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President's Message

We are off to a great start in 2026. As I am writing this message, we are experiencing the last cold snap before Easter. The flowers are blooming and with that there is a LOT of pollen in the air. Hopefully you are not experiencing all the congestion that comes with the pollen.

Unfortunately, due to a conflict, Lesia and I were unable to make it to the quarterly drive and dine hosted by Lagniappe. I hear that everyone had a good time. Thank you to the Lagniappe Chapter for hosting.

Lesia is still waiting on some updated rosters. If you have not sent in your latest roster for 2026, please send it to Lesia (email llass@yahoo.com) as soon as possible showing who renewed, new members, and members that dropped out. If we do not have information on new members, those members will not receive any regional communication such as The Duster.

Next up in 2026—mark these dates on your calendar:

- May 1st-3rd—2026 Louisiana Tour hosted by Baton Rouge,
- June 13th—2nd quarterly drive and dine hosted by CENLA at Cajun Catfish Buffett in Ville Platte,
- July 11th—Collector Car Appreciation Day in Lake Arthur
- September 18th-19th Fall Tour hosted by CENLA, details coming soon
- We will also have the last two quarterly drive and dines, dates to be announced
- In addition, each Chapter is also planning their own activities

Please attend and enjoy these events to help make 2026 a fun and adventurous year.

God bless,

James Lass

Regional President



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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

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

3RD QUARTER—CONTRABAND

4TH QUARTER—EVANGELINE

LOUISIANA TOUR ROTATION:

2026—BATON ROUGE—MAY 1-3, 2026

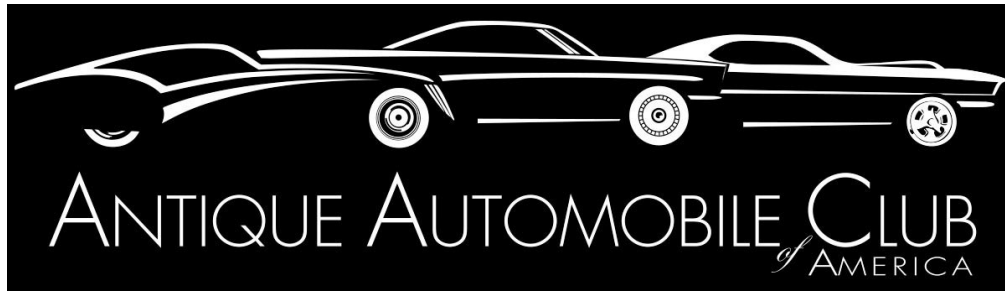
2027—EVANGELINE

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.

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

June 15-19, 2026 – Sentimental Tour – Mechanicsburg, PA – hosted by Pontiac-Oakland Worldwide Region

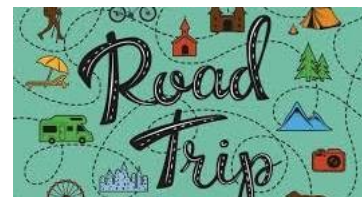
July 23-25, 2026 – Central Spring Nationals – Green Bay, WI

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/>

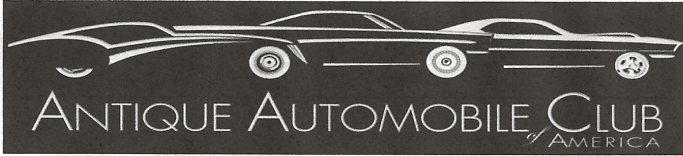
IMPORTANT!

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!

Important

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dated!



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) 285-4614**

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

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

Saturday:

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 _____
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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

Driver Please sign approved menu choices: _____

New York Galaxie

By: Glen James

Recently I saw a beautiful red 1966 Ford Galaxie 500 convertible advertised for sale on ClassicCars.com. Over the years, I had been keeping my eyes open for a 1965 or 1966 Galaxie, since I had owned a '65 while in school, and had always loved that car. So, I contacted the owner in New York City and we made a tentative deal for me to sleep on that night. The next morning my very close friend, Jim Tilley, who is an excellent old time mechanic, happened to drop by. I knew that many years ago he had agreed to buy a 1967 Plymouth Barracuda, which was located in the State of Washington. It was in need of total restoration and he and a friend flew to Washington and drove the car back to Sulphur, Louisiana, with only having to replace an alternator during the trip. So, I asked Jim what he thought about going to New York City to help me drive the Galaxie to Sulphur. Surprisingly, he immediately said, "Sure." We flew out at 5:30 the next morning and made it to the owner's home on Long Island, New York about three that afternoon. After checking out the Galaxie, the deal was closed and we headed out about 4:30 p.m. Before we got out of the city of New York the car started to run very rough at an idle and would often die



