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*****Next Club Meeting is October 11, 2007 at 6pm at Golden Corral on Lakeland Drive*****

BENEFIT BREAKFAST SEPT. 29, 2007

Applebee's in Clinton has asked us to help with a vehicle display for a benefit breakfast next Saturday, 9/29. This benefit is for the 2 daughters of Mr. & Mrs. Eddie McGowan, a Clinton firefighter who were tragically killed in an auto accident in Byram in August. The 2 girls were seriously injured and will need much medical attention. The breakfast is from 6:00 to 10:00 AM, the cost is \$5.00 per person. Please bring your street rod, antique, or classic vehicle for a morning display in the parking lot at Applebee's. It's located behind Shoney's on Springridge road.

RODDIN' AROUND

It's been a while since I put out one of these newsletters. I told the club the other night at the last meeting that I owe the club a lot of things. More issues and updates on the website. Hopefully I will be able to get back in the habit of doing both of those. June was the last issue, so read on and see what's been going on since then.

DIXIE RUN #29

Thanks to all of the club members that came out and worked hard on making this event happen. Also, thanks to all of the 114 participants that brought out their cars. The event started on Friday, June 15th and the street rods and '49-'66 cars & trucks started arriving. Eric & I had the job everyone wanted because we were inside (soaking up the a/c) in the lobby of the Sleep Inn taking registrations. Somebody Had To Do It! I told Eric that we may have to draw straws to see who gets that job next year. Friday night, we fed a bunch of folks BBQ and such, then the band, Memory Lane got cranked up and played some good 50s – 60s Rock –n- Roll for everyone there. Saturday morning came and more cars arrived. We gave out the awards and sponsor plaques that afternoon. We also gave away a crate motor to a very surprised person. Ryan Automotive Supply provided the motor. When the number was called out for the winner, Phil Bryant's Son, Patrick, came walking up and said that the number called was his, "What did I win?"

Here's a list of the winners:

Paul Merritt from Alexander, AR took home the Best of Show Award with his '34 Ford Sedan.
Tim Splawn from Lafayette, LA took home the People's Choice award with his '39 Ford Convertible.
Buddy Hillard from Brandon, MS took home the Mayor's Choice award with his '37 Chevy Coupe.
Michael Loretz from Carlisle, AR took home the Governor's Choice award with his '37 Ford Coupe.
The People's Choice award went home with Charlie Harrison for his '47 Studebaker Pickup.
Paul Merritt also took home the Memory Lane Band Choice award.



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GOODGUYS 2ND NASHVILLE NATIONALS

This event started on June 29th and went until July 1st. Had over 2,000 cars at it. I was there on the Saturday only, traveled to and from Nashville on Friday and Sunday. Saw some very nice looking cars and trucks there. They had a special area for many of the cars built in Bobby Alloway's shop. Those were neat to see also. The event had more vendors this year than last year. It was very hot weather and looking at the cool cars wasn't a bad way to spend time. This year, I drove my street rod up there and entered it in the event. The swap meet area was bigger also.



38TH NSRA STREET ROD NATIONALS

11,464 street rods in one place. Well that's how many were registered. That's a lot of cars! I got up on Tuesday morning on July 31st and met

Donnie Cool & his Son Schuyler and Earl Brewer & his Nephew Ransom in Vicksburg. It was around 5:30am. We cruised over to Pearl where we met up with more folks: Eric, Garry, Louis, & Wayne. Then Roundman & Mike and Charlie & Susan got in line with us on I-20 at Brandon. In all 7 street rods and 13 people were on this road trip. Everywhere we stopped, folks asked where the car show was at. We told them Louisville, KY. We got up to the Louisville area that evening and checked into our motels. Since part of the group was staying at one motel and part at another, we broke into two groups while up there. The first day up there, we went out to the fairgrounds to see if folks were still setting up "camp" and they were. This was on Tuesday. On Wednesday morning, we went to registration and picked it up and then tried to get in line with the parade, but were told that they were at their limit. It went to a different location downtown this year. We regrouped and decided to go visit the Louisville Slugger Museum and Factory where a large percentage of baseball bats are made. Before we got into the

factory, we saw what a 90mph fastball looks like to a batter. VERY FAST! I look at baseball in a different light after that when I am watching a game and scream at the batter, HIT THE BALL!

Let's see, baseball, street rods, app I mean pizza and I wuz in a Chevrolet. We found a pizza shop down the street and ate there. Went back to the hotel and then cruised over to Earl's Daughter's house in Louisville and ate supper there. Had a nice visit.

Thursday morning came very early at 4:30am (remind ya it's 3:30am back home!) and we're going out to the fairgrounds at 5am. We did have some breakfast fixings out there. The swap meet opened first and there was a lot in there, but I didn't see much of the cars move during the week. Since several of the guys were not there last year when we first saw the extended building for the vendors, I wanted to see their faces when they walked into the building. This building is 1/4 mile long now full of car parts. It has been said and I will say it again, you can go in one end of the building with a large wallet and come out with a complete car and an empty wallet! Thursday night, we went to Joe's Crab Shack and it was very good.

