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# Mississippi Street Rod Association

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## NEWSLETTER

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### **BITS & PIECES**

If you're building a 38 Dodge car, or know someone who is, call John McClendon at 601-823-3154 for parts. He has 4 doors, 4 fenders, hood, trunk lid, and radiator all for \$700.....A new series of cruise nights will begin April 24. A new group, composed of many of the veteran "car guys" in the area is named the American Automotive Performance Enthusiasts (A.A.P.E.—not to be confused with AARP although some of the members of this group are AARP eligible). They will host a cruise night at the Corner Bakery Café on Lakeland Drive at Dogwood each 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday night of the month through October starting at 6 p.m.....Just saw some new photos of Vic's project, a Pinto powered V W rod. It started out to be a rat rod, but Vic changed his mind and has painted the Volkswagen body red. It has a chopped top, suicide doors and a wicked modified 4 cylinder Ford mounted up front. It will be on the road soon and will be a show stopper. Progress on Gary's 30 Chevy coupe continues. He's put a little paint (orange) on it in spots as the body work continues.....Jack Cox took his 37 up to Kosciusko a few weeks back and took 2<sup>nd</sup> place overall... he said he took his truck, too, but it "only provided transportation" .....Wayne's '34 took a top ten trophy at the Scout Show...Yes, he power-parked AGAIN.....Butch continues to add cars to his stable, recently buying a yellow '34 Ford.....I finally got all the paperwork needed to put my roadster on the road. More about that later.....Eric has been working on his '37 Ford project, and is making some good progress... His boss lets him off occasionally to work on his many projects.....John Pepper was telling me of his long range plans to add another car to his shop. He's looking for something a little larger than that t-bucket this time.....Al's 40 Chevy found a new home in Canada, and he picked up a '48 Chevy pickup to play with. After a couple of weeks, he finally got it to run.....Jack Creel got his '40 Ford pickup running gain.....Cooney is getting new paint on his '48 Chevy coupe.....

Remember our sick folks in your thoughts and prayers. John Bolden has had pneumonia. The Creel brothers mother, Miss Sybil, is in the hospital and will possibly undergo heart valve surgery. Jim is at home and is taking chemotherapy treatments at St. Dominics. Bennie is also at home and is also taking chemotherapy and radiation treatments at the Baptist cancer clinic. Joe Laird's son-in-law was recently killed in a car wreck. Keep all of these folks on your hearts.

### **WHAT'S BEEN GOING ON**

A sunny, cool Saturday brought a good turnout of cars for the cruise down to Brookhaven. Fourteen MSRA rods were joined by cars from Big River Classics, the Antique Vehicle club, and the Ms Classic Cruisers for a 30 car caravan that looked so good heading down the interstate. Arriving in Brookhaven, the railroad station parking lot was already filling with classic cars and trucks. T-Tommy kept things going all day giving away door prizes and

having trivia quizzes. Another fun day with our cars in Brookhaven.

The next weekend came our 32<sup>nd</sup> Dixie Street Rod Run. The weather gave us a break this weekend, although the relentless wind kept us chasing our tents all weekend. Street rods from Alabama, Florida, Louisiana, Arkansas, Illinois, and Mississippi began to arrive Friday and were treated to a tasty BBQ supper. The American Street Rod Assn tent was busy signing up new members. On Saturday we were back at it, with all sorts of games, door prizes, the ladies' tea, a fun magic show from Robert Day, and part of the awards were given out. Everyone then took off for the various local restaurants for supper while most of us tired MSRA club members (or at least this one) went home to rest up for the Sunday finale. Many of the group gathered in the motel lobby to visit, renew old friendships, and watch old videos of previous year's rod runs. Sunday morning began with Larry and Louise Teal bringing us a devotional time, followed by the rest of the grand prizes and trophies. Although the crowd was not as big as what we would have liked, it was bigger than last year and it certainly accomplished what we wanted. It gave our wonderful family of street rodders a place to go and visit, enjoy each other and enjoy our special kinds of cars together. I commend the MSRA club for doing a great job and having a smoothly run rod run from start to finish.

