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Meetings start at 7 P.M. on the Last Thursday of the month except Nov., Dec., Jan \*\*\*\* If you plan to dine with the members, please arrive at 6 P.M.\*\*\*\*

August Meeting: August 31 The Red Maple 1036 Lafayette St. Gretna

#### From the President's bench...

Well first off, I should state the obvious, it's HOT! My oldest son tells me that because it's hot and dry, that the possibility of a hurricane in the Gulf of Mexico is greatly diminished. It looks

that way, but we DO need some rain! Now, the California coast has a tropical storm coming on shore? They might experience widespread flooding. We are all thankful that there are no hurricanes in the Gulf of Mexico, but maybe it's time for a small rainy tropical storm?

Several members and some guests of club members visited the very nice Louisiana State Capitol Museum in Baton Rouge



recently. Dave Johnson's association with the Museum stems from his involvement with the Civil War submarine that for years sat outside the Presbytere / Cabildo in New Orleans. Dave and his company restored the four-man sub and the cotton gin, which are now on display in the Museum. The visit was arranged by Dave, and we thank him for his effort.

We are taking orders for more HCC Shirts (Red Shirts or Polos!) See the note in the newsletter!

Your officers and BOD are spending a lot of time to put things on and keep the club going, and I want to thank you all for your help!

Jack Wade

Kar Kalendar		
August 31	General Membership Meeting	
	The Red Maple 1036 Lafayette St. Gretna	
September 28	General Membership Meeting	
	Two Tonys, 8536 Pontchartrain Blvd, New Orleans	
October 1 – 8	Cruisin' the Coast	
October 2 – 6	AACA Eastern Fall Meet – Hershey	
October 3	Laurel Valley Plantation Tour, Details soon – Ernie Schiro	
October 26	General Membership Meeting, Location TBD	
November TBD	Veterans Home, LaPlace, Visitation – Larry Larmeu	
November 30	General Membership Meeting, Northshore location TBD	
December 7	HCC Christmas Party, KC Hall 6254 Vicksburg St. New Orleans	
May 2-3, 2025	Louisiana Tour, Hosted by HCC!	

Happy Birthday		
Anh "Amy" Huynh	Sept 19	
Pauline Landry	Sept 23	
George Saunders	Sept 25	

## 1988 Texaco "Coach Jim Mora" TV Commercial

#### **Bruce and Suzie Lambert**



In 1988, we got a call from my Father-in-Law, Mr. Benny Hanner. Texaco asked about using his car in a commercial with Jim Mora, the former Saints coach. He spent the day with the film crew and met Jim Mora. He was proud his car was used in the commercial.

For us, it is a lovely legacy. Moreover, the video can be found online by searching for "1988 Texaco "Coach Jim Mora" TV Commercial". (I am still trying to guess what gas station had carnations near the pumps.) I am curious about how many other

local cars appeared in commercials, movies, etc. As long as there have been filming in New Orleans, I am sure other Horseless Carriage Club cars have made it onto the big and small screen. *Contact Bruce Lambert (985 302-6900) if you want to share your stories!* 

#### **Minutes of the Horseless Carriage Club Meeting**

#### Submitted, Larry Larmeu Secretary

At 6:56 pm, Jack called the meeting to order, Gilbert and Brandon lead with the pledge of allegiance and Barry followed with the prayer. ack asked that everyone sign in the meeting attendance logbook, if we have any guest attending, they will be introduced at this time, and we can give them a membership application. Charles always has applications and is ready to collect dues.

Jack called for a motion to accept the minutes from the last meeting as printed in the Kar Kapers.

Tommy made the motion to accept the minutes as published and Harley seconded.

Charles presented the financial report, we are solvent.

Dave made the motion to accept the treasurer's report and Tommy accepted.

Jack got the ball rolling by discussing the note sent out concerning Red Shirts...wearing our red shirts with the HCC logo identifies us a club members to others when on tours or functions. The various clubs around the state each have a shirt color unique to them. We will host the 2025 Louisiana tour and we will need to wear our shirts so our tour guests will know who to go to for assistance. He sent out an email with the information on how to purchase and the types of shirts available. The club will act as a middleman to help with your purchase and "NO", the club doesn't make any money on the shirt sales.

