



Kar Kapers



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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.****

From the President's shop...

Well, we blew through October with the AACA Annual Fall Meet at Hershey and Mississippi's famous Cruisin' the Coast. I know some of you that attended one or the other and it sounded like both were a success! As we rolled into November, we had a little election, and the country had a major change in the geo-political landscape! This was followed closely by the Annual Lambert Pig Roast that weekend and I believe that it was the largest crowd I've seen! I counted about thirteen members present, which is what we see at general membership meetings these days.

The year is winding down with the November meeting and 2025 officer nominations made during the October General Membership meeting. You should find the 2025 ballot included in this issue of the Kar Kapers. Each member should complete a ballot and either submit it at the Christmas party / meeting on December 14 or follow the mailing instructions on the ballot. And regarding the Christmas party, Cristy Sclafini would like to hear from you about what goodies you plan to bring.

I recently realized that I have a few more dollars in my pocket to spend on car parts because nobody has claimed my "Meal-on-Me" for getting "new" members into the club. I know that I must owe someone since we actually picked up a new member at the October meeting, but I can't recall just who brought him into the club. Can someone help me out with this?

Lastly, Cristy handed out flyers for a car show on Saturday, November 16 in Ormond and we will be showing our 1925 Ford Model T. Griff has been lonely in the trailer since we didn't get to do our tour in North Carolina and needs to take a spin. I'll have to see if I can get him going

tomorrow! We also hope to visit Pam and Jay Armstrong since we'll be in their neighborhood. Hope you'll make it there too! The weather forecast looks GREAT!

This month's meeting is being held on the Westbank at The Red Maple and we hope to see at least fifteen of you there!

Jack

Kar Kalendar

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, River Ridge
Jan 30	6:00 PM	Officer Installation Banquet TBD
February	TRB	Oyster Fest and General Membership Meeting
May 2-3, 2025		Louisiana Tour, Hosted by HCC!

Minutes of the Horseless Carriage Club Meeting

Thursday, 26 September 2024

Paul opened the meeting at 7:05pm, and everyone stood as he and Bruce led the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by Bruce leading the prayer.

Paul thanked everyone for coming to tonight's meeting, as 14 members and 2 guests were in attendance.

He asked for a motion to accept the minutes of the meeting as printed in the Kar Kapers. Charles made the motion and was seconded by Dale, motion carried.

Charles presented the treasurer's report and explained debits and credits for the last month. Thomas made the motion to accept the report as presented and was seconded by Marty, motion carried.

Paul asked if anyone had new business to discuss...

Christy said all arrangements have been made for the Christmas Party; please let her know what food items you will supply.

Jack gave a brief update on the 2025 Louisiana Tour... We will conduct the tour from the Holiday Inn in Hammond, Friday will start with registration then antiquing in Ponchatoula.

Saturday, we go to the Global Wildlife Center, Fleur de Lis Tea room, Independence Italian Museum and Red Hill Bee Farm.

Make your hotel reservations and let them know it is for the tour to get the discounted rate.

Thomas is looking for goody bag “stuff”. We are also looking for donations of raffle items, they can be store bought or good stuff you no longer need. We will possibly take pictures of raffle items and post them on our web page. Remember, we offset some of our costs by selling raffle tickets, so the more items to raffle, the more money we bring in.

Larry reminded everyone the nominations for the 2025 officers are due so the ballots can be printed in the November Kar Kapers.

Charles found out today that his Lincoln is a 1925 model. He and Jack work every Wednesday on the Cadillac or the Lincoln with steady progress being made on both cars. The Lincoln body is at the paint shop and they completed cleaning and inspecting the differential. If this project keeps moving in the right direction, he hopes to have the Lincoln on the Louisiana tour.

Jack was supposed to be leaving for a Model T tour, but has been delayed by a hurricane. He recently pulled the differential out of the T and completed repairs to it. The big project in his garage is the Cadillac Roadster, he has completed metal repairs on 11 body panels, only 9 more to go.

As a non-profit, we are required to make an annual charitable donation. We should all look for suitable local organizations and submit their information discussion at a future meeting.

We collected \$51.00 dollars for the 50/50 drawing and your recording secretary was the lucky winner this month.

With no other business to conduct, Thomas made a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Jack.

Meeting closed at 7:50 pm.

Submitted,

Larry Larmeu- Recording Secretary

Car Safety and Holiday Driving

Thanksgiving is one of the most travel-intensive holidays, as people clog America’s highways, driving over the rivers and through the woods. According to a recent article in Consumer Reports, there are more accidents during Thanksgiving, such as driver fatigue, heavier traffic, and impaired driving. They also cited the rising number of speeding tickets on Wednesday afternoon! This holiday season, remember to be safe and plan accordingly! - Don’t Be That Turkey!



Minutes of the Horseless Carriage Club Meeting

Thursday, 24 October 2024

Jack opened the meeting at 7:00 pm, and everyone stood as he and Bruce led the pledge of allegiance, followed by Bruce leading the prayer.

He thanked everyone for coming to tonight's meeting, there were 13 members and 1 guest.

Regarding membership, Jack Wade recognized Marshall Ryles, who joined the club in 1969, but has not attended in a while. Secondly, Ernie Schiro met Rick Livingstone at the German Cultural Festival and invited Rick to attend. Rick was recognized and voted in as a new member (Nominated by Charlie Kihnel and seconded by Paul Villemarette). Rick has a Model A Ford, a Hudson Commodore, and a Thunderbird.