Next came the 7<sup>th</sup> annual Troop 98 Boy Scout car show at Springridge UMC in Byram. As usual, an amazing variety of cars showed up to park among the trees on the church grounds. The scouts did a good job making trophies, parking cars and keeping those hamburgers coming all day. One hundred one vehicles from a stock model A Ford to a Rolls Royce and everything in between were voted on for top 10 cars and top 5 trucks, plus the Scouts choice and a couple of show producers' plaques, as well as a grand prize of \$100 cash. The scouts tell me they'll be doing it again next year on the same weekend, so make your plans to be there.

On the next weekend, Jack Cox and Cooney Grossi went up to Kosciusko to a benefit car show. Jack's Chevy won 2<sup>nd</sup> place overall and they both reported that it was a very nice bunch of people who treated everyone very nicely.

I went to Cruise night at Jo's diner up by the reservoir and visited was joined by fellow club members, Wayne, Butch, John & Julie, Eric, Gary, Fred, and Paul & Karen. We stayed til about dark, visiting and looking at the 40 or so other cars that were there.

I recap all of these things because some of you keep turning up missing, and the best way to enjoy your street rod is to get in it and GO somewhere.

<b>2010 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS</b>	
<b>APR 9-10</b>	37 <sup>th</sup> Red River Rod Run Bossier City, LA 318-470-5669
<b>APR 9-10</b>	Mustang & All Ford Show at Gray-Daniels Ford in Brandon. info: 601918-0388 or glenn@mcgowanwp.com
<b>APR 10</b>	Indoor car show Montgomery Co. Coliseum Winona, MS 662-653-6812
<b>APR 10</b>	Motorcycle Ride & Car Show West Point, MS info:662 295-0291
<b>APR 17</b>	Red Carpet Classic car show VCCC Vicksburg, MS info: 601415-0421
<b>APR 17</b>	32 <sup>nd</sup> Railroad Fest car show Amory, MS info:662-256-9320
<b>APR 17</b>	Rumblin' in Ridgeland car, truck & motorcycle show. Holmes Community College campus in Ridgeland Info: 601-919-0291
<b>APR 17</b>	Camelia City rod run. Slidell, LA. open show info:985 639-9919
<b>APR 16-18</b>	18 <sup>th</sup> Bunny Run Jackson, TN fairgrounds pre-'73 info:731-427-1677
<b>APR 16-18</b>	Sunny Beaches Rod Run Pensacola, FL Pre- '49 info: sunnybeachesinfo@pensacolarod-tiques.com

