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August 27 6:00 PM General Membership Meeting
Bistro Orleans, 3216 West Esplanade Ave., Metairie, LA

From the President's Garage

Did I say how hot it was, oh yea, that was last month's Kar Kaper. 😊 I heard attendance was huge at last month's monthly meeting. My thanks to Jack and Dave for filling in for me. If the attendance keeps improving, then maybe I should stay away. Just kidding.

A lot is going on in the garage. School is back in session, as you might have noticed from the traffic. The 12' lift is welded in place, and final adjustments were made. The first vehicle to be placed upstairs on the second level was the 2020 Dodge Charger doner car for the 1952 Desoto Restro-Mod. Dave Stevens is taking it apart to sell the outer body parts. Dave Johnson brought



his 1948 Chrysler Town & Country Convertible and some body work and painting along with a new chrome fender spear made the dent disappear. A huge thumbs-up to Dave Stevens for the paint matching and skill to do this work. Dave Johnson also sanded the Ash wood on his woody and brushed on 5 coats of varnish. It looks fabulous. All this work is being done at SACS 5th Avenue. Cruising the Coast is right around the corner, as is Hershey, both playing out the first week of October.

The red 1952 DeSoto Firedome Convertible got a new gas tank, some brake fluid, and a bypass for the heater core that has sprung a leak at Cruisin the Coast. The old gas tank was keeping us on the side of the road more than on the road. It was a

coated tank, and the coating had released from the inside and clogged the strainer. Has anyone else experienced this with their gas tanks?

Plenty to talk about at the next meeting. See y'all at the Bistro Thursday, August 27th.

Happy Motoring

Thomas Rogers

HCC Pres.

<i>Kar Kalendar</i>		
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 6-9		ACA Eastern Fall Nationals, Hershey, Pennsylvania
Oct 4-11		Cruisin' The Coast 30th Anniversary Mississippi Gulf Coast
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
Dec 12	6:00 PM	Christmas Party All Saints Episcopal Church, 100 Rex Drive, River Ridge, LA

Restoring an old automobile takes time, skill, patience, and more than a little persistence. The New Orleans Horseless Carriage Club recognizes that work through two annual restoration awards.

The Navarre Restoration Award (Original Type Cars) recognizes the restoration of an automobile completed as closely as practical to its original configuration. For members working on other vehicles or using a different approach to restoration, the HCC Restoration Award (Any Other Restoration) provides a second category in which that work can be recognized.

Not many restorations have been brought forward in recent years, and we would like to change that. The important part is that your restored car needs to be more than something we hear about or see in photographs. Bring it to a club meeting and drive it. Let the other members see the car, hear it run, and appreciate the work that went into returning it to the road.

These awards recognize members who preserve, repair, and return historic automobiles to service. Will you take home one of the restoration awards this year?

Minutes of the Horseless Carriage Club Meeting

July 30, 2026

Thomas Rogers could not attend, so Jack Wade, Vice President, ran the meeting, starting at 7:05 pm. After the Pledge of Allegiance and Barry spoke the invocation, Jack announced that 19 members were at the meeting. One guest was Reilly Williams, Buddy and Bonnie's grandson. Jack asked if there were changes to the minutes as published in the Kar Kapers, Dave Johnson moved to adopt the minutes, seconded by Cristy. Dave Johnson reported that there was \$4,522.32 in the bank, including a \$25 donation from last month's 50-50.

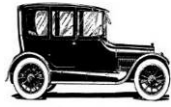
Jack asked who had anniversaries and birthdays. Marty commented that the nation had its 250th birthday. Jack stated that he and Cheryl wanted to attend, but watching it on TV, there were some serious fireworks! Buddy and Bonnie are celebrating their 59th anniversary this month. Several couples celebrated their anniversaries this month. Marty mentioned his anniversary was last month, and both Barry (August 19) and Dave celebrated their own anniversaries this month.

The newsletter was mailed late, and several people received it by email. He did comment on the article about a lap around the lake. That is something we should talk about that possible daytrip at a future meeting. However, Jack did discuss how the article made him think about a Seinfeld episode, which was really a TV show about nothing. In April, Jack and Cheryl drove to Arkansas, and while they did visit P. Allen Smith's place, they also just drove around to see the sites (including a few microbreweries). So sometimes, a drive is just getting in a car and going someplace. Marty did discuss he has a very heavy tour schedule in the next few months, beginning with a Flat Rock tour, finishing up with the Hershey Hangover Tour. Dave Johnson will be making his first trip to Hershey, but everyone commented on their previous experiences at Hershey, including Charlie wearing a trash bag in the rain.

There were no spark updates. Bruce said Larry got the card and that Judy is getting better. There was a discussion that there is no limit to what can be done if there is enough beer, which included a few stories about building a Mardi Gras float and moving. Just make sure the beer is done after the meeting! Charlie gave an update on his project, which included 4 flats on a car that is not being driven! Jack and Cheryl also mentioned another tour where he drove the Jaguar to a show in Pittsburgh, which included a visit to Cheryl's sisters in Louisville. Shawn and Jack drove the car in the Thursday rally, then Shawn drove the car again on a Swallow on Friday. After Friday's visit, they also had to get the car back to the show field in the morning. It was a full weekend. The Wades showed third in the class, second in the Swallow course, and first in the rally. It was a neat event as there were so many cars!

Finally, Dave made a presentation about a visit to a car Museum in Rogers outside of Minneapolis. All the cars there are for sale, so you could see the variety of cars. Charlie showed his Lincoln Greyhound hood ornament. The upholstery is finished, although small details, like flower boxes and other things, still need to be added to the car. Charlie passed around one of the refinished leather covers for the car, showing how intricate the decal pattern is.

Christy provided an update on the Christmas party. Suzie won the 50-50, which amounted to \$65. Motion to adjourn as made by Cristy, seconded by Charlie at 7:39 pm.



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