

# MISSISSIPPI STREET ROD ASSOCIATION

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### BITS & PIECES

Great news from our ol' street rod buddy in Pensacola, Jerry Mowery. The surgery went well, no more cancer was found, and even no more treatments will be necessary. That is indeed wonderful news. He was home from the hospital in three days and is already talking about going to Houma.....In response to my request for help naming this newsletter, I got a nice long letter from Richard Gaston up in Coldwater. He sent a couple of suggestions along with a 1991 copy of the old "Rod Runner" newsletter from the East Miss. Street Rod Club that once was active in the Starkville area. This old newsletter brought back a lot of memories with some names of folks I've not heard from in years-Walter Shuffield, Jim Beattie, Curtis Johnson and Parish Sibley just to name a few. At one time this club had 74 street rods either running (41) or under construction (33). That was an amazing fact for a very active club that doesn't even exist any more. In 1991 they won the club participation award at our Dixie Run with 22 rods. Joyce Gaston writes requesting our prayers for her sister, Peggy Martin, who is having a serious bout with cancer. Peggy would appreciate cards and mail from all of us. Drop her a word of encouragement at 304 Lafayette Street in Senatobia, 38668.....NOTE: The location of the McComb rod run has changed. There was apparently a problem coming to terms with the current motel, Days Inn, on room availability, so the Dixie Rods moved the rod run across the highway to the Ramada Inn where they could use all the rooms. If you already had reservations at the Days Inn, you probably will be OK at the new location, since the room reservation list from there has been transferred to the new Ramada location. I called to check mine and they were OK. They gave me a new confirmation number and we were set to go. But if you want to check and be sure, and reconfirm your room reservations, call the Ramada at 684-6211. And don't forget to cancel at the old motel 684-5566. I sympathize with Lonnie and the Dixie Rodders bunch with this problem. Putting on a good rod run is difficult enough, but having to deal with motel problems is usually a pain. I've stayed at that Ramada before and there's a lot more room over there, so the rod run in McComb should go right on without a hitch. I see no reason why MSRA can't win the club participation award **again** this year!! We'll see ya'll there.....Got a letter from Jerry Thomas, living now in Honolulu, Hawaii. Sent us some pictures from a car show they'd been to there. He says they have few trucks and sedans at these shows, but he went with his '72 Mustang. Even sent his dues to keep his membership active. Now there's dedication to MSRA. So now we can say we have world-wide membership.....We understand that Sam Perkins wife, Rosemary, is going to Houston for a complicated heart operation. Keep Miss Rosemary in your thought and prayers.

### GARAGE SCENE

If you want to purchase a nice '40 Ford pickup, call Monti Doyle at 504/809-0373, This is the last '40 pickup that Joe built, and it probably was his finest one. Monti has decided to sell it. If you want a nice looking, nice driving pickup, capable of going anywhere, call her and talk.....Speaking of trucks, MSRA seems to have gone crazy suddenly building a bunch of them. Now I've been working on that old '46 Dodge for a while and Don Wade has been working on his truck ('41 Chevy sedan delivery) for a while. But this is new stuff I'm talking about. The Round one is thrashing on a '48 Chevy suburban, Vic is collecting parts for his '48

Chevy stretch cab pickup. John has a '48 Chevy cabover soon to be a car hauler in progress. Hugh Boykin has a '48 Chevy panel truck under construction. Now I hear that Jimmy Estep has just gotten a '34 Ford he plans to turn in to a hauler. By the way, he needs a grille shell for it.....The Round one was driving a '46 Ford coupe which Half-Round has just purchased from Randy Creel. He's already torn down the front end and replaced ball joints and tie rod ends, but he's riding again and that's the main thing I guess.....Sammie has the transmission out of his Chevy trying to stop a leak.....Bennie has his air conditioning hooked up in his coupe. Says its so cold inside he's going to have to add a heater so Mary won't freeze to death. Bennie's other son, Lee, is retiring from stock car racing and is planning a street rod. They are supposed to go check out a '46 Chevy pickup project soon. Let's see, I've lost count--does that make **eight** trucks under construction?

