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BITS & PIECES

During this year's edition of Cruisin' the Coast, there will be no car show site at D'Iberville. Construction projects around the city owned property prevent it from happening there this year. Details of 2011 CTC events are now available on their website, cruisinthcoast.com

The Southern Who's Winter Rod Run, usually held at Diamondhead in January, is being moved to a new site in Covington, La. Details about the new location will soon be announced.

There are several brand new events on the calendar. On Saturday, October 22, the Mississippi Film festival will be held in downtown Jackson. A feature of this event this year will be Elvis-themed with several showings of Elvis Presley movies. Included with this will be a 50's hot rod show, a gathering of Elvis impersonators (Edward St. Pe', the promoter, says he's trying to get as many Elvis's as he can find to perform), music from several rockabilly bands and the return of the international gumbo cooking contest. St. Pe', the promoter, is asking for us to bring our street rods and other 50's cars to the day long event. The street beside the Planetarium/Arts museum will be blocked off for the hot rods. It's **free** for the cars and something new and different to do with your street rod or 50's classic. *And before some of you MCC guys jump on me about mentioning this show, I DO know it is on the same weekend as the annual MCC Scarecrow Cruise car show in Madison. And I've attended every one of those fine shows in previous years. This conflict is unfortunate, but I don't pick the dates, my friends, I just report the events. It's certainly up to you where you go that weekend. But this year I'm going to try something new, hang out with Elvis and eat gumbo, simply because this is new, different, and slanted toward our type of cars. I hope both events are very successful.*

Our friend Bill Bissell calls to tell us about his Chillaxin' in Jackson show at the fairgrounds Trade Mart August 20. This annual show features audio and neon competition for custom vehicles in 50 classes, a bikini contest, tattoo contest, DJ and bands, and all the stuff the youngsters like. I told Bill my old ears couldn't take the decibels and my old heart couldn't take the bikinis.

Another new event is the Kustom Auto Southern Nationals to be held indoors in the Arena at Golden Moon in Pearl River Resort on hiway 16 west at Choctaw, Ms. A car show company out of Missouri is putting this on. Entry fee is \$65.

John Schneider, aka Bo Duke from the 60's "Dukes of Hazard" TV show will be featured. Entry blank I saw included 38 classes.

I received a flyer on the Red Carpet Classic car & bike show put on by the Vicksburg Cruisers September 17 at Blackburn Motors on I 20 frontage road. It actually starts the Friday night before with a cruise-in at Sonic on Halls Ferry Road. Saturday's activities feature a swap meet, games, 50/50 and wipe out, dash plaques, car and bike awards with proceeds going to Have House Family Shelter in Vicksburg.

On September 10 there will be a car and bike show to benefit local hot rod painter/pin striper Robbie Grant. Robbie has done work on several club cars and is a very talented young man. He recently suffered heart attacks and underwent triple bypass heart surgery with no insurance. So to help him out, a group of friends along with Express Audio in Pearl got together to put on this show "Rollin Thru the Park" at City Park on highway 80 in Pearl. Lots of door prizes, awards, goody bags, and a \$20 pre registration, \$25 at the gate entry fee with all proceeds going to help with Robbie Grant's hospital bills.

This Saturday, August 13 at 9 a.m. there will be an event called Veteran's Appreciation Fun Run. The 3-part event starts with a classic car cruise in at the VA home on Lindberg Drive in West Jackson. Then at 11, the tour will pull out for lunch at El Ranchito restaurant In 49 South in Richland. After lunch the tour continues down 49 south to the Veterans Home in Collins. You are invited to ride in all or part of this day's tribute to our veterans.

The annual statewide car club planning meeting date has been set for next year. It will be on Saturday January 14 at Coolwater Catering, same place as last year. And with that in mind, Chicken asks that al of you be thinking about your nominations for Street Rodder of the Year as well as additions to the street rod hall of fame.

Also already on the 2012 calendar is the annual Race Car Extravaganza at the Trade Mart in Jackson on Saturday and Sunday January 7 & 8. Bill Bissell, a local man and long time car lover faithfully puts on this show every year to have a nice indoor venue for us to show off our cars and trucks. I urge your support in January for this LOCAL, MISSISSIPPI PRODUCED, car show.

WHAT'S BEEN GOING ON

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ROD !!!...For me any way. My stuff has been parked so long I don't know if any of it is still running. But that's just me. Some of you have been to some shows. The Creels went to the Sardis rod run. Car count was down somewhat from normal, but it was all street rod friends and that is always fun. John and Julie took their T- bucket to the Rice Road Church show. Eric and Wayne went to the NSRA NAtS in Louisville, KY. Just over 10,000 cars were there. That car count was down also from the days when the show was "street rod only". I just don't see having an AMC Pacer or an MG entered at a National Street Rod Assn.

event. Eric got to show off his just completed '37 Ford. The PPG paint company officials told him it was their pick but apparently got overruled by "Corporate" dudes who wanted a muscle car. But Big E got invitations to take the car to both the Chicago and Detroit auto shows. Eric got pictures of his car with all sorts of TV celebrities in it. So he's happy with all that and his brand new puppy that just arrived.

