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

**** If you plan to dine with the members, please arrive at 6 P.M.****

January 29 Installation Banquet

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

From the President's shop...

As I sit down to write this last note as your president, I'll admit it's not an easy one. Looking back on 2025, I'm filled with a deep sense of gratitude—for the year itself, for the experiences we shared, and most of all for the people who made it so meaningful.

This past year reminded me again and again that our club isn't defined by the cars we own, the meetings we hold, or even the tours we organize. The Horseless Carriage Club exists because of its members. Plain and simple, the club is no more than the members who show up, pitch in, lend a hand, and take time out of their lives to spend time together. Without that, we're just a name on paper.

The Louisiana Tour was a standout moment for me in 2025. I saw firsthand how much planning, cooperation, and good-natured effort went into making it work. What I enjoyed most wasn't just the destinations or the full schedule—it was watching members help one another, share laughs at the end of long days, and enjoy being part of something bigger than any one car or person. That sense of fellowship is what made the tour special.

Over the year, I've also been proud to see our club continue to grow—not just in numbers, but in participation. More cars on the road, more events, and more opportunities to simply enjoy being together. And yet, it's never really been about the cars alone. It's about standing around an open

hood, talking through a problem. It's about riding along with someone else's pride and joy. It's about showing up even when your own car isn't quite ready, just to enjoy the people who are.

As we head into the new year, new officers will be taking on leadership roles. They bring new energy and ideas, and they deserve the same support you've always shown me. Leadership in this club has never been about titles—it's about working together, listening, and remembering that everyone's contribution matters. We already had our first Board of Directors meetings as we are planning for a great 2026!

On a personal note, I want to simply say thank you. Thank you for trusting me. Thank you for your patience, your help, and your willingness to step up whenever something needed to be done. Serving as your president has truly been an honor, and one I will always appreciate. I leave this role proud of what we've accomplished together and grateful for the friendships that make this club feel like more than just a hobby.

Here's to new roads in 2026, old cars that keep us humble, and friendships that make every mile worthwhile.

— **Jack**

Thank you to the new officers for 2026. :

President....

Vice President....Thomas Rogers

Secretary....Larry Larmeu

Treasurer....Dave Johnson

Newsletter Editor...Bruce Lambert

Sgt. At Arms....Gilbert Whittaker

There are some revisions needed to the Bylaws. This is the first publication of the proposed changes, as outlined in our Bylaws.

- Article II, Section 1, Deleted named parishes and replaced with “greater metropolitan area...”
- Article V, Section 1, Change the number of memberships to FIVE and DELETED Associate Member class.
- Article VII, Section 2, First sentence, Revise to “members may offer up their nomination for the successive year’s ballot”.
- Article VIII, Section 1, First sentence, Revise by addition of “with collateral duties as the Controller...”

Kar Kalendar

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Jan 29	6:00 PM	Installation of 2026 Officers Location: Bistro Orleans, 3216 West Esplanade Ave., Metairie, LA
Feb 21	11:00 AM	Annual Oyster Fest & General Membership Meeting Thomas Rogers and Gia Gary's home. 4100 Baratavia Blvd, Marrero, LA 70072
Saturday Mar 21*	11:30 AM	<u>General Membership meeting - Houmas House Spring Tour</u> 40136 Hwy 942 Darrow, LA *Driving Tour
Saturday April 25	11:00 AM	All Club Picnic Pontiff Playground, 1521 Palm St, Metairie, LA 70001
April 30	6:00 PM	General Membership Meeting Bistro Orleans, 3216 West Esplanade Ave., Metairie, LA
May 1-2	TBD	Louisiana ACA Annual Tour, Gonzales, LA
Saturday May 23	1:00 P.M.	Crawfish boil & General Membership meeting. Host: Suzie & Bruce Lambert 10062 Hereford Road, Folsom, LA 70437
Jun 25	6:00 PM	General Membership Meeting Bistro Orleans, 3216 West Esplanade Ave., Metairie, LA
Jul 30	6:00 PM	General Membership Meeting Bistro Orleans, 3216 West Esplanade Ave., Metairie, LA
Aug 27	6:00 PM	General Membership Meeting Bistro Orleans, 3216 West Esplanade Ave., Metairie, LA
Sep 24	6:00 PM	General Membership Meeting Bistro Orleans, 3216 West Esplanade Ave., Metairie, LA
Oct 29	6:00 PM	General Membership Meeting Bistro Orleans, 3216 West Esplanade Ave., Metairie, LA
Nov 19	6:00 PM	General Membership Meeting Bistro Orleans, 3216 West Esplanade Ave., Metairie, LA
Saturday Dec TBD	6:00 PM	Christmas Party

OysterFest

February 21, 2026

11:00 A.M.

Need an excuse to eat Oysters? HCC is organizing an Oysterfest at Thomas Rogers and Gia Gary's home.

4100 Baratavia Blvd, Marrero, LA 70072



Cost: Free to club members, Guest need to pay \$30

Do not forget to bring a few chairs and a shareable small dessert or side dish!

Please call or Text Thomas Rogers or Gia Gary at 504-512-8494 (home) or (504-812-8493) (cell) to let them know you are coming, what you plan to bring, and how many people are coming.

Menu: Fresh, Fried, Grilled Oysters and Fun!

Houmas House Driving Tour and General Membership Meeting – Saturday, March 21

40136 Hwy 942 Darrow LA

We will meet at **11:30 A.M.** to dine at the Green Room and host our meeting there! We must confirm your participation by March 15 to secure the “Green Room” for dining! (Call Jack Wade at 985-974-7645) The first 24 people will be served by the menu.