<b>APR 19-22</b>	Southern Redneck Power Tour 2010 info: Fuzzee 601-575-8218
<b>APR 24</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> annual vehicle extravaganza, car, truck, and motorcycle show @ Hillcrest Baptist Church 5950 Terry Rd in Byram, MS info: 601-372-0132
<b>APR 29- MAY 2</b>	Blue Suede Cruise, Tupelo Ms. Info: bluesc.com
<b>MAY 1</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> annual Swinging Bridge Festival car show Byram, MS info: 601-373-3933
<b>MAY 1</b>	Pinelake Christian School car show Brandon, MS info: 601 941-2600
<b>MAY 1</b>	Jerry Clower Festival car show Yazoo City MS
<b>MAY 8</b>	Hot Rod Saturday, Gulfport VA Hospital 228-596-0664
<b>MAY 8</b>	Show at the O at O'Reilley's auto parts in Clinton, MS 601 856-6607
<b>MAY 15</b>	Crooked Creek car fest, Mid State Rods, Pelahatchie Park, MS 601 354-4735
<b>MAY 15</b>	MS Coast Bug Jam & Drags Gulfport Dragway info: 228 596-0664
<b>MAY 21-23</b>	Dixie Rodders 9 <sup>th</sup> annual car show Meridian, MS info: 601-938-3060
<b>MAY 22</b>	7th annual car jamboree Delta Classic auto club Boyle, MS 662 719-0067
<b>MAY 29</b>	Shake Rattle & Roll car show, Ridgecrest Church, Madison, MS 601 260-9138
<b>MAY 29</b>	Red Hills Festival car show Louisville, MS info: Jerry @ 662-803-4205
<b>JUN 5</b>	Walthall Co, Dairy Fest car show Holmes Water Park, Tylertown, MS info: 601 684-2609
<b>JUN 12</b>	Blueberry Festival car show Poplarville, MS 601 799-1932
<b>JUN 19</b>	Loblolly Festival Car show downtown Laurel, MS contact Jaqueline Lee 601-433-3255
<b>JUN 20</b>	Jackson Zoo car, truck & motorcycle show Info: GJohnson@jacksonzoo.org
<b>JUN 25-27</b>	First ASRA street rod reunion Diamondhead Resort, MS pre-'49 street rods only info: 228 546-0664
<b>JUL 17</b>	Nostalgia Drags Gulfport Dragway info 228-546-0664
<b>JUL 17</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> annual Cruise into Summer car, truck & motorcycle show at Old Rice Road Baptist Church Madison. MS info: 601 853-7500
<b>JUL 23-25</b>	Cattfish Run Sardis Lake, MS pre-'49 street rods only info: 662 429-7265
<b>AUG 5-8</b>	NSRA Street Rod nationals Louisville KY
<b>AUG 7</b>	Watermelon Carnival car show Water Valley, MS
<b>AUG 12-14</b>	Georgia Mountain Moonshine Cruise Hiawasse, GA 662 587-9572
<b>AUG 21</b>	Harvest Fest car show Jackson, Ms info: Ade Fleming 601-720-9797
<b>AUG 28</b>	19 <sup>th</sup> Cruisin' the River Columbus, MS east bank lock & dam 662 494-6086
<b>SEP 3-5</b>	Parade of Rods, MG SRA pre-'49 street rods Houma, LA 985 532-2777
<b>SEP 11</b>	Open car show Grenada, MS
<b>SEP 11</b>	Rock & Roll Revival, Queen City Rods at Battlefield Motorsports Park drag strip, Meridian, MS info: www.battlefieldraceway.net
<b>SEP 25</b>	14th annual Heritage Festival car Show Raleigh, MS 601-405-7685
<b>SEP 25</b>	2 <sup>ND</sup> Rockin' Railroad festival car show @ Hazlehurst, MS 601 894-4752
<b>OCT 3-10</b>	14 <sup>th</sup> Cruisin' the Coast MS Gulf Coast 888-808-1188

<b>OCT 6-17</b>	AVCM antique car show, Miss. State Fair
<b>OCT 22-23</b>	Scarecrow Cruise & car show Madison, MS info 601-259-5248
<b>NOV 5-7</b>	Fun Run Crossett, AR pre '66 models
<b>NOV 8-13</b>	Emerald Coast Cruz-in Panama City FL beach 662 587-9572

### **NEXT CLUB MEETING**

The next club meeting will be on Thursday, April 8. **There will also be a change of location for the next club meeting.** Our recent larger crowds have simply outgrown the meeting room at the Shoney's in Pearl, so Eric and Gary found us a new meeting place at the Shoney's on High Street near the fairgrounds. The manager here was formerly at Pearl so she knows our group and its needs.

### **WHAT'S NEXT?**

Lots to do in April. Check the full schedule for all the events, but here's the one's I'll probably be at. This coming weekend, April 10 the closest show will be at Gray-Daniels Ford in Brandon for their all Ford (doubt we could sneak in our Chevy powered Ford) show there on Friday and Saturday. Saturday in Winona, at the coliseum there will be an open show, and in Bossier City, LA the 37<sup>th</sup> annual Red River Rod Run will take place. I've heard from several different people that they will be attending one of these shows. The next weekend on 17<sup>th</sup>, several MSRA rods will be going over to Vicksburg to attend the Red Carpet classic at Blackburn Motors. I plan to go there, so if you want to ride along, let me know. We'll probably leave Clinton at about 8. The next weekend on Saturday, April 24, Dee and Karla Dukes will host the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Vehicle extravaganza at Hillcrest Church on Terry Road in Byram. That same weekend, there will be a car show at the Greenville Speedway, Randy Wilson's 2 States Rodders show will be going on in Hammond and Fuzzee's Southern Power Tour will be going on during the week before. For details on all these, call the numbers listed in the SCHEDULE OF EVENTS section of the newsletter.

