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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 29 General Membership Meeting.

Bistro Orleans, 3216 West Esplanade Ave., Metairie, LA

From the President's shop...

The club's monthly meeting was held on the Westbank at club member Brent Trauth's *The Red Maple* restaurant, but again 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. I'm concerned about our turn out lately! Is everybody going to a car show or travelling abroad? We need you! We still have things to work on: revise the By-Laws, elections coming up and tour next year!

Our own Thomas Rogers almost single handedly planned a national DeSoto event in July, with some of the activities being held at his residence! Several club members assisted Thomas over the course of his meet. No word yet on who won Best of Show!

Reservations for the 2025 Louisiana Tour can now be made by calling 1-877-424-2449 and telling the reservation desk that you need to make a reservation checking in Friday, May 2, 2025 – checking out Sunday, May 4, 2025, asking for the “**2025 Horseless Carriage Car Club Block**” with Group Code “**HCC**”. Room rates are \$119 / night. I made ours last week.

This month's meeting is back in Metairie and being held at *Bistro Orleans*. Hope to see you there.

In the meantime, just keep on wrenching! Jack

Kar Kalendar

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. Pedros Tacos & Tequila Bar 69368 La-21, Covington, LA 70433
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
Dec 14 (Sat)	6:00 PM	Christmas Party All Saints Episcopal Church, 100 Rex Drive, New Orleans

Please Update Your Roster-

Conway Farrell	1335 Calhoun Street New Orleans, LA	(504)722-0574 (c) farrellcon@aol.com	1967 Oldsmobile 442 Convertible 1990 Chevy Silverado Truck
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THE DESOTO TOUR OPEN HOUSE

Several members pictured in and enjoyed a wonderful day of meeting other car enthusiasts from around the U.S. and Canada. I am sure Thomas and Gia are still trying to catch their breath.



Minutes of the Horseless Carriage Club Meeting

Thursday 25 July 2024

Submitted, Larry Larmeu- Recording Secretary

Jack called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm, and everyone one stood as Ernie led the pledge of allegiance, followed by Bruce leading the prayer.

Jack thanked all the members and guests in attendance today. We have 13 HCC members and 1 guests, so we are unable to vote on anything. We don't have enough members in attendance tonight to approve previous minutes.

Charles presented his treasurer's report explained all debits and credits, including that we have paid a deposit with the Holiday Inn for the 2025 Louisiana Tour, Louisiana Secretary State Annual Report, and the hall we are renting for the Christmas Party. Once again, we don't have enough members in attendance to vote on his report. Charles asked if a club member is ready to step up and take over as Treasurer. We will provide sharp pencils with erasers and a calculator.

Jack recognized Brent Trauth, owner of the Red Maple and club member in good standing since last year.

Jack said that he and several other club members were helping Thomas, who is hosting the DeSoto Club National Convention; they are cooking and assisting with registration of about 90 attendees.

Ernie gave a brief on a recently passed act that affects small businesses and LLC's called the "Corporate Transparency Act" or CTA, 31 USC Sect 5336 ET Sec Q. Affected entities may have to file additional paperwork and if found in violation, could be subject to Civil or Criminal penalties.

Jack is encouraging that everyone to actively recruit new members to the club. Jack has a standing offer of a "FREE" meal to anyone who brings in a new member.

HCC Spark Program...Jack wrote an article about the Model "T", a longtime family member, tours they have participated in and recently making rear end repairs. Expect updates on the Cadillac and Charlie's 27 Lincoln. *Sparks needed...Model "T", Cadillac and Lincoln. Also, Harley needs help getting the A/C cooling again in the Marlin.* Come on out and help your fellow members get back on the road. Remember, you could give moral support, muscle or mechanical know how to help return a car to the road.

Charlie updated us on the Christmas Party...it's scheduled for Saturday, 14 December, 6 to 9 pm. We have the Hall from 5 to 10 pm, so we can set up and clean up. The facility offers a large well lighted parking lot in a safe neighborhood.

2025 LOUISIANA TOUR UPDATE On July 3rd Jack signed a contract with the Holiday Inn, tour room rate of \$119.00 per night and that includes a full breakfast. The hotel has nice rooms, a banquet room good parking. We will publish a code to give when making reservations for the special tour room rate later. Currently the tour destinations are still being worked out, but plan on

Global Wildlife and Fleur de Lis Tea. There are strains of tea trees that flourish here and you didn't know that the trees and leaves have stickers and taste bitter, bugs and critters leave 'em alone. Other possible stops are the Hammond airport and Toulouse Street Rods in Folsom.

Jack said the by-laws are going to be posted on the web site. Judy worked on them in 2015 and updates implemented in 2016 after normal voting and approval by the membership.

