



# Kar Kapers



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**Meetings start at 7 P.M. on the Last Thursday of the month except Nov., Dec., Jan**

**April 24, Red Maple, 1036 Lafayette Street, Gretna**

**COME GET YOUR NEW ROSTER!**

## **From the President's shop...**

Start your engines and get ready for a ride that feels like a world tour — without ever leaving the heart of Louisiana! On Friday, May 2, we'll be hitting the road for an unforgettable two-day journey packed with animals, history, local flavor, and a whole lot of fun.

For those who arrive for lunch on Friday, we will have a host-sponsored lunch before we head to Ponchatoula, a charming town full of antique shops, historic buildings, and cozy spots to eat and explore. It's a relaxing way to kick off the weekend and connect with fellow members before the big tour.

Saturday, our first stop takes us to the incredible Global Wildlife Center, one of the largest free-roaming wildlife preserves in the country. Ride through acres of rolling pastures where you'll come face to face with giraffes, zebras, kangaroos, and more. It's an up-close safari experience that feels a world away — and it's right in our own backyard!

Next up, we'll cool down at a tranquil Fleur-de-Lis Tea, where we'll walk among the tea plants, learn how it's grown and harvested in Louisiana, and sip a freshly brewed cup with our lunch spread.

To round out our tour, we'll visit the Independence Italian Culture Museum, filled with art, stories, and cultural treasures that celebrate the rich Italian-American heritage in Louisiana. It's a small slice of Europe, right here at home.

For the grand finale we'll buzz over to the Red Hill Bee Farm to learn how this golden treat is made. Watch the bees in action, sample fresh honey, and pick up a few jars to take home — sweet memories guaranteed.

But wait — there's more! Back at the hotel, we will do the closing dinner, complete with the chance raffle for selected items, a 50-50 raffle and a silent auction. Bring your cash and your competitive spirit — you might go home with some great prizes or a little extra green in your pocket! With so much to see and do, this tour is perfect for all ages and interests. So shine up those wheels, come cruise with us.

I plan to see you there! Jack

**Harley Rabig was a good mild manner gentleman, who helped anyone that asked for his help. He was our vice-president in 2023 and had continued with the club's leadership team as a Board member. Harley liked to drive his cars to club functions and asked for a SPARK last year to get his Marlin ready for the tour. He was a good man, and we are all better by knowing him. He will be missed.** Jack

<i>Kar Kalendar</i>		
April 16	6:00 PM	BOD & Tour Preparation Meeting – Piccadilly Café, Clearview
April 24	6:00 PM	General Membership Meeting The Red Maple, 1036 Lafayette St., Gretna
May 2-3	May 2- Noon	Louisiana Tour, Hosted by HCC!
May 24	1:00 P.M.	Crawfish boil & General Membership meeting. Host: Suzie & Bruce Lambert 10062 Hereford Road, Folsom, LA 70437
June 26	6:00 PM	General Membership Meeting Bistro Orleans, 3216 W. Esplanade Ave, Metairie
July 31	6:00 PM	General Membership Meeting The Red Maple, 1036 Lafayette St., Gretna
August 28	6:00 PM	General Membership Meeting Bistro Orleans, 3216 W. Esplanade Ave, Metairie
September 25	6:00 PM	General Membership Meeting Pedro's Taco & Tequila Bar, 69368 LA-21, Covington (TBD)
October 30	6:00 PM	General Membership Meeting Bistro Orleans, 3216 W. Esplanade Ave, Metairie
November 20	6:00 PM	General Membership Meeting The Red Maple, 1036 Lafayette St., Gretna
December 13	TBD	Christmas Party <b>Probably</b> All Saints Episcopal Church, 100 Rex Drive, River Ridge, LA

## *Horseless Carriage Club Meeting*

*Saturday, 29 March 2025*

At 1:13 pm, Jack called the meeting to order and led the membership with the Pledge of Allegiance, and Bruce followed with a prayer. Jack thanked the members for attending and recognized our two guests, Judy Larmeu and Gail Digby, a friend of Cheryl's. He said asked if there were any corrections to the February meeting minutes as printed in the Kar Kapers; hearing none, he called for a motion to approve the minutes. Thomas made the motion, and Virginia seconded. The motion was carried. (The Fandals were already inside so they missed the group picture!)

