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BITS & PIECES

Well, I know the newsletter is late but I had a round of eye surgery so I could not look at this screen for too long a time so I had to wait to get over that. Have another one due next week so I'll rush this on out quickly before I can't see again for a couple of days.

Several things have gone on since last month. Eight MSRA rods rode in the Byram Christmas parade. Dukes '46 Ford panel truck led the line carrying the MSRA banner, held on by some yarn that Karla came up with at the last minute. She found the yarn out in the barn, hence new phrase barnyarn was coined. Also riding in the parade were Eddie Yates '34 Ford, Al Mashburn's '40 Chevy, Wayne Thomas '34 Ford, Jim Saville '38 Chevy, Paul Acey's '39 Chevy, Cooney Grossie's '46 Chevy and my '38 Chevy.

Before I leave the parade coverage, I just have to mention the "heater" in Dee Dukes truck. I've been around the game about long enough to have seen all sorts of creative engineering. But this one exceeds "creative". The electric heater is mounted behind the driver's seat in the panel truck. A blower delivers the air through a four foot piece of 4" diameter flexible hose. In the end of the hose is a McDonald's drink cup taped to the hose. When Dukes drives down the road, he takes the cup and sticks it inside his jacket, thus delivering the hot air to his bod. Weird looking set up, but it gets the job done on a cold morning. He DOES drive his street rod.

Also at the parade, my oldest granddaughter wanted to ride with me. NO problem. except that her two little cousins wanted to ride too. With limited space in the coupe for them to throw candy out the windows the three of them argued about who got which window. So we solved the problem by letting my grand kid, Ashley, ride in Wayne Thomas' car. Well, almost solved it. Next problem was how to divide up the two bags of candy three ways. Finally got that fixed and off we went. Ashley then called me complaining that Wayne Thomas was eating her candy instead of throwing it out to the crowd. Can't take y'all anywhere.

The next weekend we enjoyed the club Christmas party at the Raymond Lake Lodge. The food was good and the gift exchange went off with out too much rowdiness, with the exception of that knife collection that everyone seemed to want. Westwood left with a special emergency tool kit which should keep his battery problems from causing too much trouble, and the Rankin County trio of Phillips, Wade and Saville received a rotating hard luck award with interchangeable nameplates for whoever breaks down next trip.

STATE WIDE CAR CLUB PLANNING MEETING

The annual statewide car club planning meeting was held Saturday January 10. The crowd was down just a bit from last year. But eighty people representing 32 clubs, events, and vendors gathered for a day of visiting and advertising their respective events. They came from all over the state, from Memphis to the Gulf coast, and from Vicksburg to Meridian. The calendar filled up in March thru May as usual but with over 75 events with more to be added as the year goes on, there will be PLENTY for everyone to do in 2009.

It was special to me that such a wide variety of car hobbyists; including antiques, classic Chevys, street Rods, Mustangs, Corvettes and other collector classics could all sit down in the same room and enjoy each other's company, humor, and enthusiasm. After the restaurant opened the buffet for a great lunch, we came back for the afternoon session, featuring some awards. Mississippi Street Rodder of the year honors went to Jerry Sides from the Miss Delta Street Rods in Sardis. I think he was quite surprised and I think that's probably the first time I ever saw him at a loss for words. Next, three new inductees were added to the Mississippi Street Rod Hall of Fame. Les Rude, a veteran rodder from Gulfport and member of the Ratz street rodders, Alan Cole, a Memphis Street Rods member from Hernando also a long time rodder, and the retiring NSRA Field Director Jake Moran were the inductees this year. All three of these guys have been building and driving street rods for as long as I can remember and were deserving additions to the hall of fame status

DIXIE RUN 31

At last club meeting most of the details for our upcoming rod run were finalized. We need to sell some sponsor trophies to help expenses. Please be at the next meeting to understand what duty you can assume to help us run a smooth rod run. Flyers have been mailed out and entries are beginning to come in daily. Rodders from Mississippi, Louisiana, Florida and Illinois have already filed entries. We need some more volunteers with the games, some poker run help and mainly some more of you just coming out to help us with whatever comes up that needs to be done. Can always use door prizes and more goodie bag items. We will pack the goodie bags at Bennie's house (that's where the club trailer is parked) on Sunday afternoon, March 8.

