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# Mississippi Street Rod Association

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## NEWSLETTER

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### **BITS AND PIECES**

First, some wonderful news from one of our own!! As many of you know, Paul and Peggy Acey's oldest son, Mike, has been in Pennsylvania waiting on a donor heart to become available for a much needed transplant. Fortunately, one came available and they did the surgery on Thursday. Everything went extremely well and by Friday Mike was doing great, so well in fact that they moved him out of CCU to a private room on Saturday. Having been thru heart surgery one time myself, I can tell you that such rapid improvement is remarkable. Paul called me so happy he couldn't even talk. So I had to talk (uh...make that.... listen) to Peggy and you can imagine how that went. Yada yada Yada. But we are **SO VERY** happy for this wonderful gift the Acey family has received at this special time of year.

With the new year just around the corner, there are a couple of events I wanted to mention. First, the annual statewide planning meeting will be held in Ridgeland on Saturday, January 9 at the same place as last year (formerly Western Sizzler) now Coolwater Grill and Catering on Lake Harbor Drive. Meeting starts at 10 a.m. with ALL car clubs invited to send a representative to promote your 2010 events.

Next, on the weekend of January 8-10, the annual Racing Vehicle/ World of Show & Go car show will be held at the Miss. Fairgrounds Trade Mart. This will be the premiere showcase of all our toys, where **every kind of fun vehicle imaginable** will be displayed, indoors, under one roof. I'm urging each club in Jackson to have a display of their cars and trucks. This event is well sponsored and covered by the media and serves not only as a great place to promote our hobby, but also has the potential to draw new blood into the local car scene. I've been a supporter of this show for a long, long time, having had go-karts, dune buggies, street rods, and race cars displayed ever since it was started and I can tell you, it is really a fun, rewarding experience if you love cars like I do. The drag race and dirt track bunch will be there in force with their competition cars, plus the go karts, mud racers, motorcycles, vintage racers, along with trucks, customs, classics and even a sizable display of model cars will be on display for us to look at. Bill Bissel, Frank Dulaney and the other promoters work so hard to make this a success for the car lovers in central Mississippi and I urge you all to support this really great event, to make it the biggest, most spectacular one ever. Set up day is Friday January 8 from 10 til 6 through the back door of the Trade Mart. Pre entry is \$24 which gives you two armbands giving you free entry all 3 days. Awards will be given on Sunday afternoon and the show concludes around 5. We are working to get a club display going for MSRA. If you want your car involved, let Jim or me know. Need at least 6 or 8 street rods. They do not have to be finished, Eric.

Looking ahead to March, it appears from all the early response, if we get good

weather, I predict Dixie Run 32 will have a ton of street rods. Requests for flyers have been received from Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana, and Illinois. And that's from folks who were not here last year but heard about the good time we had. Further planning for Dixie Rod Run will be done at our next club meeting.

Chicken has tentatively planned to have the 2010 NSRA Appreciation Day on February 13, in conjunction with our annual street rod ride in the Dixie National Rodeo Parade. Immediately after the parade, we'll all gather up and caravan our street rods over to Pelahatchie. The event will be held either at the park (pending completion of some construction there) or at the local Chevrolet dealer down the street. Details will be coming soon. MSRA and Mid-State rodders will probably be hosting.

#### WHAT'S BEEN GOING ON

Lots of Christmas related activities coming up this weekend and next. Details on all of them are listed later in the newsletter.

On Saturday November 14, Wayne T and I rode up to Madison to the MCCC cruise in with our street rods. I visited with some of the folks I'd not seen in a while, complained to Louis Waxler that his car needed rubbing on, then drove back to town to the Veteran's Hospital for the annual Veteran's Day cruise-in. Several of the others attending the MCCC cruise followed us down to the VA where we met a number of other cars who brought out their rides for the hospital patients to see. MSRA cars there were Jim Saville, Joe Laird, George Phillips, Wayne Thomas and me. The Yeates' 3 cars and several others joined us to make a group of about 20 cars. The hospital handled things a bit differently this year, allowing for more interaction between us and the patients. We could pick up a patient in the lobby in his wheelchair and wheel him all around outside in the parking lot looking at the cars. I got a nice old gentleman named Cecil who really seemed to enjoy looking at the cars. Wayne pulled his vet's wheelchair up beside Cecil and the old guy he was wheeling asked Cecil if he wanted to race. Cecil loved George's Packard and told me he used to work on one like it. Thanks to the generosity of all who brought their cars, and a donation from the Memory Lane Band, we were able to present VA with a check for \$300 to help in expenses of the patient therapy.