Anyone over the group's 24 count needs to make a separate reservation regarding food, and they will be limited to the buffet choice. So, let Jack know if you are coming on the tour!

This outing will be a great time to visit the garden covered with your dining reservation. You will have to pay extra to tour the house.

For the people on the Northshore, we will meet at Paul's Café (100 E Pine St, Ponchatoula, LA) from 9–10 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.

Minutes of the Horseless Carriage Club Meeting

Thursday 20 November 2025

At 6:58 Jack called the meeting to order.

Gill and Brandon led the membership with the pledge of allegiance and Bruce followed with the prayer.

Jack's began tonight's meeting by thanking Gil for changing the meeting location on short notice. He next addressed the continuing problem with the Postal Service not delivering the Kar Kapers in a reasonable amount of time. You can access the KK online, and he has several extra copies if anyone needs one tonight. He thanked Larry for his work preparing the minutes, and called for a motion to accept the minutes as printed. Virginia said she and Frenchie recently celebrated their 54th anniversary, not 64th a correction is noted. Tommy made the motion and was seconded by Paul, motion carried.

Charles gave the treasurer report, explained the credits and debits. Thomas made a motion to accept the report and seconded by Bonnie, a show of hands from members, motion carried.

Jack discussed the following items of interest to our membership. Today is Gil's birthday, and Barry said Janet's birthday was a couple of days ago. Thomas let us know that Gia turned 29 again, yesterday.

Jack thanked Ernie for a nice 2 page article with pictures about HCC members being invited to participate in the very first Gretna Heritage Festival back in 1994.

He thanked Suzie and Bruce for inviting the club to the annual pig roast, held on the 8th of November. The weather was great and Bruce said over 100 people enjoyed fresh pork and other goodies. Next year's event is scheduled for the 14th of November.

Also on the 8th of November, Barry reported that Brian had a good turnout at the Texaco station, over 50 cars showed up. He's thinking about doing another show next year. Information will be in the KK when it becomes available.

Charles suggested that the events be held on different days if possible.

Jack reminded everyone that Charles is collecting 2026 dues. The bylaws indicate that your dues payment is due on the 1st of January and late if not submitted by the 1st of February. Annual dues are only 20 dollars and we no longer offer associate membership. When you renew your membership, please take a minute to ensure your information is up to date such as birthdays, anniversaries, and vehicle's and most important that your contact info is accurate. (phone numbers, home and email addresses)

Ballots for 2026 officer's election is printed in the KK. You can print additional copies if needed, one ballot for each **member**. Ballots should be mailed to Charles, to be received no later than the 6th of December. You can also turn in ballots at the **Christmas party**.

Spark update...Jack and Charles continue to alternate weeks of helping each other on the 31 Caddy and 25 Lincoln. Charles started the car for the first time in several months. After about 5 hour's runtime, the engine suffered a failed rod bearing. They pulled the engine apart and completed the necessary repairs and all is looking good.

Barry reported that Brian found a 61 Ford Sunliner that he had to have. The price was right and now they have another project.

Christmas Party...at All Saints Episcopal Church 100 Rex drive, just off Jefferson Highway in Harahan. Socializing at 6:00pm and food served at 7:00pm. Cristy continues to work on the food list and she reported everyone at tonight's meeting has signed up for a dish

Navarre Restoration Award ...Jack reminded everyone working on a restoration to consider submitting their name and vehicle for the restoration award. Give information about car to Bruce.

Installation of 2026 officers will be held on the 29th of January, location to be determined.

Thomas and Gia will once again host the Annual Oyster fest on the 21st of February.

March meeting, possibly at Houmas House. To be determined at the next board meeting.

Rick says he can arrange a date to tour Henry Shane's museum, we'll work on this.

Bruce says he is working to keep our online calendar updated, check out our web pages at <http://www.hccnola.org> also checkout our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/horselesscarriage.neworleans.7>

Charles reported Suzie and Bruce's son in law, Mike Price, has submitted his membership application and paid his dues. His wife, Jessica is already a member and they have a 1946 Chevy Truck. A motion to accept this prospective member was made by Charles and seconded by Tommy. Congratulations to Mike and welcome to the club. Charles noted this is the 3rd meeting in a row to induct new members!

Thomas reminds everyone he's working on a building for antique car storage on the Westbank near the tunnel. The facility is known as SACS on 5th avenue or Southern Antique Car Storage. He just completed epoxy coating the floors and installing a 2 post lift. Jack suggested he print business cards and buy an annual ad in the Kar Kapers.

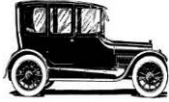
Jack went to Nonna Randazzo's for cars and coffee and they had over 50 cars. He also drove the Jag to Nola motorsports and ran it on the track. He may have found someone to paint the Cadillac roadster.

Gill announced the 50/50 raffle tonight has total of \$60. \$30 to tonight's lucky winner, Cristy.

With no further business to discuss, Thomas made a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Bruce.

Jack called the meeting closed at 7:43 pm.

Submitted, Larry Larmeu, Secretary



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An advertisement for Eastside Collision, Inc. The central image shows a robotic arm with a spray gun, painting a red sports car and a blue sports car. A bright yellow and orange light beam emanates from the spray gun. The text 'EASTSIDE COLLISION, INC' is prominently displayed in a serif font. Below it, 'KARLA LACARA' is written in a smaller font. At the bottom, contact information is provided: Phone (985) 230-0208, FAX # (985) 230-0408, and email eastsidecollisioncenter@gmail.com. The address 18122 Hwy. 190, Hammond, LA 70401 is also listed.

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