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President's Message

Hello, Fellow Club Members!

Well, folks, this summer has been a hot one! And if you've spent any time standing beside a shiny old car in the Louisiana sunshine, you already know just how hot it can get! Hopefully, the forecast is right, and cooler temperatures will soon be rolling our way.

We had a wonderful time at the 3rd Quarter Drive & Dine, hosted by Contraband at Nott's Cajun Restaurant in Lake Arthur, with 78 members and guests in attendance. Wow! They served some fantastic Gulf seafood, and everyone seemed to have a great time enjoying the food, fellowship, and beautiful drive. Good food, good friends, and a bunch of car people together—what more could you ask for?

I also had a great time at the CENLA Tour/Rally this month, with more than 60 participants joining us. We learned so much about the history of the Forest Hill nursery industry and enjoyed a visit to the Booker Fowler Fish Hatchery. I was surprised to learn that there are more than 200 nurseries in Forest Hill, with the number peaking at more than 300 during the 1980s and 1990s. Even more amazing is the fish hatchery's production—more than five million fish each year with only 14 employees! Now that's what I call getting a lot of mileage out of a small crew!

A huge thank you goes out to our CENLA President, Leo Dobard, and his crew for all the time, effort, and hard work they put into making the CENLA Fall Tour/Rally such a success. Planning an event like this takes a lot of behind-the-scenes work, from organizing the route and coordinating stops to making sure all the little details come together. Their dedication and willingness to put in the extra miles made it possible for all of us to simply enjoy the ride, the fellowship, and the adventure.

Leo and crew, we appreciate everything you do for the club! Your hard work helps keep our wheels turning and gives us opportunities to make the kind of memories that last long after the cars are parked in the garage. Thank you for going the extra mile for CENLA Old Car Club!

One of the best things about being part of the Louisiana AACA is that it's about more than the cars. It's about the people, the places we discover, the stories we share, and the memories we make along the way. So, club members, keep those engines warm and those calendars handy! I encourage everyone to continue planning and joining our monthly get-togethers.

Believe it or not, 2026 is already three-fourths of the way down the road! But we still have a couple of great events ahead:

Upcoming Events:

- Christmas Luncheon at Chef Roy's — Sunday, December 6th
- 4th Quarter Drive & Dine, hosted by Evangeline — December 12th

Let's finish out 2026 the same way we started it—with good cars, good friends, good food, and plenty of adventures! I hope everyone will come out and enjoy these remaining events and help us put a few more miles on the memories before we park 2026 in the garage.

Until then, keep the chrome shiny, the tires rolling, and the good times coming!

See You Down the Road! 🚗🌿

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 Tour hosted by Cenla Alexandria, Louisiana

2026 DRIVE AND DINE ROTATION:

- 1st Quarter – Lagniappe -March 14, 2026 at Feezo's in Broussard
- 2nd Quarter -Cenla – 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 – TBA

Louisiana Tour Rotation:

- 2026 – Baton Rouge Chapter – May 1-3, 2026
- 2027 – Evangeline Chapter
- 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.

October 6-9, 2026 – Eastern Fall Nationals – Hershey, PA – hosted by Hershey Region 717-566-7720

February 4-6, 2027 - Annual Convention - King of Prussia, PA 717-534—1910

February 18-20, 2027 - Winter Nationals - Melbourne, FL 717-534-1910

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!



The New AACA Store Is Open!



Now it's easier than ever to shop for official AACA apparel, gifts, calendars, holiday cards, and more.

SHOP ONLINE AT STORE.AACA.ORG

New items added throughout the year.

2026 AACA Calendars

Makes a great holiday gift!



13-Month Calendar, January 2027 to January 2028 • \$14 postpaid
Highlights AACA National Activities, holidays, and showcases member cars

Order online at store.AACA.org or call AACA National Headquarters at 717-534-1910

SAVE THE DATE!

AACA ANNUAL CONVENTION

VALLEY FORGE CASINO RESORT
KING OF PRUSSIA, PENNSYLVANIA
FEBRUARY 4-6, 2027

HOTEL RESERVATIONS ARE OPEN – BOOK TODAY!

