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BITS & PIECES

Our new NSRA state rep. is Thomas "Chicken Willie" Smith from Brookhaven. CW is a great choice for this job. He's just an all-round stomp-down good ol' boy. And I'm proud to have him as our representative and proud to call him my friend. Now if Mayfield just doesn't corrupt him, he'll do fine.....Also from NSRA, Sammie Howell is the new chief safety inspector for the state. Both these guys will work hard to promote NSRA and street rodding in our state.....If you have not made your room reservations for the Ole Brook Cruisers rod run September 13-15, you'd better do so. The motel is filling up. Call 833-1341 for reservations at the Ramada. Or I think that will be the name of it come September.....The same is true for the Ole South Rod Run in Monroe October 11-13. Call Holiday Inn Express (318) 388-1310 for reservations.....The Dixie Rodders in McComb will have a one day outdoor show at the Edgewood Mall in McComb on Saturday August 24. There will be trophies, games and a poker walk. If you get too hot, just step in to the mall and cool off. We went to this once and had a great time with our friends in McComb. Go if you can.....Some of you had asked about making a photo of your street rod in front of that picturesque old restored gasoline station inside the Agriculture & Forestry Museum. Kim called and got permission from them to do so on Sunday, August 18. But the only time they'd allow it was that morning between 8:30 and noon before the museum opened. So if you want to photograph your car in a really unique background, make arrangements to be there then..... I need to borrow negatives of any film you made at our rod run. I'm putting together an article for *Street Scene* and need some more photos to choose from. Please help..... MSRA members: Your club dues are due.

GARAGE SCENE

Jimmy Creel has a new street rod. He purchased a '36 Plymouth twice door flatback sedan and is getting it all cleaned up and buffed out. He told us that Bobbi wants to go for a ride in it every day when he gets home from work.....There's been a bit of car tradin' down Brookhaven way. Bruno bought back his Dodge sedan from Ricky McGuffie. McGuffie then bought the '39 Chevy coupe from T-Tommy.....Lloyd Smith is reluctantly selling his '37 Chevy coupe due to his expanding real estate business.....I have been working on my junk projects. I almost bought a running street rod last month (Randy Wilson's '46 Plymouth) but Charlotte vetoed the idea. "You've gone too far with the '38 to stop now." said the boss. She also said a lot of other stuff that I can't print. Jerry Mowery dropped by to "help work on your car" on his way home from the NATS. Fortunately I was not home and did not have to put up with his harrassment. Jerry, you'd have been proud of Charlie Manning at Crossett. He filled in for you and fussed at me the whole weekend about not having the car ready.....Bo Laird called me wanting to know if we were going to sell tickets to the grudge go-kart race between Wayne and I. Just hang on, Bo, we're trying to get ESPN to cover it.....Sammy got both of his cars back running again. The new radiator/shroud/fan combination cooled his '37 down a bunch. Some said it runs so cool now he had to stop and put some Prestone in it to keep it from freezing up.

WHERE IN THE WORLD IS CROSSETT, ARKANSAS

Well, that's what it said on their rod run flier. So we decided to find out last month. What we found was one of the most enjoyable, best managed rod runs we've ever been to. And this was in spite of a nearly all-day rain on Saturday. MSRA was represented by a good crowd. Driving their rods were Roundman and Miss Earl, Half Round, Jackie & Annette Sifford, Jimmy Creel, Randy Creel, Don & Sandy Wade, and Joe & Lois Thomas. Also on hand was Jack (how come Jimmy always gets to drive the truck) Creel, Mark & Shonda Sifford and Charlotte & me. We

woke up to rain Saturday morning, and it lasted all day. But all the games were just moved inside (in every hallway and nook & cranny of the motel)and just went on as usual. I kind of liked the idea of indoor games. It sure is a good way to beat the heat. May do my game indoors at next year's Dixie Run. We had a great time. I lost my sheet of notes on who won what. All I remember for sure is that Sandy Wade won the header drop game, Bobby Creel won the washer toss game, and Jack Creel won the hi-lo game. We were in the playoff of the tootsie roll toss, but after four ties, we lost. In the trophy department, Half Round and Joe Thomas took home top ten trophies, Joe also won favorite interior and a club choice award. Mike Chambless won the hard luck trophy from his tumble a few weeks ago. The wipe out game was a cliff-hanger. When all the numbers were "wiped out" , three of the MSRA gang were in the final four. Earl Brewer and I were eliminated next, leaving Half Round and Don Wade to become the possible winner of \$500. They canceled the runoff and split the prize. I think Half Round has won almost \$1000 in various drawings at rod runs this year. This was my first visit to the Klassy Kruzers rod run, and I've put it on my list of places to go back to. Thanks to them for a fun weekend.

WHO'S BEEN WHERE

The Howell's, Roundman, and Creels drove their rods to the Sardis run last month. The hot weather was replaced this year by some rain showers which made the day a little cooler. They reported over 200 rods were on hand. T Tommy says to get Kim to tell you the story about the safe in the motel room??? Roundman and Mike also made a flying trip to the Nationals in Columbus, Ohio, leaving Thursday night and returning Sunday. James and Lynn Pittman took their Nomad to the Nomad Nationals in Columbus and stayed over for the street rod Nats. They fell in love with some sedan delivery rods they saw, and are looking for one now.....In the Looooooong trip category, Joe & Lois Thomas put 4000 trouble free miles on their '34 Ford last month. They went to Colorado and New Mexico, and took a long distance trophy at a rod run in Raton, New Mexico. He carried enough spare parts to build another car, but never needed any of them.....Speaking of long trips, that ol' no good Larry Crain told me he was going to Columbus in his newly completed '37 Ford C-dan. I understand he got a few miles from home it started pumping transmission fluid, so he had to go home and work on it some more. He had big plans, including a stop by my house for a visit; but I never heard from him, so I don't know whether he made it back or not. He was going to Columbus to the Nats, then driving to Indianapolis, Belgium, Canada, Africa, and Argentina before he went back home.