He said he drove the '64 Buick, with working air conditioner to the Abita Brewery. Mom Wade did well on the walking tour and enjoyed spending time with the club members. The Deep South Cruisers were also at the brewery, and this is a monthly event for them. The beer was cold, and they had frozen daiquiris, but no wine. There was a food truck on site if you wanted to purchase food.

Darr Engine has bought a one-year ad for \$60.00. If you know someone with a business or have a business that you patronize, talk to them about placing an ad in the Kar Kapers.

Ernie is working to get the tour arrangements finalized for Laurel Valley Plantation and date, time and costs will be published in the Kar Kapers Calendar.

Dave is planning our upcoming tour of the State Capital Museum, and he will conduct the tour. Expect to arrive between 10:30 and 11:00. Items of particular interest are a shrimp boat, the only cannon recovered from the Chalmette Battlefield and a Civil War-era submarine recovered from Lake Ponchartrain that his company performed preservation and restoration work on prior to it being put on display. Let Dave know if you plan to attend.

Jack recognized that several couples are celebrating anniversaries: Dave and Joy, Barry and Janet and Larry and Judy.

Let us know what vehicles you are restoring and if you need help. We have the Spark Program to help everyone, and the membership has a vast knowledge pool. If needed, we can provide muscles!

Gene is selling his car collection. Contact him for a steal of a deal on a fine car.

Remember, you can submit an ad, for free, to unload those parts or cars that you no longer need.

Our August meeting will be held on the Westbank at the Red Maple Restaurant, 1036 Lafayette St. Gretna. The restaurant has been in business for over 50 years in historic Gretna and they have a menu that can be viewed online @ theredmaple.com.

Jack spoke of the recent passing of long-time member Doug Wells...he was an Industrial Arts Carpentry Instructor at Delgado. He was well known for his meticulous craftsmanship and attention to detail in all his undertakings, whether a woodworking project or car restoration. He recently bought a 1918 Stanley-Steamer Automobile and was looking forward to driving it around Ponchatoula.

Our recent board meeting was productive, and we are putting together ideas for the 2025 Louisiana Tour. He has again contacted Emily from the St. Tammany Parish Chamber of Commerce who was so helpful with our last tour. We are open to any ideas and suggestions you may have.

Charles took the floor and, held up a napkin and said that this was given to him at the last meeting with contact information for a prospective new member. He wants everyone to know he always has membership applications with him, just ask, and is ready to collect dues! He has also been bringing historical documents, photos and other club memorabilia to our meetings for display and tonight he has some dash plaques on a poster board going back to a show held at City Park in 1964. These are from car shows the club organized in the past and the older ones are brass and enamel. He says the club was always busy with car activities and hosting shows in various locations around town, participants played car games and a car was raffled off on many occasions.

On a different subject, he again reminded everyone that a lot of time and effort was put in the roster, but we are human and mistakes due happen. When you receive your roster, please check your information for accuracy and report any discrepancies so they can be resolved as quickly as possible. If your personal information should change during the year, be sure to let him know so the appropriate corrections can be made.

Last item of business, we get to the 50/50, Gil reports he collected \$48.00, \$24.00 to the lucky ticket holder. Tommy drew the ticket and Brandon is this month's winner!

There were 16 members in attendance and no guests.

With nothing further to discuss, Jack asked for a motion to adjourn. Christi made the motion and Barry seconded. The meeting officially closed at 7:42 pm

## The Louisiana State Capitol Museum Visit

We had a pleasant visit to the Museum. Seeing the Confederate Submarine after all those years in New Orleans was interesting. Dave's group did a great job on the restoration.





After the tour, we visited "The Prestridge Collection". He is selling various cars, including this Chrysler Town and Country. There were almost too many cars to see at one time, but it was an excellent tour of some very collectible cars.

A sample of cars and contact information will be published in the September Newsletter, or call Jack Wade at 985-974-7645.



With the upcoming tours, we are reordering shirts. Wearing these shirts will proudly display your club at various tours. The red short-sleeved button is \$40, or a polo shirt is \$30, which includes the embroidery.

As Charlie Kihnel (54-416-6255) will manage the order, please call him to place your order.

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