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BITS & PIECES

We attended the rod run in Monroe, Louisiana along with the Round Ones, Howells and Siffords in mid October. The weather was cool and clear, perfect for a rod run. Their crowd was a little off and those of you who did not go really missed a good rod run. The folks were friendly, the games were fun and the bar-b-q chicken lunch was tasty. Mike and the bunch run a well organized rod run, and I hope they draw more cars next year. They deserve a bigger crowd. The Monroe police, however, take a dim view of motorized pedal cars/wagons running down the frontage roads. Ask Mark. They made him push it back to the motel or get at least eight traffic tickets.Well I had such a good time in Monroe I decided to go the next weekend to Tupelo. So we joined the Round Ones, Howells, and Scurlocks on their trek to Elvis birthplace. To get in the mood, we took a side trip the night before to see the immortal Little Richard in concert at the casino in Philadelphia. He's 62 years old now but he can still wreck a piano. After quite a series of storms, the weather settled down clear and quite cool for the annual Halloween run in Tupelo. Over 180 fine cars rolled in and I don't remember when I had such a fine day of looking at rods and visiting with friends I had not seen a some time. We found a real nice place to eat at the motel. Kim made reservations for about 20 of us. Right after the meal we were treated to a performance by the new sensational aerial act " the Flying Fisackerlys". I really won't go into it-you'd just had to have been there. No, on second thought I think you should know the facts as I saw them. Sherrie F. was talking when she should have been walking and fell down the steps. Fortunately, she did not hurt herself, but she did win a bronze medal. Apparently the people sitting at the table she almost fell on were former Olympic judges. They grabbed their menus, marked a score on the back and held them up. She got two 9.5's and a 10. Speaking of entertainment, our illustrious club president Crash Dummy was performing (more like showing off doing wheelies) with his motorized wagon right in front of the crowd at the rod run; and fell off right in front of everybody. Impeachment proceedings should be immediately started. Miss Earl won the poker run. The Halloween costume competition was fun as usual. The guy with the Frankenstein outfit was as realistic as any I've ever seen. Looked like the original Boris Karloff. What a weekend. See what y'all missed by not going with us?.....This coming Saturday night the Classic Chevy club is hosting a cruise-in at Bumper's on 51 North in Ridgeland. Most of the MSRA rods are planning to attend, so come join us there.....I saw Bo Laird in Tupelo. He said he had not gotten any applications for his scholarship offer yet. Come on now, there's bound to be some of you out there with college kids who could use this \$1000. You club presidents who received these applications, make sure all your members know about this and send in those applications to Bo.....There are still a few of you who have not paid your club dues for next year. Please take time to do it now.....We have received our annual invitation to ride in the Clinton Christmas parade on December 2. The theme this year is "Celebrate the songs of Christmas". No no no, Half Round, you cannot sing Jingle Bells over the CB.....The car show November 11 in Mendenhall is shaping up to be a nice one. The mayor himself is working on it and I understand they plan on everyone winning something. Entry fee has been dropped to \$15 and they are really wanting a big field of cars. The show is part of the town festival with all sorts of arts & crafts on sale along with a lot of good stuff to eat.

TUESDAY CRUISEDAYS

The most recent Tuesday night cruise was one of the most entertaining evenings we've had. About a dozen MSRA rodders and some of the Magnolia Classic Chevy gang drove over to Vicksburg and were treated to a very nice evening hosted by the Vicksburg Cruisers at Dave Derrick's home. How to describe Dave's house? Sort of like Disney World meets Smithsonian with a Studebaker flavor. Another one of them deals you just had to have been there to appreciate. A '46 Wurlitzer jukebox full of 78 rpm records sits in the front room, with the lights changing colors and the bubbles flowing. In the kitchen there was an original Hamilton Beach milkshake mixer with one of those old tin glasses I haven't seen since I used to sit at the lunch counter in Woolworth's waiting for my chocolate shake on any Saturday in 1954. Nostalgia hung on every wall in the house. Every imaginable vintage drink sign, motor oil sign and Studebaker sign was there. There was even a birthday cake for me, I think the third or fourth this year. If you missed this tour, you need to make plans to go see Dave's collection. He'll be glad to arrange to show it to you. Thanks to Dave and the Cruisers for a fantastic evening. The food was good too! Schedule for the next few weeks is as follows:

November 7	Mazzio's Pizza in Brandon
November 14	Red Hot & Blue on County Line road
November 21	Jerry's Catfish House in Florence
November 28	Dunchy's on Raymond Road
December 5	Scotties Drive-In on Terry Road

1995 EVENT SCHEDULE

<i>Nov. 4</i>	<i>Cruise-in at Bumper's in Ridgeland</i>
<i>Nov. 5</i>	<i>MSRA cookout at Pelahatchie Lake</i>
<i>Nov. 11</i>	<i>Lions club car show, downtown Mendenhall Ms.</i>
<i>Nov. 24-26</i>	<i>Turkey Rod Run, Pensacola Florida</i>
<i>Dec 2</i>	<i>Clinton Christmas Parade</i>
<i>Dec 10</i>	<i>MSRA Christmas party, Raymond Lake clubhouse</i>

NEXT CLUB MEETING

Don't forget the cruise/cookout **this Sunday, November 5**. Meet at the Exxon station on the corner of highway 80 and Crossgates at 11 a.m. Remember, this is the same place we met when we went to the car show in Bay Springs. We'll pull out about 11:15 and cruise the 15 miles on old highway 80 to Pelahatchie Lake. Soon as we get there we'll fire up the grille and cook hamburgers. Bring your own drinks for your family and desserts for sharing by everyone. Hopefully the weather will cooperate, but if not, we'll have the cookout indoors in the lodge. **PLEASE call Sammie or me and tell us how many of you are coming so that we can purchase the necessary food Saturday.**

HAVE A HAPPY THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

TIL NEXT TIME, Drive Carefully

Jack