

## BITS &amp; PIECES

MSRA had a big weekend at the Ole Brook Cruisers run last month. Club members took home 4 game trophies and 19 car trophies. The Ole Brook bunch had a big weekend also, with a record 100+ entry field at their fine run. It was a fun weekend, and one we'll look forward to next year. Brian won the filter toss, Kim Howell won the timing chain toss, Amanda Boykin won the sponge fill game, and I won the spark plug change with a fantastic time of 9.34 seconds. (I only wish Peggy Acey had been there so I could have soundly trounced her time). The best part of the spark plug change game was watching Kim play. No, Kim you put the threaded end in first. She'll never work at the tune up clinic again. (one of those deals where you'd just have to have seen it to fully appreciate it.) Kathy, Jackie, Wayne Thomas and Half round all won top 25 trophies. They also won sweet 16 trophies along with 3/4 Round and Hugh Boykin. Jack Creel, Roundman, Rita and I won sponsor trophies. Jackie won the early bird award, Kathy won favorite Camaro, Hugh won favorite Street rod, Brian won favorite unfinished, Wayne Thomas won the pro street trophy and a trophy presented by the CENLA rodders club from Louisiana. Then to top it off, Kathy won the \$200 cash grand prize drawing. So we had a really good weekend. I can't let this weekend go by without mentioning the historic formation of a brand new organization which was created. The Pike County All Night Speedway, Dirt Moving, & Wall Smacking Association was formed about 1:30 Sunday morning. Charter members are President, Earl Brewer, Vice president, Half Found Chambless, with members Lonnie Cox, Josh Sifford, Wayne Thomas and me. I haven't fully recovered from that trip to the races yet. The next meeting will be held probably some time next spring.....The next weekend most of the crew went south to the the coast for the 16th annual Singing River Run, and the luck was not as good. Sifford's truck decided to cough up all its gas tank sealer, clogging up the fuel system big time. Kathy's Camaro had the starter burn up in the motel parking lot. Problems then developed with the ignition and we had to hot wire the thing every time we drove it. The Round one had to leave in a rush when Lee Earle's mother fell in the nursing home in Brandon. On the way home in the rain, my windshield wiper blade fell off. But Half-round, Sifford and Kathy's cars won top 25 trophies and Kat & Brian won the hard luck award, so we managed through it all. The car count was about 310 and the show had as nice a group of cars as you'd want to see in any magazine. At one time or another, all our crew made it to Montana's to eat. The place had barely recovered from the Round one and Creel's visit on Friday night, when we hit them with Brent & Brian plus Joe Fox and Mike Stanley. They probably were closed Sunday for repairs and major food restocking after the damage. A new meaning to the phrase "all you can eat" was established.....The Round ones and Creels attended the run at Arkadelphia the next weekend. Half Round's truck won kids choice and the Round one won a NSRA merit award from the Arkansas bunch.....The Mendenhall Lions Club will sponsor an open car show in downtown Mendenhall Saturday November 13. They will have top 25 trophies and \$50 club participation award. Registration is from 8 till 11 a.m. and trophy awards at 3:15. For info call J.F. Ponder 847-1796.....Would you believe we've

already received an invitation to ride in the Clinton Christmas parade. Soon be '94.

#### GARAGE SCENE

Mike Stanley showed up at the Biloxi run sporting a new interior in his Plymouth. He and Sharon had done it themselves and it looked real good. It is a dark blue and matches the white paint well. Check it out.....Wayne "Swervin Irvin" Thomas sold his '38 sedan at Biloxi. You all know Wayne is a man of few words, so I don't know exactly what his plans are. He was seen checking out some 32's, though.....We have the engine and cab in place on the '47 Ford pickup. Soon as I get a little time off, I'm gonna fire up the welder and get after it.....Sifford has a new frame for his model A project.....Joe Fox was seen at the Wheels of Time trailer in Biloxi with a long list of rubber parts. I hope they had everything on his list. I guess this means his Chevy is to that stage. Maybe we'll see it soon.....Larry Worrell is showing photos of his Chevy. It is slick, on wheels, and assembled. Looks like it might hit the street in '94.....Jack Creel has purchased a '39 Chevy sedan.....The round one has purchased a V6 for his '40 pickup. He says soon as it is running, the Chrysler will come down for its long overdue rebuild.....Hugh Boykin is restoring a Studebaker Hawk for Con Maloney.....

