

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

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BITS & PIECES

Fuzzee is already making plans for the 2011 Redneck Power Tour. To be held earlier in the year in 2011, it begins April 3 and ends April 8. The venues are tentative at this point and details will be added later. The 2011 tour will be within the borders of Mississippi. For updates, log on www.fuzzeesperformance.com.....

You may have heard about NSRA rep Chicken Willie's latest episode with his street rod. Coming home from Hammond, a fuel line broke, spraying the engine compartment with gasoline. The fire quickly burned up everything under the hood. Fortunately CW had a fire extinguisher and was able to put it out quickly with the help from a couple of volunteer firefighters who just happened to be passing. Let this be a lesson to us all about keeping a working fire extinguisher in our street rods.

The recent Yazoo City tornadoes wrecked Paul and JoAnn Adams home along with the garage with his street rods and antiques. Luckily, they were not home and missed all the destruction. But his home and belongings were destroyed.

Eric has a new yellow '34 Ford 3 window.....Cooney has a new RED paint job on his 47 Chevy.....Charles Edwards bought a '27 Ford roadster off the internet and it arrived last week from Nebraska.....Butch has begun to put together a '34 Plymouth sedan he purchased from the internet.....Dee Dukes went to Pate Swap Meet in Texas and came home with his usual load of stuff, including a set of chrome wheels he wants me to put on my HHR.....Al is finally learning how to drive a straight shift. The '48 pickup they bought is still stock and believe it or not, Al had never driven anything with a standard shift before now.....Two weeks ago when we had that stretch of pretty, dry weather I parked my regular car and truck and drove that roadster everywhere I went the entire week. That was some fun. Went to the grocery, to the bank, to the eye Doctor, the post office, everywhere in that little car and must have put 150 miles on it just running around town.

WHAT'S BEEN GOING ON

April 17 some of us met in Clinton to ride over to the Vicksburg Cruisers annual show at Blackburn Motor Company. Looking for a bit of a road trip, I joined Eric, Butch, and John for the ride to the hill city. When we turned in the lot, Don was already there and we parked the rods. (Eric, being without a street rod temporarily, parked his Mustang). Nobody brought a tent so we were constantly moving our chairs around to stay under the shade of the dealership's big sign. John renamed us the "hill city shade chasers". That is, until he took his usual nap and we all moved off and left him snoozing in the sun. They had this big space jump things there for the kids to play in. Butch and Eric were annoyed by all the noise the kids were making while jumping in the thing and they both threatened to crawl into it and jump themselves. Now that's a couple of large people, who have no business crawling in the

thing in the first place. Then they discussed a plan to climb up on the light pole and dive off on the space jump to see how many little kids they could launch in the air at one time. This would no doubt have resulted in either a major blowout of the big balloon and ruining the rest of the day for those kids; or putting a couple of smaller kids in orbit. Talk about "pants on the ground"....if those two had tried it. Fortunately, they decided to send off for tamales and eat instead. The two of them and Bolden ate about a dozen tamales. Can't take 'em anywhere. Everybody but Eric (in his Mustang, remember?) won a trophy and then they all raced home, leaving me in the rest room at the car dealership. I heard Wayne and John went up to Ridgeland to the MCC show there that weekend.

The next weekend, George and Charles went to the Pensacola Rod Run. I went to the Hillcrest show but it was rained out as the bad band of storms moved through this area.

Bad weather again played a part in the Byram Swinging Bridge Festival car show the next weekend. It had been great weather all week until Friday. Saturday dawned cloudy with a heavy mist, but about 35 diehards brought their classic cars anyway. By noon, the showers began to come and go and show officials decided to give out the awards and let everyone go. Shortly thereafter, the rain began in earnest and shut down the whole festival. The poor guys with the carnival were into the next afternoon getting the rides and their trailers out of the muddy field. MSRA was represented with my two cars, Eric in his new '34 Ford, Jim in his '38 Chevy, Butch in his Studebaker rat rod, Jack Cox (more about his ride later), and Marlon with his seldom-driven Cadillac. He arrived and was attempting to back into his parking spot and the thing died. We had to get up a group to push it into the parking place. You really ought to drive that thing more often, Marlon. Eric still had not figured out how to gracefully get his big self out of the 34 with its suicide doors. We had to squirt WD40 on him to slide him out. Cox had somehow managed to get BOTH his street rods relocated to his brother's shop up in Philadelphia, so he arrived in a...gasp...choke.....red Miata convertible. I didn't dare ask him where he got that darn thing, but he parked it next to my roadster. With the intermittent rains, I had not taken the car cover completely off the roadster, prompting Mr. Miata to comment on how he'd never seen anyone take a car to a car show and leave it covered up. I told him if he'd drop the top on the Miata, I'd take the car cover off my roadster. That shut him up for a bit, but when the wind picked up and blew the cover on off the roadster, all of them just sat there and made no attempt to help me grab the thing and put it back over the topless roadster. I caught a slight let up in the rain and headed home with the topless rod and only got a little bit wet. I've gotta get a top for that thing.

