

Doin' What We do Best: Eatin' Laughin' and Playin' Cars

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BITS & PIECES

The second annual Rockin' Railroad Arts and Music Festival will be held again in Hazlehurst on September 25. If you go to the Hazlehurst chamber website hazlechamber.com, there is a link to the festival and then to the car show link where you'll see photos of all our cars that went last year. Even had a photo of Miata Man's street rod pickup, something you don't get to see that often.

There is another new show added to the schedule on Saturday, August 7. It is a benefit event for the American Cancer Society and Relay For Life. The show will be held at the Dress Barn at Dogwood Promenade Mall in Flowood. The show is open to all cars and trucks, plus bicycles and red wagons. It starts at 10 a.m. and trophies will be awarded at 3. Car entry is \$20 pre show and \$25 on day of show. Bicycles and wagons entry is \$15. Door prizes, food, drink, and other entertainment will be available. I have flyers. I always try to support anything to benefit the American Cancer society.

The City of Clinton is planning a one day car event in Old Town Clinton sometime this fall. I gave them a list of existing event dates and they are meeting to decide just when to have it. Will keep you advised when and if I hear something from this show.

Remember the old Saturday night cruise-ins at Portabello's in Byram? Well Portabello's is now the Gator Bay Café, under new management. Beginning Thursday, July 1 and every Thursday, Gator Bay is offering a 25% discount off your food bill to all who drive their classic cars there on Thursday nights. They have big screen TVs with sporting events showing and also great po-boy sandwiches and a variety of burgers. I've tried the shrimp and it was good. On Tuesdays they are offering the same deal for bikes. It's something to do with your hot rod on a Thursday night.

As I write this, our club president, Jim Saville is back in the hospital. Keep him and Nancy in your thoughts and prayers.

Eric has made it through his surgery and is back working again. He's lost 53 lbs already. He says he has a lot more energy and is still working on his new '34.

John Pepper is looking for a 32 through 39 Ford project car, or even one that is finished. If you know where one of these models is located, let him know. Paul Acey tells me the boys worked on his '40 Ford convertible and it is now running again.

WHAT'S BEEN GOING ON

John Bolden went to the rod run in Muscle shoals and really enjoyed himself..... J.C. May said he went to the Laurel show and it drew over 130 cars. He and his model A sedan delivery are back in Mississippi after a 4 month tour in the Persian Gulf. J.C.'s employer owns some of the boats involved cleaning up in the gulf oil spill, so he may be working down there for a while and will maybe be able to join us in a few more car shows while he is here.I took the roadster to the zoo show on Father's Day. Seven street rods, a couple of Corvettes, a couple of Chevilles, a killer black '62 Biscyane, some trucks, station wagons, and motorcycles, and one of those new 3 cylinder Smart cars more than doubled the field of

cars from last year. Even the number of zoo visitors was up this year from last year, so the show organizers seemed satisfied and hoped to grow the show more next year. As for our little bunch, we had an enjoyable day. Round Man and Mike Chambless, Jimmy and Jack Creel, Cooney Grossi, Ronnie Neihaus, and I drove our street rods. We were joined by old friend Sam Hupperich, plus J.C. May in his model A Ford delivery . With a group like the Round ones, the Creel Bros, and Cooney on hand you've got to know there would be some fun going on. By the time I arrived, it had already started as Jimmy Creel's Plymouth ran out of gas right in the middle of the zoo and they had to push him into a parking place. One of the zoo employees brought him some gas. Al was on the way over from Vicksburg in his antique pickup and it threw a rod just out of Bolton. Terra said she TOLD him to check the oil level before they left. When we got ready to leave, Jack's truck battery was dead and Jimmy had to jump start him. Can't take y'all anywhere. This year they parked all the cars in the shady area around the amphitheater stage, so we had a ringside seat all day to listen to the band. Sherman Lee Dillon's trio, a local icon in Jackson musical entertainment, played all the good stuff from Jimmy Buffett to Chuck Berry from about 11 til 2:30 or so. We all just sat in the shade and watched him, the visitors and the orangutans which were right behind us. The orangutans watched Cooney. I had warned him not to scare the animals, but you know Cooney. Before it got too hot, we all wandered around the zoo looking at the animals. I only saw one peacock this year but I steered clear of it. Ronnie wanted to see the Rhinos, which were of course located on the far side of the zoo, but the long walk over there was worthwhile, I guess, if you like looking at a pair of animals bigger than a pickup truck covered with mud. That monster weighed 2500 pounds with another 20 pounds of mud caked on it. The other one was lying smack in the middle of a mud hole sound asleep. Looked like he was stuck there. On the way back, Ronnie decided to attempt to talk to a couple of rare spider monkeys. He made some strange noises 'to attract their attention". Apparently, his sounds translated into something the monkeys understood because three of them bailed out of their trees and ran screaming toward him. At this point I thought it best to dis-associate myself from him and his monkey friends and I went in search of the shade trees and music. Sure would love to know what he said to them...or maybe not. When I got back to our group, The Round ones and the Creels had gone to ride the zoo train. Now there's a disaster waiting to happen, I thought. I could picture it having a breakdown the other side of Livingston Lake and Roundman working on it. But fortunately they all made it back with incident. Ronnie tried to get somebody to ride the merry-go-round with him, but after the monkey conversation, nobody would take him up on it. Mike warned us all not to go to near the Tapir exhibit. He showed us what he'd taped on his cell phone. That crazy animal would back up to the fence and urinate a stream about 4 feet long, all over whoever was passing by on the sidewalk. Of course we all had to go see that in person, and just as we arrived, that thing cut loose on some poor unsuspecting kids who were passing. The Tapir stopped, turned to see if he got them, then did it a second time. Well whaddaya expect...it's a ZOO...they're animals for crying out loud. They live there, we're visitors! Get over it. That new tiger exhibit is something else. There is one place in the wall surrounding it that is a large glass window. At this window you can get literally face to face, three inches from a 350 pound tiger. The time I went over there, the tiger was lying right against the glass and I could look it straight in its big yellow eyes. That thing's head was HUGE. Nowhere else could you ever get that close to a tiger and not get ripped apart I guess. Quite an experience!! Well, I guess you can tell I had a good time, and it did not even rain on my topless roadster while driving home. It was just another day of laid back MSRA fun with friends. Wish more of you had been able to come.