Bruce needs everyone to give him feedback concerning the Kar Kapers, are you getting them? Please make sure you keep him posted of any information changes such as mailing address, phone number and email address. Bruce also reminds everybody that he needs articles for the Kar Kapers, they don't have to be car related and they don't have to be long.

Restoration list will be printed in a future Kar Kapers.

Our next meeting will be held at 6:00pm, on Thursday the 29th of August at the Bistro Orleans Restaurant, 3216 West Esplanade Ave. in Metairie. We held no 50/50 raffle tonight.

With no other business to conduct, Jack asked for a motion to adjourn. Ernie and Harley made the motions, and the meeting was closed at 7:50 pm.

From the Archives – June 1968

TRANSPORTATION PARADE By Walt Jones

On Wednesday, May 15, 1968, seven of our club members met in front of City Hall to participate in the Annual Transportation Parade. We had the honor and pleasure of riding MISS TRANSPORTATION and Her Maids.

The parade, which contained approximately ninety units, left City Hall about 12:15 P.M. The sun was beaming down brightly and the members in open cars were plenty warm.

The parade went from City Hall up Loyola to Canal, down Canal to Camp, back up Canal to Basin St., down Basin St. to the Auditorium where the parade disbanded.

It was a very enjoyable parade and there was no incident or trouble with any of the cars. The Parade Officials went to the trouble to make sure that all Antique automobiles in the parade were Horseless Carriage Club of New Orleans Member's.

Who know that New Orleans hosted a "Transportation Parade". Maybe we need to get another parade to fix more than just Poydras in preparation for the Super Bowl. – Editor.

From the Archives ...June 1968

1968 LOUISIANA TOUR - MAY 10-11-12 By Grace Taylor

Headquarters for this hub tour was the Inn Motor Hotel in Opelousas, La, The tour opened Friday morning with late registration, then a tour through Opelousas. The parade on Friday got rained out but everyone had an enjoyable day. The crawfish boil ' was great — plenty to eat. Jesse and Dolly Lafontaine were there to enjoy the activities on Friday with their 1931 Pierce Arrow.

Saturday morning, Don and Cheryl Pons (1947 Cadillac Convertible) Drew and Alice Navarre & family (1931 Pierce Arrow), Buddy and Marjori Walton & daughters (1929 Packard), and Bob and Grace Taylor (1941 Chrysler), left the Krystal Restaurant on Airline Hwy. at 5:00 a.m. and after a pleasant trip, arrived in Opelousas and checked into the Inn Motor Hotel in time to unpack and join the group for the day's activities at 8:30 a.m.

We toured Opelousas and had a nice appreciated parade in Ville Platte. Then proceeded through the country side to Chicot State Park. The park was well equipped with all types of picnicking facilities and a nice "Nature Museum" where we stopped. The park authorities had a big section set aside for us to play games, etc. After some most unusual games which our club members just enjoyed as spectators, most everyone dove into the chicken box lunch. A nice ride back to town, where we were met by the Police at the edge of town and escorted through town for the parade that was rained out the previous day.

Relax, a swim or whatever, til time for the banquet at the Opelousas Country Club where all those competing in the costume judging wore their costumes to the banquet. As for the food D-E- L-I-C-I-O-U-S! After dinner, the trophies were awarded for all the games and the costumes. A big round of applause is due the Navarre Family for their costume trophies -- Drew, Alice and Jeannie for the following: Men's Best Original, Woman's Best Homemade, Girl's Best Homemade. (Sorry Rene, but 3! liked yours better than the other one.)

After breakfast Sunday morning, we headed out of Opelousas to Washington. We stopped at a beautifully restored home and many enjoyed a private tour of the home (not open to public) while others were grabbing their cameras. Then on to a gorgeous race horse farm. The narrow little road and streets made an appropriate setting for the old cars, (approx. 25) Back to the Inn again for a leisurely lunch and packing for the return trip.

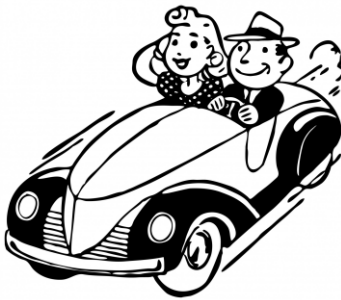
The Inn Motor Hotel was nice, but it did have a few features that were most unusual or should I say undependable. If you would like more complete details on this, I suggest you ask Cheryl Pons or some of the others who rode the elevator. Some rain on our return trip, but I don't think it spoiled a wonderful tour.

Our thanks and appreciation to the Baton Rouge Chapter of the AACA for a very enjoyable weekend tour. They did a good job. The first tour is always the hardest* but you had team work and that's what it takes. We are looking forward to LOUISIANA TOUR 1969. first tour is always the hardest* but you had team work and that's what it takes.

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Driving without Electronics!

