 AT FEEZO'S IN
BROUSSARD**

**2ND QUARTER—CENLA DATE—JUNE 13, 2026 AT CAJUN
CATFISH BUFFET IN VILLE PLATTE**

**3RD QUARTER—CONTRABAND — AUGUST 8, 2026 AT KNOTT'S
CAJUN RESTAURANT IN LAKE ARTHUR**

4TH QUARTER—EVANGELINE

LOUISIANA TOUR ROTATION:

2026—BATON ROUGE—MAY 1-3, 2026

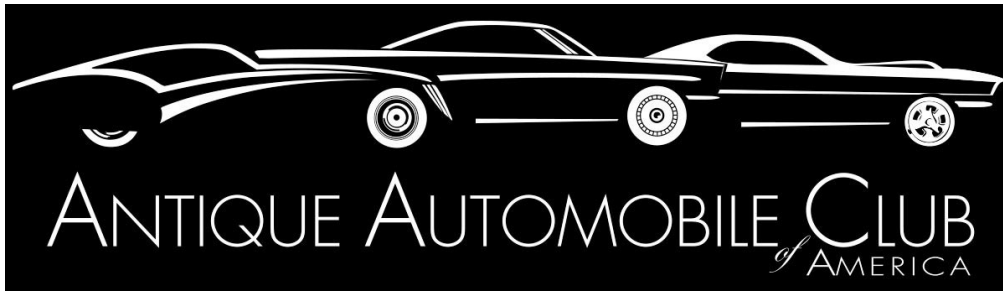
2027—EVANGELINE

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.

REMINDER:

Your 2025 membership dues **MUST** be paid prior to registering for any 2025 National Activities.

**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**



Check out our clubs' websites:

<https://contrabandaaca.com/>

<https://evangelinechapteraaca.com/>

<https://cenlaoldcarclub.com/>

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



IMPORTANT!

When your club gets a new member, their information needs to be sent to the regional secretary, Lesia Lass (lflass@yahoo.com) so that she may add them to the regional email list. If this information is not shared, those new members will not receive The Duster, nor any regional emails keeping them updated on events happening across the region. Please help keep all members updated!





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 bouree', 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 _____ \$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

Classic Car Appreciation Luncheon
July 11, 2026 in Lake Arthur

REGATTA[™] LLC
SEAFOOD & STEAKHOUSE
Lake Arthur, LA





Is YOUR Region/Chapter Prepared for Car Show Season?

When your region or chapter holds a local car show or attends a local car show, that is your best opportunity to recruit members. The people attending the show are there because they have already have an interest in antique cars. If your event is open to non-members, those who have registered and are showing their cars are already willing to participate. These are the folks you should be engaging about how much you enjoy being an AACA member and that they should think about joining.

Now don't be caught empty-handed at this point! Make sure your region/chapter has something to hand out to potential new members. When you are planning your event, be sure to reach out to National Headquarters to get a supply of materials to help you.

All of these items are available to you at no charge:

AACA National Membership Brochure

AACA National Membership Application

Camaro Car Cutouts

AACA National Military Membership Application

To request a supply of these items, please email Karen (kwhite@aaca.org) and include your region, address where you would like the items mailed to and the date of your event.

JOIN THE FUN!

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MEMBERSHIP



ANTIQUE AUTOMOBILE CLUB
AMERICA



**Come for the Cars,
Stay for the People.**

- Celebrating vehicles 25 years and older
- AACA is one of the largest and most inclusive car clubs in the world with more than 40,000 members
- Ownership of an antique vehicle is not required for membership



FOR SALE

1971 Chevy El Camino for sale, asking \$26,000

Exterior - gray with black racing striped & black vinyl top.

Interior—Black

Engine—automatic 350 bored out to 383

Stroker - 4 barrel carburetor

Approximately 10,000 miles on engine

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



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