

# MISSISSIPPI STREET ROD ASSOCIATION

## NEWSLETTER

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### **BITS & PIECES**

I have a supply of entry blanks for the NATS at Knoxville, Tennessee April 30 thru May 2. Let me know if you need one.....**NOTE!!!** Newsletter editors note that the March 6 event in Brookhaven shown in our last month's newsletter **has been cancelled**. Please remove it from your schedule. Also, the date for the Tupelo rod run has been **changed to October 15-17**. Please change this on your schedule also. And, the May 1-2 event by Big River Classics in Jackson is being changed to May 22. The location is still in Jackson, and the exact location will be announced soon. Please update your schedules for all three of these.....The NSRA Appreciation Day has been set for Saturday, July 3. It will **not** be in Meridian as stated at the planning meeting, but will be held in Brookhaven at the Exchange Club Park pavillion. A hamburger cookout is planned, clubs are asked to sponsor and put on a game, and T-Tommy will provide dash plaques. It will be a day full of free, fun, street rod activities, so plan now to attend. More details will be coming as they are provided.....We send our condolences to the family of club member Don Wade on the death of his mother a couple of weeks ago.....

### **STATEWIDE STREET ROD PLANNING MEETING**

Approximately fifty folks gathered in Jackson last month for the annual streetrod planning meeting. Ten clubs sent representatives. Our new regional NSRA rep. Will Drake attended, driving all the way from his South Carolina home. Also on hand were Jimbo Perkins, editor of Gulf Coast Motorsports magazine, and Gene Oswalt, Executive Director of Cruising the Coast. At the meeting, NSRA state rep. Chicken Willie Smith announced the 1998 Mississippi street rodder of the year award as going to Charlie Manning from Nesbit, Mississippi. Charlie is a great person and an avid street rodder; and in my opinion, he was an excellent choice. The turnout at the meeting was one of the best we've had. Got to see many old friends and meet a few new ones.

### **WE'VE BEEN ASKED TO RELAY THIS MESSAGE**

Dear Fellow Street Rodders

Thank you for the nomination and selection of me as Mississippi's Street Rodder of the Year. It is an honor to be chosen as a representative for the sport of Street Rodding. The jacket and shirt that I received will be worn with pride to rod runs and NSRA events. The plaque will be a long-term remembrance of my street rod friends. Thanks again! Happy Street Rodding!

Sincerely, Charlie Manning

### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS** **1999**

- FEB 13 Dixie National Rodeo Parade- Jackson followed by cruise to Brookhaven to tour GM plant there
- FEB 19-21 Calcasieu Street Rods 16th Annual Run. Holiday Inn. Sulphur, La pre-'75
- MAR 12-14 Mardi Gras Street Rods Parade of Rods. Quality Inn. Houma, La. pre-'49

- MAR 14 Night Cruisers top 100 car show. Chelsey's Harvey, La  
 MAR 19-21 Southern Crusin' Nationals at Boomtown Casino New Orleans, La.  
 MAR 26-28 Spindletop Rod Run Beaumont, Texas  
 MAR 27 Singing River Cruise-In Ramada Inn Ocean Springs, MS
- APR 2-4 Rollin Rods of East Texas 24th run Kilgore, Texas  
 APR 3 Vicksburg Cruisers Dogwood Run to Coles Creek Park  
 APR 9-11 Bunny Run #7 Jackson, Tennessee  
 APR 10 Strawberry Classic Car Show Slidell, La  
 APR 16-18 Camelia City Car Show Slidell, Louisiana  
 APR 17-18 Super Chevy Show- Memphis Motorsports Park Memphis, Tennessee  
 APR 16-18 Sunny Beaches Rod Run Rod Tiques in Pensacola, Florida  
 APR 17 Riverfest Car Show Vicksburg Ms.  
 APR 18 3rd Annual Conge' car show Grand Coteau, La  
 APR 23-25 17th Dixie Rodders Run McComb, MS pre-'49  
 APRIL 30-  
 MAY 2 25th NSRA Nats South, Chilhowee Park, Knoxville, Tenn.
- MAY 14-16 16th NSRA Mid-America Nats. Fairgrounds Springfield, Missouri  
 MAY 14-16 Spring Fling Covington, Louisiana  
 MAY 22 Big River Classics car show Jackson, Mississippi  
 MAY 21-23 Moonlighters Rod Run Minden, Louisiana  
 MAY 28-30 Wheels of the Past car show and swap meet Livingston, La
- JUNE 5 Broiler Festival car show Forest, Ms.  
 JUNE 11-13 Hot Rod Nationals Indianapolis Raceway Park, Indianapolis, Indiana  
 JUNE 18-20 Dixie Run 21 Holiday Inn Southwest Jackson, Mississippi
- JULY 3 NSRA Appreciation Day Exchange club park Brookhaven, Ms.  
 JULY 9-11 16th NSRA Southwest Nats Fairgrounds Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
 JULY 9-11 Goodguys Nationals Fairgrounds Columbus, Ohio  
 JULY 17 Blast in the Bay Southern Who SRA Bay St. Louis, Ms  
 JULY 22-24 Catfish Run Sardis Lake, Mississippi
- AUGUST 5-8 30th NSRA Nationals Fairgrounds Louisville, Kentucky
- SEPT 3-5 Ramblin Oldies Labor Day rod run Baton Rouge, La.  
 SEPT 4 Vicksburg Cruisers Outlet Mall car show Vicksburg, Ms  
 SEPT 17-19 Shelby County Street Rods rod run Memphis, Tennessee  
 SEPT 17-19 Hot Rod Power Tour Memphis Motorsports Park Memphis, Tennessee  
 SEPT 25 Rock-N-Roll Revival Queen City Rods & Classics, Highland Park, Meridian, MS  
 SEPT 26 Dave Derrick's Backyard Shindig Vicksburg, Ms.
- OCT 1-3 Arkansas SRA rod run Lake DeGray, Arkansas  
 OCT 2-3 Goodguys Lone Star Nationals, Texas Motor Speedway, Fort Worth, Texas  
 OCT 7-10 Cruisin' the Coast '99 Mississippi Gulf Coast  
 OCT 15-17 12th NSRA Southeast Nats fairgrounds Tampa, Florida  
 OCT 15-17 Halloween Fun Run Street Rods LTD Tupelo, Mississippi  
 OCT 31 Fat Boys Fall Fling Grand Gulf Park Port Gibson, Ms. by Vicksburg Cruisers
- NOV 5-7 Klassy Kruzers Fun Run 99, Crossett, Arkansas  
 NOV 12-14 Ole Brook Cruisers Rod Run. Best Western Motel. Brookhaven, Mississippi  
 NOV 20 5th Annual Santa Cruise Singing River Street Rods Biloxi, Ms.  
 NOV 26-28 Turkey Run West Fla. Street Rods. Pensacola, Florida

