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# Mississippi Street Rod Association

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## NEWSLETTER

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### **OK OK OK**

Since I know some of you are waiting to jump on me, let me get this out of the way first. Yes, my car is broken, No, I have not fixed it yet, and Yes, I did miss some rides with the rest of you because of it. I'm not even completely sure what's wrong with it. The right front wheel camber is leaning in over an inch and I can see a busted boot on the upper ball joint. I've ordered some fresh parts and I'll get it done when I get it done. I found the problem when I was cleaning up the thing to go to Meridian that morning. Just glad I spotted it before I took off on the highway. It made me mad ( I don't know why; those ball joints have only been on there 16 years) but I hate to miss a show I'd already entered and promised a lot of folks I was coming, but I just got irritated and pushed it back in the shop. Sat and sulked for a few minutes, then jumped in my HHR and took off to Monroe to watch round track races. I'd heard about the new paved track they had over there and just decided spur of the moment to go check it out. Enjoyed myself. So there!

### **BITS & PIECES**

MSRA has received an invitation to ride in the Christmas parade at Whitfield State Hospital on Friday, December 4. Lineup is at 9 with the parade at 10, and it lasts about an hour, winding throughout the entire grounds of the hospital. You are encouraged to throw candy and we're told the patients eagerly look forward to this event as a big part of their Christmas celebration.....

The car show at the Jackson Zoo on Father's Day, June 21, will be limited as to the number of cars they can handle. They are asking that you pre-enter to guarantee a parking space. I have entry forms which you need to fill out and mail in to get your free entry tickets and prize packs. Or you can e-mail the lady in charge, Sara Broadus, at the Zoo: [sbroadus@jacksonzoo.org](mailto:sbroadus@jacksonzoo.org) Each entry gets free admission to the zoo. I'm planning on going and taking the grand kids. Picturing you guys with your cars at the zoo should give plenty of fresh newsletter material.....

Chicken Willie and Jerry Cuevas have set up the 2009 NSRA Appreciation Day at the Gulfport Dragway on Saturday, September 12. Jimbo Perkins, along with several of the coast clubs will host the event this year.....

I'd promised details on the Water fest cruiz-in at the Rez June 20. The car show is from 10 til 2. There will be live music, free food, kayak races, helicopter landing, and numerous other water-related activities at this event sponsored by the reservoir.....

The new location for the MCC Saturday night cruise-in will be at the Renaissance at Colony Parkway in Ridgeland. First one of the year is on June 13.

Check the event schedule, as more new events have been added in July and August.

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

Plenty of area car shows, and MSRA was usually in the middle of them. When we left our little group last month, we had endured the three legged tent episode at Byram. The following week the usual crowd showed up at the O'Reilly's parts store in Clinton for the BRC annual show there. When I got there, John had already set up that three legged tent, promising that this would be the last time the thing would be used. Jim, John, Ronnie, Don, Pat, Gene, and I had our cars there. There was a noticeable fear factor surrounding the possible collapse of the tent, but soon everyone seemed to get over it and moved on to the next expected thing, the arrival of Louis Oursler and his ritual roadster waxing.

Soon he came in, along with his friend with the black Ford Cobra. It seems that Louis was holding a waxing seminar and training this guy on the proper methods and finer points of waxing a classic. Ronnie had won a cleaning kit door prize and he offered it to Louis to help. We all sat under the 3 legged tent and marveled at the shine Louis was putting on the Cobra. Louis won a door prize, and the announcer was having trouble pronouncing Louis' last name "Oursler". Our group discussed this too, and decided than to make things simpler, henceforth Louis would be referred to as Louis Waxler.

Al and Terra showed up. Terra had cupcakes again. They were strawberry with chocolate icing, a rather unusual mix I thought. She said she threw them together the night before; using what ever was left in the pantry. One of the deep thinkers in our group pointed out that this was not unlike a rat rod, thrown together with whatever was in the shop. Don't take much to entertain us. When the awards were given out, there was more of the same. Louis Waxler's roadster won a trophy and Al won the 50/50 cash as usual. We departed with John promising to throw away the 3-legged tent. to lower the anxiety level.

The following Wednesday. Jim, Bennie, George, Jimmy Creel and I drove over to Whitfield for the vintage car display for the hospital patients during National Nurses Day or some such event. We were joined by a couple of cars from the Classic Cruisers. Not nearly as many cars as last year, but the turnout of patients was much bigger and they all seemed to enjoy themselves. Bennie seemed to know just about everyone of the staff who dropped by, which was somewhat curious. Wonder if he goes there often? All the Doctors knew him.

The next weekend it was off to Pelahatchie for the annual Crooked Creek car fest put on by the Mid State Rodders. MSRA had a big turnout here. Jim Saville, Jack Cox, John Bolden, Wayne Thomas, Dee Dukes, Gene Purser, George Phillips, Paul Acey, Al Mashburn, Fred Lytle, Jimmy Creel, Don Traweek, plus Pat Page, Don Wade, Roundman, Chicken Willie, Ronnie Niehaus, T-Tommy and me made the trip. The little park was full of cars of all kinds and a brief rain shower mid-day made us all run for cover under the pavilion. That forced us have to listen to Larry and John who were running the P.A. system there. Wayne Thomas was somewhat late getting there, but his reason was soon evident. He found a prominent place to power park where his car could best be seen. Dee Dukes brought his big ol' 48 Ford hauler, and parked it so that it effectively shut down the entire Pelahatchie Library parking lot. But somebody had already checked out the book, so it wasn't doing much business anyway. Chicken was there with his new car and it looks nice. A nostalgic treatment for the '40 Ford 2 door with wide whites and beauty rings. The Mid State Rodders gave Paul Acey a "Pioneer Award" plaque for his contributions to street rodding over his lifetime. A real nice show with around 150 cars on hand.

