

The Cajun Rally
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Evangeline Chapter – Louisiana Region AACA
Celebrating 69 years of AACA Membership
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Meeting
September 16, 2026 – 6:30pm
Lagneaux's
445 Ridge Road, Lafayette, LA

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The President's Message

Hello all!

Another great turnout for this month's meeting. Short and sweet. More time to visit.

Attendance was also up for Contraband's latest event. Drive was great and everyone enjoyed lunch at Knot's in Lake Arthur.

Saturday, October 17th will be our annual barbecue at Jim & Margurite's shop. Cost per person will be announced at our September meeting. Looking forward to it!

Also, at our next meeting we will be finalizing the committee for the Region Tour next May. This is our tour so please contribute ideas and/or time if you can.

Upcoming event is Cenla's Fall Tour on September 18th & 19th. There are currently 32 cars registered. Please contact Jame Lass if you plan to attend.

No sick cars or members were reported but Sam & Erica Bacque' announced they are expecting their first child! Congratulations to the new parents & grandparents!

That's all for now. Our next meeting is Wednesday, September 16th at Lagneaux's.

So until then...

DUST 'EM OFF AND DRIVE 'EM!

Bart Guidroz

Evangeline Chapter Meeting August 19, 2026

Bart Guidroz opened the meeting at 6:30pm. Forty (40) members & guests signed in. We need suggestions for Friday and Saturday afternoons.

Jim Ousse said the invocation and Perry Richardson lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Leisa Lass made a motion to accept the minutes as printed in the Cajun Rally newsletter. Ron Sonnier seconded it. Motion passed.

Judie Alleman gave the treasures report. John Reaux made a motion to accept the report, and Liz Carraway seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Bart wished a happy birthday and happy anniversary to all members who celebrate it in the month of August.

GUEST:

Gerri Mallet with Perry Richardson
Diana Domingue – Former Member

SICK CARS:

Bart's truck had transmission problems. All fixed and ready to get on the road. Bart recommends Sam at A-Abal for any transmission repairs.

SICK MEMBERS:

None Reported

PAST EVENTS

Contraband had their Drive & Dine on August 8th. There were 78 in attendance with 15 from Evangeline Chapter.

LOUISIANA REGION TOUR

Next year, Evangeline Chapter is hosting the La. Region Tour in May. Committee volunteers are Dr. Bacque', Donna Reaux, Louise Ortego, Russell Alleman & Jim Ortego. We are checking into basing out of the Hamton Inn in New Iberia. Saturday morning & lunch will be at Avery Island.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sept -18th – 19th – Fall Tour hosted by Cenla – Alexandria, LA

Oct 4th – 11th – Cruisin the Coast

Nov 17th – 22nd – Thanksgiving Tour

Dec 6th – La. Region Board Meeting & Christmas Party – Chef Roy's in Rayne, LA

Dec 12th – Drive & Dine – Evangeline Chapter

WEB SITE

We just paid for the renewal of the Evangeline Chapter web site. Leisa Lass asked if we want to continue after this year?
<https://evangelinechapteraaca.com>

TRIVIA QUESTION

What did Chevrolet originally plan to call the Camara.

1. Tornada
2. Pantha
3. Thunder Bolt
4. Rocket

Trivia answer is #2 Pantha

Jim & Margurite Ortego will host our club Bar-B-Q on October 17th.

Our next meeting will be at Lagneaux's on September 16th at 6:30pm.

Leisa Lass made a motion to adjourn, and Ron Sonnier seconded the motion. Motion Passed.

Members who signed the book were:

Bart Guidroz
 Louise Ortego
 Brenda Derouen
 Jim & Marguerite Ortego
 Roy & Liz Carraway
 Robert Hoey & Sylvia Fenning
 Gerald & Linda Tribe
 Anne Marie Simon
 Pam & Toup Sonnier
 James & Lesia Lass
 John & Donna Reaux
 Ron & Dianne Sonnier
 Perry Richardson
 Gerri Mallett (guest)
 Calvin Ardoin & Annette Landry
 Diana Domingue (guest)
 John Hebert
 Greg & Jenny Dronet
 Kimmy Breaux
 Harold Breaux
 Jim & Lisa Ousse
 Ted & Brenda Bertrand
 Russell & Judie Alleman
 Dr. Frank & Miki Bacque'
 Sam & Erica Bacque'

