

SINGING RIVER ROD RUN

A weekend hard to describe. You just needed to have been there. Perfect weather, over 280 cars, folks from all over the place, and a nice show of cars. Our club really made a good showing, so good that we took the club participation trophy. Now how 'bout that. This made me about as proud as anything. We also took home some other awards; Mike Stanley won the header drop game, Stan Harrell won a sponsor trophy AND a class trophy with his '40 Chevy coupe, Dennis' paint job on Jackie Sifford's truck won best paint, and the Boyer family won the hard luck trophy. The timing chain on Sandra's '48 gave out just as they pulled in to the motel parking lot. (We all want to give a special thank you to Joe and Ollie and all the rest of the Singing River gang who kept care of the car and helped with it until Jackie could get back the next day to trailer it home. Also, thanks to Jackie Sifford for going back to get the car). The gong show Friday night was fun, next year should be a riot. The "What's Left" club from New Orleans won the prize with their version of the video from a couple of years ago "We are the World". After that, "Don King" fell in the pool and Dolly Parton went after him. Later, when the band started playing "Saints Go Marching In", all the cajuns on hand really went in to gear. They grabbed all the umbrellas from poolside tables and a parade broke out that lasted almost as long as Mardi Gras. It was hilarious. Like I said, You'd have to have been there. Lots of other little things went on, like Stan Harrell losing his car keys and finding them in his car; or like the waitress dropping a tray full of dirty dishes on Tommy Duncan, but I said I wouldn't mention any of them, so I won't. It was a very nice weekend. Thanks to all the Singing River bunch for having us.

BITS & PIECES

Welcome new club members Stan and Angie Harrell, son Brock ,and daughter Kelli. They live on Old Brandon Road in Pearl and drive the recently reworked blue chopped top '40 Chevy coupe. In case you haven't looked at it, the French written on the tail of the Chevy translates "Let the good times roll" Glad to have you all with us.....The Club Christmas party has been tentatively scheduled for Sunday afternoon, December 8, at the Raymond Clubhouse.....Some of you have mentioned that you'd like to have one of those neat little compact, fold-up, metal frame, cloth-back chairs that Snap-On sells. Well, Sam Perkins, a Snap-On dealer, says they are available for \$25 each, but must be bought in lots of 10. If you'd like to have one of these, and we can get enough of us to commit to buying one so that we can get a case of ten or more, we will do so. Let me or Jackie Sifford know by next club meeting so that these can be ordered. Bring your \$ with you. These chairs come with their own carrying case, and store easily behind the seat of your coupe or pickup or wherever.....Gene & JoAnn went to Memphis to Poteet's Shrimp & barbeque party. He reports that the giveaway car was won by a guy from Knoxville who already had 7 streetrods. Maddox talked only about the food, as usual. It must have been good.....The Antique Vehicle Club is again sponsoring their car parts flea market, swap meet and sale November 8-10. The location is changed this year to the Memorial Stadium parking lot. They have offered us free space for a booth to sell whatever

parts club members might want to sell. Let me know if you want to use this space so I can advise them. If you have a car you want to put in the corral, it costs \$10. These guys work hard on this event each year, so go out and browse around.....The Vicksburg Cruisers have elected officers for next year. Donnie Cool is president, Earl Brewer vice-pres., Dave Derrick secretary/treasurer, and Steve "the truck" Osborn is newsletter editor. And guess what--they all have running STREET RODS.....

GARAGE SCENE

Those of you who missed the last meeting missed the 1991 debut of Wayne Powell's 40 Ford sedan. He obviously has been working hard on the car and it looks great. His do-it-yourself paint job really showed how slick the body was. I'm always proud when someone hits the street with a new ride. Way to go Wayne, you done good.....Go for a ride in Mike Stanley's Plymouth and see if you can help figure out where the vibration is coming from. He needs to fix it before Tupelo.....My piece of junk coupe ran poorly the whole trip to Biloxi. I'm still trying to find the problem with it, too.....One model A sedan may get a different color before next season.

