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BITS & PIECES

There have been several new shows added to the 2009 event calendar, so you might want to check over it closely to make sure you don't miss something you want to go.

We had a near record 22 cars ride with us in the Dixie National Rodeo Parade. Well, actually, four of them were not street rods, but were cars of some friends of the club who didn't have any other group to ride with, so 18 street rods is still a good turnout. Most we ever had in this parade was 25, back in the 80's. The nice weather brought out one of the larger parade crowds in recent years, so we got to show off our street rods to a lot of folks. Riding in the MSRA lineup were: Paul Acey's 39 Chevy coupe, Paul Grossi's 46 Chevy coupe, Paul Westwood's '34 Studebaker sedan, Fred Lytle's 37 Chevy sedan, Jack Cox's '37 Chevy coupe, Wayne Thomas' 34 Ford coupe, Roundman's 48 Chevy suburban, Jimmy Creel's 36 Plymouth sedan, Carey Creel's 40 Chevy sedan, Quentin Sprayberry's 29 Ford coupe, T Tommy's 48 Chevy pickup, Cynthia Smith's 37 Ford sedan, Jim Saville's 38 Chevy sedan, Joe Laird's 41 Chevy coupe, George Phillips' '35 Packard sedan, Al Mashburn's 40 Chevy sedan, Thomas Yates 30 Ford sedan and my 38 Chevy coupe. Art Todd's 67 Olds convertible, Stan Aceys convertible and a couple of Stan's friends in a Camaro convertible and a Malibu station wagon came along for the ride.

We offer our condolences to Steve Ravesies on the loss of his mother last week.

First club get-together of 2009 will be on Saturday March 7. We hope all of you will join us on a cruise down to Brookhaven for the Ole Brook Cruisers "Goin' to Town" car show at the old train depot in downtown Brookhaven. We'll leave the McDonald's in Byram off exit 85 at around 8 that morning and cruise down I 55 the short 35 miles to Brookhaven. When word got out of our plans, a couple of other area car clubs asked if they could ride with us. We welcomed them to come so we expect a caravan of 25-30 or more cars cruising with us that morning. March kicks off a busy year of hot rod fun. Just look at the schedule and jump in the middle of it at an event near you.

.Boy Scout Troop 98 in Byram invites you all to their 6th annual car show, Saturday March 21, on the grounds of the Springridge Methodist Church, corner Davis and Springridge roads.

So with Brookhaven on March 7, Dixie Run on the next weekend, the Boy Scout show the next, and several area events to choose from on the final March weekend, it looks like the start of a very busy season.

News flash: Bennie Boggs has a new GPS system. So far he's only used it to go to the post office (2 miles) but he definitely has not gotten lost yet. He plans to use it to go

to the D'Lo campgrounds (3 Miles) and Kroger (3.5 miles) next week. Not exactly Christopher Columbus or Hernando DeSoto yet.

GARAGE REPORT

Since starting back writing this newsletter, I've been so concerned with details on Dixie Run I have not reported on the heartbeat of the club; the cars. There are some new rides under construction. Gary decided get back to work on his '30 Chevy, having found a new parts source for some of the pieces he was missing. No word on when he will be riding, but hope it won't be too long.....Vic Boggs is building a VW based rat rod to be powered by a Pinto engine. From what I hear, the frame has been designed and is being put together now. Bennie is helping, which should slow things down substantially.....John Bolden's Chevy sedan should be back from the painter this week. Meanwhile, Tubby is building the engine for John's new '34 Ford coupe.....That new "black suede" paint on Jack Cox's 37 looks really good. But he says he does plan to put some candy maroon paint on it soon.....Glad to have Fred Lytle ride with us in the parade. His yellow 37 Chevy flatback sedan really stood out.....Dee Dukes has started the frame on a T bucket project rat rod. No word yet on what the power will be, but look out for a blower.....Jimmy Creel is about ready to retire in a couple of weeks and he says then maybe he will have time to repaint and do some other work on his reliable ol' Plymouth..... Hey Al and Terra, Jim Saville said if you'd buy some primer, he'd shoot your car for free just to get it all one color so you can drop the name "Beagle". Or maybe you like it three different colors, I don't know.....Eddie Yeates missed the parade with both his cars. He's still ironing out the bugs (wire problems) in the new electronic fuel injection system he installed on his 34. His '46 truck had radiator problems he didn't have time to fix. I think Monkey would not move his drag car out of the shop space so Eddie could work on it.....Mike Chambless has talked with a friend who is in instructor at Hinds Community college. This guy teaches paint and body work and has offered to teach a "hands on" course in this for our club members. He needs 15 people to justify doing it. If interested let us know. Maybe we could use Al's car to practice on.....Or maybe my 47 Dodge truck cab. It could really use some attention. Let me be the first to sign up.

