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

March 29 General Membership meeting –11:30 AM

Houmas House, 40136 Hwy 942 Darrow LA

COME GET YOUR NEW ROSTER!

From the President's shop...

Spring is in full bloom, and what better way to celebrate than by hitting the open road? We have a packed calendar in the coming weeks.

First up, mark your calendars for next weekend's tour of the historic Houmas House in Darrow, Louisiana. This stunning antebellum estate is sure to provide a picturesque backdrop for our convoy of timeless automobiles. Known as "The Crown Jewel of Louisiana's River Road," Houmas House features beautiful gardens, a fascinating history, and an excellent restaurant where we'll enjoy lunch together. Please RSVP me by the 26th to ensure we get the correct headcount.

Looking further ahead, we're thrilled to host the Louisiana Tour on May 2nd and 3rd. In many ways, this tour will truly provide a Taste of Tangipahoa! We are requesting that our members provide raffle prizes and potluck contributions. Based on the past Christmas Party's I know we got some great cooks out there!

If you need to order a shirt, please give Charlie a call!

And speaking of tastes, we will host the annual Crawfish Boil at Lambert's on May 24 at 1:00.

Looking forward to seeing everyone over the next few weeks!

Jack

Horseless Carriage Club Meeting Thursday, 27 February 2025

At 7:20, Jack called the meeting to order. Thomas and Gil held up the flag and led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance, and Bruce followed with a prayer. Jack thanked the members for attending and recognized our two guests, Charla and Whitney Richard, as well as Marty and Dale, their daughter and son-in-law. He thanked Thomas and Gia for hosting another successful Oyster Fest at their Westbank home. He also acknowledged the members who assisted with the cooking and cleanup.

We had no meeting minutes from January or December to report on.

Charles presented the treasurer's report, explaining the credits and debits, including expenses for the upcoming Louisiana Tour. He also announced that as of tonight, we have 60 paid members for 2025. Thomas made a motion to accept the report, and Cheryl seconded it; the motion carried.

Whitney announced a "Drive and Dine" hosted by the AACA Lagniappe Chapter from Houma. He distributed flyers for the event on Saturday, March 15th, at Fezzo's Seafood Steakhouse and Oyster Bar located at 6701 Ambassador Caffery Parkway in Broussard, La.

Jack next discussed the Louisiana Tour, and we are in the final stages of tour preparation. We are still seeking donations of all types for the raffle room and hospitality suite. Cheryl is collecting contributions, and Bonnie will transport them to the host hotel. Cristy is our lead person for the Friday host luncheon. Also, wear your club shirt when at events; it identifies you as a member of HCC.

Suzie reported that we have 21 cars and 36 people registered. Don't forget your hotel reservations.

Jack announced that the "All Clubs Picnic" will be held on May 3rd...The Model "A" club is the lead, and they were unable to secure a date in April; however, they are aware of our tour.

The success of this tour is squarely on the shoulders of our membership. Register, participate, and have a good time.

Spark Program...Jack and Charles made a couple of trips to Harley's and got the Marlin running and driving. They also spend one day a week working on the Cadillac Roadster or the Lincoln. Charles says Lincoln's chassis is complete, the body is painted, the headliner is installed, and they are ready to reassemble the engine and transmission in the car.

Marty reported that work is moving forward on the restoration of his 1915 Hudson.

Our March Meeting will be held at Houmas House on Saturday the 29th. We will dine at the facility, and Jack needs **a head count by the 26th**. We will conduct the meeting after lunch. The North Shore folks will meet at Paul's Café in Ponchatoula, and the South Shore crew will meet in River Town at Williams and River Road. *Both groups plan on leaving around 10:00 am.*

Gil said he collected 55.00 dollars for the 50/50. Cheryl won the drawing. With no further business to discuss, Thomas made a motion to adjourn, which Camille seconded. The meeting closed at 8:10 pm.

Submitted, Larry Larmeu- Recording Secretary

<i>Kar Kalendar</i>		
March 29	11:30	General Membership meeting - Houmas House Spring Tour (See information if interested in caravanning to the event!)
April 16	6:00 PM	BOD & Tour Preparation Meeting – Piccadilly Café, Clearview
April 24	6:00 PM	Membership Meeting The Red Maple, 1036 Lafayette St., Gretna
May 2-3	TBD	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

Houmas House Driving Tour and General Membership Meeting – Saturday, March 29



40136 Hwy 942 Darrow LA

We will meet at **11:30 A.M.** to dine at the Carriage House Green Room and host our meeting immediately after lunch at the on-site pavilion. We must confirm your participation by March 26 to secure the “Green Room” for dining! (Call Jack Wade at 985-974-7645) The menu will be served to the first 24 people. Anyone over the group’s 24-count needs to make a separate reservation for food, and they will be limited to the buffet option. Please let Jack know if you plan to join the tour. This outing will be an excellent opportunity to visit the garden, accompanied by your dining reservation. You will need to pay an additional fee to tour the house.