Next weekend came the MCC's Shake Rattle & Roll car show in Madison. Or with the weather they had, it was Shake, Paddle and Rain. Jim, Fred, Don Traweek, Wayne Thomas and I represented MSRA. Pat Page was there too and I'll have to give him credit for driving a fenderless car through all that rain. Wayne has fenders and he left his car at home. Louis Waxler was there, also without his roadster. I'll bet the water would have beaded up good on

that one. But the MCC guys tried their best in spite of the steady showers to put on the show and I'll give them an A for effort. All the street rods there got a top 20 plaque.

The next weekend was the Dixie Rodders show over in Meridian. As I said, car problems kept me away from that one. But Jim, Don Wade, John Bolden, and Jack Cox represented MSRA and won a good share of the grand prizes. Jack Cox donated a tent and the mini motorcycle he had won down at Randy's rod run earlier this year. These were raffled off to benefit a young girl who needed an operation. Don Wade won the min cycle and then donated it back for an auction which raised more money. So MSRA members had a good time and did some good charity work also. Then John Bolden won the 50/50 money. The show had over 150 cars and a really good day of nice weather.

This past weekend, Jim, Don Wade and John Bolden went down to Tylertown to the Walthall County Dairy Festival. Lots of activities and a hundred cars or so at the car show part of it. No word as to whether any of them entered the milking contest or any of the other dairy related games.

<b>2009 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS</b>	
<b>JUN 13</b>	Blueberry Festival car show Poplarville, MS
<b>JUN 20</b>	Water Fest car show at the Rez info: 601-965-5233 ext 233
<b>JUN 21</b>	Cars at the Zoo Jackson, MS Zoological Park event <a href="http://www.jacksonzoo.org">www.jacksonzoo.org</a>
<b>JUN 26-28</b>	Good Guys South Nats Nashville, TN
<b>JUL 4</b>	Rods & Hawgs at the Shed BBQ hwy 53 Gulfport, MS 228-832-1147
<b>JUL 18</b>	Car, truck & motorcycle show Old Rice Rd Baptist church. info: 601/856-6607
<b>JUL 18</b>	Guitar Center car show. 1180 County Line Rd info:601-956-8053
<b>JUL 24-26</b>	25 <sup>th</sup> Catfish Run Sardis, MS MS Delta Rodders pre '49 662-429-7265
<b>AUG 6-9</b>	NSRA Street Rod Nationals Louisville, KY
<b>AUG 7-9</b>	Hot Summer Nights car show Beaumont, TX
<b>AUG 15</b>	Harvest Festival car show, Jackson, MS info: Ade Fleming 601-720-9790
<b>SEP 4-6</b>	Parade of Rods, Houma, LA.Mardi Gras street rods info: Jed @985 532-2777
<b>SEP 12</b>	NSRA Appreciation Day. Gulfport Dragway info 601-695-3890
<b>SEP 12</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Pulpwood Festival Car show New Hebron, MS
<b>SEP 12</b>	Vettes by the Lake all Corvette show Mirror Lake Plaza Jackson, MS
<b>SEP 11-12</b>	Cruisin the River Columbus, MS info 662-494-6086
<b>SEP 12</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> annual 4 H club car show Carthage, MS info 601-267-8036
<b>SEP 19</b>	Rock & Roll Revival Meridian, MS Info:queencitycar@hughes.net
<b>SEP 26</b>	Heritage Festival car show Raleigh, MS 601/4057685
<b>OCT 4-11</b>	Cruisin The Coast Mississippi Gulf coast <a href="http://www.cruisinthe coast.com">www.cruisinthe coast.com</a>
<b>OCT 7-18</b>	AVCM State Fair antique car show Fairgrounds, Jackson. MS
<b>OCT 16-17</b>	6th Scarecrow Cruise, Madison, MS MS Classic Cruisers info: 601 259-5248
<b>OCT 23-25</b>	Halloween Fun Run Summit Inn, Tupelo, MS
<b>OCT 24</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> annual Cruise-in & BBQ at Performance Rehab, Byram, MS 601=346-9191
<b>OCT 31</b>	Ghosts, Ghouls, & Goblins car show Hardy Court, Gulfport, MS
<b>OCT 31</b>	Car Show Crossroads Church, Byram, MS info: Shane @ 601-506-5603
<b>NOV 6-8</b>	Klassy Kruzers Fun Run, Crossett, AR 870 364/6662

<b>NOV 7</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> annual McLauren Baseball Classic benefit car show
<b>NOV 9-14</b>	Emerald Coast Cruise-In Panama City Beach. FL <a href="http://emeraldcoastcruizin.com">emeraldcoastcruizin.com</a>
<b>DEC 4</b>	Christmas Parade. Whitfield State Hospital 9 a.m.
<b>DEC 5</b>	Christmas Parade Madison, Ms

### **NEXT CLUB MEETING**

Next club meeting is this Thursday night at 7 at the Golden Corral restaurant on Lakeland. Come eat at 6 or be at the meeting at 7. Jim has some new information to share on the rod run for next year.

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

Locally, on June 20, the car show at the Rez and the cruise-in that night at the Renaissance in Ridgeland.

Also locally on June 21, the Jackson Zoo has sent me additional details or the car show there on Father's day. There will be 50 slots open in their "car show alley" with limited shade. There will be an additional 10 slots inside the zoo under shade. Price to enter is free. Each car entered receives 4 tickets to the zoo for the family. There will be prizes for fan favorite car 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place. To enter your car in the show, e mail: [sbroadus@jacksonzoo.org](mailto:sbroadus@jacksonzoo.org). Cars need to be in place early

Come on gang, get your cars out and come have fun with us. I hope to be back on the road soon.

Till next time, drive carefully

*Jack*