

BITS & PIECES

We see that the Meridian Rock & Roll Revival one day show will be changed next year to a three day rod run. It will be open to pre '69 vehicles and is scheduled for the first weekend in October. Now if they'd just drop it down to pre '49 they'd be in business.....We understand the September Ole Brook Cruisers run will be dropped to pre '72 models only next year, due to the space limitations of the host motel.....The Round Ones attended the run in Dothan, Alabama run in October.....The Osborns, Half Round and Gene Maddox attended the run in Monroe, La. Gene and Half Round placed in the top 15 competition. Gene won best interior and won a trophy at the Sonic cruise that night. They say this run has a lot of potential and will probably grow in the future. Did I mention Gene got lost on the frontage road on the way home..... The Round Ones and Maddox attended the hamburger cookout at Grand Gulf. It was so cold they had to build a fire. Gene got lost on the way home from that one too. We all went over to Quincy's to eat Saturday night at the Tupelo rod run. Guess who got lost going over there, too. How did he drive a UPS truck for 25 years when he gets lost every time he leaves Jackson?.....We're beginning to put together the 1994 schedule for area rod runs. Looks like April will be the busy month again, with something going on every weekend. Hope to have it ready to pass out at the Christmas Party on December 12. Speaking of the Christmas Party, if you have any special award or presentation you'd like to make to any of the your fellow rodders that day, get busy and get them ready. I already know of a few things being cooked up for a few deserving folks, so come join in on that chance to have some fun..... The Clinton Christmas parade is Saturday morning, December 4. All you who came to ride with us last year, plan to come join us again this year. We'll meet as usual at the Metrocenter McDonalds for coffee about 8 o'clock and ride to the parade site about 9.

GARAGE SCENE

Sammie Howell got his '37 back from the upholsterer and it looks great.....Wayne Thomas was talking to everyone he could corner in Tupelo, trying to get advice on which frame and body combination they liked best for his new project.....A new set of glass truck fenders as a birthday present for Brian's '39 may speed up that project some.....John & Rita have a brand new frame for her '32. A complete chassis rebuild is in the works for that car.....I pulled all the old sealer and junk out of the windshield frame on our pickup and installed new rubber. It looks much better. Now if it just doesn't leak.....I haven't seen it yet, but I hear the '41 Chevy hauler being put together in Dee Dukes shop is progressing well.....Our Ford pickup project for Brent is on wheels, and my coupe frame project is off wheels. We also have a pedal car restoration project going on for my Grandson's Christmas.

TUPELO ROD RUN GREAT

Street Rods Limited hosted another edition of their Halloween rod run with about 180 rods attending. MSRA had a good showing with 12 club rods and several others attending. We started off stuffing ourselves Friday night at

the bar-b-que supper for early arrivals. Our volley ball team wiped out all challengers, defeating teams from the Delta rodders and the Memphis Street Rods. I guess this gives me the right to declare us state champions of street rod volley ball teams. The team was made up of John Little, David Owens, Jimmy and Jerry Creel, Brian Scurlock and Earl Brewer. Brian and John won the blindfold wheelbarrow race, Jerry Creel won the cash in the 50/50 pot and Tyler Owens won the pin the tail on the cat game. Hugh, Earl and I made it to the runoffs in the water balloon launch game, but missed winning by a few points. The Boykin family, along with their next door neighbors, won second place in the Halloween costume contest, dressed as the Adams Family. There were several birthday parties during the course of the weekend. The ride home was pretty quiet til the crowd got close to home. Somebody mentioned being hungry, and the whole bunch of us wound up at Jerry's to eat catfish. It was a good way to wind down the rod run season and we all thank the Street Rods Limited for putting on a good rod run. We're already registered for next year.