Jack discussed the need to reach a quorum of fifteen members. We have not had a quorum to approve the minutes in the past few months.

Charlie provided a treasurer's report. There is \$3,357.65 in the account in October, with an income of \$40 from dues and \$26.50 from the 50/50 Raffle. The club paid out \$155 for printing. The Board approved Samaritans Purse as our non-profit donation this year. They have actively provided water to Hurricane victims in the Carolinas, and \$500 donation will be mailed soon.

Jack discussed the Kar Kapers, including comments on the various articles in the Newsletter. We also discussed the newsletter's lack of birthday information, including recognizing Thomas Roger's recent birthday.

Jack led a discussion about the upcoming Tour. We discussed how to solicit donations for the upcoming Louisiana tour. Jack outlined that there is a room block for the hotel. People must get their hotel reservations, as the tour fees are based on a full hotel block. (The room rate is \$119 with a full breakfast.) There is still a need to assist with various groups, such as financing and food, so don't be shy! Donations and working with the raffle will be necessary to assist the club in covering the tour's costs. There was a discussion about putting a sample donation letter in the Kar Kapers.

Thomas Rogers provided his update on Cruising the Coast, including seeing Rick Vega. He mentioned that he had to get to the lot at 3:00 a.m. to get into it and was still in line! Tommy discussed his trip to Cruising the Coast, but he had truck problems.

Charlie and Marty discussed their visit to Hershey. Charlie discussed meeting with Roy Strom, a former HCC member who at 93 years old outwalked everyone at the show! Marty commented on visiting old friends at Hershey but also discussed the challenges of getting a front axle fixed for a 1915 Hudson. He also discussed judging Brass Era cars, including several 1911 Oldsmobile Limited.

Cristy discussed the Christmas Party on Saturday, December 14 at the All Saints Episcopal Church. Please let her know what you plan to bring to the Party!

Jack discussed the Kar Kalendar, which will be redone for 2025. Jack and Gil will organize the location and dates, including a possible March meeting for Houmas House. Jack mentioned the upcoming Veteran's Parade and the Lambert's Pig Roast on November 9.

Jack opened the floor and requested nominations for 2025 officers:

Sergeant-at-Arms – Gil Whittaker,

Editor – Bruce Lambert,

Treasurer – Charles Kihnel,

Secretary – OPEN,

Vice President – Thomas Rogers and

President – Jack Wade, III.

With most positions slated for elections the discussion was closed. Current Secretary, Larry Larmeu was not present at the meeting. The election will take place at the Christmas party. Jack outlined the need to get volunteers to assist in the club.

The meeting ended at 8:05 pm.

Submitted,

Bruce Lambert, Editor.

Addendum to the October Minutes: On Wednesday, November 13, 2024 Larry Larmeu called President Jack Wade and submitted his nomination as 2025 Secretary. The ballot is complete.



Driving an Autonomous Car on Thanksgiving in 2050

Thanksgiving might be the perfect holiday for autonomous vehicles once engineers figure out electronic cars first.

No more running out to the store. You would simply send the car to the store (if you don't have some delivery service, which will probably

be an autonomous car!)

Imagine being able to “ship the kids” off to their grandparents early, allowing for a leisurely sleep-in or perhaps even taking a nap yourself in the back seat—without worrying about the road ahead. With an autonomous vehicle, you can enjoy the festivities without the stress of driving (as you fill in your “Stretchy Pants”, as per Carrie Underwood’s advice). The holiday’s focus on family, comfort, and relaxation would pair perfectly with the convenience of self-driving cars, allowing everyone to unwind while still getting where they need to go.

And thinking through that question, how many antique electric cars will be on the Louisiana Tour that year?! (Remember, all the current hybrids and electric vehicles will be considered antiques by 2050!)

HCC 2025 BALLOT

In accordance with HCC By-Laws, Associate members have no voting privileges.

Office	Accepted Nomination	Write in Candidate
President	Jack Wade III	
Vice-President	Thomas Rogers	
Treasurer	Charlie Kihnel	
Secretary	Larry Larmeau Jr	
Editor	Bruce Lambert	
Sergeant At Arms	Gilbert Whittaker	

2024 Member of the Year: Write in

To be counted mail this ballot to be received no later than December 6 by

Charlie Kihnel, Treasurer (504) 835-0503
208 Athania Pkwy
Metairie, LA 70001-5204

Or

Bring it in a sealed envelope to the Christmas Party on December 14, 2024, All positions are still open to nominees.

Save the date!

The 2025 Louisiana Tour Is On its Way!
May 2-4, 2025



Headquarters Hotel **Holiday Inn Hammond**

1819 SW Railroad Avenue, Hammond, LA
70403-6117

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. Check in on Friday, May 2, 2025, check out on Sunday, May 4, 2025, and ask for the “2025 Horseless Carriage Car Club Block” with Group Code “HCC.” Room rates are \$119 / night.

And yes, we will provide more details, such as why the logo features a map of Italy, a teacup, bees, and a giraffe. Stay Tuned!



Christmas/Holiday Party

Election of Officers

Socializing at 6 P.M. - Dinner served at 7:00 P.M.

Saturday, December 14, 2024

All Saints Episcopal Church, 100 Rex Drive, New Orleans (in River Ridge)

RSVP is required - along with your contribution of a dish

Cristy Sclafini is coordinating, so please call her and let her know what you would like to provide, such as entrees, vegetables, drinks, dessert items, or paper products.

Her Phone number is (504)473-2840.



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