

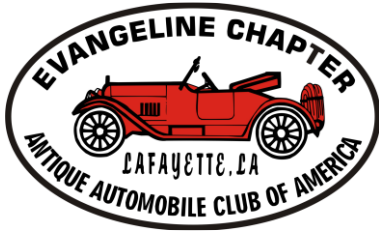
The Cajun Rally

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Evangeline Chapter – Louisiana Region AACA

Celebrating 69 years AACA Membership

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Meeting
May 20, 2025 – **6:30**
Lagneaux's
445 Ridge Rd, Lafayette, LA

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The President's Message

Hello all!

Great to see everyone at our meeting. I do believe attendance is up thanks to longer days. It's a great time to catch up and mange'.

We recognized two returning members, Lois Comeaux & Vernell Daigle. Welcome back to both of you.

John Hebert asked if we would be interested in a crawfish boil at Harold's on Saturday June 6th. More details at the next meeting.

Jim Ortego will be sharing VP duties with Russell Alleman from now on. Russell & Judie will be traveling this summer, so Jim has stepped up to help out. Thanks Jim! And safe travels, Russell & Judie.

Speaking of travels, those of us who signed up, are looking forward to the Louisiana Region tour to Gonzales on May 1st – May 3rd. For those who couldn't attend, we'll give a full report at our meeting on Wednesday, May 20th, 6:30 pm, at Lagneaux's.

Thanks for your continued support and until next time. . .

DUST 'EM OFF AND DRIVE 'EM!

Bart Guidroz

NOTE: Anyone going to the Louisiana Tour in Gonzales and wants to caravan, some members will meet at the truck stop at the Breaux Bridge exit 109. Not sure of the name but when exit I-10, turn right and the truck stop is on the left. Leaving @ 8:30am.

MINUTES OF THE APRIL MEETING OF THE EVANGELINE CHAPTER AACA

The Evangeline Chapter AACA held their monthly meeting on April 15, 2026 at Lagneaux's in Lafayette, LA.

Bart Guidroz called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. 36 members signed in.

Dr. Frank Bacque' gave the invocation, and Ron Sonnier led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Judie Alleman gave the Treasurer's report. Shorty Huval motioned to accept the report and was seconded by Roy Carraway. Motion carried.

Bart wished a Happy Birthday to all members who celebrated one in April.

John Hebert would like to have a crawfish boil at Harold's shop on Saturday, June 6th. He will price out per person expense for the May meeting.

Bart mentioned that Jim Ortego & Russell Alleman will share VP duties from now on. Judie & Russell will not be at many events because they have travel plans.

SICK CARS

Dr. Bacque's Mercury Marauder is back on the road.

Harold Breaux needs a new radio for his Toronado.

PAST EVENTS

Lagniappe Chapter hosted the Drive & Dine at Feezo's in Broussard on March 14th. There were 66 Region members in attendance. Some members even had to sit on the outside patio.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Car show on Crowley on Saturday, April 25th.

May 1st is the Louisiana Tour hosted by the Baton Rouge Chapter.

May 14th – 16th is Cruisin Cajun Country in New Iberia,

June 13 is Drive & Dine in Ville Platte, September 18th – 19th is the Fall Tour hosted by CENLA,

October 4th – 11th is Cruisin the Coast, November 17th – 22nd is the Thanksgiving Tour

December 2nd is the La. Region Christmas party & Board Meeting.

TRIVIA QUESTION

Radial tires were invented in 1947. What year were they sold to the public?

1. 1948
2. 1949
3. 1950
4. 1951

50/50

The winner of the \$65 50/50 was Jim Ortego.

TRIVIA ANSWER

1949

Dr. Bacque' told us about a book he is reading about Herman Goring and the Nuremberg trials. He was reminded of his service and all of our military currently at war.

Our next meeting will be May 20th at Lagneaux's in Lafayette.

Meeting adjourned.

Members who signed the book were:

Bart Guidroz
 Louise Ortego
 Susan Slovacek
 Lois Comeaux
 Robert Hoey & Sylvia Fenning
 Russ & Tee Huval
 Jim & Marguerite Ortego
 Roy & Liz Carraway
 John & Donna Reaux
 Ted Bertrand
 John R & Glenda Young
 Vernel Daigle
 John Hebert
 Kimmy Breaux
 Greg & Jenny Doucet
 Harold Breaux
 Frank Bacque'
 Sam & Erica Bacque'
 Dennis & Monica Leger
 Russell & Judie Alleman
 Perry Richardson
 Jim & Lisa Ousse
 Ron & Dianne Sonnier

**MAY BIRTHDAYS**

22 - Shelia Smoak
 29 - Dawn Morgan
 31 - Billy Miller

**MAY ANNIVERSARY**

11 - Ron & Dianne Sonnier

2026 Louisiana Events

May 1st & 2nd, 2026 Louisiana Tour – Gonzales
 May 14th - 16th, 2026 Cruisin Cajun Country Cruise In - New Iberia
 May 20th – Meeting - Lagneaux's
 June 13th – Drive & Dine – Ville Plate - CENLA
 June 6th – Harold's Shop
 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
 Sept 18th – 19th – Fall Tour – CENLA
 Oct 4th – 11th – Cruisin the Coast – Mississippi
 Drive & Dine – 4th Quarter – Evangeline
 Oct 21th – Meeting -
 Nov 11th – Meeting -
 Nov 17th – 22nd Thanksgiving Tour

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

2026 AACA National Shows and Tours

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

Cruisin' CAJUN COUNTRY

17TH ANNUAL

Tours ★ Music Food ★ Dancing

May 14-15-16, 2026

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

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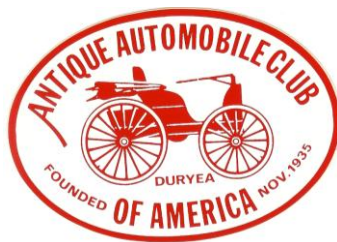
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
					Louisiana Tour – Gonzales, LA May 1 st – May 2 nd , 2026	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Mother's Day					Cruisin Cajun Country May Event May 14 th – 16 th , 2026 – Travel & Tour 4Parishes	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
			Meeting 6:30pm Lagneaux's			
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	MEMORIAL DAY					
31						

June

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
						Meeting 11AM Harold's Shop
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
						Drive & Dine Ville Platte
Flag Day	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
FATHER'S DAY						
28	29	30				

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