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October 29 6:00 PM General Membership Meeting
Bistro Orleans, 3216 West Esplanade Ave., Metairie, LA

From the President's Garage

As I sit and write this monthly newsletter, the fall weather has finally reached us. Cool temperatures make for cruising weather. Time to get the cover off the car and roll down the highway.

We dodged another Hurricane as Isaias passed to our east. It only deterred our outing somewhat on Friday afternoon, with a little rain at Cruisin the Coast in Ocean Springs, Mississippi. Saturday was beautiful in Downtown Bay St. Louis.

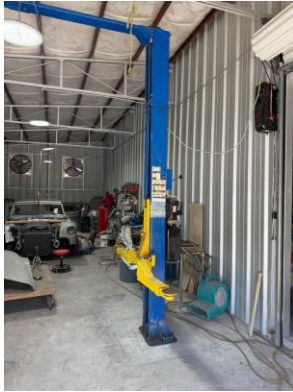
Dave Johnson will have a slideshow to document our trip to New Jersey and Pennsylvania. I saw a few club members, along with others, at the Hershey swap meet last week. It was a huge place to get car parts and other antique memorabilia. The car auction and car show are spectacular.

The S.O.B. car show at the Esplanade Mall was a success with good weather and 411 vehicles. I personally caught up with a few members there.

My work on the new 1956 DeSoto Fireflight is coming along, as is the 1952 DeSoto Convertible resto-mod. A new addition to the DeSoto fleet is a 1955 DeSoto Fireflight from Las Vegas coming soon, I hope. My motto, "Saving DeSotos one car at a time" is a tick I just can't shake.

Remember to bring a friend or a new potential member to the meeting on Thursday, Oct 29. This club can only survive if we all do our part. Call an old





member that hasn't been in a while and give them a ride. Barry's Texaco and the Lamberts' pig roast are still on for November. Check the dates in this newsletter.

With the addition of the 2nd lift, we are hosting a Brisket Dinner at Sacks on Fifth Avenue on Nov 21 from 11:30-2:30. The address is 3601 Westbank Expressway, Harvey, LA 70058. It's easy to spot, being close to the Harvey Tunnel.

Keep the Pedal to the Metal, Thomas Rogers

Minutes of the Horseless Carriage Club Meeting Sept 24, 2026

Members shared condolences with Bonnie Harmar following the passing of her sister. Jack and Cheryl attended the funeral and brought a card on the club's behalf. The club also thanked Cheryl for helping with these thoughtful gestures. Members enjoyed the recent car-owner slideshows featuring vehicles collected by Rick and Dave, and there was interest in continuing to highlight members' cars at future meetings.

Information about Safe Harbor North Shore (<https://safeharbornorthshore.org/>) will be included in the upcoming newsletter. Members were also encouraged to bring a friend or guest to future gatherings and help introduce more people to the club.

Mark your calendars for these upcoming activities:

- Ford Club car show at the Old Mill Bar: November 1.
- Barry's Texaco gathering: Sunday, November 8, at 335 Friendship Road, about 10 miles east of Amite, near Highway 16 and Friendship Church Road. Food will not be provided, so attendees should bring their own. Barry's son is planning games and prizes. Event T-shirts may also be available;
- Pig roast: Saturday, November 14.
- Members also discussed Cruisin' the Coast, the Hershey event, and next year's DeSoto convention in Huntsville, Alabama, which will include a visit to the space center.



Member Car Projects

Several members gave updates on the work keeping them busy in their garages. Charlie has made progress on his Lincoln, including building a new battery box, fitting a splash apron and running board, and routing the battery wiring. He continues working through the car's mechanical issues and hopes to keep making steady progress.

Tim arrived in his 1952 DeSoto Fire Dome and reported completing a substantial weekend of repairs. Work included replacing the rear pinion seal and tracking down fuel-delivery problems, including a pinhole leak and an unexpected extra fuel filter. He also shared that his wife has reupholstered the rear seats.

Frenchy is restoring a 1969 Camaro for his wife, who had hoped to own one when she was younger. The body restoration is well underway, with quarter panels, floorboards, trunk boards, and firewall work completed. The next steps include work on the engine area, fitting the motor and fenders, and painting.

Barry spoke about two projects. His 1934 Lincoln is largely finished from the firewall back, but progress has paused while he searches for a suitable radiator after the original was damaged during repair. He is also working with his son on a 1961 Ford Sunliner convertible. After purchasing the running car, they stripped it down, repainted it, and began installing a new convertible top.

Thomas Rogers described bringing home a 1956 DeSoto Fireflite from Kentucky. The trip included flat tires, a change in pickup location, and a difficult load on a steep driveway, but the car made it home. It has since started, and several power features are working. The plan is to prepare the DeSoto for his grandson, Julian, whose favorite color is green. He mentioned work continues on the 1941 Cadillac, including wiring, and on a 1952 DeSoto convertible restomod. The latter involves fabricating and welding in frame rails so the body can be matched to a separate structure—a challenging project the team hopes will come together successfully. Dave is also preparing to install a lift at the shop and has been working on his wood-bodied car. The president's red DeSoto convertible was selected for the 2027 DeSoto calendar; the club will submit photos and other materials for the feature.

