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## **Mississippi Street Rod Association**

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### **NEWSLETTER**

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#### A PERSONAL NOTE

OK, we're having a pop quiz, multiple choice

**Question:** Why have I not gotten an MSRA newsletter in two months?

- Answers**
- A. Editor was diagnosed with serious illness.
  - B. Editor's computer power supply blew up causing length repair time.
  - C. Editor began series of chemotherapy treatments
  - D. Editor was in hospital with FOUR kidney stones
  - E. All of the above.

The correct answer is E, all of the above.

So, needless to say, the newsletter has not been at the top of my list of things to take care of. The cancer and the chemo were enough to deal with right now, but when those four kidney stones hit, it was just about all that this old guy could take. I've learned all about Myelodysplastic Syndrome, bone marrow biopsy, white counts, red counts, platelets, narcotic hallucinations, needle sizes and gauges, and the drastic debilitating effects chemo drugs can have. I've had times I was too tired to even move. I had thought about writing a long detailed description about my adventures in poor health over the past months, but after thinking about it, it would probably serve no useful purpose, so I'll just let it go with a sincere thanks to those of you who have sent your prayers and well wishes my way. And I must let you know that two of our other club members, Gary Adams and Jack Creel, are going down this same road right now with similar situations. I do so sincerely appreciate the friendship of my inner circle of street rod friends and the bigger circle of "car buddies" I've developed over my 40 years playing with old cars. With the help of some good doctors and an arduous road of treatments, I'm going to do my best to beat this thing. I've still got a lot of hot rod ridin' to do. But if you miss me somewhere that I usually show up, you'll understand I'm just too pooped to be there

#### **BITS & PIECES**

An annual area All-Ford show is changing formats this year. The all-Ford event, usually held at Gray- Daniels Ford in Brandon is getting a new name and a new identity. The name is changing to the Mississippi Stampede car and truck show. This year's event will be held April 6 and 7 and will be open to ALL models of

cars and trucks. Living Legends Mustang club will be joining forces with Rankin County Hotrods and OTRacing to produce a major show to benefit Blair Batson Hospital. The event kicks off Friday evening with a cruise-in at Gray Daniels Ford from 6 til 10. n Saturday the show begins at 10 a.m. and winds up around 4

The Red Hills Festival car show will be held in Louisville on Saturday, May 26, in the parking lot of the First Baptist Church. In addition o the car show, the town festival will host a carnival, 5K run, and live entertainment, so drive on up hiway 25 and enjoy the day.

Numerous other new events have been added to the calendar so check it out closely. So as the weather breaks, get those cars out and DRIVE them.

## WHAT'S BEEN GOING ON

The statewide car club planning meeting was held January 14. A sizeable calendar was prepared, but surprisingly the number of events in 2012 seems to have decreased a bit from last year. Participation numbers at the meeting was down slightly over last year, but a lively crowd enjoyed each other's company .

The governor's inauguration parade was rained out for the second time, and has finally been cancelled.

The Roberson's, the Laird's and the Phillips drove their street rods in the rain to the Ramblin Oldies run in Baton Rouge, La. They stopped by to visit with me on their way out of town. Gene came off a big time winner there, winning a coveted top ten award, then winning the grand prize of \$500.

The next weekend, MSRA participated in the Dixie National Rodeo Parade. Chicken came by to get me in his 'red '40 Ford so I could at least half-way participate in something for a change. It was a very cold day, and I can't go without mentioning the two die-hard rodders who showed up in topless cars. Eric in his new 37 and the Summerlins in their T bucket were bound to be freezing, yet participated with the 15 or so other MSRA rods in this annual outing. By the way, y'all, our efforts were rewarded as MSRA received the "best restored vehicles" award from the Rodeo committee. After the parade, we all rode down to John Bolden's shops to see his new '34 Chevy sedan. The we all rode back to Byram ot enjoy a BBQ lunch at the Tin Shed. Next, we rode over to Bill Echols shop in Richland to check out his current projects, a pro street pickup and a '52 Pontiac station wagon. After that we wound up the day with a visit to Eric's shop to see his new blue '37 Ford convertible he just brought home from Georgia.

The first Saturday in March, fifteen MSRA rods and some friends from the Tri five classic Chevy club met at Byram and rode down to Brookhaven to the Ole Brook Cruises annual show. They were joined along the way by a contingent from the Vicksburg cruisers, so the train of over 25 rods and classics must have looked good along the interstate. I understand they had 102 cars and experienced every possible range of weather conditions during the day. Again, the Summerlins and Peppers braved the weather in their T buckets. Way to go gang. And once again MSRA stood out, winning the coveted club participation trophy we'd been trying to get for years. I personally appreciate so much all you guys stepping up and going to these shows. I can't' be there with you often right

now to perform my roll as “cheerleader” and it gives me MUCH personal pleasure to see ya’ll turn out in big numbers to help support these area car shows.

