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BITS AND PIECES

HAPPY NEW YEAR

The World of Wheels show in New Orleans will be in the Morial Convention Center, not the Superdome, this year. Chip Foose will be making an appearance there.

Eddie Yeates has his '46 Chevy pickup for sale. This is a good, dependable ride and hopefully someone will pick it up soon..... Eric made a quick trip to Oklahoma and brought home a glass '37 Ford coupe project. I've not seen it yet but it sounds like it has a lot of potential.....I sold my '46 Dodge pickup project to the Fisackerly family in Starkville. Jimmy's oldest son, Matt, plans to build himself a rat rod pickup from it.....Paul Acey tells me that while he was out of town, Stan has gotten his '40 Ford convertible running for him, and he may bring it to the Trade Mart show.....Gary Adams '30 Chevrolet continues to progress. We may get to see it at the Trade Mart show also.....Jim is still working on his '38 convertible.....George has a new project car, a Chevy, to work on in his newly completed shop.....Don Wade has brought home a '46 Chevy sedan delivery project from Missouri.....Vic continues to work on his Pinto powered, V W bodied rat rod.....We are still trying to get the paperwork to pass through the fine folks at the Tax Commission on my new '32 roadster so I can get a tag and insurance for it. It's been sent to them three times now.....Roundman tells me he's pulled Mike's '34 Plymouth out of storage and is working on the chassis in their new shop.....John Pepper drove his new '23 T-bucket roadster in the Byram parade. Talk about Cool.....literally.....Cold even!!! John and Tubby are still working on John's '34 coupe.....Well, even after selling the Dodge, I've still got enough pieces around to build a decent rat rod. How 'bout this combination: A rear clip from a '79 Chevelle with K-member rear suspension, hooked to a '23 T frame with a '40 Ford front axle, a shortened and channeled '31 Chevy sedan body with a shortened pickup flat bed out back, pulled by a 327 Chevy... All this is sitting around in various parts of my shop and a vision of how it should look is sitting around in my warped little mind.....And I can't even get my coupe to run.

Mark your calendar for a day full of street rod fun on **February 13**. The MSRA and any other area street rods are invited to ride in the Dixie National Rodeo parade in Jackson at 9 a.m. Parade lines up as usual on Jefferson Street in front of the fairgrounds. Take the Pearl Street exit off I-55 and proceed to Jefferson Street. The parade lasts about an hour. Immediately after the parade, we'll all gather up back on Jefferson Street and head out I-20 to Pelahatchie where NSRA rep. Chicken Willie, the MSRA and the Crooked Creek Rodders will host the 2010 Mississippi NSRA Appreciation Day and Inspection day. Since the park in Pelahatchie is undergoing renovations, the event has been moved down the street to Davis Chevrolet. We'll plan to caravan from the parade to Pelahatchie. But if you can't make it to the parade, come on over to Pelahatchie. Take Pelahatchie exit 68 off I-20, go to the 4-way stop, turn right (east) on US 80 and proceed about half a mile to the Chevy dealer on the left. There will

be hamburgers, dash plaques, NSRA inspections and an afternoon of fellowship with all your street rod friends from central Mississippi.

WHAT'S BEEN GOING ON

A surprising day of snow, followed by very cold weather apparently put a damper on riding in the Christmas parades this year. Attendance was not what we hoped for. The club Christmas party turned out to be a lot of fun. Plenty of good Christmas food and a very entertaining performance by magician/juggler/fire eater/comic Robert Day made for a fun afternoon. We still have not figured out where that bowling ball came from. He kept the crowd laughing his entire show. Poor Peggy Yates will probably never get over her part in the show. Or a least her 2 kids won't.