On the final weekend of June several of us headed to the coast on Friday for the ASRA rod run reunion at Diamondhead. It was a great rod run with about 140 fine, fine, fine, street rods from all over the deep south, from Texas to Georgia. Unfortunately, it turned into an

unpleasant visit for some. Jim Saville wrecked his coupe about a mile from the host motel. The whole experience was too much for him and after a brief visit to the local hospital, I took him and Nancy back home. So we missed most of the rod run. Next, Don Wade blew a rear tire just as he turned off the interstate, then later blew the other rear tire on the ride home. John, Butch, George, Roundman and a couple of other Jackson area street rods went too. I think Jimbo and his folks have a winner in this reunion run. I saw a bunch of old friends and a lot of new cars in the brief time I got to stay and visit. They had a door prize auction using play money won during the day. It was a lot like we used to do at Dixie Run in the past. Butch said he'd never purchased a blue plastic gasoline can for \$22,000. A pneumatic wrench went for \$750,000. But they all had fun and that's what counts.

And let me clear one thing up. NO, I did not go down there in my street rod. The air conditioning in my '38 quit cooling the day before and I was not going to ride hot. And it was H O T on the coast! So I went in my HHR. Well, I didn't even get home before a certain blabbermouth in the truck parts business called Miata Man and ratted on me. But at least I went. And it all worked out for the best, since I had to bring Jim and Nancy home. We'd never have gotten the luggage and dog Sparky in my street rod.

2010 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS	
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
JUL 23-25	Catfish Run Sardis Lake, MS pre-'49 street rods only info: 662 429-7265
AUG 5-8	NSRA Street Rod nationals Louisville KY
AUG 7	Dress Barn car show. Dogwood Mall in Flowood American Cancer Society Benefit. Info:dlboles@aol.com 601-919-3830
AUG 12-14	Georgia Mountain Moonshine Cruise Hiawassee, GA 662 587-9572
AUG 21	Harvest Fest car show Jackson, MS info: Ade Fleming 601-720-9797
AUG 28	19 th Cruisin' the River Columbus, MS east bank lock & dam 662 494-6086
SEP 3-5	Parade of Rods, MG SRA pre-'49 street rods Houma, LA 985 532-2777
SEP 11	Open car show Grenada, MS
SEP 11	Rock & Roll Revival, Queen City Rods at Battlefield Motorsports Park drag strip, Meridian, MS info: www.battlefieldraceway.net
SEP 25	14th annual Heritage Festival car Show Raleigh, MS 601-405-7685
SEP 25	2 ND Rockin' Railroad festival car show @ Hazlehurst, MS hazlechamber.com
OCT 3-10	14 th Cruisin' the Coast MS Gulf Coast 888-808-1188
OCT 6-17	AVCM antique car show, Miss. State Fair
OCT 22-23	Scarecrow Cruise & car show Madison, MS info 601-259-5248
NOV 5-7	Fun Run Crossett, AR pre '66 models
NOV 8-13	Emerald Coast Cruz-in Panama City FL beach 662 587-9572

NEXT CLUB MEETING: NOTICE

The next club meeting will be held **Thursday, July 8 at the Shoney's on High Street. At the July club meeting, we will be discussing some important matters related to the ground work for next year's Dixie Run, so try to be there.** We may move the future meetings around to some other places for a little variety. We'll discuss that at the club meeting also. Also, a reminder that election of club officers is coming up in October. This was changed a while back when the rod run date was moved to March. The election in October will give the new group of officers more time to get the club ready for Dixie Run in March.

WHAT'S NEXT?

July has a couple of events on tap. July 17, our friends Wayne and Jane Hart will be hosting the 3rd annual Cruise into Summer car and bike show at the Old Rice Road Baptist Church in Madison. Neihaus and I are going, so y'all come join us. I'm meeting him at the Clinton exit on the Natchez Trace and will go from there. To get there, get off the Trace at old Canton Rd, go north to Hoy Road. Stay on Hoy Road for several miles til you come to a 3-way stop with a sign on the right that says Lost Rabbit. That is at Old Rice Road. Turn left on Old Rice road and the church is about 200 yards down on the right. They sure do make some good ice cream. Proceeds from this show help their youth programs. Bring your shade tent and come on.

On the next weekend, July 23-25, the Miss. Delta street rods are having their 26th annual Catfish rod Run in Sardis at the lake. They have BBQ on Friday night and the big catfish supper on Saturday night. There will be lots of north Miss., Tennessee, and Alabama rods you don't get to see down this way, plenty of games, and a \$500 cash grand prize. This is one of the few remaining pre- '49 street rod runs left, so I urge you to support it if possible. I know several of you have already entered so it should be another good weekend of street rod fun.

Till next time, drive carefully

Jack