**SWINGING BRIDGE FESTIVAL** On the final weekend of April which includes the first Saturday in May, there will be a car show in Byram in association with the Swinging Bridge Festival. This will be the second year of my little home town's festival and things will be bigger and better. Starting out on Friday night the Delta Shows carnival will open with a dozen or more rides going on at night, with entertainment on the dual stages featuring local bands, dozens of food booths, and other activities. Then on Saturday morning the classic car show kicks off, with the first hundred cars entered receiving a bucket full of goodies. Dash plaques to the first 100, and Mayor's choice, Alderman's choice and Byram Business Assn. choice trophies will be awarded for a \$15 entry fee (\$10 if you pre-register). The carnival rides, bands, a beauty contest, entertainment on stage and food, food, food will be going on til dark in the big field behind South Point Plaza on the east frontage road. The car show winds up about 3 Saturday afternoon. I invite you to come on down to my home town of Byram, Mississippi's newest city, for a weekend of family fun April 30 and May 1.

AND YES I know that's a big ol' personal plug, but that's just one of the perks I get from writing this newsletter.

### **FINALLY FINALLY FINALLY**

Yes, **finally**, I got a tag for my new roadster. Tommy had been trying to get the title since he started building it...last June. After five tries, the fine folks in that part of government, "reluctantly" sent him a title. I got it in two days and took off to the county courthouse to get a tag. Well, it seems that all of the occupants of the courthouse had been moved to offices down the street while the historic courthouse was being renovated. I only had to stand in line for 15 minutes before being called up. The nice lady took the title and keyed it into her computer. "This car has never been tagged before, but your title shows it as a used car." My attempts to explain to her that it was a "new" car made from "used" parts turned out to be an ice breaker as she broke into laughter. I was on a roll, I thought, and pulled out a picture of the car roadster to show her. That really got her attention and she asked just what kind of tag I wanted. "I'd like either an antique tag or a street rod tag, whichever is cheaper". Heck, I'm on Social security you know, got to cut corners. "Well, she says, we've had to cut back expenses with state finances being in the shape they're in, and we'll have to **order** the antique tag for you." "No way", I said, "I need to drive it NOW. How about a street rod tag?" "Yes, I think I have some of those. Let me look for one" "Well you know there's a form you have to fill out showing the modifications made to the car to make it a street rod" I said in an effort to expedite proceedings. "Let me be filling that out while you look for the tag." She went in the next room, came back with a big book and proceeded to look up the form number. "Oh my goodness, we're out of those forms, I'll have to **order** them. And I can't seem to find those street rod tags either. They lost a lot of our stuff when we moved down her from the court house." The thought of "**ordering**" anything from the government made me break out in a cold sweat. "Well, how about just a regular old car tag. I'm desperate to ride." "No problem, let me get you one." "And when you get your title in about six to eight weeks, bring it back and I'll probably have some street rod tags by then and we'll swap it." "Fine, just give me a regular vanilla car tag." I sighed, rapidly losing interest. "Ok that will be \$45 dollars." At this point I didn't care if it was \$945, I just wanted a tag and to get out of there. I paid, she gave me my tag and I think I ran out of the building. Came straight home and installed the tag immediately. I pulled the extremely pollen-coated car cover off the 32 and jumped in. I could ride now! I'm finally home free! I've got a legally registered 32 Ford roadster!!! Life is sooo cool!!! Hit the switch.

### ***The battery was dead.***

I quietly put the charger on it and vowed to ride soon.

*And a parting thought:*

**Don't you just love all this government help !**

Till next time, drive carefully

*Jack*