2009 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS	
JAN 3-4	Race car extravaganza Fairgrounds Trade Mart, Jackson wsbissel@aol.com
JAN 10	Annual statewide car club planning meeting at Western Sizzlin Restaurant on Lake Harbor Drive 10:30 til 3 info 601/372-8050
JAN 23-25	Winter Rod Run Diamondhead, MS
JAN 23-25	World of Wheels at La Superdome, New Orleans info 985/646-2250
FEB 6-8	Ramblin Oldies Rod Run Baton Rouge, LA 225/275-9868
FEB 6-8	World Of Wheels Birmingham, AL
FEB 7	Dixie National Rodeo Parade Jackson
MAR 7	Ole Brook Cruise In, old train depot Brookhaven, MS 601/833-8620
MAR 13-15	MSRA Dixie Run 31 Jackson (Flowood) MS details at ms-sra.org pre '49
MAR 14	Open car show Poplarville, MS
MAR 21	6th ANNUAL Troop 98 show & shine car show . Springridge UMC in Byram MS to benefit boy scouts. Open to all cars & trucks info Joe @ 371-2282
MAR 20-22	Singing River Rod Run, LaFont Inn Pascagoula, MS 228/596-5158

MAR 27-28	Big River Classics 55-57 Chevy show Vicksburg, MS 601/939-8265
MAR 28	Magnolia Cruisers show Laurel, MS
APR 4	Camellia Classic car show Mobile, AL
APR 4	Boulevard Cruisers Picayune, MS
APR 10-11	VCCC Red Carpet Classic, Blackburn Motor Co. Vicksburg, MS 601/636-8962
APR 10-11	2 nd Central MS Mustang Show Gray-Daniels Ford 601/259-8413
APR 10-11	Red River Rod Run Shreveport, LA Red River Street Rods 318/949-9117
APR 11	Gnat Nationals at old depot Bay St. Louis, MS
APR 11	Crossroads Cruisers Winona, MS
APR 18	Camellia City Rod Run Slidell, LA
APR 18	Hillcrest car show Hillcrest church, Byram, MS jsdholden@bellsouth.net
APR 17-19	Bunny Run Jackson, TN www.jacksonrodandcustom.com
APR 25	Car Show by Antique Vehicle Club Brandon courthouse annex 601-941-5800
APR 23-25	C5 C6 Corvette Bash, Bowling Green KY
APR 30- MAY 3	4th Annual Blue Suede Cruise Bancorp South Center, Tupelo, MS info: 800/533-0611 or www.bluesc.com
MAY 1-3	NSRA Nats South Knoxville, MS
MAY 2	Byram Day car show Byram, MS
MAY 2	Classic car show Beach Park Pascagoula, MS
MAY 9	Show at the O open car show at O'Reilly's in Clinton
MAY 13	Cruise-in for patients Whitfield State Hospital, MS
MAY 16	Crooked Creek Car Fest, Pelahatchie, MS
MAY 16	Car Show Turtle Creek Mall Hattiesburg, MS
MAY 16	Delta Classic car show Boyle, MS
MAY 16	Hot Rod Saturday VA Hospital, Biloxi, MS
MAY 23	Shake Rattle & Roll car show, MCC, Madison Ms 601/259-5248
MAY 29-31	Dixie Rodders car show, Best Western motel, Meridian, MS info601/917-7272
MAY 30	Cruise into Summer car show, Smith Co. Cruisers, Raleigh, MS
JUN 6	Walthall Co. Dairy Fest car show Tylertown, MS
JUN 13	Blueberry Festival car show Poplarville, MS
JUN 21	Cars at the Zoo Jackson, MS Zoological Park event
JUN 26-28	Good Guys South nats Nashville, TN
JUL 4	Rods & Hawgs at the Shed BBQ hwy 53 Gulfport, MS
JUL 25-27	25 th Catfish Run Sardis, MS Miss. Delta Rodders pre '49
AUG 6-9	NSRA Street Rod Nationals Louisville, KY
AUG 7-9	Hot Summer Nights car show Beaumont, TX
SEP 4-6	Parade of Rods, Houma, LA.Mardi Gras street rods info: Jed @985 532-2777
SEP 12	Vettes by the Lake all Corvette show Mirror Lake Plaza Jackson, MS
SEP 11-12	Cruisin the River Columbus, MS
SEP 18-19	Rock & Roll Revival Queen City Rods, Meridian, MS
SEP 26	Heritage Festival car show Raleigh, MS 601/4057685
OCT 4-11	Cruisin The Coast Mississippi Gulf coast www.cruisinthecoast.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 31	Ghosts, Ghouls, & Goblins car show Hardy Court, Gulfport, MS
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
DEC 5	Madison,Ms Christmas Parade info 601 573-5873

This schedule is still not complete. Usually another dozen or so events are added later, plus some local cruises in town. Will note them later in the year when the weather warms up and the cruises begin.

Next club meeting

Next club meeting will be Thursday, February 12 at the Golden Corral on Lakeland drive. Eating starts a 6 with the meeting to follow at 7. Please make a special effort to be there as we finalize rod run plans.

DOWN THE ROAD

It's difficult to look too far in the future with this rod run right here on us, but we are looking at some things for the rest of the year. We've talked about a shop tour this spring with a trip to several folks garage to see what they're working on. We will be riding in the Dixie National Rodeo parade on February 7. The first club trip will be on March 7 to the Ole Brook Cruisers show in Brookhaven. We'll meet at 8 in McDonald's parking lot in Byram and ride down to Brookhaven together. It's possible that some of the other Jackson car clubs will join us for this ride to the Brookhaven show. Come be a part of this. These types of rides are usually a lot of fun with a whole bunch of cars strung out down the interstate.

Till next time, drive carefully

Jack