THINGS TO DO THIS MONTH

As you can see by the schedule below, activities are beginning to slow down. Our annual cookout on November 7 is covered elsewhere in this issue. The open car show in Mendenhall is an annual event sponsored by the Lions club there. It is a static show and usually draws 70 or so cars parked around the courthouse streets. That night, back in Ridgeland, the Classic Chevy club is having their last cruise of the year up at the Sonic on 51 in Ridgeland. Then the week end after Thanksgiving, The Northwest Florida Street Rodders host their annual Turkey Run in Pensacola. I'm sure the Round Ones and probably the Scurlocks will be going to that one, so if some of the rest of you want to wind up the year at a good rod run, you might want to ride along with them.

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EVENT SCHEDULE

Nov. 7 Annual club picnic. ABC Kindergarten patio 1:30
 Nov. 13 Mendenhall Fall Auto Show Downtown Mendenhall, Ms open
 Nov. 13 Classic Chevy Club Cruise night, Sonic in Ridgeland 7 p.m.
 Nov. 26-28 Turkey Run, SW Fla. SRA, Pensacola, Florida pre-'49 rods

December 4 Clinton Christmas Parade
 December 12 Club Christmas Party. Raymond Lake Lodge Dinner at 1 p.m.

TUESDAY CRUISES CONTINUE

Tuesday croozdays last month were highlighted by the one to Fernando's where Richard had to endure "Happy Birthday" sung in Mexican while wearing a gigantic sombrero. When they attempted to make the traditional birthday photo, they discovered no film in the camera. So Richard had to wear this monster sombrero while some of the staff went out to buy some film. The cruise to Denny's saw the Creel trio attempt to set a new world's record for ice cream consumption. Jimmy Creel once again sent another waitress in to early retirement. Those of you who miss these cruises miss a good time and a lot of good natured foolishness. Our crowds average about 16 to 20 people, and we have some good times visiting. Join us for more next month. November cruise dates are:

November 2 Scottie's on terry Road
 9 Rooster's at Madison

- 16 Jerry's Catfish at Florence
- 23 Sonny's Bar-B-Q on 80
- 30 Denny's 80 at Ellis

 *WANTED '32 Ford bumper. Chrome condition not important. Gene Maddox 373-2864

WANTED Door post and passenger side rear door for '39 Chevy sedan. Lee Fink

FOR SALE Perfect set of Ford 302 heads. Jack Brown

WANTED Nova or Camaro rear end with 3:08 or higher ratio gears, Jack, 372-8050

FOR SALE '38 Chevrolet Sedan V8 and 31 Model A sedan V6 w/trailer. Both have air and automatic. T Tommy Smith 833-8620

ANNUAL FALL COOKOUT AND CLUB MEETING

ATTENTION ATTENTION ATTENTION ATTENTION!!!!!!! The annual club cookout held each fall will be held this year at 1:30 on Sunday afternoon, November 7 at Gene & JoAnn's ABC kindergarden. They have a big patio and pool out back. Bring your lawn chairs and kick back for an afternoon of food and fun. There is also plenty of room indoors if the weather turns off bad. So mark your calendar for Sunday, November 7. The menu will be as usual; the club will provide hamburgers, cokes and fixins, you bring your favorite chips, side dish or dessert. This will be our first club get together in a while, so make plans now to come and bring the whole family. We'll start eating at 1:30. Note the time: 1:30. Please call me or Jackie soon as possible and give us a count on how many from your family will attend so we can get enough burgers cooked.

After the eating, we'll have a club meeting. One item of business will be nomination of club officers for next year. Give some thought on who you'd like to take care of your club business for the next year, and come prepared to participate. You are also reminded that your dues must be paid before you can vote in the December elections. Make a SPECIAL effort to BE THERE and join the fun.

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 Well, where has the year gone. Thanksgiving is around the corner and Christmas is less than two months away. As we approach the Thanksgiving holiday in an imperfect and sometimes out of control world it's hard to remember to be thankful for what we have. But when we look back on the good times we've had together this year, and the laughs we've shared as we've gone along enjoying our hobby, it doesn't take long to see plenty to be thankful for. Think about it...and be thankful for it all.

Til next time, drive carefully....

Jack