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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.****

July 25 General Membership Meeting.

The Red Maple 1036 Lafayette St. Gretna

From the President's shop...

The first thing I want to do is to thank Harley Rabig and Bonnie Harmeyer for a job well done on the club's annual Ice Cream Social! There was a good turnout of about 18 people who enjoyed visiting together and a lot of delicious ice cream, sprinkles, nuts, whipped cream and other assorted foods at Harley's home in Gretna. And Harley's amazing model trains were running for the delight of all. The club's monthly meeting was held at Bistro Orleans in Metairie with only thirteen members attending. Without a quorum of fifteen members no voting took place. I do want to thank all of you who were there and encourage the rest of the membership to attend future meetings. We need you!

Speaking of needing you, our own Thomas Rogers is planning a national DeSoto event this month, with some of the activities being held at his residence and in the surrounding area. He may well be looking for volunteers to help him out! Give him a call to see how you can get involved in this national event!

This month's meeting is being held on the Westbank at The Red Maple. Last year was our first meeting there that I can recall. Gil Whittaker was able to meet the owner of the restaurant and after a few minutes of small talk about cars (he is apparently a Chevelle man), picked up a new member, Brent Trauth. What a salesman! This is the reason that he sells the 50/50 tickets.

In the meantime, just keep on wrenching! Jack

<i>Kar Kalendar</i>		
Jul 25	6:00 P.M.	General Membership Meeting. The Red Maple 1036 Lafayette St. Gretna
Aug 29	6:00 P.M.	General Membership Meeting Bistro Orleans, 3216 West Esplanade Ave., Metairie, LA
Sep 26	6:00 P.M.	General Membership meeting. (TBD)
Oct 24	6:00 P.M.	General Membership Meeting. Bistro Orleans Bistro Orleans, 3216 West Esplanade Ave., Metairie, LA
Nov 21	6:00 P.M.	General Membership meeting. The Red Maple The Red Maple 1036 Lafayette St. Gretna

Minutes of the Horseless Carriage Club Meeting

Thursday 27 June 2024

Jack called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm, and everyone one stood as Brandon and Gil led the pledge of allegiance, followed by Barry leading the prayer.

Jack thanked all the members and guests in attendance today. We have 12 HCC members and 0 guests.

He received his newsletter in the mail today, very beat up. Larry said his machines would never do that!

Jack apologized for not having a meeting at the crawfish boil. Everyone should have a copy of the 2024 Roster, please check for accuracy, update as needed. Remember if your info changes, don't hesitate to let Charles know.

We don't have enough members in attendance tonight to approve previous minutes.

Charles presented his treasurer's report explained all debits and credits. Again, not enough members in attendance to vote on his report. Anybody ready to step up and take over this job?

Jack congratulated the Model "A" club for hosting the annual "ALL CLUBS PICNIC" and commented on the way the parking lot was set-up, segregating old cars from the modern ones. They did a great job!

Jack noted that the charities that we made donations to have not sent any kind of acknowledgement of the donations. Cheryl will contact them.

He said the 2024 Louisiana Tour had a good turnout, about 100 people in attendance, 10 from HCC. They had trips to Vidalia and Ferriday, home of the Jerry Lee Lewis family museum. They were unable to use the hop on/hop off buses due to rainy conditions, but otherwise the tour was a success and enjoyed by all.

We need articles for the Kar Kapers, they don't have to be car related and they don't have to be long.

Larry gave an update on Judy. Jack recently talked with Jay and Pam, Gene Lee, Clark Round and George Saunders. Give them a call, they'll be glad to hear from you.

The 2025 Louisiana Tour update... The Holiday Inn near I-12 has plentiful parking, a nice lobby, rooms to check-in and hospitality and has a banquet area. It looks like the rates will be \$119.00 per night, and we do get better amenities. Jack and Charles will meet with hotel representative next week to firm up details and costs.

The tour cost is estimated to be \$115.00 per person, mostly to cover food expenses.

We plan on having registration forms ready for distribution by November and Jack will attend the Louisiana AACA clubs annual Christmas Party and give a presentation on our tour.

Now is the time to get the cars ready to run and get the bugs worked out. We will need goody bag items, see what you can get, ink pens, note pads, the junk we all love to collect. We will also need raffle items.