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EVENT SCHEDULE

- OCT 4-6 Southeast Ark SRA Run, Arkadelphia AR pre- '49
- OCT 4-6 Southeast NSRA Nats, Tampa Florida pre- '49
- OCT 4-5 Gulf Coast Autorama, Coast Coliseum, Biloxi open
- OCT 12 Downtown Rock & Roll revival, Meridian Ms. open
- OCT 12 Home in the Woods car show, Itta Bena, Ms. open
- OCT 13 Annual Good Ole Boy sit around and do nothing day. Port Gibson
- OCT 20 Club meeting. Cookout at our house. 4 p.m.
- OCT 19-20 Bayou Street Rods Run, Slidell, La. pre- '49
- OCT 18-20 Metrocenter Car Show by Camaro Club open
- OCT 25-27 Halloween Fun Run, Street Rods Ltd. Tupelo Ms. pre-'49

- NOV 8-10 Antique Club Swap Meet and Car Sale, Memorial Stadium, Jackson
- NOV 29-DEC 1 Turkey Run, West Fla. Street Rods, Pensacola, Florida pre '49

- DECEMBER 7 Clinton Christmas parade
- DECEMBER 8 MSRA Christmas party, Raymond Clubhouse

COMING UP THIS MONTH

What a schedule! It can't be said that there's not enough to do this month. First off, there's the Southeast Arkansas SRA run at beautiful Lake Degray south of Little Rock. Those who have been to this say it is really pretty at this place, which is one of Arkansas many fine state parks. Take a jacket, it sometimes gets cool. Or if you don't like cool, take off down to warmer Tampa to the NSRA south Nats that weekend. The coast coliseum will host Autorama that same weekend. This is probably the largest indoor car show in the state.

The next weekend, two nice events have managed to get themselves in conflict with each other. First is the Home-in-the-woods car show up at Itta Bena. I have been to the Itta Bena show before and enjoyed it. It's part of the Home-in-the-woods day festival at Itta Bena, just west of Greenwood. It is held on the town square with all the usual small town stuff, music, good food, arts & crafts, games, trophies and 60 or 70 cars to look at. Grand prize is \$250. Entry is \$15. That same day over in Meridian is

the second annual Downtown Rock & Roll Revival. This deal promises all sorts of goings on in the heart of downtown Meridian. Several city streets will be blocked off for the car show. Games, bands, and food will prevail all day long topped off by two shows by the Bill Haley Comets band at 6 and 9. I hear there was a possibility that another "name" 50's group might be on the show also. So zip on over to Meridian and catch all this action. Pre-entry is \$10. Then on Sunday, if you have any steam left, motor on down the the Grand Gulf park in Port Gibson for the annual "Good Ole Boys Sit Around Eat and Do Nothing Day" sponsored by the Vicksburg Cruisers. This annual salute to obesity is just what it says- come eat and do nothing but visit and talk cars. It is held at the Grand Gulf Military Park pavillion from 10:00 til 5:00. There is no entry, just tell them how many hamburgers you want and they'll fix them- or you can bring your own meat and they'll provide a fire to cook it over. Contact Dave Derrick at 638-5543 to order your burgers or get more info.

The next weekend brings the annual Louisiana Super Cruise streetrod run in Slidell, La., sponsored by the Bayou Street Rods. Preregistration prize is a 350 engine and grand prize is \$500 cash. Host motel is the Holiday Inn on I10 in Slidell. Here in Jackson, the Camaro club will stage the Metro Memories car show at Metro Center. If any of you plan to enter, let me know and we can arrange to have all the club cars together in the Mall. You must enter the mall Thursday night at 10 and remain til 6 p.m. Sunday. Entry fee is \$20. Since this is the third weekend in October, it is also the regular shceduled weekend for a club meeting. More about that at the end of the newsletter.

The month's final weekend brings the Halloween Fun Run by the Street Rods Limited of Tupelo. It will be held again at the Trace Motel, which I believe is now a Howard Johnson's. Phone now for reservations (842-5555); the motel was about full when I called. Since most of you seem to enjoy and attend this run, I'll make one more attempt at trying to get us all together to go as a group. It's such a nice drive up the Natchez Trace that time of year. We could leave mid morning and arrive just after lunch and still have plenty of time to see Elvis in Tupelo. So please humor this tired, aging, grandfatherly, soon to retire as club president and ride to Tupelo in a bunch. If you don't, foo on all of ya, I'll go by my dadblame self again.

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CLUB MEETING SCHEDULE

Next club meeting will be back again to our regular third Sunday schedule. On that afternoon, October 20, starting at 4 p.m., we will have the meeting, preceded by a hamburger cookout at our place. Just come, bring your family, your lawn chair, your appetite and your streetrod. Just drive on in around to the back and park in the back yard. We'll have hamburgers, hot dogs, chips and cokes. If you want something other than that, bring it with you. It will just be a laid back, eat and visit affair with maybe a game or two before the weather changes and runs us all indoors. Any of you who go to the New Orleans run can just drop off the interstate at Byram and swing by our place on your way home. This will be the last planned get together of the year before Christmas, so do plan to be with us. We will have a short club meeting after the cookout. Please come.

Til next time, drive carefully... Jack