<b>2009 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS</b>	
<b>DEC 4</b>	Christmas Parade, Whitfield State Hospital 9 a.m. MSRA invited to participate
<b>DEC 5</b>	Christmas Parade Madison, MS 601-259-5248
<b>DEC 5</b>	Byram Christmas Parade 10 a.m. MSRA invited to participate
<b>DEC 13</b>	MSRA Christmas Party. Raymond Lake Lodge
<b>2010 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS</b>	
<b>JAN 9</b>	Statewide car club planning meeting Coolwater Restaurant on Lake Harbor Dr. in Ridgeland info: 601 937-1928
<b>JAN 9-10</b>	World of Show & Go / Race Car Extravaganza. Jackson Fairgrounds Trade Mart info: <a href="mailto:WSBissell@aol.com">WSBissell@aol.com</a>
<b>JAN 22-24</b>	World of Wheels, Superdome, New Orleans, LA 248-224-0133
<b>JAN 22-24</b>	Winter Rod Run, Diamondhead, MS pre '69 info 228-224-0133
<b>FEB 5-7</b>	32 <sup>ND</sup> Ramblin Oldies Rod Run. Pre'49 street rods Baton Rouge, LA info: <a href="mailto:Bobbyspann@aol.com">Bobbyspann@aol.com</a>
<b>FEB 13</b>	Dixie National Rodeo Parade MSRA invited to participate
<b>FEB 27</b>	Hot Rod Weekend Gulfport Dragway
<b>MAR 6</b>	Goin' to Town car show Brookhaven, MS 601-833-8620

<b>MAR 12-14</b>	32 <sup>nd</sup> Dixie Run Jackson (Flowood) pre-49 street rod run 601-937-1928
<b>MAR 20</b>	7 <sup>th</sup> annual Troop 98 Show & Shine car & truck show at Springridge UMC in Byram, MS info: 601-937-1928
<b>MAR 26-27</b>	11 <sup>th</sup> annual Big River Classics 55-57 Chevrolet show & shine Vicksburg, MS info 601 856-6607
<b>APR 9-10</b>	37 <sup>th</sup> Red River Rod Run Bossier City, La 318-470-5669
<b>APR 9-10</b>	Mustang & All Ford Show at Gray-Daniels Ford in Brandon. info: 601918-0388 or glenn@mcgowanwp.com
<b>APR 17</b>	Red Carpet Classic car show VCCC Vicksburg, Ms info: 601415-0421
<b>APR 17</b>	Ridgeland car, truck & motorcycle show. Holmes Community College campus in Ridgeland Info: 601-919-0291
<b>APR 16-18</b>	18 <sup>th</sup> Bunny Run Jackson, TN fairgrounds pre-'73 info:731-427-1677
<b>APR 24</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> annual Vehicle extravaganza, car, truck and motorcycle show @ Hillcrest Baptist Church 5950 Terry Rd in Byram info 601 372-0132
<b>APR 24</b>	Pinelake Christian School car show Brandon, MS info: 601 941-2600
<b>APR 19-22</b>	Redneck Power Tour 2010 info: Fuzzee 601-575-8218
<b>APR 29- MAY 2</b>	Blue Suede Cruise, Tupelo Ms. Info: bluesc.com
<b>MAY 1</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> annual Swinging Bridge Festival car show Byram, MS info: 601-373-3933
<b>MAY 8</b>	Hot Rod Saturday, Gulfport VA Hospital 228-596-0664
<b>MAY 8</b>	Show at the O at O'Reilley's auto parts in Clinton, MS 601 856-6607
<b>MAY 21-23</b>	Dixie Rodders 9 <sup>th</sup> annual car show Meridian, MS info: 601-938-3060
<b>MAY 21-23</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> annual Street Rodders Reunion at Best Western Hotel, Gulfport, MS pre-'49 street rods only Info: Jerry 228-326-7489 or Jimbo 228-596-0664
<b>MAY 29</b>	Shake Rattle & Roll car show, Ridgecrest Church, Madison, MS 601 260-9138
<b>JUL 17</b>	Nostalgia Drags Gulfport Dragway info 228-546-0664
<b>JUL 17</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> annual Cruise into Summer car, truck & motorcycle show at Old Rice Road Baptist Church Madison. MS info: 601 853-7500
<b>OCT 22-23</b>	Scarecrow Cruise & car show Madison, MS info 601-259-5248
<b>DEC 5</b>	Christmas Parade Madison, MS info: 601 573-5873