#### DIXIE NATIONAL PARADE

We had **22 cars** in line at parade time. A couple of them weren't **exactly** street rods but, hey, they asked if they could ride with us so we all agreed. The crowd was a little larger this year and they loved the street rods. Vic and T-Tommy entertained with their flame throwers. Vic used up most of his gasoline entertaining the crowd. One group of kids ran the entire length of the parade route cheering him on. We were several cars behind Vic and it was fun to listen to the folks discussing the show, wondering how in the world he did it. "That boy must have got him one of them napalm shooters from down at the war surplus store." "Naw, George that ain't it. He's got one of them little butane blowers off a hot-air balloon" I knew they wouldn't believe the spark plug hooked to a coil wire story so I just left them alone. While waiting for the parade to start we began to hunt for something to do **after** the parade. Jimmy had stopped by the Beidenhorn Candy Co. museum over in Vicksburg the day before and brought back a brochure. So it didn't take long for this bunch to jump on that idea. (Biedenhorn Candy Co. was the first place in the USA to bottle Coca Cola. Before Biedenhorn, coke had only been sold in soda fountains) So fifteen of us headed west after the parade. With Creel and Roundman leading, we really zoomed over there. We rolled into Ryan's steak house for lunch and everyone was in a good mood having fun. Even had to settle Jack Creel down when he started getting after the waitress. After lunch the whole bunch headed through downtown Vicksburg to the museum. Parked all the rods in a row on Washington street among the historic buildings. We spent the afternoon going through the museum and saw the equipment used to bottle the first coca cola, every piece of coke memorabilia ever made and a complete 1800 era soda fountain. Then we went to the antique hardware store across the street. Quite a bit of history there. They had stuff in there I hadn't seen for sale in a while. I think most everybody bought something. We managed to keep the ladies away from the antique stores in the next block. By mid afternoon someone mentioned the pickup under construction over in Earl Brewer's shop on the east side of Vicksburg. Yep, we all jumped in the rods and roared off to check it out, And it was worth the trip. Earl is building a '37 Chevrolet pickup. The cab has been stretched about a foot or so, a V6 installed, blue and silver paint applied thereto and it is just weeks away from riding. He was busy wiring the truck, and was shocked to see his shop suddenly fill up with curious street rodders giving his new ride the once-over. It is one beautiful machine that shows some really fine detail and workmanship. Check out the wood in the bed when you see it. Really unique treatment. By now we'd all had our fill of fun, so everyone began to drift out to head back home. Another fine day of fun with our cars, huh?

## 2000 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- MAR 17-19 Parade of Rods Houma, Louisiana. pre-'49 . Jed @ 504/532-2777  
 MAR 17-19 Singing River Rod Run, Biloxi Beach Inn, Biloxi, Ms. pre-'69. Don 228/392-7577  
 MAR 24-26 Southern Nats, Boomtown Casino, Harvey, Louisiana. Tank @ 504/347-3092  
 MAR 25 Camaro Club open car show Smith Wills Stadium, Jackson, MS. Mark @932-1406  
 MAR 25 Rock & Roar Fest classic car show SLU campus Hammond, La @504/549-2150

MAR 31-Apr 2 Rollin' Rods of East Texas. Kilgore City Park. pre '61 Larry @ 903/759-7519

- APR 7-9 Sunny Beaches Rod Run, Pensacola, Florida. pre-'49 Alice @ 850/478-0066  
 APR 7-9 Bunny Run. Fairgrounds Jackson, Tennessee  
 APR 7-9 Super Chevy Show Memphis Motorsports Park Memphis, Tennessee  
 APR 9 Conge 2000 Car Show Grand Coteau, LA Jeannine @ 318-896-6871  
 APR 14-16 27th Super Rod Run Shreveport, Louisiana. pre-'73 John @ 318/949-9117  
 APR 15-16 Camelia City Rod Run & Car Show, Slidell Park, LA. Bobby @ 504/643-4224  
 APR 22 12th Community Motors Car Show Hammond, La. 504/643-4224  
 APR 28-30 18th Dixie Street Rods McComb, Ms Lonnie @ 601/783-5202

