

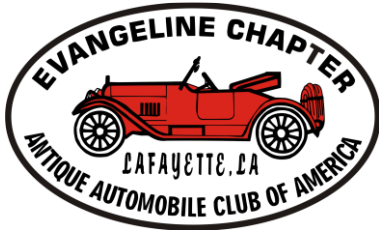
The Cajun Rally

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Evangeline Chapter – Louisiana Region AACA

Celebrating 69 years AACA Membership

Editor – Brenda Derouen



Meeting
March 18, 2026 - **6PM**
Lagneaux's
445 Ridge Rd, Lafayette, LA

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The President's Message

Hello all!

It sure was nice seeing everyone at our February meeting. Seems like we're ready for warmer weather. That means more opportunity to get out our old treasures, dust them off and drive 'em!

The meeting was short and sweet. No sick cars and no new business. Unfortunately, we do owe an apology to our good friends, Andy and Susan Slovacek, for not mentioning the passing of Andy's mother, Jewel. Ms. Jewel was a wonderful person and with Andy's dad, a longtime member of the club. Our deepest condolences to the Slovacek family.

On a lighter note, we sincerely hope our VP, Russell Alleman, and our treasurer, Ms. Judy, are having a great time on their vacation cruise. James and Lesia Lass weren't in attendance and, since they're always with us whenever possible, we hope that whatever kept them away wasn't serious. Also, as we all discovered, Andy Slovacek, our former president and 50/50 man, had a very important fishing tournament meeting. Reel 'em in, Bro! And thanks to Jim who filed in as our 50/50 man. Good job, Jim!

Just a reminder to sign up for our regional tour to Gonzales, Friday, May 1st and Saturday, May 2nd home on Sunday, May 3rd. Brenda has included the info in the newsletter again so please sign up! It would be nice to have a good showing at this event. The more the merrier!

Don't forget the Lagniappe Club's Drive and Dine at Fezzo's in Broussard on March 14th. Good food and good fun! Y'all come on!
TAKE 'EM OUT AND DRIVE 'EM!

*See you down the road,
Bart Guidroz*

MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY MEETING OF THE EVANGELINE CHAPTER AACA

The Evangeline Chapter AACA held their monthly meeting on February 25, 2026, at Lagneaux's in Lafayette, LA.

Bart Guidroz called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. We had 33 members to sign in.

Jim Ortego led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and Jim Ousse gave the blessing.

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

In Judie Alleman's absence, Brenda Derouen gave the Treasurer's report. Perry Richardson motioned to accept the report and was seconded by Dianne Sonnier. Motion carried.

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

SICK MEMBERS

Pam Sonnier gave a report on Tom Smoak. In October he fell in his back yard. He broke his left leg. He has two plates and 18 screws. He went through therapy and is still having trouble getting around, even with a walker.

She also spoke to Clyde Judice's daughter. He is doing better and has someone with him 24 hours. He has a mobile wheelchair and as long as they get him dressed and in the wheelchair, he is able to get around the house with no problems.

Also, a swift recovery to Margeurite Ortego's mom who took a fall recently. Thankfully, no broken bones or serious injury. Get well soon, Ms. David!

Please keep these members in your thoughts and prayers.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Again, this year Ron Sonnier has plans for Collector Car Appreciation Day. We will go to the Regatta in Lake Arthur on July 11th.

Susan Slovachek gave a report on the Thanksgiving Tour. It will be in the Monroe area. We have a block of only 20 rooms at the

motel. Because of some scheduled venue limitations we had to limit to no more than 40 participants this year. (See note on page 3 for motel info).

The Lagniappe Chapter Drive & Dine is March 14th at Feezo's in Broussard.

Hanging on the Bayou car show is March 14th at the Cade Community Center.

The Louisiana Tour will be in the Gonzales area. This tour will be put on by the Baton Rouge chapter on May 1st & 2nd. Registration is in the newsletter.

May 14th – 16th is Cruisin Cajun Country in the New Iberia area for their annual Cruise In.

On July 11th we will travel to Lake Arthur for the Collector Car Appreciation Day.

October 4th – 11th is Cruisin the Coast.

November 17th – 22nd are the dates for the Thanksgiving Tour.

December 6th is the date for the Louisiana Region Board Meeting and Christmas party.

TRIVIA QUESTION

When was the T-Bird produced with the porthole window?

1. 1955
2. 1956
3. 1957
4. 1958

50/50

The winner of the \$60 50/50 was Jenny & Greg Dronet.

TRIVIA ANSWER

#3 1957

Our next meeting will be March 18th at Lagneaux's in Lafayette.

Ron Sonnier made a motion to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Shorty Huval. Motion passed.

