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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.****

October 24 General Membership Meeting

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

From the President's shop...

First off, I want to thank our VP, Paul Villemarette, for leading the club's September meeting. The meeting went well, and I appreciated his help during the time that I was scheduled to be out of the area. Hurricane Helene, however, changed our plans, but it did include a round trip to Chattanooga.

October is a very busy month for car activities, with the AACA Annual Fall Meet at Hershey and Mississippi's famous Cruisin' the Coast. I think some of our members will be available to give us a report on how these events went, whether in the KK or at the meeting. I know we all look forward to hearing about their experiences.

October is also the time of the year when the club needs nominations for officers for the 2025 calendar year. Some of our officers have been club officers for quite some time and may be looking towards retirement. Please submit your nomination to our Secretary, Larry Larmeu, but remember you can only nominate yourself or someone else with their consent.

As a car club, we are about "cars". October is also the time to submit your completed restoration to the club for consideration for one of the restoration awards. The cars that we know are being restored are listed on the table in this month's KK, but members can let our Editor, Bruce Lambert, know of your restoration if yours is not listed. To be considered for the award, the vehicle must be presented at a club function prior to the December meeting/ party. It's not too late, but it's getting close! And

speaking of December, the Christmas party is scheduled for Saturday, December 14. Cristy Sclafini would like to hear about what goodies you might bring to the party.

The 2025 Louisiana Tour preparation is going well, with another Tour committee meeting held last week in conjunction with the 4th quarter BOD meeting. As I mentioned in last month's message, there are several key positions that the club needs a member to lead, specifically the Friday host club lunch and one of utmost importance in the club's interest, a lead for the raffle on Saturday night. The registration form is essentially complete pending the clubs 2025 logo and should be ready for publication before December. I was overwhelmed with the response for a logo & theme, and presented them to the Tour committee for consideration.

This month's meeting is being held in Metairie at Bistro Orleans and we hope to see you there!

Jack

Don't forget Lambert's Pig Roast. It should be a great day to drive your car to the country, and there are plenty of places to park

Editor, I figured you would enjoy Jack getting some dental work done during the 2017 Tour of Shane's Cars of Yesteryear in Metairie!



<i>Kar Kalendar</i>		
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

Lambert's Annual Pig Roast



**Saturday
November 9**

- Pigs will be ready between 2-4 PM. Come early if you wish to see the pigs cooking.
- Please bring a salad, side dish, or dessert to share.
- Bring your favorite beverages for yourself, and a chair to sit in.
- Rain or shine, pigs will be cooking.
- Bonfire at dusk!

DIRECTIONS:
I-12 West, exit 57 (Goodbye exit), take 1077 North, continue past Hwy 190. As soon as you see the Live Oak Missionary Church on your left, hit your brake and turn your left blinker on. Turn left on Hereford Road and proceed to Lambert House.

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Minutes of the Horseless Carriage Club Meeting

The minutes will be shared at the Club Meeting.

Visiting Hershey

Charlie Kihnel

Marty and I took off on Sunday morning and drove 1200 miles to the world's biggest antique car show and flea market. It's all about cars there! There were over 9000 vendors, with more than 1000 cars for sale in the car corral and 1200 vehicles in the car show on Friday.



We caught up with long-time HCC member Roy Strom, who drove from Norman, Oklahoma, a 1300-mile journey on Tuesday. By the way, Roy is 93.

We hit the flea market to hunt for some sweet deals and find parts for my Lincoln. I didn't find any for myself, but I did make some contacts for Jack's V16 Cadillac. I spent Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday walking through the fields of flea-market vendors.

On Thursday afternoon, Mary and I attended the judging school (you must attend at least one judging school during the year) to judge Friday's AACA event. On Friday morning, we also attended the judges' breakfast with about 400 judges to gear up for a big day of checking out some beautiful cars. We started judging around 10:00 AM. I've always been lucky enough to judge the big 1920s and 30s classic cars.



The weather was perfect. I highly recommend visiting Hershey at least once for the car experience. It's like no other place you've been to for antiquing things, from clothes to rusty car parts. There are more vendors than at any other car show. You'll see things you've never seen before and probably never see again.

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(SUPPORT PERSONNEL AND RESTORATION KICKSTART)
JACK WADE

- 1925 Ford Model T Touring
Griff is back together again, and I'm sure my late father-in-law "Griff" Griffin, from whom we inherited the T, would be happy to know that! A couple of weeks ago, I drove the T on a test drive to Independence, LA, to meet with the president of the Independence Italian Cultural Museum and our VP, Paul Villemarette. We learned about what the museum has to offer, but really, we wanted to test our T's drivability. I noted a couple of issues, such as the carburetor needed some work and the low band needed tightening. Since then, our daughter, Lauren, has come over and helped me with a few items on the top that needed mending. *Griff* is about ready to load up after I added a couple of LED lights to aid the poor incandescent single bulb on the back of the car.