#### THINGS TO DO THIS MONTH

Plan to attend the Downtown Rock & Roll Revival Saturday October 9 in Meridian. To reach the site, take exit 153 off I20 and drive 1.5 miles due north to downtown Meridian. There will be stuff going on all day with the evening topped off with a concert by Cruise Control, a rock & roll group from Tennessee who have played at the NSRA Nats. This should be a good day of cars and activities. The next day, the Vicksburg Cruisers host the Fall Fling at Grand Gulf Park near Port Gibson. This is a beautiful park with many historical Civil War era things to see. A museum, and beautiful 1800 vintage church building, and an elevated walk throughout the woods to the Mississippi River are just some of the things to do. Hamburgers will be provided, but you must call Dave Derrick to order yours. On October 15-17 in Monroe, La, the first rod run staged by the Northeast Louisiana rodders will take place. They will have the usual stuff, a Friday night hamburger supper, a Saturday lunch and a Saturday night sock hop. This will be held at the Holiday Inn I20. Grand prize is a 350 engine. Call 318 387-9908 for details. The final weekend in October will see the Tupelo based Street Rods Limited host their annual weekend of madness called the Halloween Fun Run. You take a leisurely three hour drive up the Natchez Trace and attend one of the most fun rod events you'll find anywhere. They'll have their Friday night chili supper, games all day Saturday, with the big Halloween costume dance on Saturday night. Elvis is sure to show up again, so don't miss it. If we can swing it, the club caravan home Sunday down the Trace is usually a hoot of a time itself. Get out the camcorder, Rita, it's showtime again. My bunch is eating breakfast at the Cracker Barrel on I55 North Friday morning and then going up the Trace. We welcome your company to ride along with us to Tupelo..

#### EVENT SCHEDULE

Oct. 1-3	Arkansas SRA Run, Arkadelphia, AR	pre-'49 rods
Oct 9	Rock & Roll Revival, Queen City Rods, Meridian MS	open
Oct 10	Fall Fling, Grand Gulf Park, Vicksburg Cruisers	open
Oct. 15-17	Ole South Rod Run, NE La rods, West Monroe, LA	pre- 49 rods

Oct. 22-24 Halloween Fun Run, Street Rods Ltd., Tupelo, MS pre-'49 rods  
 Nov. 7 Annual club picnic. ABC Kindergarten patio  
 Nov 13 Mendenhall Fall Auto Show Dontown Mendenhall, Ms open  
 Nov. 26-28 Turkey Run, SW Fla. SRA, Pensacola, FL pre-'49 rods

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

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FOR SALE '40 Ford Pickup. 350/350 Chevy, air, Heidt's Mustang front, nice wheels, red paint. Drive anywhere type truck. Joe Doyle

FOR SALE '46 Chevy pickup. 350/350, P/S Drives good. Needs detailing work, but is a dependable reliable daily driver. Need cash to complete other projects. \$5m firm. Jack Brown

TUESDAY CRUISES WILL CONTINUE

At the first Tuesday Crooze last month we had the first "candlelight cruise" that I know anything about. It wasn't planned that way. Just as the twenty of us had gathered at Scotty's, something happened to the electricity and the restaurant was plunged into darkness. The manager rushed around lighting candles and putting them on our table. Sammie went to the car and got his trusty battery light which he loaned to the cook in the kitchen, and things went on as usual. Just as we got all this set up, the lights came back on. In October, the cruises will be at 7 p.m. as follows:

October 5 Roosters in Madison  
 October 12 Fernando's Mexican on 80 at Crossgates  
 October 19 Denny's 80 at Ellis  
 October 26 Jerry's Catfish in Florence

The South side bunch will leave Kroger's at 6:30 on the first three cruises, and will meet at the Byram Jitney for the cruise to Florence.

ANNUAL FALL COOKOUT

ATTENTION ATTENTION!!!!!! The annual club cookout held each fall will be held this year on Sunday afternoon, November 7 at Gene & JoAnn's ABC kindergarden. They have a big patio and pool out back. Bring your lawn chair 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. Details on the food and all will be in next month's newsletter as they are worked out. Basicly it will be as usual; the club will provide hamburgers and fixins, you bring your favorite 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 probably start eating around 12:30 or so. If anything changes on these plans, we'll let you know in next newsletter.

Til next time, drive carefully....

*Jack*