2011 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS	
AUG 13	Veteran Appreciation Fun Run info: Ollie @ 601-829-2589
AUG 11-13	Georgia Mountain Moonshine Festival Hiawassee, GA 662 587-9572
AUG 20	Elvis Presley Rags to Riches Tour Tupelo info: www.Tupeloauto.com
AUG 20	Body of Christ Church annual car, truck, and bike show Jackson, MS info: Ade Fleming @ 601 720-9790
AUG 20	Chillaxin' in Jackson car audio & custom show Jackson fairgrounds Trade Mart info: wsbissel@aol.com
AUG 27	20 th Cruisin' the River car show Columbus, MS 662-494-6086
AUG 26-28	Frog Follies pre-'49 street rods Evansville, IN
AUG 26-27	Kustom Auto Southern Nationals at the Arena at Golden Moon Casino in Philadelphia, MS info: 314 766-5272 or www.KustonAutoShowAlliance.com
SEP 3	Mossy Oak Outlet mall car show West Point, MS info: 662 494-5121
SEP 3	Masonic Lodge car show Bay St. Louis, Ms info:228 363-2998
SEP 10	Leake Co. 4H club car show Carthage, MS. Coliseum info: 601-267-8036
SEP 10	Car, truck, & bike show to benefit Robbie Grant Pearl City Park hwy. 80 info: and to pre-enter 601-939-7730
SEP 17	Vicksburg cruisers car & bike show @ Blackburn Motor Co. Vicksburg, MS 8 til 3 proceeds benefit Haven House info: 601 415-0421 VicksburgCruisers.com
SEP 16-17	North Miss. NSRA Appreciation Day Harrah's in Tunica info:901-486-0409
SEP 17	Benefit car & bike show @ Shucker's on the Rez info: 601-954-8931
SEP 21-24	Fall Petit Jean Mountain swap meet Morrilton, AR info: 501 727-5427
SEP 24	Cotton Gin Festival car show Noxapater, MS info:662 724-4656
SEP 24	Heritage festival car show Raleigh, Ms info:601 405 7685
SEP 23-25	Delta River Run Sam's Town, Tunica, MS by Memphis Street Rods
OCT 1	Show off on the Square Batesville, Ms MS Delta Street Rods 662 429-7265
OCT 1	Rockin' Railroad Festival car show Hazlehurst, MS info: 601 894-3988
OCT 2-9	Cruisin' the Coast Miss. Gulf Coast info 1-888-808-1188
OCT 5	Cruise Fest First Baptist Church, Biloxi, MS info: www.fbcbiloxi.org
OCT 6	Cruise-in at the Shed BBQ on hwy 53N Gulfport, MS info: 228 832-1147
OCT 5-8	Swap Meet and Drags at Gulfport Dragway on Canal Rd. info: 228 598-0664
OCT 5-16	AVCM State Fair antique car show Jackson, MS fairgrounds
OCT 15	Rock & Roll Revival & Nostalgia Drags at Battlefield Drag Strip Collinsville, MS info:www.battlefieldraceway.net
OCT 15	2nd Annual Ride Thru the Woods, Little Big Store's 30th Anniversary and Motorama Jamboree in Raymond, MS info:www.hambonesmotorkulture.com
OCT 21-22	8 th Scarecrow Cruise & car show by MCC Madison, Ms info: 601 259-5248
OCT 22	Film Festival / Hot Rod Show / Gumbo cookoff / Elvis spectacular downtown Jackson at Planetarium. More info: www.msfilm.org

NOV 4-6	21 st annual Fun Run Crossett, AR info 870 364-9481 pre-'66
NOV 5	Chillin' & Grillin' car show Taylorsville, MS
NOV 5	Boulevard Cruisers Fall show Picayune, MS 601 798-3166
NOV 7-12	Emerald coast Cruise-in Panama City Beach, FL at Frank Brown Park Info: www.emeraldcoastcruizin.com
DEC 3	Christmas parade at Whitfield State Hospital
DEC 4	Byram Christmas Parade.
DEC 11	Santa's Cruise Toys for Tots Edgewater Mall, Gulfport
	2012 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS
JAN 7-8	Racing Vehicle Extravaganza Jackson Fairgrounds Trade Mart
JAN 14	Statewide car club planning meeting Coolwater Café, Ridgeland. MS
JAN 20-21	Winter Rod Run by Southern Who Covington, LA

NEXT MSRA CLUB MEETING:

Regular club meeting on Thursday, August 11 at Los Parillos Mexican restaurant in Pearl. Eat at 6 with meeting to follow. I missed last month's meeting. but was happy to hear of the large turnout with several new potential members on hand. I also have been told that last year's slate of officers was reelected. Teach me to miss a meeting! I'd wanted to have a board of director's meeting prior to this club meeting, but couldn't get everyone rounded up in time. But I promise we will have a board meeting before the September club meeting and some sort of agenda of things for the club to do will be presented. If you have some place you want to go or thing you want to do, by all means notify one of the board members so we can look into it. Officers are: President, Jack Brown; Vice President, Jimmy Creel; Secretary, Julie Pepper; Treasurer, Terra Mashburn; Directors, Eric Knight, Joe Laird, and John Pepper.

WHAT'S NEXT

There is still plenty to do, even though it is so very hot. Check out the schedule for August and go have some fun.

Till next time, drive carefully

Jack