The Acey family spent the holidays in Pennsylvania visiting with oldest son, Mike, who just received a donor heart transplant. All went very well and Mike is up and around. Mary Boggs spend 9 days in the hospital with some respiratory problems, but is home now. On a personal note, I want to thank all of you who offered prayers and well wishes for my grandson, Josh, who was hurt in a car wreck. He had a badly broken leg and some lung problems and was in ICU for a couple of days then seven more at the hospital. He, too, is out now and going through some tough physical therapy to get him on his legs again. MSRA condolences go out to Louis Oursler on the death of his brother recently. And one final bit of bad news, Cynthia and T-Tommy Smith were on their way to the Smokies for a couple days' vacation when Tommy had a mild heart attack in some small Georgia town. They airlifted him to a hospital in Atlanta where his is stable and has had a stint inserted in a blocked artery. UPDATE - He is now at home.

The agenda for the 2010 Redneck Power tour has been put out. This year the tour starts on a Monday, April 19 in Laurel, goes to Gulfport, then Slidell, then Covington, and winds up Thursday at Hammond at the Two States Rodder's run. Each day has at least one visit to a hot rod shop of some sort in the towns mentioned. Included in the tour will be shops of Roy Herrington, Dan Tackett, Jimmy Gueydan, Boogie Scott and Ronnie Sandifer. Tour guide Fuzzee Russell will have all the details on this April event for you at the upcoming planning meeting or you can buzz him at fuzzeeparts@yahoo for a copy.

From the Gulf Coast comes word of the formation of a new pre '49 street rod only organization named the American Street Rod Association. Details can be found at their website : www.theASRA.com. Several well known area street rodders are involved in the new group. This group plans their first event, "The Street Rodders Reunion" on June 25-27 at Diamondhead Resort Inn on the coast. We'll have more on this later.

Also, we've heard from the new director of special events at the Jackson zoo, telling us that the second annual car, truck, and motorcycle show at the Jackson Zoo will be held again on June 20, 2010.

2010 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS	
JAN 9	Statewide car club planning meeting - Coolwater Restaurant on Lake Harbor Dr. in Ridgeland info: 601 937-1928
JAN 9-10	World of Show & Go / Race Car Extravaganza. Jackson Fairgrounds Trade Mart info: WSBISSEL@AOL.COM
JAN 22-24	World of Wheels, Convention Center, New Orleans, LA info: 248-224-0133
JAN 22-24	Winter Rod Run, Diamondhead, MS pre '69. info: 228-224-0133
FEB 5-7	32 ND Ramblin Oldies Rod Run. Pre'49 street rods Baton Rouge, LA info: Bobbyspann@aol.com
FEB 13	Dixie National Rodeo Parade MSRA invited to participate starts 9 a.m.

