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# Mississippi Street Rod Association

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## NEWSLETTER

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### **BITS & PIECES**

Well, when it finally decided to get hot, it got HOT. Of course, I know we've all aged some since those early days of Dixie Run when we held it in June, but I, for one, am glad we moved it to cooler times. I don't think I could have made it through a full weekend of June weather. Heck I **know** I could not do it now.

The folks at the Jackson Zoo are having their second car show on Sunday June 20. There's no entry fee, just bring your car, preferably your street rod, Miata Man Cox. Zoo admission will be free to entries and the cars will be parked all over the zoo grounds. So come that morning and find you a shady spot. It won't be like the old Dixie Run hot days, but then we won't have to do any work either. Al & Terra and I went last year and enjoyed a day of relaxing, showing our cars, and looking at a zoo full of animals.

Several new events have been added to the schedule, so check it out.

### **WHAT'S BEEN GOING ON**

MSRA rods turned out for the annual Crooked Creek Car Fest in Pelahatchie. Ten MSRA rods, plus another three members who came without their street rods, was almost enough to win the club participation award. The Meridian club won with twelve cars. If Cooney had gotten his chrome back on, and Miata Man would have brought his real car, we'd have been in the running. I met Eric, John, and Wayne at the truck stop early Saturday morning. Good thing I ate early because when I got there, they were walking out the door. They all said I drove too fast going over there, but considering the pace they set last month coming home from Vicksburg.....Ha! I never went over the speed limit. But the early arrival gave us a good shot at the shady spots in the back of the park, which were already filling up. I went in my '38, prepared to take the heat for leaving the roadster at home. (But as it turned out, that was a wise decision). Traweek in his '39 Ford and John & Julie in their '23 T bucket were already there as Wayne 's '34 Ford, Eric's '34 Ford, John's '47 Chevy and I showed up. Soon, Jim in his '38 Chevy, George in his Packard, Al in his '48 Chevy pickup, and adopted member Ronnie Neihaus in his '31 Chevy pickup all rolled into the park. Over 130 cars of all kinds were on hand and the park soon filled up, with overflow parking going to the surrounding streets. The Mid State Rodders had outdone themselves with trophies for a large number of classes. They had so many classes, the voters could not tell exactly which class a vehicle was in. As a result, Ronnie's '31 Chevy got trophies in three different classes, Street rod Pickup, Unfinished, and Rat Rod. Of course we ripped him about that, with comments like "Nobody even knows what that thing is you drive" and "I thought it WAS finished, Ronnie". I think Wayne and John and maybe some of the others got a trophy, I was too busy bashing Neihaus over his three. But the club there gave Jim Saville and me a "Pioneer Award" plaque, for long time participation and contribution to the car hobby. It certainly made my day and I appreciated getting it. Heck fire, playing cars is simply WHAT I DO and if I contributed something along the way, that's just great. On the way home, it rained...all the way. And I was so glad I did not come in that topless roadster.

The last few weeks, MSRA members have been scattered all over the place. Dee Dukes was in Okinawa, Jack and Evelyn were out west, John and Julie took a cruise to Alaska, Wayne went to the Good Guys show in Nashville, George & Marie went to Pensacola rod run, Fred went to Tennessee, John Bolden went to the Muscle Shoals, Alabama rod run and Wayne T. took his '34 up to Madison to the MCCC Shake, Rattle & Roll show. He left it there, went home to do yard work all day and got back just in time for trophies. Me and the two dogs moved all the way out to the back side of my acre, trying to find a cooler place to sand on that roadster. And that's about as far away from the house as I got.