Friday morning same time, same station, we're out there at the same place eating breakfast. After spending most of the day indoors on Thursday, I did get outside on Friday and look at some street rods. We ate at a Tumbleweed Restaurant that night.

Saturday morning, we got to sleep in late and got up at 6am and went out to the fairgrounds. We checked out of the hotel that morning. I didn't make any large purchases this year up there, but I did a lot of window shopping for '48 Chevy Pickup parts (my next project). I tried to sell my '40 Chevy Sedan up there, but didn't get any takers. I took a lot of pictures on Saturday. Chip Foose was there signing autographs.

The line was too long when I got there, Eric did get an autograph and a bunch of stuff. We went into the arena to see who would win the giveaway car. After several times drawing to find a winner, it went to someone in Kentucky. We had already taken apart our "camp" and so after walking through the vendor building one more time to check out the giveaway car, a '37 Ford, we went back to the street rods and

headed out.

Our next stop would be at exit 46 on I-65 in Tennessee where we like to eat at a place we found a few years back called Stan's Restaurant.

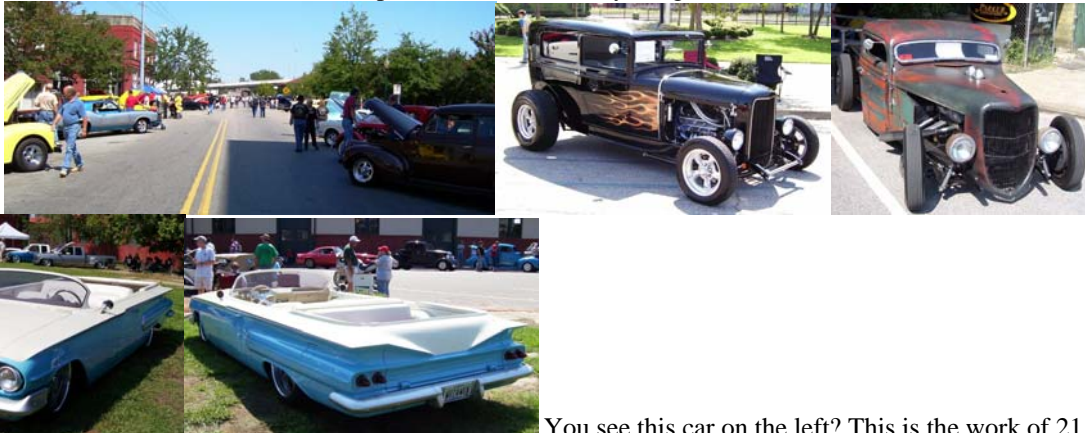
It's good home cookin' and it's about the best part of the trip. We stay at a motel across the road. Then go the rest of the way home on Sunday.

If you want to see any kind of street rod and then some, then plan on making a trip to Louisville with us next year, the first week of August. I know, I spent more time talking about eating in this article than talking about cars. But words cannot do it justice to talk about the cars up there, ya just have to see it to believe it!



QUEEN CITY ROCK & ROLL REVIVAL

This event was in Meridian, MS and it was my first time to go to it. I met Dave Derrick at Bovina and we cruised over there. I registered my '40 Chevy and put my for sale signs out. Got many looks. My number was 82 and they had over 100 registered. They must of known that Dave was going to be there because the most represented vehicle was Studebakers. And Mustangs with a Mustang taking Best of Show. Even had a solar powered car entered by a high school class.



You see this car on the left? This is the work of 21 year old Talbert Goldman, the son of Mike Goldman of Mike Goldman Customs, Inc. Meridian, MS. Talent must run in the family! The tag on the rear of the car says: WUZAWGN Oh, and this project was done in 6 weeks.

CRUISIN' TO CRUISE-IN'S

I left the Meridian event and cruised over to Florence to the Sonic since it was the third Saturday of the month where there is a cruise-in every month on that Saturday. Since Louisville Donnie Cool, Ronnie Neihaus, and I have been going to cruise-in's almost every Saturday. I have been somewhere each one. Let's see: in August, the 2nd Sat Ronnie & I were at Bumper's on Lake Harbor Drive; 3rd Sat Donnie, Ronnie, & I were on 49 at the Sonic in Florence; 4th Sat we made up our own and went to Bumper's in Vicksburg; 1st Sat of Sept, I left home in the rain and went to the one at Byram; Then repeated the 2nd and 3rd ones in the rest of September. Didn't have anywhere to go for the extra Saturday in September, so I stayed at home. When I went to Byram, I went in my new purchase, an '07 Chevy Silverado Crew Cab that's Victory Red in color. So now I am trying harder to sell two vehicles, see below.

PROJECTS

I made a trip over to Louis' the other night after a cruise-in and ended up staying late talking about, what else, cars. He is building a '32 Ford Roadster. This is going to be one fine car when finished. While I was talking to him, I looked on the wall of his garage and saw several pictures of hot rods and classics and I asked him what old cars has he owned in the past. He replied each one in these pictures you see on