2026 Louisiana Events

Sept 16th – Meeting - Lagneaux's
 • Sept 18th – 19th – Fall Tour – CENLA
 Oct 4th – 11th – Cruisin the Coast – Mississippi
 Oct 17th – Evangeline Chapter meeting & Bar B Q (Club Shirts)
 Nov 14th – Meeting & Gumbo & Harold Breaux's Shop
 Nov 17th – 22nd Thanksgiving Tour
 Dec 12th – Drive & Dine – Landry's New Iberia – Evangeline Chapter
 • Dec 6th – Region Board Meeting & Christmas Party
 • Denotes Point Earning Event

2026 AACA National Shows and Tours

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

2027 AACA National Shows and Tours

February 4-6, 2027 – Annual Convention/National Awards – King of Prussia, PA
 February 18-20, 2027 – Winter Nationals – Melbourne, FL
 April 8-10, 2027 – Annual Grand Nationals/Zenith/Southeastern Spring Nationals – Charlotte, NC
 June 3-5, 2027 – Eastern Spring Nationals – Fredericksburg, VA
 June 6-11, 2027 – Founders Tour – Winchester, VA
 July 22-24, 2027 – Central Spring Nationals – New Ulm, MN
 August 25-28, 2027 – Central Fall Nationals – Crystal Lake, IL
 September 8-11, 2027 – Special Fall Nationals – Vernon, NY
 September 19-24, 2027 – AAA Glidden Tour – Branson, MO
 October 5-8, 2027 – Eastern Fall Meet – Hershey, PA
 October 25-29, 2027 – Eastern Divisional Tour – Swedesboro, NJ

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

22 – Pam Sonnier
 26 – Louise Ortego
 30 – Marguerite Ortego



SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARY

24 – Kenneth Jenkins & Mary Mayeau
 24 – Clint & Dawn Morgan
 25 – Russell & Judie Alleman



Check out our web site

<https://evangelinechapteraaca.com>

and Face Book

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1536783089954470/>



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 bourrée, 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 _____

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

Renewal For Everyone

It's 2027 Membership Renewal Time

It's our busiest time of the year here at AACA Headquarters – it's membership renewal time! The first renewal notice for 2027 dues will be included in the September/October mailing package of *Antique Automobile*.

Starting September 1st, members can also use the online renewal option on our website at aaca.org Renewing online is quick and easy! Just log in with your membership number and pin, review the information currently listed on your membership record and make changes if necessary. Review your information one more time and click on Credit Card. Payment options include Visa, MasterCard or Discover. **Your payment will automatically update your membership record.**

An email will be sent to members, before the September/October magazine is mailed, explaining the online renewal process. Their membership number and pin will be included in the email.

AACA National Headquarters
(717) 534-1910

Dear Evangeline Chapter of the AACA,

My husband and I will be celebrating our 25th wedding anniversary in New Orleans this December, and I'm hoping you might be able to help us with a rather unusual request.

There is a Chuck Berry song called "You Never Can Tell" that has always stuck with us. In the song, the young couple gets married, buys a cherry-red '53, and eventually drives it down to New Orleans to celebrate their anniversary. Since we are celebrating our own 25th anniversary in New Orleans, we thought it would be wonderfully fun to recreate a little piece of that story.

We are not looking to rent or drive someone's treasured classic car. We were actually hoping that someone in the local classic-car community might enjoy helping us make the occasion memorable by taking us for a short drive in a classic American car while we are in New Orleans. Ideally, we'd love something from roughly the 1950s or 1960s, and a red car would be the dream—but the spirit of the experience matters much more to us than having an exact match to the song.

We would, of course, be happy to pay for the owner's time, fuel, and any reasonable expenses. We would also be completely respectful of the car and understand that these vehicles are often beloved possessions rather than rental cars.

If your club has a member who might be interested—or if you know of another local club, owner, or organization I should contact—I would be incredibly grateful for a recommendation.

Thank you for considering our slightly sentimental and admittedly unusual request. After 25 years of marriage, we thought we were entitled to at least one wonderfully cheesy anniversary adventure.

Thank You so much,

Alexandria Powell - alexandria.m.powell@gmail.com

2027

Antique Automobile Club of America
Evangeline Chapter
Renewal Form

Name _____ Spouse's First Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone Number _____ Cell 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

Birthdays: Member _____ Spouse _____

Anniversary _____

Region Dues \$0.00

Chapter Dues \$28.00

Submit check and this form to: Evangeline Chapter AACA

Judie Alleman

128 Cedar Park Lane

Rayne LA 70578

September

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

October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Cruisin the Coast of Mississippi - October 4 th – 11 th , 2026						
11	 COLUMBUS DAY	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31



Meeting
11am
Bar-B-Q
Noon

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