Hopefully after the rod run is over, we can all take a garage tour one Saturday and go look at all these projects together. Other club activities we're looking at doing later this year are a picnic at River Bend on the Trace and a Saturday trip down highway 18 to Learned, Mississippi to that old country store there. If you come up with any other things we could do as a club with our street rods, please don't hesitate to let us know. A busy club is a fun club.

DIXIE RUN 31

In spite of the short time to get ready, things are really coming together for Dixie Run. I'm so excited and happy to report that the pre-entry list for Dixie Run continues to grow. New entries from Alabama and Missouri were just received, joining those already received from Louisiana, Tennessee, Arkansas, Florida, and Illinois as well as those from all over Mississippi. It looks like we'll have a good crowd of street rods this year to celebrate the format change.

Bennie tells me that he and Vic have stocked up on some good old pork and chicken that will become some mighty fine BBQ on Friday night. Please push those sponsor trophies. Cutoff date for those is almost upon us and we don't want any sponsors left out. We can always use door prizes and more goodie bag items. We will pack the goodie bags at Bennie's house (that's where the club trailer is parked) at 2 p.m. on Sunday afternoon, March 8. We still need help with some of the activities. Dee Dukes has reworked all the equipment for the games and they really look good. I have completed the game trophies. The 350 giveaway engine is on the way. The sign-up sheet for duties at the rod run was available at both

February club meetings, so if you did not signup to help, find a blank and put your name on it to help with that activity. Ladies, we'll need some help in bringing desserts and the side dishes like beans and chips for the Friday night BBQ. If you have not been contacted, please check with Karla or Nancy on what you can do to help. Also, Nancy needs some help in gathering items for the ladies grand prize. Any type cosmetic items to go in the basket would be great. Y'all know what needs to be done. We have seven games plus the poker run to give plenty of things for Dixie Run participants to do.

2009 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS	
MAR 7	Ole Brook Cruise In, old train depot Brookhaven, MS 601/833-8620
MAR 13-15	MSRA Dixie Run 31 Jackson (Flowood) MS details at ms-sra.org pre '49
MAR 14	Open car show Poplarville, MS Good Time Cruisers 601-799-1932
MAR 21	6th ANNUAL Troop 98 show & shine car show . Springridge UMC in Byram MS to benefit boy scouts. Open to all cars & trucks info Joe @ 371-2282
MAR 20-22	Singing River Rod Run, LaFont Inn Pascagoula, MS 228/596-5158
MAR 27-28	Big River Classics 55-57 Chevy show Vicksburg, MS 601/939-8265
MAR 28	Magnolia Cruisers show, Laurel, MS, Sou Central Place hwy 15 601-270-7723
APR 4	Car show 10 til 2 at Home Depot in Madison
APR 4	Camellia Classic car show Mobile, AL 251-675-7391
APR 4	Boulevard Cruisers Picayune, MS
APR 10-11	VCCC Red Carpet Classic, Blackburn Motor Co. Vicksburg, MS 601/831-2597
APR 10-11	2 nd Central MS Mustang Show Gray-Daniels Ford 601/259-8413
APR 10-11	Red River Rod Run Shreveport, LA Red River Street Rods 318/949-9117
APR 11	Gnat Nationals at old depot Bay St. Louis, MS 228-216-1259
APR 11	Crossroads Cruisers Winona. MS Coliseum info: 662-653-6812
APR 18	Camellia City Rod Run Slidell Park Slidell, LA 985-639-9919
APR 18	Hillcrest car show Hillcrest church, Byram, MS jsdholden@bellsouth.net
APR 17-19	Bunny Run Jackson, TN www.jacksonrodandcustom.com
APR 17-19	Rod-Tiques pre'49 street rod run Pensacola FL info: Ed @ 850-429-0738
APR 25	Car Show by Antique Vehicle Club Brandon courthouse annex 601-941-5800
APR 23-25	C5 C6 Corvette Bash, Bowling Green KY
APR 30- MAY 3	4th Annual Blue Suede Cruise Bancorp South Center, Tupelo, MS info: 800/533-0611 or www.bluesc.com
MAY 1-3	NSRA Nats South Knoxville, TN
MAY 2	Swinging Bridge Festival car show Byram, MS details tba
MAY 2	Classic car show Beach Park Pascagoula, MS
MAY 9	Show at the O open car show at O'Reilly's in Clinton
MAY 8-9	Cruisin' on the River Vidalia, LA info: 316-336-8265
MAY 13	Cruise-in for patients Whitfield State Hospital, MS
MAY 16	Crooked Creek Car Fest, Pelahatchie, Ms 601-854-8032
MAY 16	Car Show Turtle Creek Mall Hattiesburg, MS
MAY 16	Delta Classic car show Boyle, MS
MAY 16	Hot Rod Saturday VA Hospital , Biloxi, MS
MAT 16	Club 66 car show Carthage, MS info: 601 367-0357
MAY 23	Shake Rattle & Roll car show, MCC, Madison MS 601/259-5248