Members who signed the book were:

Bart Guidroz
 Louise Ortego
 Brenda Derouen
 Susan Slovacek
 Roy & Liz Carraway
 Perry Richardson
 Ron & Dianne Sonnier
 Robert Hoey & Sylvia Fenning
 Gerald & Linda Tribe
 Anne-Marie Simon
 Jim & Lisa Ousse
 Calvin Ardoin & Annette Landry
 John & Donna Reaux
 Russell & Teresa Huval
 Pam & Toup Sonnier
 Jim Ortego
 Sam & Erica Bacque'
 John Hebert
 Greg & Jenny Doucet
 Kimmy Breaux
 Harold Breaux
 Joey Breaux

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

3 – John Reaux
 4 – Ted Drott
 8 – Robert Hoey
 11 – Ron Sonnier
 19 – Monica Leger
 20 – Roy Carraway

**MARCH ANNIVERSARY**

1 – Ted & Brenda Bertrand
 3 – Ted & Cindy Drott



Hi My Peeps,

Planning for the Monroe Thanksgiving Tour is nearly finished. We are pleased to announce that we have secured accommodations at the Holiday Inn Express & Suites in Monroe. The hotel has just completed a full renovation at the end of January 2026, ensuring that our stay will be comfortable and in updated surrounding.

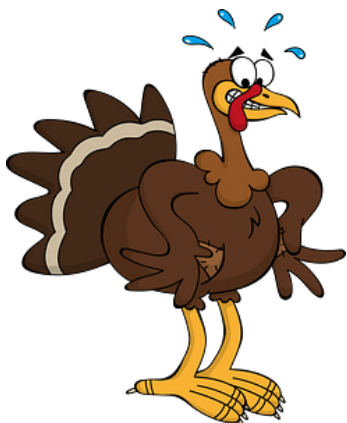
Room rates have been confirmed at \$149 per night. In addition, we have secured a hospitality room at no extra charge for our group to enjoy in the evening for cards. While we appreciate the enthusiasm for a large tour, venue limitations require us to restrict the number of participants. Therefore, we will be limiting reservations to 20 rooms in total. Below is the email and link to book your room. Please let me know if I can help in any way.

Thanks,
Susan

Thanks for choosing the Holiday Inn Express & Suites West Monroe!

Attached, you will find your room block confirmation. Below you will find the reservation link specific to your block. Your club members may use this link to make reservations, or they may call the hotel directly (318 807-6000) and request the "AACA" block. Either way, rooms must be reserved no later than October 27, 2026, in order to guarantee availability and discounted rate. Please see the link below in blue to go straight to the reservation.

<https://www.ihg.com/redirect?path=rates&brandCode=EX®ionCode=1&localeCode=en&checkInMonthYear=102026&checkInDate=17&checkOutDate=22&checkOutMonthYear=102026&hotelCode=MLUWE&GPC=AAC&numberOfAdults=1&numberOfRooms=1&adjustMonth=false&showApp=true&monthIndex=00>



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

March 14th - Drive & Dine – Lagniappe

March 14th – Hanging on the Bayou

March 18th – Meeting - Lagneaux's

March 21st – Spring Car Show –
Courtesy – Broussard, LA

April 15th – Meeting – Lagneaux's

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

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

Drive & Dine – 2nd Quarter – CENLA

May 20st – Meeting - Lagneaux's

June 17th - Meeting - Lagneaux's

July 11th – Collector Car Appreciation Day cruise to Lake Arthur

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

Nov 17th – 22nd Thanksgiving Tour

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



Cruisin' Cajun Country 2026
SPRING CAR SHOW
 MARCH 21ST 9:00 TO 2:00
SHOW
 FOOD AND MUSIC

COURTESY
 CHEVROLET CADILLAC
 BROUSSARD

1345 Evangeline Thwy - Broussard, LA
 \$30 Registration Fee
 Trophies at 2:00 pm
cruisincajuncountry.com

Logos for Vitalant Blood Donation and Sarge's Chow Haulers are also featured.

Question

From Brenda and other seasoned Evangeline Chapter members.

Does anyone have the album that had write-ups from members.

Back in 1998 when Boo & I joined, we were asked to write a short story about ourselves and how we became interested in Antique cars and joined AACA. I think it went from President to President.

We're trying to get it back & updated. Let me know if you have any info on it

Brenda Derouen

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





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	\$80.00
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: _____

March

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 Daylight Saving Time Begins	9	10	11	12	13	14 Drive & Dine
15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day 	18 Meeting 6:30pm Lagneaux's	19	20	21 CCC Car Show Courtesy Broussard
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 	30	31				

April

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 	2	3 	4
5 	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15 Meeting 6:30 pm Lagneaux's	16	17	18
19	20	21	22 	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

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