Charles gave the treasurer a report, explaining the credits and debits, including expenses for the upcoming Louisiana Tour. He also announced that many of the tour expenses have been covered and that he has received checks from tour registrants. Thomas called a motion to accept the report, and Dave seconded this. The motion was carried. He also reported that we have 66 paid members.

Jack said the February Kar Kapers looked good, and the car jokes were funny stuff. Remember, we are always looking for interesting stories for publication; they don't have to be about cars.

We will conduct one additional tour preparation meeting and a regular membership meeting prior to the tour. (April 16 and April 24.) It is our last opportunity to identify any loose ends and devise solutions to ensure a successful outcome. Larry and Judy drove the route and verified the driving instructions. We will post directional signs along the road to assist in navigating from one point to another. The roads are mostly two-lane country roads, and not all signage is visible. Additionally, there may be construction work in the area. We have adequate travel time built in the schedule to allow for any problems that we may encounter.

Charles reported that as of tonight, we have paid registrations for 51 adults and 3 children. Dave is handling the trophies and road signs. Cheryl and Bonnie are collecting raffle items; we recently received a portable sandblaster, swamp cooler, 2-night stay at the Doubletree, a wine basket, and other items; again, they don't have to be car-related. We will host a luncheon on May 2nd at the hotel. Please contact Cristy, our food coordinator, (504) 473-2840 to discuss needed food items.

The tour board will meet on April 16th at Metairie Piccadilly at 6:00 pm.



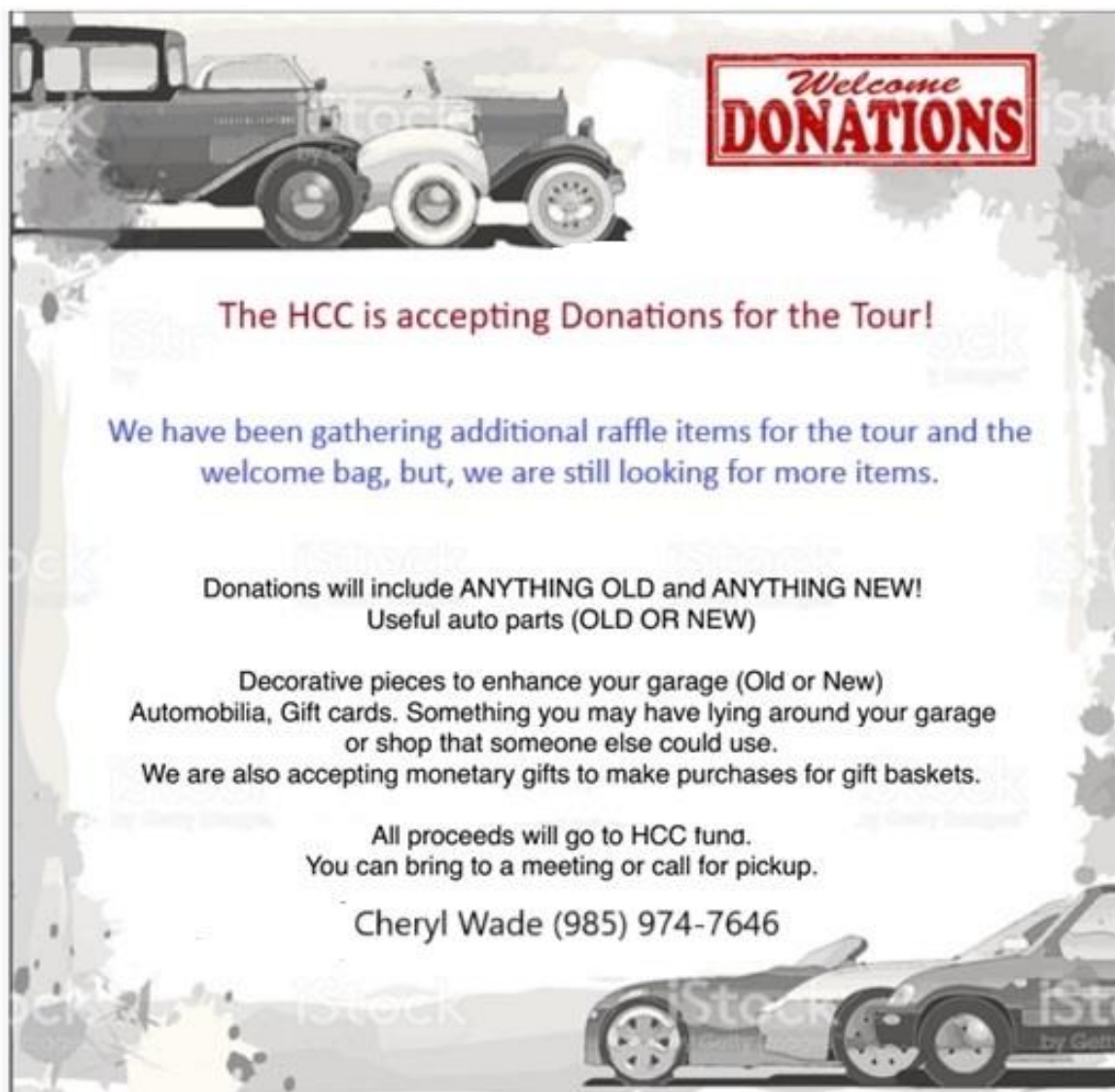
Our April meeting will be held at the Red Maple in Gretna on Thursday, the 24<sup>th</sup>. Car Stuff...

