

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

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BITS & PIECES

A new show is added to the schedule Sept 26-27. Super show 09 car truck and motorcycle show at Lakeshore Park at the reservoir. Show sponsored by Explicit Concepts and Empress Audio. Proceeds benefit American Cancer Society Camp Rainbow for kids.

I noticed in Hemmings this month that the outlaw TV celebrity Jessie James ran 199.7 miles per hour in a hydrogen powered, twin turbo, 572 inch, 780 hp Chevy engine driven streamliner at the dry lake in El Mirage. But in typical Jessie James style, he did it just because he wanted to. So, while nobody is saying that he did not actually go that fast, neither the SCTA nor FIA, the sanctioning bodies who recognize such feats, will officially recognize the record, since it was not done under their control. James says he used SCTA timing equipment and their course. But he does plan to try it again and is shooting for 200 m.p.h.. Go on, wild man!

By the way, I did get my street rod running again. The two bolts holding the upper control arm had apparently slipped, causing the camber to be out of adjustment. Fixed it, but still plan to replace the ball joints when it cools off some or I get the shop cleaned out, whichever occurs first.

WHAT'S BEEN GOING ON

I don't have to mention it's been almost too hot around here to play cars. Wayne Thomas went to the NHRA nostalgia drags at Beech Bend Dragway in Bowling Green, Kentucky. He said the first person he saw when he rolled into town was Don Garlits himself. Wayne said he never saw as many Anglias and Willys gassers in one place in all his life. One night they had a "cackle fest". They bring out all the old front engine dragsters at night, crank them up and let them idle (cackle) and watch the fire come out the exhaust stacks. What a show that must be. He had a great time.

Al and Terra planned to go to Nashville to the Good Guys event this weekend. Maybe we'll get a report on that when they get back..

The two of them and I attended the Father's Day car show at the Jackson Zoo. About a dozen other cars were there on a hot, hot, hot Sunday afternoon. I went because I'd not been to the zoo in years plus I thought this might be a good way to show off our car hobby to a group who don't normally attend car shows. Turns out I was right. The crowd was small. I don't know how many kids I put in my car that afternoon to have their picture made, but they all left smiling. Now to my further surprise, Al and Terra were already there when I got there...they were, in fact, the first to arrive. Terra likes animals ya know. She dragged poor Al

over the to zebra exhibit and found one she really liked. Don't be surprised if she doesn't come up with one soon.

They put the cars all around the zoo grounds so they could be seen by zoo goers as they looked at the animals. I was parked at the entrance to the African exhibit, just next door to the Elephant Café. I was backed up next to some, I suppose. African bushes where it was nice and shady. I kept hearing water splash and after a while I decided to locate the source. Turns out there was a small pond behind the bushes. I maneuvered around the bush line to better see the pond. It was still and smooth as glass. I discovered the source of the splashing as suddenly a hippopotamus abruptly rose from the still pond water and snorted. This was less than two feet away and I don't mind telling you, it scared me. Apparently those things walk along the bottom and occasionally have to come up for air. I had to retreat to the elephant café and get a hamburger and calm down. Got my hamburger, retrieved a Pepsi from the street rod cooler, and sat down on a bench under one of the umbrella tables outside the café.

I was about finished eating when a squirrel came and sat at my foot, apparently expecting a handout. I threw him a small piece of the burger bun. He picked it up, sniffed it and threw it down. Ungrateful little pest, I thought. But then came the big problem. Three peacocks, taking note of the incident, approached my bench. I tossed the rejected piece of bread to the first one. It pounced on the bread with vengeance. The other two then hurried up for their handout. I only had a small piece left, and tossed it to the second peacock. This seemed to irritate the other two, who now had joined me ON THE BENCH. The blue one took over and grabbed the remaining crumb. The white one then jumped up on the table and attacked my Pepsi while the other two attacked the hamburger wrapper. There I sat, surrounded by killer peacocks all over my park bench and table, shredding the hamburger wrapper. All I needed now was for that Hippo to come up out of the pond and finish me off. I escaped to the coupe and locked myself inside, making a note to speak with the zoo director later about obedience training for those goofy peacocks.

There was one other incident where I attempted to communicate with a rather healthy looking 300 lb orangutan. I was talking to him, don't really know why. I guess because he was the only one around just then. He sized me up, blinked a time or two, took a big yawn and walked off the sit in the shade. Guess I ain't no Dr. Doolittle. When I left, Terra was trying to talk Al into kidnapping the zebra to take it home to the Mashburn Menagerie.

In spite of the small number of cars, the zoo folks liked the car show idea and want to do it again next year, with some added features. To me, the zoo is really a nice venue for a car show, with a built-in crowd plus something extra to do while spending the day there. Just watch out for the peacocks.