For those on the North Shore, we will meet at Paul’s Café (100 E Pine St, Ponchatoula, LA) from 9:00–10:00 A.M.

For the people on the Southshore, a separate group will meet at Rivertown in Kenner (off Williams) at 10:00 A.M for the drive.



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.
Note ALL DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE**
All proceeds will go to HCC fund.
You can bring to a meeting or call for pickup.
Bonnie Harmeyer
504-237-8927

Order Your HCC Shirt!

It would be great for all our members to remember to wear their shirts on the Louisiana Tour, as well as for other events. For example, here are pictures from the 2024 Tour, as well as last year's visit to Houma's House. Please call Charlie at 504-416-6255 for more details.



He will need to place the orders fairly soon to receive them back by the May Tour. As you can see below, we encourage members to wear their shirts at public functions, such as the tour, our visit to Houmas House, and other events.





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.*



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

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





2025 LOUISIANA TOUR May 2-4, 2025

Tour Headquarters:

- Holiday Inn, 1819 SW Railroad Avenue, Hammond, LA 70403
- Discounted rate of \$119 / night is a standard double queen room and includes breakfast buffet. Discounted rate expires April 11, 2025. For reservations, call (855) 914-1354, May 2-4, 2025 and provide the Group code "HCC".
- Participant cost of the tour includes entry to all venues, lunch, and dinner on Friday and Saturday May 2 & 3.

✓ Friday Early Bird Activities:

Registration: 10 AM to 1 PM
 Lunch: 11 AM-1 PM Lunch, provided by HCC Members
 Early Bird Tour: Depart hotel at 1 PM
 Dinner Included: 6-9 PM

✓ Saturday Activities:

Registration: 7:00 – 8:00 AM
 Tour: Details provided in Tour book at registration

🚗 Global Wildlife Center, Fleur de Lis Tea, Independence Italian Culture Museum & Red Hill Bee Farm 🚗

Box Lunch Included: Provided at Fleur de Lis Tea
 Dinner Included: 6 PM Social Hour
 7 PM Dinner

✓ Sunday Activities:

Socialize, pack and depart for home

Thank you for participating, we are looking forward to a great tour!

➡ **Pre-Registration is required and must be received no later than April 8, 2025 using the form below.**

Make checks payable to Horseless Carriage Club of New Orleans, Inc. and mail with registration slip below to:
 Suzie Lambert, 10062 Hereford Road, Folsom, LA 70437 Questions? Email: President@HCCNOLA.org

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Driver: _____ Guest _____

#Children (12-18) _____ Phone _____ Club _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Tour Participants	# Participants	\$ Each	Total
Driver and Car	1	\$119	
Guests over 18		\$104	
Children Age 8-18		\$ 65	
Children under 8		Free	
Totals			

Make Model and Year of Car:

Amount included with Registration \$ _____

When putting together the newsletter, I asked two different AI programs (Copilot and ChatGPT) to provide some jokes about driving an “older car.” I’m curious if you found these funny, but I still think we need comedians!

COPILOT

Why did my old car bring a ladder to the highway? Because it wanted to reach “top gear” for once!

My car doesn’t need anti-theft protection... even thieves feel bad for it and leave money instead.

Driving my old car is like running a marathon—except the "Check Engine" light cheers me on instead of a crowd.

My car’s so old, it doesn’t have a fuel gauge—it’s got a magic 8-ball instead. I shake it to find out if I’ll make it home.

I know my car is ancient because every time I hit a bump, I get a notification that my warranty expired... 20 years ago.

My old car's GPS doesn’t just give me directions—it gives me life advice, too: “Turn left, and also, stop buying used parts on Craigslist!”

I told my friends my car has a hybrid engine... half gas, half hope.

The most advanced safety feature in my car? The prayer I say before I start it.

My car is so old when I honk, it’s more of a gentle wheeze like it’s apologizing for disturbing anyone.

I get to bond with my car every week—it breaks down so often that we’re practically roommates now.



CHATGPT

My car is so old, the GPS just says, "Follow the stars."

I tried to trade in my car, and the dealer offered me a bus schedule.

My car shakes so much when I drive, I’m basically blending a smoothie on my way to work.

The check engine light isn’t on because the bulb burned out years ago.

My car is so rusty, every time it rains, I get a free iron supplement.

It’s not a dent, it’s an aerodynamic improvement.

My car’s alarm system is just people laughing at it so loudly that no one dares to steal it.

When I took my car for an oil change, the mechanic said, "We don’t do archaeology."

I don’t need a turn signal—my car automatically drifts in the direction of the rust.

My car is so slow, I got a speeding ticket while parked—for obstructing traffic.



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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
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