FEB 13	Miss. NSRA Appreciation Day. Pelahatchie, MS. Right after the parade
MAR 6	Goin' to Town car show Brookhaven, MS 601-833-8620
MAR 12-14	32 nd Dixie Run Jackson (Flowood) pre-49 street rod run 601-937-1928
MAR 20	7th annual Troop 98 Show & Shine car & truck show at Springridge UMC in Byram, MS info: 601-937-1928
MAR 19-21	Singing River rod run Pascagoula, MS LaFont Inn pre '85 info:228-209-7101
MAR 26-27	11 th annual Big River Classics 55-57 Chevrolet show & shine Vicksburg, MS info 601 856-6607
APR 9-10	37 th Red River Rod Run Bossier City, LA 318-470-5669
APR 9-10	Mustang & All Ford Show at Gray-Daniels Ford in Brandon. info: 601918-0388 or glenn@mcgowanwp.com
APR 17	Red Carpet Classic car show VCCC Vicksburg, MS info: 601415-0421
APR 17	Ridgeland car, truck & motorcycle show. Holmes Community College campus in Ridgeland Info: 601-919-0291
APR 16-18	18 th Bunny Run Jackson, TN fairgrounds pre-'73 info:731-427-1677
APR 19-22	Redneck Power Tour 2010 info: Fuzzee 601-575-8218
APR 24	Pinelake Christian School car show Brandon, Ms info: 601-941-2600
APR 24	3 rd annual vehicle extravaganza, car, truck, and motorcycle show @ Hillcrest Baptist Church 5950 Terry Rd in Byram, MS info: 601-372-0132
APR 29- MAY 2	Blue Suede Cruise, Tupelo MS Info: bluesc.com
MAY 1	2 nd annual Swinging Bridge Festival car show Byram, MS info: 601-373-3933
MAY 8	Hot Rod Saturday, Gulfport VA Hospital 228-596-0664
MAY 8	Show at the O at O'Reilley's auto parts in Clinton, MS 601 856-6607
MAY 21-23	Dixie Rodders 9 th annual car show Meridian, MS info: 601-938-3060
MAY 29	Shake Rattle & Roll car show, Ridgecrest Church, Madison, MS 601 260-9138
JUN 20	Jackson Zoo car, truck & motorcycle show Info: GJohnson@jacksonzoo.org
JUN 25-27	First ASRA street rod reunion Diamondhead Resort, MS
JUL 17	Nostalgia Drags Gulfport Dragway info 228-546-0664
JUL 17	3 rd annual Cruise into Summer car, truck & motorcycle show at Old Rice Road Baptist Church Madison. MS info: 601 853-7500
OCT 22-23	Scarecrow Cruise & car show Madison, MS info 601-259-5248

NEXT CLUB MEETING

Next club meeting will be at Shoney's in Pearl on Thursday, January 14. We'll eat at 6 with the meeting to follow. Planning for Dixie Run will begin in earnest. Dixie Run is just a couple of months away, and everyone - ladies included - needs to be on board with the plans for it. Entries from 4 states have already been received and numerous rooms have been reserved already at the host motel. Need to line up sponsors for sponsor awards, get some goodie bag items together and assign some rod run duties, so plan to join us for this first meeting of the new year

WHAT'S NEXT?

Next big weekend for MSRA will be January 8-10. MSRA will have a display of street rods in the World of Show & Go/Race Car Extravaganza at the Trade Mart in Jackson on Saturday and Sunday. If you have not already committed to display your street rod, we invite you to join us. We have **fourteen** street rods committed so far and could always use a few more to make a big display of rods. Personally, I'm very excited about this good turnout and we should have a great display. We're working on the necessary stuff to hang the club banner and fence off the cars, so your ride will be safe while at the show. We'll also have an area for us to sit around, visit, and answer questions about the club and our cars. Cars should be placed in the show on Friday, Jan 8. Placement opens at 10 a.m., so if you can come starting about 10:30, we can get everybody in place in the display. If you can't make this time frame, just come on soon as you can. Entry is \$24 which gives you two arm bands good for admission all weekend. Trophies will be awarded at 5 p.m. on Sunday, Jan 10.

That same weekend, the annual statewide car club planning meeting will be held at the same site as last year, now called the Coolwater Catering, on Lake Harbor Road in Ridgeland. The meeting starts at 10 a.m., there will be a small buffet lunch and awards will resume at 1 p.m. After the meeting, everyone is invited to go by the car show at the Trade Mart before returning home.

The weekend of Jan 22-24 has two events going on down south. The annual Winter Rod Run at Diamondhead will be going on, as well as the World of Wheels at the Morial Convention Center in downtown New Orleans.

And a couple of parting thoughts:

CLUB MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE DUE JANUARY 1. A COUPLE OF YOU HAVE ALREADY PAID, SO THE REST OF US NEED TO GET ON THE BALL. \$25 DUES HELP PAY FOR CLUB EXPENSES DURING THE YEAR.

It used to be only death and taxes. Now, of course, there's shipping and handling, too.

And a personal opinion: I hate sex in movies!

Tried it once, the seat folded up, spilled my popcorn and my Pepsi, and the ice from that completely chilled the mood.

Till next time, drive carefully

Jack