MAY 29-31	Dixie Rodders car show, Best Western motel, Meridian, MS info601/917-7272
MAY 30	Cruise into Summer car show, Smith Co. Cruisers, Raleigh, MS
JUN 6	Walthall Co. Dairy Fest car show Tylertown, MS 601-684-2609
JUN 13	Blueberry Festival car show Poplarville, MS
JUN 21	Cars at the Zoo Jackson, MS Zoological Park event www.jacksonzoo.org
JUN 26-28	Good Guys South nats Nashville, TN
JUL 4	Rods & Hawgs at the Shed BBQ hwy 53 Gulfport, MS 228-832-1147
JUL 24-26	25 th Catfish Run Sardis, MS Miss. Delta Rodders pre '49 662-429-7265
AUG 6-9	NSRA Street Rod Nationals Louisville, KY
AUG 7-9	Hot Summer Nights car show Beaumont, TX
SEP 4-6	Parade of Rods, Houma, LA.Mardi Gras street rods info: Jed @985 532-2777
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 18-19	Rock & Roll Revival Queen City Rods, Meridian, MS
SEP 26	Heritage Festival car show Raleigh, MS 601/4057685
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 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 5	Madison, MS Christmas Parade info 601 573-5873

MISSED IT AGAIN.... part 2

The response to last month's tale about our missing out on the 24 hours of Daytona endurance race was overwhelming. I got all sorts of comments and suggestions, including one that recommended Bo, Wayne and I should consult a competent psychiatrist for immediate counseling. One commented that it was ludicrous (what's that mean?) for a trio of old fossils like us to even consider such a thing in light of the new wave of kids coming up in racing nowadays.

But, on the other hand, we got some amazing offers of support of various kinds from all over the state. Tommy Smith of T-Tommy's T shirts offered to replace the two team shirts Bo tore up. He also offered to provide cokes and nabs to eat for the crew. Jimbo Perkins with Gulf Coast Motorsports Magazine offered to publish the story in March issue of his magazine in hope that some major sponsor might read it. He's all heart! Fuzzee, CEO over at Fuzzee's

Performance Parts in Collinsville, offered us his entire 2009 advertising budget of \$7.58 to aid in our efforts. Or maybe he said that was his entire life savings. What a Great American! John Trammel and Jimmy Estep, owners of Doc BigLove's haunted Bar & Grille in downtown Natchez, offered to send their best potted meat and crackers for the whole crew to eat during the race. Wayne loves potted meat and crackers. John even offered the services of his wife, "Sarge" Shirley, to be our crew chief. She's good at punching buttons and changing tires. Then, Allen McDaniels, the main man in charge up at the Tupelo Mississippi Antique Automobile Museum, really came through for us. He offered me the telephone number of a waitress he knows at the Waffle House in Daytona Beach, who, bless her dear little hash brown cookin' heart, offered to drive the entire night shift for us during the 24 hours.

What a wonderful bunch of friends I have!!!! So our dreams may finally come true next year. With all this wonderful support, WOW, who knows what we might accomplish. Now if we can just figure a way to get the Camaro away from Sara that weekend.....

NEXT CLUB MEETING

A busy week is ahead. There will be a club meeting at the Golden Corral restaurant on Lakeland Drive, Wednesday, March 11, starting with supper at 6 followed by the club meeting. This will be the final meeting before the rod run so try to be there so you won't miss out on anything. On Sunday, March 8, at 2 o'clock we'll all head out to Bennie Boggs' house to pack the goodie bags for the rod run. That way, when we finish with them, we can just load them all in the club trailer that Bennie keeps parked at his shed. This should not take too long. On Thursday March 12 at 6 p.m. all club members need to meet at the rod run site to help put up the tent. This is the night before the rod run. Please be there to help at all of these activities.

Oh yeah, club dues are due. See ya at the Brookhaven ride Saturday

Till next time, drive carefully

Jack