- MAY 5-7 NSRA South Nats, Chilhowee Park, Knoxville, Tennessee 303/776-5771  
 MAY 6 Camaro Club Super Cruise. Bumpers Drive-In in Pearl Mark @ 932/1406  
 MAY 13 Big River Classics open show. Ag Museum grounds-Jackson, MS Art@372-2032  
 MAY 13 Klassy Chassis car show. Packard plant in Brookhaven, MS 835-1644  
 MAY 19-21 Spring Fling, Holiday Inn, Covington, Louisiana. pre-'69 Al @ 504/624-9832  
 MAY 19-21 Fun Fest open show Pigott, Arkansas  
 MAY 27 George Co. Humane Society Car show Lucedale, MS 601/947-7327

- JUN 2-4 Muscle Shoals Rod Run, Spring Park, Tuscumbia, AL 256/974-1116  
 JUN 2-4 18th Moonlighters Rod Run Minden, La. Curtis @ 318/377-4705  
 JUN 3 Walthall Co. Dairy Fair car show, Tylertown, MS Randy @ 601-684-2609  
 JUN 10 Blueberry Fest open car show. downtown Poplarville, MS. Barry @ 228/467-7621  
 JUN 16-18 Dixie Run 22, Holiday Inn, Jackson Mississippi. Jack @ 601/372-8050

- JULY 1 Miss. NSRA Appreciation Day. Exchange Club Park, Brookhaven. CW @833-4606  
 JULY 15 Blast in the Bay car show. Old Train Depot in Bay St Louis, MS. host:Southern Who  
 JULY 28-30 Catfish Run at Kyle State Park at Sardis, MS Red @ 662/563-8864

AUG 3-6 NSRA Nationals Louisville, Kentucky 901/452-4030

- SEPT 1-3 Ramblin Oldies rod run Baton Rouge, La Bobby @ 225/275-9868  
 SEPT 9 Camaro Club "Fairwell to Summer" Cruise Bumpers Drive-In, Pearl, MS 932-1406  
 SEPT 22-23 Delta Cruisers car show. Leflore Park Greenwood MS Wayne @ 662/254-9135  
 SEPT 30 Queen City Rods & Customs, Highland Park, Meridian, MS Buddy @601/484-9713

- OCT 1 Louisiana NSRA Appreciation Day City Park, New Orleans. Larry @225/665-6961  
 OCT 5-8 Cruisin the Coast Mississippi Gulf Coast 1-888-808-1188  
 OCT 13-15 NSRA Southeast Nats Fairgrounds, Tampa FL Jerry @303/776-7841  
 OCT 21 "Cruzin for Kids" UMC Hospital Benefit car show. Jackson, MS Kim @601/922-9140  
 OCT 27-28 Bare Bones car show. Vicksburg outlet mall Dave @ 638-7717  
 OCT 29 Fat Boys Fall Fling Grand Gulf Military Park in Port Gibson Dave @ 638-7717  
 OCT 27-29 12th Halloween Fun Run by Street Rods Ltd., Tupelo, MS Mike @ 601/489-1498

- NOV 3-4 Klassy Kruzers Fun Run. Crossett, Arkansas pre-'66 Joyce @ 501/364-6662  
 NOV 10-12 Ole Brook Cruisers rod run, Brookhaven, MS. Tommy @601/833-8620  
 NOV 24-26 Turkey Rod Run Ramada Inn. Enterprise, Alabama Mike @ 334/347-1395

#### TUESDAY EATIN' MEETIN' DATES

Two weeks ago we were joined at Fernando's by a big bunch from the Vicksburg Cruisers. I won't try to name all the ones who came but they drove everything from a '31 Studebaker street rod to a new Prowler. We need to return the favor on one of their Friday night cruises.

- MARCH 7 Xan's diner in Clinton  
 MARCH 14 Sonny's BBQ in Brandon