<b>2012 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS</b>	
<b>FEB 3-5</b>	34th R.O.D.S. Holiday Inn S, Baton Rouge, La info: <a href="http://www.streetrods.org">www.streetrods.org</a>
<b>FEB 11</b>	Dixie National Rodeo Parade ride, eat, & shop tour 601 372-8050
<b>MAR 3</b>	Goin’ to Town car show Brookhaven, MS info: 601 833-8620
<b>MAR 10</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> annual Circle D Tire open car show Poplarville, MS info: 601 799-1932
<b>MAR 10</b>	Ms Gulf Coast Day at Charlie’s, Waveland MS info: 228 255-3761
<b>MAR 17</b>	9 <sup>th</sup> Annual Scout Troop 98 Show & Shine at Springridge UMC in Byram, MS info 601 937-1928
<b>MAR 17</b>	Rats & Tats hot rod show Gulfport Dragway info: <a href="http://www.RATSandTATS.com">www.RATSandTATS.com</a>
<b>MAR 16-18</b>	Singing River Rod Run Biloxi, MS info 228 209-7101
<b>MAR 23-25</b>	34 <sup>th</sup> Dixie Run Pearl, MS pre-’49 street rods only Trustmark Park/Holiday Inn
<b>MAR 24</b>	Pine Hill Festival car show Wiggins, MS info: 601-528-1172
<b>MAR 31</b>	Pisgah Elem. School car show
<b>MAR 30- APR 1</b>	Catfish Run, Sardis, MS Ms Delta Street Rods pre ’49 street rods only info: 662-429-7265
<b>MAR 30- APR 1</b>	Mardi Gras Street Rods, pre -49 Houma,LA
<b>MAR 31</b>	Bug Jam Gulfport Dragway info: 228 596-0664
<b>MAR 31</b>	Gnat Nationals,OLG Community Center Bay St. Louis, MS info:228-216-1259
<b>APR 1-3</b>	Redneck Cruise Meridian to Alabama info:Fuzzee
<b>APR 7</b>	Sardis Spring fest info 662-429-7265
<b>APR 7</b>	Mississippi Stampede Car & Truck show at Gray-Daniels Auto complex in Brandon, MS info: <a href="mailto:livinglegendsmustangclub@gmail.com">livinglegendsmustangclub@gmail.com</a>
<b>APR 13-15</b>	Super Chevy Series Memphis Intl. Raceway, Memphis,TN <a href="http://www.superchevyshow.com">www.superchevyshow.com</a>
<b>APR 14</b>	Benefit car show Bethesda Church Terry, MS
<b>APR 14</b>	Show at the O. by Big River Classics at O’Reilly’s store in Clinton
<b>APR 20-22</b>	40 <sup>th</sup> Sunny Beaches Rod Run, Pensacola, Florida info: 850-939-3131
<b>APR 21</b>	Rumblin’ In Ridgeland car show by MCC at Holmes Community college campus in Ridgeland info: 601-919-0291
<b>APR 21</b>	Camelia City Rod Run Slidell, La
<b>APR 21</b>	Old Time Festival car show Dixie UMC in Hattiesburg, MS
<b>APR 26-29</b>	100 <sup>th</sup> annual Coonass-Redneck Nats Hammond La. Randy @601 684-2609
<b>APR 28</b>	Red Carpet Classic car show. Blackburn Motor Co. Vicksburg, MS
<b>APR 28</b>	Founder’s Day car show Wesson, MS info:601 981-2915
<b>MAY 3-6</b>	Blue Suede Cruise Tupelo, MS info Bluesc.com
<b>MAY 5</b>	Swinging Bridge Festival car show Byram, MS
<b>MAY 5</b>	Lake Fest car & truck show Lake, MS by Kountry Cruisers 601 562 3930
<b>MAY 12</b>	Crooked Creek Car Fest at Muscadine Park in Pelahatchie, MS
<b>MAY 12</b>	Hot rod Saturday Biloxi VA hospital grounds
<b>MAY 18-20</b>	Dixie Rodders Run Meridian, MS info: 601 917 7272
<b>MAY 19</b>	9th annual car, truck & motorcycle show Boyle,MS 662-719-0067