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with any acceleration. It continued to get worse, so we nursed the car into a Popeye's Fried Chicken parking lot, only to realize that we were in a very questionable neighborhood. While Jime had the hood up and was trying to diagnose the problem, an extremely nice gentleman came over to look at the car. Turns out that he was a car guy with a Chevelle that he was restoring. He offered to help and he took Jim to an auto parts store where Jim purchased an electric fuel pump (the old mechanical fuel pump had been replaced years ago with an electric one that was mounted on the front of the engine block). He also bought a new fuel filter, hoses, clamps, tools, etc., returned and replaced it all in the Popeye's parking lot. The Galaxie still continued to have some issues with idling, but it did run well enough for us to drive. We made it into Pennsylvania that night; Chatanooga, Tennessee the next night and Sulphur the next night. Somewhere in Mississippi we lost one of the beautiful original hubcaps. Fortunately, I was able to locate one on Ebay but it did not have the red center cap like the other three. After much searching, I did find the proper red center cap. So all is well. Driving the Galaxie from New York (1540 miles) was a rather crazy thing to do, but it was a good adventure that we laugh about now. Of course, we have changed the spark plugs, wires and coil and the car is running great.

Happy trails!!!

1st Quarter Regional Drive & Dine

Hosted by Lagniappe Chapter

March 14, 2026









SUNSHINE
& good times



2026 Founders Tour

An Amazing Race through History

September 9-14 ~ Williamsburg, Virginia

**Reservation
Deadline:
May 15**

Hosted by the Historic Virginia
Peninsula Region AACA

Visit
hvpr.aaca.com
for more
information



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ANTIQUE AUTOMOBILE CLUB
of America

AMERICA
MADE IN
VIRGINIA

VA250

Register online at AACA.org or request
registration materials from AACA National

**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
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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 \$80.00

Additional Guest (per individual) \$40.00

(limit 2 additional guests)

One Day Pass \$45.00

Additional Car \$40.00

Additional T-shirt \$20.00

Event Hat \$25.00

Event 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

\$65.00 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

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

1971 Chevy El Camino for sale, asking \$29,500

- ♦ 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



Do You Know a Military Veteran Who Would Like to be an AACA Member?

The Military Membership Program is available to Military Veterans that have proudly served to protect our homeland and freedoms. With this program, AACA is extending **complimentary 2026 memberships** for first-time AACA applicants. More information on this program and an application can be found on the AACA website under Membership and drop down to Military Program.

These complimentary 2026 memberships are for first-time AACA applicants. These complimentary applications for membership are intended for individuals who have a genuine interest in the antique car hobby.



Application for Military Membership Program					
Includes Spouse/Partner			Complimentary for Current Year (A \$45.00 value)		
Enjoys voting privileges, receives the bi-monthly issues of ANTIQUE AUTOMOBILE magazine, is eligible to join an AACA region or chapter, eligible to exhibit vehicles and compete for national prizes and annual awards. Membership entitles you to 2 hours of free research in the AACA Library & Research Center.					
Ownership of an antique vehicle is not required for membership.					
First Name	Last name	MI	Spouse/Partner	First Name	Last Name
Street Address					
City		State/Province	Zip/Postal Code	Country	
Phone number			Email address		
Military Branch of Service		Years Service	Year of Separation/Retirement	Application Date	
Military Eligibility:					
☐ Verbal ☐ Proof of service attached ☐ Verification of Service by AACA Member					
Verified by AACA Member				Member #	
☐ Military ID ☐ Veteran's Administration ID ☐ Veteran's Health ID					
☐ Driver's license with Veteran Designation Other: _____					
Applicant please initial:					
_____ I understand that this program is for first-time applicants to AACA					
_____ I understand the availability of complimentary memberships are limited and applications will be processed as received. If applications exceed the number of available memberships, my application may be held in the event that the program is offered in the upcoming year.					
Please mail/email completed form to:			In addition to initiating your complimentary membership in the national AACA, your application entitles you to join a local region and/or chapter (region/chapter membership fees may apply). A representative from your closest region will contact you to answer any questions you may have about your local club's events and activities.		
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