CRUISIN THE COAST

From the local newspaper comes the following story: "Cars-customs, classics and hot rods will highlight a new three day festival this fall on the Mississippi Coast, organizers say. *Cruisin' the Coast* scheduled for Oct. 10-13 will include a car show, live entertainment, and lots of food- all with a 50's and 60's theme. Activities will take place from Bay St. Louis to Biloxi. A big part of the festival will be the cars. An automobile show with cash prizes is expected to attract as many as 750 cars from throughout the Southeast. Jack Barratt, general manager at Casino Magic in Biloxi and a festival director, said he expects the festival to bring in no less than 20,000 visitors and hopes for as many as 40,000. Organizers will promote the event on radio and in newspapers in New Orleans, Baton Rouge, Tallahassee and Montgomery. We want this to be the biggest block party in the United States." I guess we'll see.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

AUGUST 3	"Pride-N-Joy" car show, K-Mart on 45N, Columbus Ms. Southern Cruisers
AUGUST 10	MSRA club cookout, James & Lynn Pittman's, 110 Davis Road Cove
AUGUST 9-11	NSRA Southwest Nats, Oklahoma City pre-'49
AUGUST 17	Rod Run In the Park, US 90 and Fleitas Ave, Pass Christian, MS
AUGUST 23-25	NSRA Mid America NATS, Aksarben, Omaha, Nebraska pre-'49
AUGUST 24	Edgewood Mall car show, Dixie Street Rods, McComb Ms
AUG.30-SEPT 1	R.O.D.S. Labor Day Run Ramblin Oldies, Baton Rouge, La. pre-'49
SEPTEMBER 7	"Summer Farewell" Sonic Cruise In by Camaro Club

- SEPTEMBER 13-15 Ole Brook Cruz-In VIII, Claridge Inn, Brookhaven, Ms. pre-'73
- SEPTEMBER 20-22 Singing River Rod Run, Broadwater Beach, Biloxi Ms pre-'69
- SEPTEMBER 20-22 Rockin Rod Run, Shelby Co. Street Rods, Lakeland Tenn., pre-'49
- SEPTEMBER 28-29 Red Neck rod run Mid-Miss.Cruisers, Holiday Inn, Jackson Ms pre-'49
- SEPTEMBER 28 Reservoir Rally Car Show, Lakeshore Park by Camaro Club

- OCTOBER 5-6 Arkansas SRA Rod Run, Lake DeGray, Arkansas pre-'49
- OCTOBER 10-13 Cruisin' the Coast rod & custom show
- OCTOBER 11-12 Ole South Rod Run, West Monroe, Louisiana pre-'49
- OCTOBER 11-12 Rock & Roll Revival by Queen City Rods, Holiday Inn NE, Meridian, Ms
- OCTOBER 18-20 NSRA Southeast Nats, Tampa, Florida pre-'49
- OCTOBER 25-27 Halloween Fun Run Tupelo, Ms. pre-'49

- NOVEMBER 8-10 Rude & the Dudes Rod Run (Bubba Nats) Biloxi Miss. pre-'59
- NOVEMBER 29-31 Turkey Run, West Florida SRA Pensacola, Florida pre-'49

- DECEMBER 15 MSRA Christmas party. Raymond Lake Lodge.

TUESDAY CROOZDAY SCHEDULE

- August 6 Punchy's on Raymond Road**
- August 13 McAlister's Deli on Lakeland Drive (Behind Pizza Hut)**
- August 20 Pasquale's Pizza on Lakeland Drive**
- August 27 Red, Hot & Blue Bar-B-Q on County Line Road**
- September 3 Jerry's Catfish House in Florence**

FOR SALE

'46 Plymouth coupe. Complete running street rod. Fresh 305 Chevy V8, new brakes, clip, new headliner and interior, needs only paint and a few details . Great turnkey rod for someone who wants to ride while completing a car. I almost bought it myself. Drives great, go anywhere. A steal at \$5500. Call Randy Wilson in McComb. 601-684-2609

FOR SALE

'37 Chevrolet coupe running street rod. '79 Pontiac V-6, transmission and rear end. Mustang II kit front end. New maroon paint and glass, Cragar wheels. Needs interior. turnkey driver, many other new pieces included. \$12500. Must sell due to business expansion. Lloyd Smith 845-8558 or 825-8821

NEXT CLUB MEETING

Club Dues are due.

The next club meeting will be this coming **Saturday afternoon, August 10** at the home of James & Lynn Pittman. It will be a hamburger/hot dog cookout poolside in their back yard. Burgers and beans will be provided. Bring chips, a side dish and tea or drinks. Come eat or swim or just sit and visit. Their house is two doors down the hill from mine, but since their back yard is fenced, you might want to park in my or Joe's back yard and walk down to their place. **So mark your calendar and plan to be there.** We'll begin eating about 5 o'clock. After eating, we'll have a short club meeting. Then we can cruise down to the Sonic in Byram for dessert or ice cream. That is the regular cruise night event for the Classic Chevy club, so we can join them there. Make your plans to come join us.

Til next time
Drive carefully

Jack