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2 – SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2027

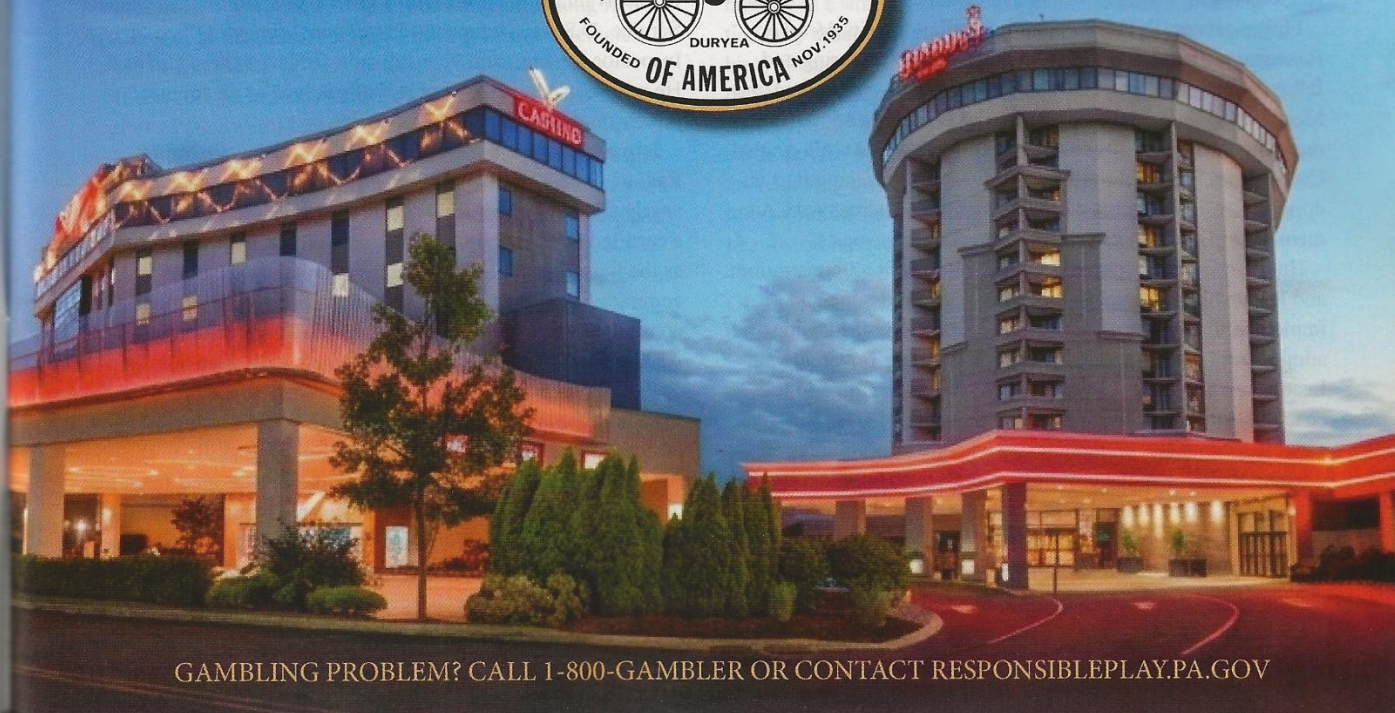
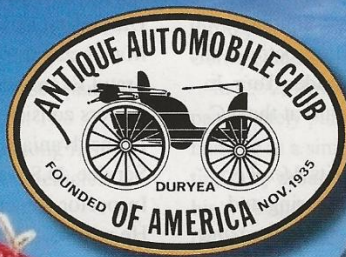
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PHONE: 610-354-8118 • RESERVATION CODE: ANTB27C

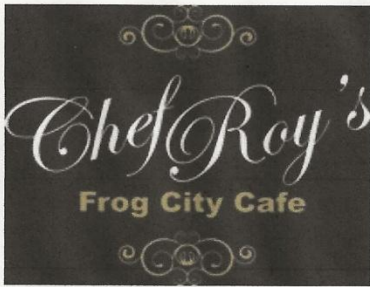
GROUP NAME: 2027 AACA ANNUAL CONVENTION

ONLINE: [TINYURL.COM/AACAConvention2027](https://tinyurl.com/AACAConvention2027)

RESERVATION DEADLINE: JANUARY 8, 2027



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Rayne, LA 70578
337-334-7913
I10 Exit 87
North 1/10 mile



