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BITS & PIECES

It has been a while since I looked at the current list of MSRA project cars, so I think we need an update. John and Julie have a new '37 Ford sedan they got in Missouri. It is a Downs glass body with a 3 inch chop, sitting on a Mustang II front end with a 9 inch Ford rear. Lot of plans plus lots of work will give them a year round ride with a little more comfort than their current T bucket. Chevy power and a candy red paint job are part of the plan.....Gene Purser has taken delivery of a '38 Ford club coupe he found on the internet. Those club coupes are one of the more unique styles Ford made back in the day. Anxious to see that one.....Al and Tera have gotten an engine for their 48 Chevy pickup. Plans are to get a bolt-in Mustang II front end assembly for that one.....Gary has finally gotten over his severely infected arm and is back hard at work on his '31 Chevy coupe. The floor is done and the body is ready to go back on the frame. He had planned to have it running by May but the illness slowed progress. With the bulk of the body work behind him, he's back hard at work on it again, vowing to ride this summer. A bright orange is the color he plans for this one.....Cooney tells me he just purchased a complete '46 Chevrolet coupe with a pile of spare parts. Barbara has claimed their finished car and says now Cooney can build HIM one from the new purchase..... Fred has put a new steering setup in his '37 Chevy and says the road cruising is much improved now.....Carey has put new air conditioning in his '40 Chevy.....George got the Packard back on the road again after having some rear hub problems coming home from Vicksburg.....Ronnie Niehaus is making progress on his new model A sedan. It is on all new Cragar wheels and he's looking for a steel top to replace the fabric one. This one will be green. Since we call his old truck "the Spiderman", I guess the car will be "the green hornet". He hopes to have it running by Crossett time.....Over at Eric's shop, there is so much going on you'd just have to see it to believe it. He has two cars under construction there, plus his son Nathan's 48 pickup, and another car over in Georgia which is in the final stages of painting. The '39 Chevy has taken a backseat to the red 37 Ford. The engine is in it and is running (he called and made me listen to it on the telephone) New Painless Wiring kit has been installed and all the detail to get it drivable is well under way. He says he plans to be able to drive it out of the shop by month end and will debut it at the Nashville Good Guys show. Excitement personified.

Nathan is quietly making great progress on his 48 Chevy pickup too. It's frame is finished and painted and rear end is under it. They are by-passing the paint right now just to get it ready to ride and on the road soon. Any way, the patina is just about right to pass with the "rat rod" look so popular now.....If you've seen my roadster in the last week you will see why Josh walked out and looked at it last Saturday and proclaimed it "a big mess." I've been sanding the scallops and other trim off and it certainly isn't the sharpest looking thing around right now. At the cruise-in last Saturday night one person was a little kinder and called a "work in progress". When I get it all back one color with the new hood on, it should be decent again. But I still ride in it every week.

WHAT'S BEEN GOING ON.

Most of the shows I'm hearing from have had reduced car counts this year, some worse than others. With gas prices up and the overkill of TOO MANY shows (my opinion), us car folks are beginning to pick and choose as to the ones they attend. I've managed to attend most of the local events, and there have been enough of them that I haven't had to go very far from home to find one lately. Jimmy, Carey, Fred, Jack, and I attended the Clinton show and parade on April 23rd. Like most others, it didn't grow any from last year. PA system malfunctions sort of put a damper on this one. The next weekend, the Byram Swinging Bridge Festival car show finally got some decent weather and 114 cars registered, up considerably from last year's rained on event. Ronnie, Fred, Jack, Cooney, and I attended this one. There was a good variety of cars at this and the crowd at the festival was good until the car show was over. Wayne Thomas and his personal secretary, Louis Waxler, went to Tupelo to the Blue Suede Cruise that weekend. Over 700 cars were there. On May 7, John & Julie, Ronnie, Al, Eric, Chicken Willie, and I went to Clinton to the BRC show at O'Reilly's. I set up my tent and it suddenly got to be a very popular spot on the parking lot as several folks stopped by to enjoy our shade. Art, Ade, Tommy and several others sat with us and tall tales were told. Word got out that Wayne and his secretary, Mr. Waxler, were at Wayne's running wiring to Wayne's new workshop. Ade suggested we watch the 6 o'clock news to see if there was word of anyone getting electrocuted. O'Reilly's cooked hamburgers for us and CW was among the first in line as usual. CW lost his hamburger bun and was complaining until someone told him it was in his left hand. He goes nuts around free food. John's T bucket won a trophy as did CW's 40 Ford.

