

# MISSISSIPPI STREET ROD ASSOCIATION

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### **BITS & PIECES**

On Saturday, November 8, the 2nd Annual Mike Smith Motors "Toys for Tots" open show will be held at the dealership on highway 98 west in Columbia, Mississippi. Trophies for top 10 trucks and top 15 cars will be determined by participant judging. Entry fee is a new, unwrapped toy valued at \$15. All toys will go to the "Toys For Tots" Christmas campaign.....The Round Ones, Joe & Lois, Gene & Rita, and Sammie & Kim drove their rods to Monroe, Louisiana to the Deep South Rod Run. Gene and Joe won top 15 trophies and Kim got a sponsor trophy. Half Round won a band saw. Last we heard he was trying to use it to chop the top on his van. Annette left early and sure enough, her number was drawn for the grand prize of \$500.....The Ole Brook Cruisers have moved the date for their 1998 rod run to the second week of November. So throw a jacket in the street rod and come on down.....The '98 schedule is beginning to fill up. If your event is not listed, send me the dates and I'll add it to the schedule.....Due to some last minute problems, neither Wayne nor I got to go to the Cruisin' the Coast event. I heard the turnout far exceeded their expectations resulting in some pretty good traffic jams at the different show locations. I've heard estimates of the number of entries ranging from 900 to 1200 cars. Oh well, maybe next year.....Since I couldn't leave town that weekend I went down to the National Auto Parts car show nearby. Brian Wade and I plus one other car were the only street rods there. But all three placed in the top 20 winners voted on by store customers. I won the manager's choice trophy, and a radical door prize--a box spring and mattress set. Enjoyed sitting and visiting all day with Vic Boggs and all the rest. About 3 o'clock a group of Democrats driving low rider-hydraulic jumpers came in and put on a show that was fun to watch. Each of them had their own music tape and actually tried to make the cars dance to the music. The folks at National plan to have another show there in the spring.....Christmas is just around the corner. We just received the notice about the Clinton Christmas parade. The theme this year will be centered around music. Maybe we can rig some speakers in the back of Mike's truck and play some Christmas music through his tape player. We'll be riding in that one on Saturday December 6 starting at 10 a.m. All clubs are invited. Y'all all come bring your street rods and ride with us. We'll meet at 8:30 at the Metrocenter McDonalds and ride together to the parade site in Clinton at 9 a.m. for the 10 a.m. parade start.....T-Tommy tells us the Brookhaven parade will be held Thursday night December 4. After it, the Ole Brook Cruisers will have a small get-together for parade participants. Details on all this next month.....I hear that the Vicksburg Cruisers will be hosting a rod run at the Rainbow Casino on April 3-5 next year. This will be the first time they've planned a full three-day show, and we wish them well with their new venture. Speaking of the Vicksburg bunch, Billy Crabtree is their new club president with Steve Osborn as VP.....We were saddened to hear of the death last week of long time Louisiana street rodder, Hugo Higgenbotham.....The Round ones went to Tupelo for their Halloween run. The weather wasn't very kind that weekend and most of the rod run had to be held indoors with a driving rain and wind going on outside.

### **GARAGE SCENE**

I put new axle bearings in last weekend and sent the drive shaft off to be reworked. It had a wobble in it ever since I installed it. Hope to get it all put back together this weekend.....The Round One tells me he's been busy working the body in his Chrysler. He's still tearing stuff

down. Listen you ol' goat, the object is to get the thing running again, not destroy it further. That's the Round way.....He and son-in-law David are going to Texas to get a '40 Chevy coupe for David's new street rod project. It'll be good to have David and Lee Ann riding with us again.....Anyone interested in purchasing a good project '48 Chevy sedan can call T-Tommy Smith. The car is running, new 350 crate motor, nova clip, VDO gauges and lots of other stuff. Needs new glass installed, paint and interior.....I also have a line on a '39 Ford 2 door sedan project which is a running car with Corvette rear , straight axle w/disc brakes on the front.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### 1997

- NOVEMBER 1 Back to the Future Classic Car Show at Brumfield Ford Amite, La. pre '74  
NOVEMBER 1 Last Chance car & truck show. City Park Bay Springs, Mississippi  
NOVEMBER 8 Toys for Tots open Car Show at Mike Smith Motors, Columbia, Mississippi  
NOVEMBER 16 MSRA club cookout. Pelahatchie Lake  
NOVEMBER 28-30 Turkey Run. West Fla Street Rods. Pensacola, Florida pre '49
- DEC 4 Brookhaven Christmas Parade (night)  
DEC 6 Clinton Christmas Parade 10 a.m. Saturday morning in Clinton  
DEC 14 MSRA Christmas party Raymond Lake Lodge