2009 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS	
JUL 4	Rods & Hawgs at the Shed BBQ hwy 53 Gulfport, MS 228-832-1147
JUL 18	Car, truck & motorcycle show Old Rice Rd Baptist church. info: 601/856-6607
JUL 18	Guitar Center car show. 1180 County Line Rd 4 p.m. til info:601-956-8053
JUL 24-26	25 th Catfish Run Sardis, MS MS Delta Rodders pre '49 662-429-7265
Aug 1	Joppa Shrine car show, Woolmarket, MS 228-392-9345
AUG 6-9	NSRA Street Rod Nationals Louisville, KY
AUG 7-9	Hot Summer Nights car show Beaumont, TX
AUG 15	Harvest Festival car show, Jackson, MS info: Ade Fleming 601-720-9790
SEP 4-6	Parade of Rods, Houma, LA.Mardi Gras street rods info: Jed @985 532-2777

SEP 12	NSRA Appreciation Day. Gulfport Dragway info 601-695-3890
SEP 12	2 nd Pulpwood Festival Car show New Hebron, MS
SEP 12	Vettes by the Lake all Corvette show Mirror Lake Plaza Jackson, MS
SEP 11-12	Cruisin the River Columbus, MS info 662-494-6086
SEP 12	2 nd annual 4 H club car show Carthage, MS info 601-267-8036
SEP 19	Rock & Roll Revival Meridian, MS Info:queencitycar@hughes.net
SEP 19	Crazy Days car classic downtown Magee, MS info 601 278-5305
SEP 26	Heritage Festival car show Raleigh, MS 601/4057685
SEP 26-27	Super Show 09 Lakeshore Park, Reservoir. Info: 601 573-5139
OCT 4-11	Cruisin The Coast Mississippi Gulf coast www.cruisinthe coast.com
OCT 7-18	AVCM State Fair antique car show Fairgrounds, Jackson. MS
OCT 16-17	6th Scarecrow Cruise, Madison, MS MS Classic Cruisers info: 601 259-5248
OCT 23-25	Halloween Fun Run Summit Inn, Tupelo, MS
OCT 24	2 nd annual Cruise-in & BBQ at Performance Rehab, Byram, MS 601=346-9191
OCT 31	Ghosts, Ghouls, & Goblins car show Hardy Court, Gulfport, MS
OCT 31	Car Show Crossroads Church, Byram, MS info: Shane @ 601-506-5603
NOV 6-8	Klassy Kruzers Fun Run, Crossett, AR 870 364/6662
NOV 7	3 rd annual McLauren Baseball Classic benefit car show
NOV 9-14	Emerald Coast Cruise-In Panama City Beach. FL emeraldcoastcruizin.com
DEC 4	Christmas Parade, Whitfield State Hospital 9 a.m. MSRA invited to participate
DEC 5	Christmas Parade Madison, MS

NEXT CLUB MEETING

Next club meeting will be on July 9 at 7 pm. at Eric Knight's new shop in Pearl. The previous meeting location, Golden Corral, just did not provide the privacy needed for a club meeting and they also kept going up every month on the buffet rate, so it was decided to try Eric's shop until another location could be worked out. To get there, take the Pearl exit off I 20 east. This will put you going south on Pearson road. Proceed down Pearson about ½ mile, past a couple of streets. Take a right on Gloria Drive. Follow Gloria til it makes a lazy left turn. Just past there you will see Joyce Street on the right. Turn on Joyce and follow it til it dead ends at Eric's shop on the right. I suggest you bring your own chair, because if I know Big'un he only has one chair in the shop and he'll most likely be sitting in it. I'm not sure if the shop is completely finished yet, but come check it out and enjoy the meeting.

WHAT'S NEXT?

You can see on the schedule that events are becoming more scarce as the weather heats up. If you're looking for something to do on July 4, t-Tommy and his motorcycle friends are having their annual cookout for the kids at the Baptist Orphanage in Lincoln. County. He has invited our cars to come along too, and if you go, they'll cook you a hamburger. For more details. Call T-Tommy. On the weekend of the 18th there are two events on the same day, but the second one starts just when the first one ends so no conflict/ Wayne and Jane Hart of the Big River Classics are helping put on a car show at the Rice Road Baptist church in Madison. All the usual car show stuff in a grassy lot with

ICE CREAM and car friends. After that, there is a car show at the Guitar Center store on Lakeland Drive starting at 4 til dark. On July 23-26 weekend up in Sardis at the lake, there will be the annual Catfish Run. This is a pre-'49 event street rod and I hope you can go. You'll enjoy the BBQ on Friday night and the catfish supper on Saturday night as well as getting to see some cars from North Mississippi, Tennessee, and Alabama. A good turnout by MSRA rods will go a long way toward encouraging these guys to come down to our Dixie Run in March. I plan to go myself, hope y'all will join me.

Till next time, drive carefully

Jack