- 1926 Lincoln Model L, 7 Passenger Sedan
 - Charles has removed the sedan body and transported it to a local painter as other items, such as the fenders.
 - The knock-off Rudge wire wheels are with a wheel restoration shop whose family has been in the wire wheel business since 1926!
 - In the meantime, Charles has disassembled the differential to inspect, clean, and reassemble critical components, such as bearings and gears. Amazingly, the 97-year-old oil in the differential was not that dirty!
 - Next, the torque ball, torque tube, and pinion bearings will be checked.
 - New material for the upholstery has just arrived!

- 1931 Cadillac 452A, Roadster
 - This car has been in my family since March 1961. Although my father envisioned the restoration of this car, he spent most of his life collecting parts and materials for the restoration. In August 2018 we moved from the house in Algiers to my home in Ponchatoula. The car was photographed and carefully disassembled – bagging / tagging the parts.
 - The main focus was the body. Like Charles's Lincoln, the engineering of the bodies at the time this car was built was to use a hardwood structure as the main basis for the body lines. This is not a typical 2x4 type work, as there are few right angles or straight lines. I was fortunate enough to know a business that had both the pattern and the skill to re-create the entire wooden structure, and you don't want to know how much it cost! Having stated that, the car needed EVERYTHING made of wood to be replaced. Rot, wood-eating insects consumed it all! Next up metal work!

Next month's update –

1926 Lincoln Model L, 7 Passenger Sedan – update

1931 Cadillac 4302 Roadster

Some Thoughts on Halloween and Cars

I've always found Halloween to be fascinating. For some, it's all about getting candy. As a kid, it was about going from house to house, trying to get as much candy as possible. After the night's activities, we would return home to check out our loot. We had so much candy that it would have made Blackbeard jealous. We would trade and argue about the best candies, and the treasure trove would last for a few days (or until all the "good" candies were eaten).



As I got older, I realized there was more to Halloween than just "trick-or-treating". There are fall festivals, corn mazes, pumpkin harvests, and other activities. But I also learned that there is always something about Halloween and the supernatural that can be linked to our fear of the unnatural.



For example, many songs about car crashes, such as Dead Man's Curve, Leader of the Pack, A Day in the Life, and others, highlight how quickly a car trip can turn into a tragedy. (While no one thinks of "Dead Skunk in the Middle of the Road" as a horror song, it is if you hit a skunk while driving your wife's car.) There is a Ray Bradbury short story called "The Crowd" where dead people watch car crashes. Car crashes can also result in their own myths, such as stories about James Dean's Porsche 550 Spyder, known as "Little Bastard." After Dean's tragic death, parts salvaged from the wrecked car were rumored to be linked to several accidents and incidents. And there are always stories of ghostly hitchhikers.

There are a few movies with possessed cars, such as Stephen King's novel Christine, featuring a possessed 1958 Plymouth Fury that can repair itself while committing acts of violence. The car controls its owner, Arnie Cunningham, on a path of destruction. In "The Car," another car terrorizes a small town. But possessed vehicles are not always scary. As a kid, I wanted to ride in Herbie, the Love Bug, although I don't know if I would trust Herbie now or any of the autonomous cars being discussed now...



Regarding older cars, whether it is Halloween or not, these old cars seem to have a mind of their own!

And now I must buy my own candies!

Restorations

Please share with the members information about your restoration projects. Please Include Member Name, Car information, such as Car Mfg Year, Car Make, Car Model and Date restoration started. (This list was from last year, so I am sure there are more to add.)

And yes, there are awards for restoration voted on by the club!

	Year, Make, and Model	Year Started	Finished!
Dave Johnson	1940 Plymouth Woodie (pictured)	2023	
Charlie Kihnel	1926 Lincoln, Model L, 7 Pass Sedan	1992	
Bruce and Suzie Lambert	1957 Thunderbird	2020	
Jessica Price	1946 Chevy Truck	2013	
Thomas Rogers	1941 Cadillac Series 62 Sedan	2020	
Thomas Rogers	1952 DeSoto convertible	2022	
Clark Round	1930 Franklin Pirate Phaeton 147		
Jack Wade	1931 Cadillac Roadster	2018	

Note from the Editor



As we enjoy these crisp fall mornings, a few things.

We are in the process of redoing the membership roster for the Upcoming year. You will get a separate mailing of your current roster, with the car information, etc., so you can revise it. Also, I stopped publishing Birthdays, Anniversaries, etc., these have not been updated. Be on the lookout for that mailing!

I am also emailing calendar invites, although I don't know how many people use electronic calendars.

If you have articles, photos, etc., that you wish to share, let us know. I understand a few members have cars or parts of cars, so let me know that, too!

Finally, Happy Halloween. And remember to watch out for kids!



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 checking on Friday, May 2, 2025 – checking out Sunday, May 4, 2025, asking for the “2025 Horseless Carriage 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, 2017

All Saints Episcopal Church, 100 Rex Drive, New Orleans

RSVP is required - along with your contribution of a dish

Christi Sclafini will coordinate, 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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