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BITS & PIECES

As I write this newsletter, a number of MSRA rods are en route to Louisville, Kentucky to the NSRA street rod nationals. Looking at the weather channel tells us there has been a record rainfall earlier, causing the worst flash flooding in decades there. Most of the flooding appears to be in downtown Louisville and hopefully the fairgrounds were spared flooding. With all that going on, I'm sure we'll have some great stories from them when they get back.

In 2010, Dixie Run 32 will return to the same location as last year, the Sleep Inn on the corner of Airport Road and Lakeland Drive (highway 25). The date will be March 12-14. Negotiations with another motel proved too expensive as well as their inability to handle our Friday night BBQ and other activities as we wanted. So we'll be staying with the same host motel as last year. The grand prize for next year will be \$500 cash, something everyone can use. There will also be a \$100 prize drawing from pre-entries. The popular afternoon tea for the ladies will return as well as our magician friend, Robert Day, who put on such a great show last year. This will again be a pre-'49 street rod only show. Hopefully, with better weather next year, we expect the car count to go up.

Congratulations to Bennie and Mary Boggs on their 54 years of marriage. Mary's got to be a patient woman.

I read in Street Scene that in September, a street rodder, driving a 32 Ford roadster, will make an attempt to visit 49 states in nine days; that's 9800 miles in 216 hours. This requires averaging 1100 miles per day. He's leaving California in mid September. I'm not sure just when he will be coming thru Mississippi, but it looks as though his route will take him from Arkansas, into Mississippi and south on 55 to Louisiana. To cover the distance in 9 days, he only allows himself very few stops so he may not even slow down while going through Jackson. We will attempt to find out exactly when he will pass through here and maybe can at least be on the side of the highway somewhere to wave him by. He is attempting to raise \$100,000 for the Ronald McDonald House program and is taking donations at www.49in9.com.

WHAT'S BEEN GOING ON

The heat this month has sort of slowed us all down. I've only been to a couple of shows myself in July and did not see many of you at either of them. Al and Terra, Fred Lytle and myself, along with "adopted" members Ronnie Niehaus and Donnie Cool went to the 2nd annual Cruise Into Summer car show at the Rice Road church in Madison. The weather was not bad and the car turnout was about 79. We had two tents set up (none of them 3 legged

as at previous car shows). One of the tents was mine, and it had been on loan to my grandkids for the past three weeks for use at baseball games. Eli made the all star team and they had played in several post-season tournaments around the state. So you can imagine what shape this 6 year old tent, bought off the QVC channel for \$39.95, was in. When we went to take it down, the aluminum supports broke in three places, virtually destroying it. So that makes two tents MSRA has used up this year so far. It was in much worse shape than John Bolden's fabled 3 legged tent. The show was laid back, with not much to do except look at cars. Terra had brought her dog along and she attempted to entertain us with it's tricks. The dog, for the most part, refused to cooperate. So Ronnie attempted to entertain us by making bird calls by blowing on a blade of grass. This immediately upset the dog, and after about five minutes of this nonsense, it upset all the rest of us. Please.....

A rare dip of the jetstream in mid July brought cooler weather to our state just in time for the Catfish Run up at Sardis Lake. The weather was so pleasant, I decided to take off a day early and drive up there on Thursday for this 3 day run. That old car was running so good, it almost didn't want to stop in Grenada for gas. I wish now I had not stopped. When I came out of the gas station after paying, I stuck the key in the lock and it spun all the way around and the door handle dropped. So there I was, 100 miles from home, locked out of my car. Soooo, what to do? I broke out the vent glass, reached through the hole and pushed the door handle down. It opened. So I drove on to Batesville with a big hole in my glass. But I had such a good time it just didn't matter...until it rained Sunday. When I got there I immediately ran into street rod friends from all over, including the Lorah's, all the way from Pennsylvania. Jim & Nan Saville, Dee Dukes, Jimmy Creel, Carey Creel, John Bolden, Billy Tucker, and the Round ones all made the trip from Jackson, plus the 2 Yates cars and some of our friends from Pelahatchie. Over 155 street rods filled the park, most of which I had not seen. So there was plenty of machinery to look at. And the breeze from the lake was wonderful, with this year's event having some of the best weather yet.....until Sunday. I woke up Sunday morning to the sound of thunder, peeked outside and saw rain beginning to come down. I thought about the hole in the car window and decided to head for home, hopefully outrunning the slow moving storm. I threw everything in the coupe and hit the highway. I took my rod run window sticker off and taped it over the hole. This kept most of the water out. But I soon outran the rain and made it home. My congratulations to the Miss. Delta Street Rods for a really great rod run. The BBQ on Friday and the catfish Saturday was great. They did a brief "roast" of state NSRA rep Chicken Willie, where they gave him several awards concerning his previous two car wrecks. (You remember he knocked down a tree or two with his Plymouth earlier.) One of the awards was a certificate of appreciation from the Mississippi Bureau of Timber Removal, giving him credit for saving the state several thousands of dollars for tree removal along the interstate right-of-way. It was all hilarious.

