

# MISSISSIPPI STREET ROD ASSOCIATION

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### **BITS & PIECES**

We had a good time down in McComb at their rod run the last of April. Missed getting the club participation trophy by **one car**. The run out to Pike County Speedway Saturday night was a hoot as usual. Half Round hid out in the pits and sneaked in to get in the middle of Wayne and I while we were setting up our annual duel in the dirt. It was a good run with a record number of rods on hand. They parked rods in places we've never seen them parked before. All the fun was tempered by the word Saturday of the death of Rocky Deaton on the coast. Then Sunday morning we learned of the fire that destroyed Greg Murphy's home in Crossett. Greg left to go back to Arkansas and did not get to see the outpouring of generosity of the rodders in McComb. Almost \$4000 was collected for him. In the awards department, Sammie won favorite sedan, then had to haul it home on a trailer when one of the coilover shocks collapsed. It's still out of action as I write this. Sandy won the ladies raffle, Jimmy and Roundman won tools and the rest of us won sponsor trophies..... The Dixie rodders gave \$250 to the Bo Laird scholarship fund which will go to some street rodder's college student this fall.....The next weekend everybody in Jackson except me went to Knoxville. Congratulations to the Zabaldano young-un' for winning the under 21 award.....Then the next weekend the Classic Chevy club held their show at the Agricultural Museum out on Lakeland Drive. They had close to 80 cars of all kinds with 15 or so street rods present. I had both grandsons with me and we had a ball keeping those two in check. The entire Southern Papparazzi was on hand and all three of us won top 20 awards. Half Round's '32 coupe also won a top 20 plaque. What a nice place to have a car show. The museum gave you plenty to see and do during the day.....The next weekend we were scheduled to go to Covington, had even sent an entry in, but just could not make it. Spent the weekend working on rod run stuff and helping get the club motor trailer to the Miss. Delta Street rodders. They will be using our trailer to display an engine and transmission they are selling chances on. All proceeds will go to Memphis area street rodder Royce Wiley to aid in his bout with cancer. Buy some chances and help out this worthy cause. I think they plan to give the engine away at the Shelby County rod run in Memphis in September.....We understand that if you are planning to go to the Moonlighter's run in Minden, Louisiana next weekend, you'd best be sure your motel room is confirmed. Apparently the President is speaking at graduation ceremonies at nearby Grambling University and rooms are booked for miles around.....The first weekend of June has three events scheduled the same day. But they are close enough together that if you were real serious and energetic, you could make all three or maybe two of them in the same day. But since I'm no longer serious nor energetic, I'll probably see y'all at Tylertown if I can find some shade.

### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS 1999**

MAY 21-23 Moonlighters Rod Run Minden, Louisiana  
MAY 28-30 Wheels of the Past car show and swap meet Livingston, La  
MAY 29 MSRA shop tour cruise and club meeting

JUNE 5 Walthall Co. Dairy Festival car show. Downtown Tylertown, Ms.  
JUNE 5 Broiler Festival car show Forest, Ms.  
JUNE 5 GM Delphi-Packard car show at GM plant in Brookhaven, 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 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

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 23 Calico Mall Car Show Hattiesburg, Mississippi  
OCT 30 Vicksburg Cruisers car show. Outlet Mall in Vicksburg  
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 6 Whistle Stop Car & Bike Extravaganza Bay St. Louis, Mississippi  
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**

MAY 18 Penn's Restaurant on Lakeland Drive  
MAY 25 Xan's in Clinton  
JUNE 1 Jerry's in Florence  
JUNE 8 Sonny's BBQ West in Jackson

#### **DIXIE RUN UPDATE**

Nine states are represented by entries so far for Dixie Run 21. Those of you who have not pre-registered yet, time is running out. Your odds of winning that fine Frames-N-Thangs '34 Ford frame are good. And that \$300 gift certificate from Superior powder coating will allow the winner to get most anything they have powder coated to look really nice. Don't forget to get your five door prizes. If you haven't picked your trophies yet, there is still time. I've just started working on my trophies, so you'd better start getting ready for that also. It's just a month away, so get busy. Above all, try to have some fun doing it. We all may get together to work on trophies one night, so come to the Tuesday night cruises to keep up with late breaking plans for this project.

### NEXT CLUB MEETING

Big doins' are planned for next meeting. **Saturday, May 29** is the date and cruising will be the event. Here's how it goes. Take the Flowood exit off I20. Meet at the Flying J truck stop on highway 80. That's across from Hall's wrecker service near the Sizzler Steak House. We'll gather about 1:30 with a departure time of 2 p.m. We'll cruise down highway 49 to Florence and go out through the country to Bennie and Mary Bogg's house. There we'll check out his new '34 coupe and his turbo ceiling fan etc. And Wayne will probably go off down the hill and check out Lee's Pinto race car. After this visit we'll all load up again and head through the back roads to Byram to my house. Here we'll check out my growing fleet of go-karts and help me set the cab of my Dodge pickup off the frame so I can work on it. After a few more refreshments, we'll again load up and go through the back roads down to Raymond to John and Shirley Trammel's palacial estate and see his new lift. After we all take turns raising our cars on his new lift, we'll have a short club meeting. Then it's time to load up again and head to downtown Raymond to break in the brand new Sonic Drive-In on highway 18 for supper. After this we might head back to Jackson for some ice cream or something else if someone has any other ideas of where to go. So gas up your street rod and join us for this afternoon and evening of street rod cruisin' and fun. The more of us that come, the more fun we'll have, so please come join us that Saturday.

### LATE BREAKING NEWS

The Howells spent the weekend with the Flying Fisackerlys in Starkville. Sammie said they had to drive all the way to Louisville to eat because none of the local restaurants let Sherrie in any more.

Chicken Willie decided he'd had enough of retirement and decided to look for a job. The guy at the employment office told him " You're in luck, I just got this job order from the zoo. All you have to do is dress in a gorilla suit all day." (the real gorilla had just died) Chicken took the job and proceeded to entertain the crowd by swinging all over the cage. On one of the swings, the rope broke, and he fell into the adjoining lion's cage. Chicken started screaming at the lion NO, NO. stop let me out. Then the guy in the lion suit whispered "Shut up, you want to get us both fired?"

Til Next Time  
Drive Carefully

*Jack*

P.S. Some of you remember the Peterson's from Arizona who broke down last summer in Jackson. Several of us helped them get their rod repaired and on the road again. They called Paul Acey last week and told them they's be coming through Jackson again next Saturday. They want to eat catfish at Jerry's Saturday night. Paul has reserved a place there. If you want to join them for a visit Saturday night at Jerry's, come on. Not sure just what time he has it set up, so if you're interested, call him.