LOUISIANA REGION CHRISTMAS PARTY SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2026

Board Meeting at 11:00 sharp
Meal and General Membership meeting follows at 12:00

Blackened Fish Etoufee (seasoned filet over a bed of rice, smothered with crawfish etouffee)

Fried Shrimp and Crab Cake Combo (6 fried shrimp, 1 crab cake, stuffed potato)

Hamburger Steak (fresh ground chuck, seasoned and formed, covered with brown gravy, served with stuffed potato)

Price includes meal, salad, bread, bread pudding dessert, soft drink, or tea, tax and tip
Alcoholic beverages are charged separately

Deadline: November 12, 2026

James Lass 318-308-3582

Blackened Fish Etoufee qty _____ @ \$36 _____
Fried Shrimp and Crab Cake Combo qty _____ @ \$36 _____
Hamburger Steak qty _____ @ \$36 _____

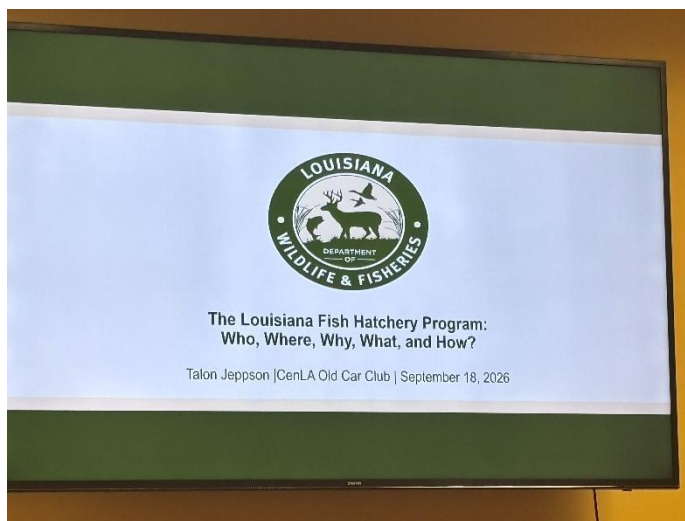
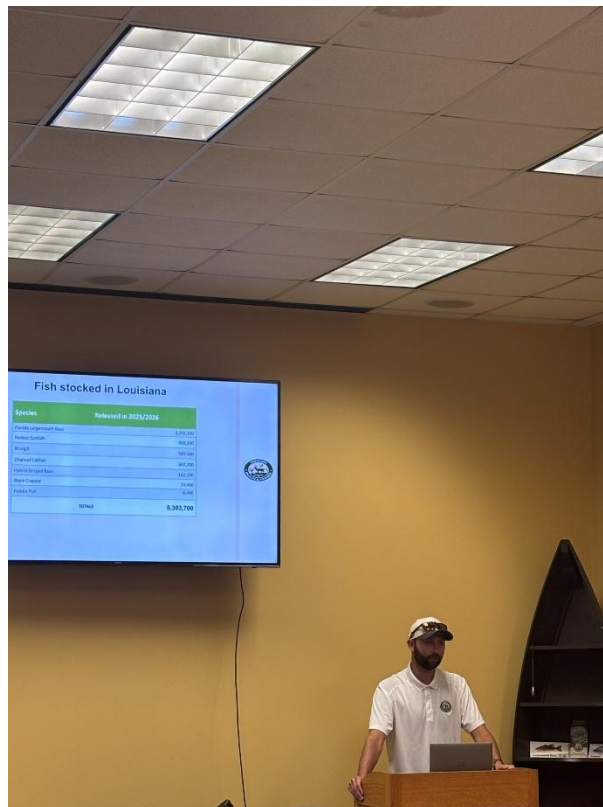
Name _____ Chapter _____

Name _____ Phone _____

Payable to Louisiana Region AACA
Mail to: James Lass, 4046 Old Marksville Hwy., Pineville, LA 71360

Cenla Fall Tour/Rally September 2026

Booker Fowler Fish Hatchery



Cenla Fall Tour/Rally September 2026

Beginning of Rally







Cenla Fall Tour/Rally September 2026

Rocky's Seafood









Betty Allen –
50/50 Winner













Jim & Marguerite Ortego
First Place Winners



Larry & Charlotte Rewerts
Second Place Winners



Harry & Karen Kleinman
Third Place Winners





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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