Club Business

The treasurer's report listed a \$4,414.89 balance. The club accepted the minutes from the previous meeting and the treasurer's report. Embroidered club shirts cost \$50 each. Thomas won the \$55 50/50 drawing.

Thomas thanked everyone for sharing updates and helping keep club business moving. We look forward to seeing members at the upcoming events and hearing more about these projects next month.



Rebecca Ducote Obituary

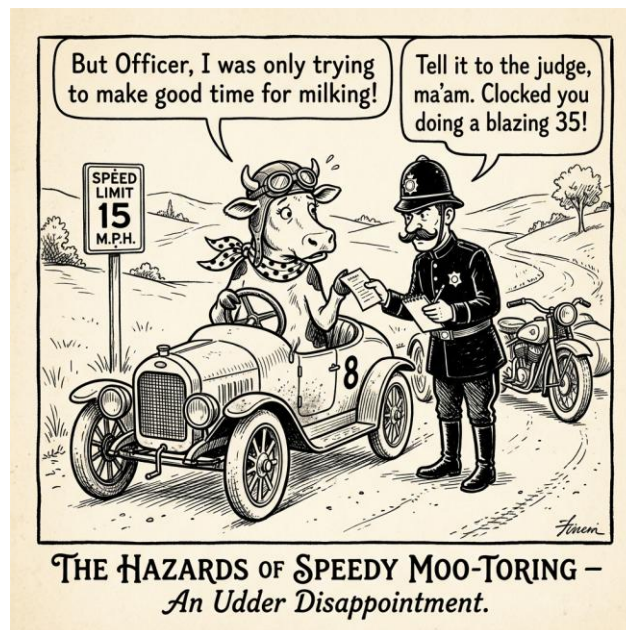
Rebecca Ann "Becky" Fontenot Ducote, of Folsom, Louisiana, passed away on October 4, 2026, at the age of 80. She was born on January 26, 1946, in Gonzales, Louisiana, to her loving parents, the late Gertrude and Kossuth Fontenot.

Becky shared 62 cherished years of marriage with her husband, Curtis Ducote Sr., and together, they built a loving home centered on family, love, and laughter. She is the adored mother of Cherie Ducote Newbury (Justin) and Curtis Ducote Jr. (Bridget); proud grandmother of Justin Newbury Jr. (Kristyn), Molly Ducote (Wayne), Jonathan Newbury, and Sam Ducote (Haley); great-grandmother of Lily, Lucy, Vivi, and Norah Newbury; and beloved sister of Curtis Fontenot, Sophie

Bergeron, Naomi Ducote, and the late Kirk Fontenot. Becky also leaves behind a host of extended family members and friends, all of whom she loved dearly.

Becky graduated from Nicholls High School and was employed with the Archdiocese of New Orleans as baker in the cafeteria. Her friendly demeanor and outgoing spirit were evident to both her coworkers and the students she served.

Becky enjoyed antique automotive clubs, going to the casino, and camping. She could often be found playing Bingo and Pokeno. These interests reflected her love of competition, but also time spent making memories with others. She especially valued the moments that brought family and friends together. Though she will be deeply missed, her memory will live on in the hearts of all who were blessed to know her.



Lambert's Annual Pig Roast



**Saturday
November 14**

Plenty of Parking if you want to
drive your collectible!

- 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 (Goodbee exit), take 1077 North, continue past Hwy 190. Turn left on Hereford Road and proceed to Lambert House.

10062 Hereford Road
Folsom, LA 70437

THE RETURN OF BARRY'S TEXACO



SUNDAY November 8, 2026 @ 9:00AM

**STATION LOCATED 10 MILES EAST OF AMITE JUST OFF OF HWY 16 at
62335 FRIENDSHIP CHURCH ROAD**

**FOR THIS EVENT WE WILL “NOT” BE
PROVIDING ANY FOOD**

**Bring your chairs, drinks, picnic lunch and camera
Please drive your OLD CAR**

**Any questions contact:
Barry Falgout 504-419-7024
Brian Falgout 504-415-6461**

SEE YOU THERE!!!!!!

***Please pass this around, we can't remember everyone!**



Christmas/Holiday Party

Election of Officers

Socializing at 6 P.M. - Dinner served at 7:00 P.M.

Saturday, December 12 ,2026

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 to let her know what you would like to provide, such as entrees, vegetables, drinks, desserts, or paper products.
Her Phone number is (504)473-2840.*

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 restorations completed as closely as practical to the automobile's 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?



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Next Meetings

<i>Kar Kalendar</i>		
Oct 29	6:00 PM	General Membership Meeting Bistro Orleans, 3216 West Esplanade Ave., Metairie, LA
Nov 8	9:00 AM	Barry's Texaco 62335 Friendship Church Road, Amite, LA
Nov 14	3:00 PM	Lambert's Pig Roast 10062 Hereford Road, Folsom, LA
Nov 19	6:00 PM	General Membership Meeting Bistro Orleans, 3216 West Esplanade Ave., Metairie, LA
Nov 21	11:30 AM	Brisket at Sacks On Fifth Avenue, 3601 Westbank Expressway, Harvey, LA 70058.
Dec 12	6:00 PM	Christmas Party All Saints Episcopal Church, 100 Rex Drive, River Ridge, LA