<b>2010 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS</b>	
<b>JUN 5</b>	Walthall Co, Dairy Fest car show Holmes Water Park, Tylertown, MS info: 601 684-2609
<b>JUN 5</b>	Bay Fest car show Bay Springs, MS info: 601-425-4865
<b>JUN 4-6</b>	Muscle shoals rod run Sheridan, AL
<b>JUN 12</b>	Blueberry Festival car show Poplarville, MS 601 799-1932
<b>JUN 19</b>	Loblolly Festival Car show downtown Laurel, MS contact Jaqueline Lee 601-433-3255
<b>JUN 20</b>	Jackson Zoo car, truck & motorcycle show Info: GJohnson@jacksonzoo.org
<b>JUN 25-27</b>	First ASRA street rod reunion Diamondhead Resort, MS pre-'49 street rods only info: 228 546-0664
<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>JUL 23-25</b>	Catfish Run Sardis Lake, MS pre-'49 street rods only info: 662 429-7265
<b>AUG 5-8</b>	NSRA Street Rod nationals Louisville KY
<b>AUG 7</b>	Watermelon Carnival car show Water Valley, MS
<b>AUG 12-14</b>	Georgia Mountain Moonshine Cruise Hiawassee, GA 662 587-9572
<b>AUG 21</b>	Harvest Fest car show Jackson, MS info: Ade Fleming 601-720-9797
<b>AUG 28</b>	19 <sup>th</sup> Cruisin' the River Columbus, MS east bank lock & dam 662 494-6086
<b>SEP 3-5</b>	Parade of Rods, MG SRA pre-'49 street rods Houma, LA 985 532-2777
<b>SEP 11</b>	Open car show Grenada, MS
<b>SEP 11</b>	Rock & Roll Revival, Queen City Rods at Battlefield Motorsports Park drag strip, Meridian, MS info: www.battlefieldraceway.net
<b>SEP 25</b>	14th annual Heritage Festival car Show Raleigh, MS 601-405-7685
<b>SEP 25</b>	2 <sup>ND</sup> Rockin' Railroad festival car show @ Hazlehurst, MS 601 894-4752
<b>OCT 3-10</b>	14 <sup>th</sup> Cruisin' the Coast MS Gulf Coast 888-808-1188
<b>OCT 6-17</b>	AVCM antique car show, Miss. State Fair
<b>OCT 22-23</b>	Scarecrow Cruise & car show Madison, MS info 601-259-5248
<b>NOV 5-7</b>	Fun Run Crossett, AR pre '66 models
<b>NOV 8-13</b>	Emerald Coast Cruz-in Panama City FL beach 662 587-9572

**NEXT CLUB MEETING: NOTICE**

**Since so many of us are scattered around on vacations or otherwise out of pocket this month, we decided to skip the June club meeting.** So, the next club meeting will be held **Thursday, July 8.** It will probably be held in Byram at the Los Jarros Mexican restaurant on Siwell Road at Davis Road in the shopping center where Kroger is located. The location will be confirmed in July's newsletter. At the last club meeting it was decided to try changing meeting locations every so often to give a little variety. If you have a meeting location in your neighborhood, let us know and we'll arrange to have a club meeting there. Also, during these summer months try to come to the club meetings in your street rod. **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.**

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

This first weekend, June 3-6, there will be an open show at the Walthall County Dairy Festival in Tylertown on Saturday, June 5. Randy Wilson puts on this show and in addition to the car show, there are all sorts of things going on at the festival, related mostly to cows. Milking contest, guess a cow's weight and stuff like that. Also that weekend in Muscle Shoals, Alabama there is a pre-49 rod run at the Holiday Inn. John says he's planning to go to that one. On this same weekend the Bay Fest car show in Bay Springs, MS is on Saturday June 5.

The weekend of June 19-20 will have two events. On Saturday, 6/19 the Loblolly Festival takes place in downtown Laurel. There will be an open car show there somewhere downtown. The info I got did not say exactly where.

The next day, Sunday, 6/20 the Jackson Zoo will host a car, truck and bike show inside the zoo grounds. There you'll find plenty of shade and thousands of animals to look at. A live band will be playing, there will be a live radio show from Miss 103, and some trophies. There is no entry fee, just come, bring your car and a lawn chair. Just watch out for those insane peacocks while you are eating. And don't get too close to the Hippo either.

Then the next weekend is one of the big events of the summer for street rods, the Diamondhead ASRA Rod Run Reunion. This will be an old-school, three day rod run event for pre-'49 street rods only. All rodders are invited, especially all the ones who used to come to the old Dixie Run in McComb, as this will be a reunion of sorts for all of us who went there regularly. It will be held at the Diamondhead Inn in Diamondhead. Several of us are planning to go that weekend on the coast. Come join us for a weekend of street rod fun on the coast. Those folks need a boost with all the oil spill problems they've been having.

Till next time, drive carefully

*Jack*