DEC 12 Sherrif-U-Care Toy Run Gulf Coast

### TUESDAY EATIN' MEETIN' DATES

FEB 9 Mazzio's Pizza at Crossgates  
FEB 16 Sonny's BBQ on 80 West in Jackson  
FEB 23 Penn's Restaurant on Lakeland Drive--Club meeting  
MAR 2 Xan's Diner in Clinton  
MAR 9 Jerry's Fish House in Florence

### WHAT ELSE'S BEEN GOING ON

The Round Ones, Howells, Creels and Wayne Thomas attended the Southern Who's winter rod run at Diamondhead.....Several of us are planning to go to Cruisin' the Coast in October. If you want to stay at the same place as the rest of us, here is the scoop. Call the Ramada Ltd at 1-800-272-6232 for reservations. Several of the Crossett bunch is staying there also. I hear already entries have exceeded 400 and close to 3500 are expected by show time. Entertainment is being booked and will be announced soon.....Stopped by Don Wade's place to look at the progress on his '40 Delivery. The engine is in and spinning over. Add a manifold, carb and radiator and it will be motivating around.....Bennie Boggs has the engine and driveline installed in his '34 coupe project. I'll try to stop by for a first-hand look at that one before next month's newsletter.....Wayne Thomas has reworked all the brakes on his '34.....Mike Chambless wants to sell his Chevy pickup.....Daniel says his Dad has acquired a Willys (I think it's some sort of jeep) and plans to street rod it.....Our '38 is just about ready for the upholstery shop. The Ford is gone and I'm trying to clean up the shop so I can move the Dodge pickup inside.

### JOIN US FEBRUARY 13

Our first event on the local scene will take place next Saturday, February 13. We'll ride in the Dixie National Rodeo parade and then cruise to Brookhaven for a tour of the GM plant. The parade starts at 9 a.m. Lineup is on Jefferson street in front of the state fairgrounds. Be there no later than 8:30 as the parade will roll out at 9. We start in position 12B. After the parade, we'll regroup at the service station on Interstate 55 south, Exit 88, for coffee, snacks and a pit stop. If you don't make the parade, but still want to join the rest of the day's activities, meet us there. The caravan rolls out at 10:15 headed south down I 55 for Brookhaven. A room has been reserved at the Sizzler steak house in Brookhaven for lunch. After lunch, we'll group up again and go to the GM plant in Brookhaven for a special guided tour. If you've never seen one of these plants in operation, you will find it interesting. ( Plant tour guides request that you do NOT wear sandals or tennis shoes during the tour.) Might drop a Chevrolet on your foot I guess. So there's another full day of street rod fun to enjoy. Come ride with us.

### NEXT CLUB MEETING

Tuesday night February 23 at Penn's Restaurant on Lakeland Drive just off I 55N on the right. Several important items will be on the agenda, so plan to be there.

### LATE BREAKING NEWS

During Christmas, Chicken Wille Smith was shopping in the Brookhaven Mall. Outside a store he noticed a little boy standing off to one side with a \$20 bill in each hand. Later, when he came out of the store, Chicken noticed the little boy standing there crying softly, with only one \$20 bill left. *Help, help* the kid whimpered, his voice barely above a whisper. *Somebody took my \$20.* "Kid, is that as loud as you can holler?", asked Chicken. "Yessir" came the timid, barely audible reply. So Chcken took his other \$20 bill.

Til Next Time  
Drive Carefully