The next weekend BRC had their annual open show at O'Reilly's auto parts in Clinton. About a dozen of y'all had told me you'd be there. The morning came with off and on showers and I guess all of you rolled over and went back to bed. I left the topless roadster at home and went on in my coupe. I hadn't been there twenty minutes when the rain stopped and all the clouds left, giving us a beautiful day for a car show. I kicked myself a dozen times for not driving the roadster. Jack Cox showed up, this time with a nice Camaro convertible that belonged to his son. I guess I'll have to go up to Philadelphia and drag his street rods home. But we both won a trophy. He took a nap and almost missed his. Adopted club member Ronnie Neihaus from Vicksburg was there with his 31 Chevy pickup with the spider webs all over it. While he was getting a hamburger, his grandson told me about Ronnie's plans to buy a Spiderman outfit and wear it when he drives the truck. You can't trust kids to keep a secret, and when I confronted him with that bit of information, he did not deny it. Hmmmm. The O'Reilly show drew about 60 cars and with the BRC's top clowns, John and Larry running the PA system, it was an enjoyable day. Since none of the rest of you came, and with Cox taking a nap and Ronnie fanaticizing about Spider man, I hung out with the Pelahatchie gang all day and look forward to going to their show next weekend.

2010 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS	
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	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	Watermelon Carnival car show Water Valley, MS
AUG 12-14	Georgia Mountain Moonshine Cruise Hiawasse, 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 601 894-4752
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

The next club meeting will be on Thursday, May 13 at the Shoney's on High Street near the fairgrounds. You can come eat at 6 and the meeting will follow. Eric says there will be reserved parking for Miatas in the rear.

WHAT'S NEXT?

As I mentioned earlier, the Mid State Rodders will be hosting the Crooked Creek Car Fest at the park in Pelahatchie next Saturday. This is a great, laid back show under the park's shade trees with around 150+ cars to look at. We usually have a good group of MSRA rods there and I hope more of you decide to show up this weekend compared to the poor turnout last week. The Mid State bunch always puts on a nice event and I encourage you to come on over the short ride to downtown Pelahatchie.

The next weekend there is a MCCC open show in Madison at Ridgecrest Church. I decided to try something new and plan to go to Louisville to the Red Hills Festival car show. I have a friend there who's been begging me to come up there for several years, so this time I'm going to try to go. I would love to have some company if any of y'all can make it. Might even drive up there on Friday and spend the night at Lake Tia Khata. Depends on the weather that weekend.

In June there are several things going on, just check the schedule. A bunch of things are going on the same weekend and I haven't decided just where I'll be. Randy's car show at Tylertown Dairy Festival is always good. I won a free entry to the Muscle Shoals rod run that weekend and I've also got an invite to come to Talladega dirt track for the vintage car races that weekend there. And the USCS sprint cars will be racing here at Byram for their only appearance here this year, and y'all know how I love to watch those things. So I've got some decisions to make that particular weekend with so many things going on that I like to do. But I do plan to be at Jimbo's ASRA Hot Rod Reunion June 25-27 at Diamondhead.

A personal note

The death of long time club member Bennie Boggs, though not unexpected, came as a great personal loss to me. His family and mine rode the highways together for a number of years, going to car shows around the south. I don't know how many miles I followed his '34 Ford up and down the highway. I of course always let him lead because "his speedometer was more accurate." You all know we were close. After Charlotte died I'd call him and we'd talk about my loss and he was always there to give me the support I needed. He was a true friend. And you've all heard us fire insults at each other, and a person who did not know us that well would think we were about to come to blows or something. But that's just the fun relationship type we had. He was special....and I'll miss him.

Till next time, drive carefully

Jack