Spark program....Jack and Charles meet weekly to work on the Cadillac Roadster. Charles started restoring the Lincoln 30 years ago. The engine and transmission have been rebuilt and installed in the chassis, and the rear-end and suspension components are now complete. The body has been painted, and the upholstery still needs to be done. Slow and steady as she goes!

Our May membership meeting will be held at Lambert's country estate in Folsom.

With no further business to discuss, Thomas made a motion to adjourn, and Dave seconded this. The meeting closed at 1:42 pm.

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**Welcome  
DONATIONS**

**The HCC is accepting Donations for the Tour!**

**We have been gathering additional raffle items for the tour and the welcome bag, but, we are still looking for more items.**

**Donations will include ANYTHING OLD and ANYTHING NEW!**  
Useful auto parts (OLD OR NEW)

Decorative pieces to enhance your garage (Old or New)  
Automobilia, Gift cards. Something you may have lying around your garage or shop that someone else could use.

We are also accepting monetary gifts to make purchases for gift baskets.

All proceeds will go to HCC fund.  
You can bring to a meeting or call for pickup.

**Cheryl Wade (985) 974-7646**



## HCC's Annual Crawfish Boil May 24

Consuming Mudbugs starting at 1:00  
The cost is \$30.00 PER PERSON

The members of the Horseless Carriage Club, along with their families and guests, are invited to attend the Horseless Carriage Club's Annual Crawfish Boil at Bruce and Suzie Lambert's beautiful home.



The Lambert's Home is located on 10062 Hereford Road, Folsom, LA 70437.

The house is located off 1077, heading towards Folsom. They are located 10 miles north of the Goodbee Exit on I-12.

\*\*\* NOTE: You are responsible for your own sodas, water and/or beer.

Please bring checks either an HCC Meeting or mail them along with names of attendees and what side dish, dessert or salad that you will bring. The above information needs to be in by May 22.

Make all checks payable to the "Horseless Carriage Club" and mail to:  
Charles Kihnel, 208 Athanain Parkway, Metairie, LA 70001-5204.

Anyone interested in coming can call Bruce Lambert at 985-302-6900 or email him at [editor@hccnola.org](mailto:editor@hccnola.org)

There is plenty of parking if you want to bring your classic.





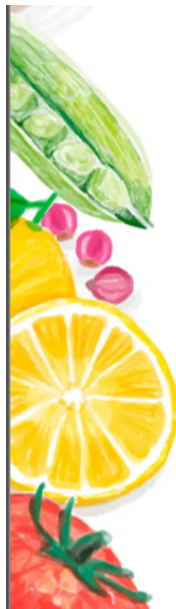
## *In Memory, Harley Rabig*

Harley Charles Rabig, aged 88, passed peacefully on April 2, 2025. He was born on February 21, 1937 in Linden, New Jersey. He is survived by his 3 children, Harley Christopher Rabig, Michael Thomas Rabig, Susan Kathleen Putman (nee Rabig), his beloved stepson, David Hughes, his younger brother William Robert Rabig and his younger sister Toni Victoria Passaro (nee Rabig).