A few things to think about for a BY-LAWS update.

Domicile-make it general for officers.

Associate Members-do we keep it like it is, change or eliminate.

Membership Dues-they have been \$20.00 for a long time, should we consider raising them by \$5.00?

Bruce can print rosters; we pay for paper and ink.

Cristy is working on the Christmas Party arrangements, this year it will be in Harahan at All Saints Episcopal Church, they have a large parking lot and much better price.

Restoration list will be printed in the newsletter.

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday the 25th of July at the Red Maple Restaurant, 1036 Lafayette Street in Gretna.

Gil reported that he collected \$50.00 for the 50/50 raffle, \$25.00 to the winner. Harley hit the jack pot tonight.

With no other business to conduct, Jack asked for a motion to adjourn. Tommy and Cristy made the motions, and the meeting was closed at 7:56 pm.

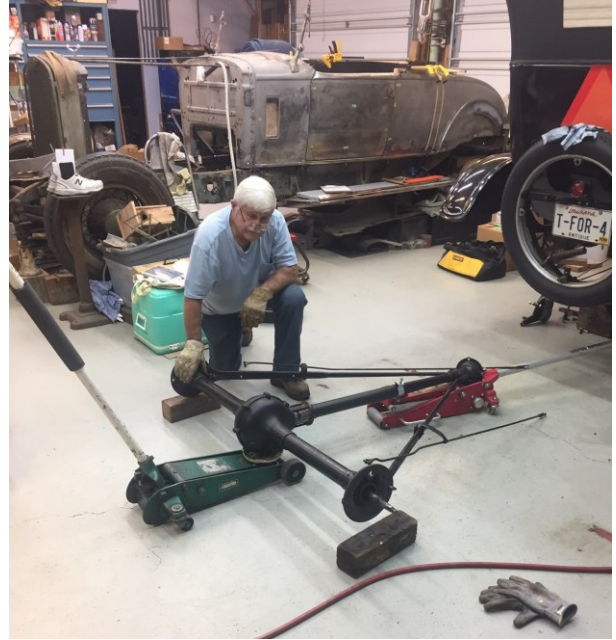
Submitted, Larry Larmeu- Recording Secretary

SPARK UPDATE

Well I don't think that there's ever been a Spark Update, but I think it's about time that we have one that focuses on cars. So there's no hot air in this non-fish tale, but there's a whole lotta of cutting, hammering and welding going on!

I guess the age of the car will take priority here.

1925 Ford Model T Touring – Cheryl's dad, Griff, built this car as a stable mate to his 1925 Model T Coupe, but with seating for four Griff asked our family to join he and Mae on a Model T tour. I don't recall exactly the year, but I think it was about 1992. The Coupe is now taken care of by one of Cheryl's niece's in Kentucky, but the Touring is Cheryl's car.



Cheryl and I have toured in the car in Missouri, Arkansas, California, North Carolina, Wisconsin, West Virginia, Virginia and Canada. Once you've done all of that you start to think I want to make sure I don't break down on any of these trips. Yes, we've had issues, but only one that we had to be put on the "dead wagon" and if Cheryl's feet could have withstood a little heat from the open exhaust manifold header we could have made it back!

Charles Kihnel came over one Wednesday (that's when we do most of our work and before we ever drink any beer) and we pulled the differential out of the Model T. It seems that Henry was in the early stages of learning of how to make metal dust when he designed the differential, but our T certainly made some metal dust. The differential is apart, and aside from needing a new ring & pinion, new axles, new universal joint, new drive shaft bushing, and new differential carrier side carrier bearings, all is well. Parts are ordered and most cleaned. It must be beer time!



Oh, I forgot! We're planning on taking it (yes in a trailer) back to North Carolina, West Virginia & Virginia and doing about another 700 mile tour over six days in October! It's going to be great, but don't forget about those "original" Model T disc brakes. I did mention that we TOUR with this 99 year old car, didn't I?

Jack

Next month's update – 1926 Lincoln Model L, 7 Passenger Sedan

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Harley, and Bonnie, thanks again for hosting the ice cream social. Everyone had enough ice cream and the train layout is always a crowd favorite!





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