### **NEXT CLUB MEETING**

Next club meeting will be in the back room at the Shoney's restaurant in Pearl on Thursday December 10. We eat at 6 with the club meeting to follow. The new location proved to be a good one, with a food buffet that had some really great ribs, huh Eric?, and we had the largest crowd we've had all year. Fred Lytle presented his club membership and it is great to have Fred and his yellow '37 Chevy sedan on board with MSRA. Also, John and Laurie Pepper attended our club meeting for their first time and told us about their recently completed yellow 23 T roadster. It was so good to have the big crowd, new members joining, and new potential members with new cars. 2010 promises to be a big year for MSRA

### **WHAT'S NEXT?**

Looking ahead to this first week of December, mark your calendar for **two** straight days of Christmas parades that MSRA has been invited to ride in. On Friday, December 4, we have been invited to ride in the annual Christmas parade at the state hospital in Whitfield. Parade lineup begins at 9 with the parade at 10. Enter the hospital grounds off the airport road exit and go to building 84 or 201 to line up. OK to throw candy. All street rods are invited to ride with MSRA

The next day, on Saturday Dec. 5, we'll be riding in the Byram Christmas parade. Lineup begins at 8:30 with the parade at 10. Line up same place as last year, on Byram Parkway. From the interstate, take the Byram exit 85, and go one block west to Terry Road. Turn left on Terry Road and drive south 8 tenths of a mile to Byram Parkway on the right. We'll be lined up on Byram Parkway, somewhere near the Courthouse Athletic Club. Our entry number is 32 through 40, which is right behind a church float and just in front of the Shriners. OK to throw candy here too. Unlike last year, the parade route will go back down Terry road and end exactly where it begins. **Entry fee is two new unwrapped toys, one for a boy and one for a girl, which will be given to the Blair E. Batson Hospital for Children.** Since the kids at the hospital are mostly quite young, a stuffed animal would be very suitable. Like last year, toys will be collected at the parade lineup. In the event of rain, the parade will be held at 2 p.m. on Sunday afternoon. Y'all are ALL invited to come ride with us in the Byram parade, even if you street rod is broke down.

The MSRA club Christmas party will be held at the Raymond Lake Lodge on Sunday afternoon, December 13. We'll plan to eat about 1 so that our out of town guests can get there. The club will provide the meat main course and you should bring your favorite side dishes, desserts and drinks. There will be a "yankee gift swap" and some other surprises. If you have any "special" awards for any deserving club members, this will be your chance to "give it to 'em". We've invited a number of our old time club members as well as some of our good street rod friends from around the area. Our favorite magician, Robert Day, will be there to entertain us also. Please plan to bring the whole family for an afternoon of Christmas fun.

*And a couple of parting thoughts:*

**BE WHO YOU ARE.....AND SAY WHAT YOU FEEL  
BECAUSE THOSE THAT MATTER.....DON'T MIND  
AND THOSE THAT MIND.....DON'T MATTER**

Y'all have a safe and Merry Christmas from me and Zero out here on this hill at Twin Pines Garage. We're looking forward to next year to debut our new 32 roadster and having some fun with the top down. But for right now, our hope is this.....may the true meaning of this wonderful season somehow filter down to each of you through all the other hectic things that go on this time of year. May God Bless each of you...and God Bless America.

Till next time, drive carefully

*Jack*