### 1998

- JAN 23-25 6th Annual Winter Rod Run, Diamondhead Resort Inn, Diamondhead, Mississippi
- MAR 13-15 Parade of Rods 98, Mardi Gras Street Rods, Houma, Louisiana. Quality Inn  
MAR 22 Critter's Cruise II (tentative date)
- APRIL 3-5 Vicksburg Cruisers rod run. Vicksburg, Mississippi  
APRIL 17-19 River City Rods/St. Jude Benefit Rod run Greenville, Mississippi  
APRIL 17-19 25th Sunny Beaches Rod Run Pensacola, Florida pre '49  
APRIL 24-26 Dixie Street Rods Rod Run Best Western Motel McComb, Miss. pre '49
- MAY 15-17 Covington Street Rods Spring Fling Covington, Louisiana
- JUNE 19-21 20th Annual Dixie Run, Holiday Inn Southwest in Jackson pre '49
- JULY 10-12 Fun Run '98 Klassy Kruzers Crossett, Arkansas pre '60
- SEPT 18-20 Singing River Rod Run Biloxi, Miss pre '69  
SEPT 25-27 Queen City Rock & Roll Rod run Meridian Mississippi
- NOV 13-15 Ole Brook Cruisers 10th rod run Brookhaven, Mississippi pre '73

#### NEXT CLUB MEETING

Sunday, November 16, we will be having our annual cookout at the lodge at Pelahatchie Lake. Make plans to join us for this one. Prez Creel says to meet at Crossgates Exxon on Highway 80 at 10:30. The cruise will pull out at 11 and roll along highway 80 all the way to Pelahatchie Lake. If you can't make this schedule, just come on over when you can, we'll be there all afternoon. Burgers, hot dogs and sausage will be on the menu. Nominations for club officers for next year is also on the agenda for this meeting. Also, remember the date of the MSRA Christmas party is Sunday afternoon, December 14 at the Raymond Lake lodge. Several of you still have not paid your club dues. Please help out by sending \$20 now.

## **RALEIGH HERITAGE FESTIVAL CAR SHOW & CIVIL WAR REENACTMENT**

Seven MSRA rods were joined by Ed & Mary Robinson's roadster and Vic Boggs 50 Mercury leadsled on a Saturday morning cruise down to Raleigh for their annual town festival. Sammie, Kim, Sandy Wade, Wayne Thomas, John Tramell, Gene Purser and I drove our rods on a sunny, cool morning, looking good as we cruised down highway 18. Just as we got to the edge of town, traffic came to a halt. It turned out they were having a 5K run and the route carried the runners on to the highway. Finally when traffic began to move again, we came upon three slightly overweight women who were huffing and puffing their way up the last hill before the finish line. These three stragglers had been holding traffic up for almost 15 minutes. They looked like they needed the exercise. Everybody in Smith County turned out for Raleigh's town festival. A big portion of them attended the car show, one of the largest spectator turnouts I've seen in a while. There were about 80 cars on hand with about 25 street rods. Sammie, Kim, and Gene won top 15 trophies and Wayne won best interior. Randy Wilson was on hand along with Lonnie Cox and several others from the McComb club. There was a group of Civil War reenactment folks there who were decked out in uniforms complete with a real vintage cannon. These people are fanatically **serious** about their reenactments, especially when they're going on in Sullivan's Hollow.. They were set up on a hill overlooking everything so Randy and I decided we'd win this time if the Yankees attacked. Just down the hill from the cannon, there was a row of portable toilets set up for people attending the festival. Rita Purser went in to use one of them, not knowing the cannon was nearby, let alone the fact that they planned to fire it. So when they fired the thing off, you can imagine what **BOOM** sounded like within the close confines of the port-a-john. Scared half to death, she came flying out, scattering toilet paper rolls all over the place. The troops with the cannon thought she was a Yankee attacking their position. They sounded general quarters on the trumpet and headed for their trenches. Fortunately, Randy and I jumped in, flashing our M.L.T.I.L.L.W.S.I.S.R.J.A. press credentials (all us journalists keep press credentials) and were able to diffuse the situation before it turned nasty. Randy and I convinced the confederate soldiers that the toilet paper was actually a white surrender flag. The confederate troops were suspicious at first, but when they found out Randy had a dog named Dixie, and I had one named Critter, and Lonnie Cox had a real confederate cap, they decided we were true sons of the south and they finally settled down. The hanging order was canceled and they released Rita into our custody with the promise that she would never set foot or any of the rest of her anatomy in a Smith County outhouse again. She said she could live with that. Thank goodness for good ole street rod fun.

## **TUESDAY EATIN' MEETIN' DATES**

November 4 Jerry's Fish House in Florence  
November 11 Punchy's on Raymond Road  
November 18 Scotty's Restaurant  
November 25 Sonny's Bar-B-Q in Brandon  
December 2 Jerry's Fish House in Florence

Let me close this issue with a personal note. Some of you had mentioned you'd called me during the day and were unable to get me. That's cause I've un-retired and gone back to work. I usually get home after three each evening now. Also I want to thank all of you who called about and sent gifts for Kathy and Brian's baby. Yes, my newest granddaughter Natalie Tristan Scurlock arrived Friday October 24. Five pounds 10 ounces and 18 1/4 inches long were her specifications. That day was her Daddy's birthday and the Doctor's birthday too. She was a little early, but I guess she just wanted to get here and get in the middle of everything. And she has done just that. Both Kathy and Talley are at home now and doing better. And ol' Brian hasn't stopped grinning yet.

Til Next Time  
Drive Carefully

*Jack*