2009 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS	
AUG 1	Joppa Shrine car show, Woolmarket, MS 228-392-9345
AUG 1	Red Creek Classics car show, Community Center Carnes ,MS 601 528-1361
AUG 6-9	NSRA Street Rod Nationals Louisville, KY
AUG 7-9	Hot Summer Nights car show Beaumont, TX
AUG 15	Harvest Festival car show, Jackson, MS info: Ade Fleming 601-720-9790
AUG 15	Rags to Riches Tour, Tupelo to Olive Branch via 78 mrmac57@hotmail.com
SEP 4-6	Parade of Rods, Houma, LA.Mardi Gras street rods info: Jed @985 532-2777
SEP 12	NSRA Appreciation Day. Gulfport Dragway info 601-695-3890
SEP 12	2 nd Pulpwood Festival Car show New Hebron, MS

SEP 12	Vettes by the Lake all Corvette show Mirror Lake Plaza Jackson, MS
SEP 11-12	Cruisin the River Columbus, MS info 662-494-6086
SEP 12	2 nd annual 4 H club car show Carthage, MS info 601-267-8036
SEP 19	Rock & Roll Revival Meridian, MS. Info:queencitycar@hughes.net
SEP 19	Crazy Days car classic downtown Magee, MS info 601 278-5305
SEP 26	Heritage Festival car show Raleigh, MS 601/4057685
SEP 26-27	Super Show 09 Lakeshore Park, Reservoir. Info: 601 573-5139
OCT 4-11	Cruisin The Coast Mississippi Gulf coast www.cruisinthe coast.com
OCT 7-18	AVCM State Fair antique car show Fairgrounds, Jackson. MS
OCT 16-17	6th Scarecrow Cruise, Madison, MS MS Classic Cruisers info: 601 259-5248
OCT 23-25	Halloween Fun Run Summit Inn, Tupelo, MS
OCT 24	2 nd annual Cruise-in & BBQ at Performance Rehab, Byram, MS 601=346-9191
OCT 31	Ghosts, Ghouls, & Goblins car show Hardy Court, Gulfport, MS
OCT 31	Car Show Crossroads Church, Byram, MS info: Shane @ 601-506-5603
OCT 31	Open car show MSU campus, Starkville 662-325-2930
NOV 6-8	Klassy Kruzers Fun Run, Crossett, AR 870 364/6662
NOV 7	3 rd annual McLauren Baseball Classic benefit car show
NOV 9-14	Emerald Coast Cruise-In Panama City Beach. FL emeraldcoastcruizin.com
DEC 4	Christmas Parade, Whitfield State Hospital 9 a.m. MSRA invited to participate
DEC 5	Christmas Parade Madison, MS

NEXT CLUB MEETING

Thursday, August 13 at 7 p.m. This will again be at Eric Knight's shop in Pearl.

WHAT'S NEXT?

Several of you are going to the NSRA Nationals in Louisville August 6 thru 9. This apparently will be the final year for a pre-'49 street rod only event. Next year the show will be open to pre-1980 models and older. All I hear about this is complete disgust with NSRA from area members. NSRA changed this without consulting its membership and all of us in MSRA feel it was a major blunder on their part. From what I hear, there will be all sorts of protests launched at Louisville. It should be interesting.

Locally, Ade Fleming and his crew will have their annual car show on Saturday August 15 as part of the Harvest Festival at his church on Hanging Moss Rd. This is a nice laid-back show with plenty of good food on hand.

Looking at the event calendar, you can see things will pick up in September with a number of local area as well as out of town shows to go to.

Till next time, drive carefully

Jack