It seems like Summer Time can seem like “driving season” as we head to the beach, the mountains, or to see family and friends. For some of us, summer travel may occur on unfamiliar roads. That unfamiliarity, especially as we have no “landmarks” to show us where we are heading, can be a problem. Like most people, I currently use a GPS app on my phone, but such was not always the case. In the old days, it was possible to get lost without any “electronic” assistance. Suzie would stop by AAA to get a few maps, but that was all had to go on as we ventured across the country.



(But of course, these are nothing to the legendary drivers who navigated cattle trails, wooden roads and other whatnots in much more primitive cars. And most people today complain when they get off an interstate route!)

When I was 22, I rented a car and drove from East Lansing, Michigan to Windsor, Canada, simply to say I had been in another country (The things you do when you’re young...). Traveling through Detroit, I hit massive road construction, and with no map or GPS, I managed to find the Ambassador Bridge. With the inspection (yes, I went to secondary inspection) completed, I enjoyed a quiet afternoon sampling the local culture, only to hit Detroit rush hour later when I returned to East Lansing. However, as I get old older, one of the best parts of the “story” was simply trying to find the Ambassador Bridge (bridges are hard to misplace!)

For most people, road construction and/or congestion represents a “problem”, but as we rely more upon electronic driver notifications and apps, we may find ourselves in even worse traffic conditions. For example, I took this picture ten years ago on the way to a meeting at Louisiana DOTD. I missed the meeting...And while I-12 to Baton Rouge is better, there always seems the need to fix, repair or replace a bridge or highway.

I am sure that autonomous vehicles and connected streets can aid me in finding a bridge or managing traffic. However, after years of sitting and looking at bumper stickers, I’m unsure as to how future knowledge of traffic conditions will change my driving behavior. Unlike in the past, today I do know where I am going and much more about traffic conditions as I cruise along at five miles an hour. I just don’t know if I will have much of a story to tell about being lost in a strange land if I never get to see anything by other drivers.



SPARK UPDATE

I guess I'll still give priority here to the age of the cars on this update. - Jack Wade

- 1925 Ford Model T Touring –

Charles Kihnel came over last Wednesday and we put the differential back in the Model T. It sure was a lot easier to remove it than putting it in, but we finally got it in. The differential has a new ring & pinion with modern pinion bearings and updated axle thrust bearings. This unit is not a hypoid unit, but back lash does need to be set and after an hour or two of trying to figure out how to do it with only one side of the differential in its bearings I got it set to about 0.008". That's a lot better than the original 0.030". New spring shackle bushings were installed and sized and the unit is installed in the car. Now I have to start putting cotter pins back into all of the bolts, which is a major task before I put the brake drums and wheels back together.

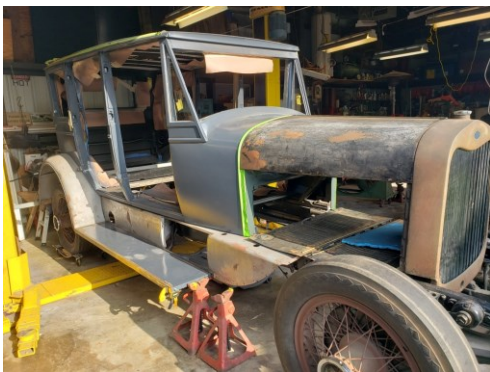
- 1926 Lincoln Model L, 7 Passenger Sedan –

A little background on this car. Somewhere around 1959 – 1960 it was spotted on a used car lot on Tulane Avenue by Andrew Navarre. Andrew apparently brought the car's whereabouts up at a meeting or some such discussion and John Savant (one of our Founders) bought the car. In 1992 Charles Kihnel was "looking" for a car to restore and bought the Lincoln from John. At that time Charles was able to "knock off the dust and drive the car." Then life happened, Charlie's father who had been helping Charlie do the woodwork restoration on the car passed away. Andrew Navarre then became Charlie's mentor on the Lincoln's restoration, but then Andrew passed away. Wood work was still needed and work all but came to a stop.



- With a renewed vigor to complete the Lincoln, Charles began earnestly working on the car again in 2021 with the SPARK program. He's since completed the wood repair, installed the soft top,

completed stripping the paint from the aluminum body and applying an epoxy DTM primer to it. He's got a plan and the equipment to remove the body and expects to bring all of the body components to the paint shop within the next few weeks for painting.



- While the body components are being painted Charles will be restoring the chassis and driveline. Additionally Charles has others helping in the restoration such as a vendor whose family has been in the wire wheel business since 1926 will be restoring the wheels and another specialty shop will be restoring the brightwork. Additionally

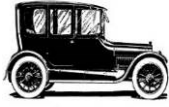
he's working with an upholstery shop to plan out the restoration of the interior.

- Next month's update –

1926 Lincoln Model L, 7 Passenger Sedan – update

1931 Cadillac 4302 Roadster





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