<b>MAY 19</b>	Club 66 car show Carthage, MS UMC info: 601 416-6784
<b>MAY 26</b>	Red Hills Festival Car show, Louisville, Ms info: 62-773-3921
<b>JUN 2</b>	Walthall Co. Dairy Festival car show info: Randy @ 601 684-2609
<b>JUN 9</b>	Blueberry Festival car show Poplarville, MS info:601 799-1932
<b>JUN 16</b>	Annual Harvest car show 4619 Hanging Moss, Jackson 601-720-0136
<b>JUN 23</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Annual VA cruise Jackson VA to Kosciusko VA info: 601-829-2589
<b>JUL 14</b>	Old Rice Rd Baptist church car show, Madison, MS info: @ 601 856-6607
<b>JUL 21</b>	Watermelon Festival Car show, Mize, MS info Max: 601 405 7685
<b>AUG 9-11</b>	Hiawassee. GA Moonshine Run
<b>AUG 25</b>	Cruisin' the River Columbus ,MS Lock & Dam
<b>SEP 15</b>	8 <sup>th</sup> annual Hot Rod Weekend show & drags Gulfport Dragway 228-596-0664
<b>SEP 21-23</b>	Sam's Town car show Tunica, MS by Memphis Street Rods
<b>SEP 29</b>	Heritage festival car show. downtown Raleigh, MS info: Max @ 601 405 7685
<b>SEP 29</b>	Rockin' Railroad Festival car show Hazlehurst, MS info: 601 894-3988
<b>OCT 6</b>	Euro Fest at Renaissance Center, Madison info:euro-fest.net
<b>OCT 6</b>	Batesville on the Square nfo: 662-429-7265
<b>OCT 7-14</b>	Cruisin the Coast MS Gulf Coast info: cruisinthecoast.com
<b>OCT 20</b>	Annual Rock & Roll Revival car show and Nostalgia Drags at Battlefield Raceway Collinsville, MS (north of Meridian) info www.battlefieldraceway.net
<b>OCT 19-20</b>	Scarecrow cruise & car show Madison, MS by MCC info: 601 259-5248
<b>NOV 2-4</b>	Klassy Kruzers Fun Run Crossett AR info:870-305-5701
<b>NOV 5-9</b>	Emerald Coast Cruise In Panama City Beach FL

### **NEXT MSRA CLUB MEETING:**

Thursday, March 8 at Holiday Inn in Pearl. Eat at 6 with meeting to follow. Very important for all MSRA members to be there as this will be one of the last chances to iron out final details for Dixie Run. Bring any sponsor trophy info you have, and if you've finished any of your hand made trophies, bring those along for us to see.

### **WHAT'S NEXT**

I invite all of you to the 9<sup>th</sup> annual Troop 98 Boys scout car show & shine on Saturday, March 17 at the Springridge UMC church grounds in Byram. A reminder, in addition to trophies, some lucky entrant will win \$100 cash. All proceeds will go to a great little troop of hard working boy scouts for their 2012 camping trips, etc.

Dixie Run 34 comes up the next weekend, March 23-25. The annual Catfish run in Sardis follows March 30 thru April 1. Locally that weekend on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup>, the Pisgah school will have their second car show on the school campus up hiway 25 to Pisgah to benefit the kids programs there.

Looking ahead to April 14, John & Julie's son will be having the first car show at the Bethesda Baptist church on Midway Road in Terry. Let's turn out to

support the youth of this church as they try to raise a little money. It would make a nice day-trip for the club. We'll talk more about it in detail at the club meeting Thursday.

### **DIXIE RUN UPDATE**

The 34<sup>th</sup> edition of Dixie Run continues to bring surprises. So far, we've received entries from Oklahoma, Texas, Arkansas, Illinois, Tennessee, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and Florida. One caller this week said they were bringing 13 cars from north Tennessee. It looks like a substantial swap meet will be a part of this year's run. Ware Hodo is in charge. If you have anything you want to move, bring it.

The Friday night BBQ for early arrivals has added a new bit up depth, as our resident chef, Vic will get some help from a real pro. We found out new member Cee Cee Ainsworth is a FOUR TIME winner of the Memphis in May BBQ contest. She'll be adding this expertise to the meal Friday.

The 350 crate engine from NAPA has finally arrived and it is a fine prize that some lucky winner will take home.

We just found out that Bass Pro Shop across the street will be having a special promotion that same weekend. Some of the cast members from cable TV's "Swamp People" will be there all day for a personal appearance/autograph session. We understand last time this happened, 8000 people showed up to see them. So we can look for a substantial spillover of people coming over across the street to look at the street rods. Suggest you come in from the back side entrance from hiway 80 on Saturday. We had gotten full support from the Pearl police department for Dixie run, but now they'll be stretched to handle the traffic. But they still will provide overnight security in the stadium parking lot and motel. Several local restaurants, such as O'Charley's, have some thru with some free gift certificates for meals.

It's just shaping up to be the best Dixie Run street rod gathering ever, and I'm so excited. The anticipation of this rod run is about all that's keeping me up and rolling right now.

Till next time, drive carefully

*Jack*