

The Mamou Cajun Music Festival began as a one-day festival presenting some of the local Cajun musicians to the citizens of Mamou and Evangeline Parish. It has since become what it is today, a two-day music festival, presenting traditional Cajun musicians, dancing, food, and contest. In the early 1970's, some of the citizens of Mamou grew concerned that our culture was dying. These people felt that there was a need to renew the community's interest in our culture; this was born the Mamou Cajun Day. In its beginning, some 20 or so volunteers presented this festival, which was then sponsored by the Mamou Area Jaycees.

In the early 1980's, this group officially became the **Mamou Cajun Music Festival**. On February 11, 1985, this organization gained its non-profit status as a corporation based on the premise that we would dedicate ourselves to the **"preservation of our Cajun culture and heritage through our traditional Cajun music"**. At the same time, this event promotes the preservation of our culture by gaining the interest of our children, the citizens of Mamou, and the many tourists who visit our festival from all over the world. Our organization takes pride in the fact we have been able to continue the traditions of our culture and have been able to provide a platform for many traditional Cajun musicians in our area, through which they can gain exposure and compensation for their art.

In its present form, our organization has all volunteer membership of 60 to 70 individuals from Mamou and the surrounding area. Terral Aymond is the President of the organization and the project director. Other officers include our Vice-president, Mark Young, Secretary, Tessie Manuel; and Treasurer, Wanda Verrette. All proceeds received are used to prepare and present the next annual festival to ensure our Cajun Culture lives on...



"Preserving our Heritage Through our Music"

45th Annual Mamou Cajun Music Festival 2016

This year honoring:
"Charlie Manuel, Mark Layne
(Martel Ardoin), and Jim Soileau"

Location: Mamou Recreational Center Complex
(Main Street adjacent to Hwy 13)
20,000 sq ft – AIRCONDITIONED FACILITY

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Our "Special Thanks" to all who attend and support our festival
..... Mamou Cajun Music Festival Staff

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2016 - Music Schedule

Friday - September 16, 2016:

6:00-7:30PM: Coz Fontenot and Band

7:45-10:00PM: Sheryl Cormier &
Cajun Sound

Saturday - September 17, 2016:

9:00-11:00AM: Cajun Stompers

11:15-1:15PM: Ray Landry &
The Vermilionville Ramblers

1:30-3:30PM: Nolan Cormier &
The Cajun Hee Haw Band

3:00PM: Honoree Presentation
*Mark Layne (Martel Ardoin),
Jim Soileau, and Charlie Manuel*

3:45-5:30PM: Tee Shaoui Social Club

5:45-7:30PM: Lee Benoit



2016 - Games Schedule

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 16, 2016

Time Contest

9:00 PM Potato Dance

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 17, 2016

Time Contest

11:00 AM Egg Throwing (Adults & Children)

11:45 AM Cajun Dizzy Dash

12:00 PM Children's Sack Race

12:15 PM Boudin Eating

1:00 PM Children Watermelon Eating

1:15 PM Women's Beer Drinking

1:30 PM Men's Beer Drinking

1:45 PM Washerboard Tournament

2:15 PM Children's Guinea Chase

3:15 PM Women's Arm Wrestling

3:45 PM Men's Arm Wrestling

4:15 PM Women's Nail Driving

4:45 PM Men's Nail Driving

5:15 PM Women's Passe Partout

5:45 PM Men's Passe Partout

6:15 PM Greased Pole Climbing

2016 - Workshops

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 17, 2016

Time

Workshop

12:00 PM to 1:00PM

Cajun Dance

3:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Capuchon Making