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BITS & PIECES

The Queen City Rock & Roll Revival car show, originally scheduled for Sept 18 at the Battlefield Motorsports Park drag strip near Collinsville, has been moved one week earlier to Sept 11 to avoid conflict with the Delta River Cruise in at Tunica. Way to work with each other, guys!!! This is a 1/8 mile drag strip. Car show entrants have fee entry for Sat night bracket races and car show entry is \$20.....New events continue to be added to the calendar, so check the schedule out closely.....Red Hills Festival Car show up in Louisville is new on the schedule May 29. The festival includes the car show, a carnival with rides, and day long entertainment throughout Louisville.....I got some flyers for the Johnny Davis Benefit Family Fun Day to be held at the Williamsville Baptist Church in Kosciusko. There will be a car show, motorcycle show, auction, and R/C races. Show begins at 9 with awards at 3. The flyer did not have a contact number.

WHAT'S BEEN GOING ON

This wicked winter of 2010 (three measurable snowfalls so far in Mississippi) again took its toll on events. MSRA had only three cars at the Baton Rouge rod run in February. Jim, George, and John made the trip and enjoyed some jambalaya and a field of over 100 street rods. I was told the trio was sitting on the curb at the motel and it got so cold they were all too stiff and cold to get up from their sitting positions.

Then a record February snowfall caused postponement of the NSRA Day February 13. The snow stopped on Friday afternoon but conditions at the park made the grounds too wet for the cars. Chicken announced a new date would be Feb. 28. With snow still on the ground in places, the rodeo parade was a very cold one, and y'all apparently avoided this one also. I'm guilty of staying home on this one (still didn't have a car running) and, so far as I know, only Eddie Yeates took his street rod. (Sounds like an award may be due at the Christmas party this year) He says he rode with some cars from the Grenada area, so he wasn't exactly by himself.

On Feb. 27 Cooney Grossi and Don Traweek took their rods to Wesson to the Chamber of Commerce car show there. There were about 50 cars at this first annual event. Pat Page, T-Tommy and a couple of other area rods were there. I had to attend a funeral that morning, but drove down there after it. I arrived about 1 and the show had already presented awards and was breaking up. It looked like they had a good crowd of local spectators at this first show and the promoters seemed happy with the turnout.

The next day, the Mid State Rodders hosted the NSRA appreciation day and car inspections in Pelahatchie. The weather was beautiful and a really great crowd showed up at Muscadine Park for this one. Pelahatchie mayor, Knox Ross, was on hand to greet the over fifty cars that came to this year's edition of the NSRA day. Rickey and Buster and the rest of the Mid State Rodders bunch were busy getting the cooking grille ready when we arrived and we all soon enjoyed a great meal of hot dogs and hamburgers. NSRA state rep.

Chicken Willie Smith saw to it that everyone got a dash plaque and attendance pin, Dee and Jerry inspected a number of cars to NSRA specs, and the rest of us just visited and enjoyed the fine sunshine and mid 60's temperature we'd not seen in months. MSRA was well represented as Jim Saville, Dee Dukes, Jack Cox, John & Julie Pepper, George & Marie Phillips, Fred Lytle, Jack, Jimmy and Carey Creel, Cooney Grossi, Paul Acey and Lucy, Wayne Thomas, Louis Waxler, and me all made the drive. (Hope I didn't leave anybody out.) It was just a fun day of laid back visiting with all our car friends. The best part was watching Cooney and Chicken trying to share the microphone on the PA system. Next time we'll have to find two microphones so they both can talk at the same time.

2010 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS	
MAR 6	Goin' to Town car show at RR station Brookhaven, MS 601-833-8620
MAR 12-14	32 nd Dixie Run Jackson (Flowood) pre-49 street rod run at Sleep Inn, corner Airport Road and Lakeland Drive 601-937-1928
MAR 13	Trail of Honor Poker Run Jackson,MS info: www.trailofhonor.com
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
MAR 27	Gnat Nationals Bay St. Louis, MS at old RR depot info: 228-216-1259
MAR 27	J. Davis Benefit Car Show, Williamsville Baptist Church, Kosciusko, MS
APR 3	Pine Hill Festival car show Wiggins, MS info:601-528-1172
APR 3	Antique & classic car show Aberdeen, MS courthouse info: 662 369-8576
APR 3	Spring car show Sardis, MS info: 662-429-7265
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 10	Indoor car show Montgomery Co. Coliseum Winona, MS 662-653-6812
APR 10	Motorcycle Ride & Car Show West Point, MS info:662 295-0291
APR 17	Red Carpet Classic car show VCCC Vicksburg, MS info: 601415-0421
APR 17	32 nd Railroad Fest car show Amory, MS info:662-256-9320
APR 17	Rumblin' in Ridgeland car, truck & motorcycle show. Holmes Community College campus in Ridgeland Info: 601-919-0291
APR 17	Camelia City rod run. Slidell, LA. open show info:985 639-9919
APR 16-18	18 th Bunny Run Jackson, TN fairgrounds pre-'73 info:731-427-1677
APR 16-18	Sunny Beaches Rod Run Pensacola, FL Pre- '49 info: sunnybeachesinfo@pensacolarod-tiques.com
APR 19-22	Southern Redneck Power Tour 2010 info: Fuzzee 601-575-8218
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 1	Pinelake Christian School car show Brandon, MS info: 601 941-2600
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 15	Crooked Creek car fest, Mid State Rods, Pelahatchie Park, MS 601 354-4735
MAY 15	MS Coast Bug Jam & Drags Gulfport Dragway info: 228 596-0664
MAY 21-23	Dixie Rodders 9 th annual car show Meridian, MS info: 601-938-3060
MAY 22	7th annual car jamboree Delta Classic auto club Boyle, MS 662 719-0067
MAY 29	Shake Rattle & Roll car show, Ridgecrest Church, Madison, MS 601 260-9138
MAY 29	Red Hills Festival car show Louisville, MS info: Jerry @ 662-803-4205
JUN 5	Walthall Co, Dairy Fest car show Holmes Water Park, Tylertown, MS info: 601 684-2609
JUN 12	Blueberry Festival car show Poplarville, MS 601 799-1932
JUN 19	Loblolly Festival Car show downtown Laurel, MS contact Jaqueline Lee 601-433-3255
JUN 20	Jackson Zoo car, truck & motorcycle show Info: GJohnson@jacksonzoo.org
JUN 25-27	First ASRA street rod reunion Diamondhead Resort, MS pre-'49 street rods only info: 228 546-0664
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	Cattfish Run Sardis Lake, MS pre-'49 street rods only info: 662 429-7265
AUG 5-8	NSRA Street Rod nationals Louisville KY
AUG 7	Watermelon Carnival car show Water Valley, MS
AUG 12-14	Georgia Mountain Moonshine Cruise Hiawassee, GA 662 587-9572
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
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 MEETINGS