He was preceded in death by his wife, Jeanne Patricka Rabig (nee Hanley), father Harley Joseph Rabig and mother Frances Harriet Rabig (nee Knevels).

Harley had a long and successful career in the United States Coast Guard, where he retired as Master Chief. He was an active member of the West Bank Rotary Club, the Horseless Carriage Club of New Orleans in which he served as Vice-President, and his church, Gretna United Methodist Church. He was also a past member of the Crescent City Model Railroad Club.

Harley was very well known as an avid model train enthusiast, and a collector of vintage vehicles. He was always the first to lend a hand to a friend in need, and he always had a joke on hand to make his friends and family laugh. Throughout his numerous extra-curricular activities, Harley made many friends, which serves as a testament to his friendly and cheerful character. He always left everyone with a smile.



## **Louisiana Tour- Friday Lunch May 2**

*Cristy Sclafini is coordinating the Friday  
Potluck.*

*Please call her and let her know what you  
would like to provide, such as entrees,  
vegetables, and dessert items.*

*Consider what you can share with  
approximately 8-10 people.*

*Cristy Sclafini*  
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## *A note from the editor. Thoughts on Summer Driving!*

Well, summer is upon us, with the customary yin and yang of the season: the annoyance of heat, mosquitoes, and yard work offset by the joy of barbecues, pools, and family/friends. In so many ways, the summer vacation, where we load up the “family truckster,” is a rite of passage for most. When I was a kid, the interstate was already completed between Lafayette and Houston, so vacations consisted of visiting my mother’s family in Houston. (Once in college, we drove to Florida just to watch a very disappointing sunrise!) Suzie and I would drive from Virginia to Louisiana every summer to visit family. In my life, summer driving, this singular rite of passage, has changed dramatically over the past forty years.



First, someone had to have a map, for without a map, one could end up anywhere. And I remember everyone had several maps that could never be refolded, stuffed in the glove box. Thanks to the invention of Global Positioning Systems (GPS), we no longer must struggle with folding a roadway map, wondering how long until we get there, or even if we know where we are at any moment. Driver notification programs like 511 make sure that we can move incident-free across the entire nation. I guess it makes for a few less arguments, but it does prevent the occasional moment of serendipity in discovering something off the beaten path. Second, I am reminded by the following quote from Charles Kuralt, “Thanks to the Interstate Highway System, it is now possible to travel from coast to coast without seeing anything.”. Like most people, it is the little communities, the unexpected sign or stop, that can often make the trip memorable. Sometimes, a trip was changed to go to a restaurant, a historical site, or a visit with a friend. In many ways, travel does change the traveler.

Finally, who you travel with is as important as the trip itself. The long discussions in the car, the time spent eating out, etc., all bonded us to each other. We still talk about vacations (college roadtrips?) taken years ago, which only cement our bonds with family and friends.



When considering transportation in 40 years, we often talk about how we will live. In some ways, we discuss the importance of passenger or freight traffic, but we seldom discuss the “why”. Clearly, how we travel in 40 years will change/improve (I don’t think we will be teleporting yet!) I just hope I can set the cruise control on my flying car and get a nap.

I wish you all safe travels to the LA Tour and your upcoming summer vacations!





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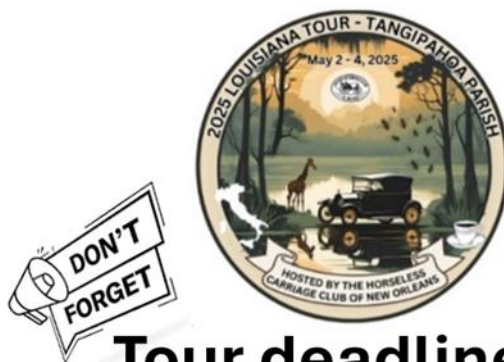
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## Tour deadlines

- ✓ Last day to register for tour April 8, 2025
- ✓ Discounted hotel rate expires April 11, 2025
- ✓ Deadline for Raffle donations listed in tour book April 18, 2025