



Ellis Vanicor

Ellis was born in Church Point, Louisiana, August 14, 1929. In his teen years he took an interest in playing the fiddle when his family moved to Lake Charles, Louisiana and gave him his first fiddle.

The band “Lacassine Playboys” was formed after his family moved to “Lacassine Louisiana in the 1940's. The band consisted of Iry LeJeune, Milton Vanicor, Orsey Vanicor, Ivy Vanicor, Asa LeJeune, and Ellis Vanicor. Several other musicians Shorty LeBlanc, D. Granger, Martin Vincent, Bobby Leger, played in that band which played all over Southwest Louisiana in Club, for weddings, and benefits.

After raising his family Ellis in 2005 once again formed the band “The Lacassine Playboys” with band members Jimmy Aguillard, Orsey Vanicor, Robert LaPoint, and Caleb Trahan. This band has received many awards through The Cajun French Music Association, “Fiddler of the year.” At the age of 83 Ellis was inducted into “The Cajun French Music Association Hall of Fame.”

Ellis was 14 years old when he received his first fiddle and began to self-teach himself to play. His love for Cajun music has continued to grow throughout the years.