We'll double up on club meetings with an extra one on March 7 to continue plans as we get ready for Dixie Run. The Sunday afternoon, March 7 meeting, will be held at Bennie Bogg's house in Florence to pack the goodie bags for the rod run. Feel free to bring along some snacks for all of us to enjoy after we finish the job. Bring your goodie bag stuffers and door prizes. We can use all of those we can get. All sponsor trophy information and money should be turned in by that day so that they can be made in time for the rod run. Also, we'll need some help

Thursday afternoon, March 11, to set up the tent at the rod run site. Some of us retired folks can get there early to get the tent all laid out and we ask the rest of y'all who work to please come by after work and help us set up the tent. A list has also been passed around asking for your help to bring desserts and side dishes for the Friday night BBQ. Everyone needs to bring a cooler of ice on Friday 3/12 so we can ice down the drinks for our early bird BBQ supper. Most of the other rod run duties have been covered, but while you're there that weekend, keep your eyes open and help out when needed. We want this to be a memorable time for all our guests and a fun time for our club. We are working on some really nice special prizes that will be given away to some lucky entry, and these will be announced at the show.

With all these special meetings going on, there will not be a regular club meeting in March. The next normal club meeting (that is if you could call our club meetings normal) will be on Thursday, April 8. **There will also be a change of location for the next club meeting.** Our recent larger crowds have simply outgrown the meeting room at the Shoney's in Pearl, so Eric and Gary found us a new meeting place at the Shoney's on High Street near the fairgrounds. The manager here was formerly at Pearl so she knows our group and its needs.

WHAT'S NEXT?

The 2010 season begins now in earnest with events every weekend in March. On March 6 the "Going to Town" event in Brookhaven kicks off the car show season in central Mississippi. We've invited all area clubs to join MSRA in a caravan to this show, held at the train depot in downtown Brookhaven. We tried this last year and drew a large crowd of about 30 classic cars. We'll meet in the parking lot of McDonald's in Byram and pull out at 8 a.m. sharp. To make sure everyone leaves together (the traffic light always breaks up the group) we will re-group in line on the entrance ramp and pull on to interstate 55 together. Come join us.

The next weekend MSRA will host the 32nd annual Dixie Rod Run for pre-'49 street rods only at the Sleep Inn hotel on the corner of Highway 25 and Airport Road. The fun begins on Friday afternoon and goes on thru mid day Sunday. Vic will be cooking up some of his special BBQ for our early arrivals on Friday evening. Street Rods from all over the south, and even some from Illinois, will be coming for this annual event. The rod run continues Saturday with games and competition, a tea for the ladies, and a big magic show for everyone to wind up the day. On Sunday morning, a devotional service followed by presentation of trophies and other great prizes will conclude the 32nd edition of Dixie Rod Run.

The following weekend, March 20 brings a full day of car activities. First, the 7th annual Troop 98 show & Shine, which we refer to as the boy scout show, will go on down in Byram at the Springridge Methodist church at the corner of Davis and Springridge roads starting at 9 a.m. This is an open show, with trophies for the top 10 cars and top 5 trucks, Scout's pick, and about 30 specialty plaques the scouts make and award. Grand prize is \$100 cash. Scouts will be serving hamburgers and hot dogs with all proceeds going to the scout troop there. Last

year there were 120 FINE vehicles filling the church grounds and parking lot. Awards will be given starting at 2 p.m.

Then after the scout show, everyone is invited to visit three more locations to complete a full day of car fun hosted by the Miss. Classic Cruisers Car Club. HNL Classics on the corner of Springridge and McRaven road will be having an open house. Everyone is invited to drop by and see all the classic cars under construction and restoration at the HNL shop. Also, if you continue on Springridge road through Clinton, there will also be an open house at Tyer's Professional Automotive on Clinton Parkway. The Tyers always have some interesting projects going on in their shop, too. As if that was not enough, you can also drive your classic to the Dairy Queen in Clinton on highway 80 where a cruise-in will be going on. All three of these activities will be going on at the same time and you are invited to come and go to all three as you wish. Talk about a full day of things to do with your car!! A big show, a cruise-in, and open house events at two car shops should provide a huge day of interesting fun. Tell all your friends and turn out for this BIG day for car lovers in the area.

After we get this rod run behind us, we have some weekend activities in the planning stages for MSRA. A shop tour, a trip to the old country town of Learned, MS, and some group runs to other car shows will be coming up. So there will be plenty to do in MSRA the rest of the year. We'll talk more about all of this next month.

A couple of parting thoughts:

**42.7 percent of all statistics are made up on the spot,
On the other hand, you have different fingers.**

Till next time, drive carefully

Jack