2011 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS	
MAY 14	Hot Rod Saturday. Gulf coast VA hospital Biloxi, MS 228 392-6134
MAY 14	Crooked Creek Car Fest Pelahatchie, MS Lion's Club host
MAY 14	Bug Jam 2 V W drags & show Gulfport Dragway info: 228 255-8558
MAY 19-21	Bama Coast Cruise Orange Beach, Al
MAY 20-22	Dixie Rodders run at Best Western Inn Meridian, MS info: 601 938-3060
MAY 20-21	Cruisin On the River Natchez, MS/Vidalia LA info: rivercitybadboys.com
MAY 21	8th Annual Delta Classics Auto Club car, truck, and motorcycle Jamboree Boyle, MS info: Eddie @ 662 719-0067

MAY 21	Club 66 car show at Carthage, MS UMC grounds info: 601 267-0357
MAY 28	Shake Rattle & Roll Car show by MCC at Ridgecrest Baptist Church in Madison, MS info:601 260-9138
MAY 28	Red hills Festival car show Louisville, Ms info: 662 803-4205
JUN 4	Walthall Co. Dairy Festival car show Tylertown, MS info: 601 684-2609
JUN 4	Nostalgia Drags Gulfport Dragway 228 596-0664
JUN 11	NSRA Appreciaton Day Brookhaven, MS info: CW 601 695-3890
JUN 11	Blueberry Festival car show Poplarville, MS info: 601 799-1032
JUN 18	Cruzin Main Street car show Laurel, MS details : info@laurelexpress.com
JUN 19	Father's day car & bike show Jackson Zoo grounds Free show Live entertainment info:www.gjohnson@jacksonzoo.org
JULY 8-10	2 nd Annual ASRA Street Rodders Reunion Tupelo, MS OLD TIME STREET ROD GET TOGETHER at Host Clarion Inn pre-'49 street rods only event. Hosted by the American Street Rod Assn members info: Jimbo 228 596-0664
JULY 9-10	National Collector Car Appreciation Day picnic at Flint Creek water park in Wiggins, MS by Red Creek Classics info: redcreekclassics.com
JULY 16	4 th annual Cruise Into Summer car truck & bike show at Old Rice rd Baptist Church in Madison, MS info:hart1957@bellsouth.net
JULY 16	Watermelon Festival car show, Mize, Ms info: 601 405 7685
JULY 29-31	Cattfish Run, Sardis Lake, MS pre-'49 street rods only info: 662 429-7265
AUG 11-13	Georgia Mountain Moonshine Festival Hiawassee, GA 662 587-9572
AUG 20	Body of Christ Church annual car, truck, and bike show Jackson, MS info: Ade Fleming @ 601 720-9790
AUG 27	20 th Cruisin' the River car show Columbus, MS 662-494-6086
AUG 26-28	Frog Follies pre-'49 street rods Evansville, IN
SEP 3	Mossy Oak Outlet mall car show West Point, MS info: 662 494-5121
SEP 3	Masonic Lodge car show Bay St. Louis, Ms info:228 363-2998
SEP 10	Leake Co. 4H club car show Carthage, MS. Coliseum info: 601-267-8036
SEP 17	Vicksburg cruisers car show . Details tba
SEP 21-24	Fall Petit Jean Mountain swap meet Morrilton, AR info: 501 727-5427
SEP 24	Cotton Gin Festival car show Noxapater, MS info:662 724-4656
SEP 24	Heritage festival car show Raleigh, Ms info:601 405 7685
SEP 23-25	Delta River Run Sam's Town, Tunica, MS by Memphis Street Rods
OCT 1	Show off on the Square Batesville, Ms MS Delta Street Rods 662 429-7265
OCT 2-9	Cruisin' the Coast Miss. Gulf Coast info 1-888-808-1188
OCT 5	Cruise Fest First Baptist Church, Biloxi, MS info: www.fbcbiloxi.org
OCT 6	Cruise-in at the Shed BBQ on hwy 53N Gulfport, MS info: 228 832-1147
OCT 7-8	Hourly Rumble Gulfport Dragway info: 228 863-4408
OCT 5-16	AVCM State Fair antique car show Jackson, MS fairgrounds
OCT 15	Rock & Roll Revival & Nostalgia Drags at Battlefield Drag Strip Collinsville, MS info:www.battlefieldraceway.net
OCT 21-22	8 th Scarecrow Cruise & car show by MCC Madison, Ms info: 601 259-5248
OCT 29	2nd Annual Ride Thru the Woods, Little Big Store's 30th Anniversary Motorama Jamboree in Raymond, MS info: www.hambonesmotorkulture.com

NOV 4-6	21 st annual Fun Run Crossett, AR info 870 364-9481 pre-'66
NOV 5	Chillin' & Grillin' car show Taylorsville, MS
NOV 5	Boulevard Cruisers Fall show Picayune, MS 601 798-3166
NOV 7-12	Emerald coast Cruise-in Panama City Beach, FL at Frank Brown Park Info: www.emeraldcoastcruizin.com
DEC 3	Christmas parade at Whitfield State Hospital
DEC 4	Byram Christmas Parade.
DEC 11	Santa's Cruise Toys for Tots Edgewater Mall, Gulfport

NEXT MSRA CLUB MEETING:

6 p.m. Thursday night, May 12, at Los Parrilleros restaurant, located on Riverwind Drive, east, just past McAllister's. Take Pearl Exit off I 20, go north to Riverwind, then east past McAllister's to far end of strip mall.

WHAT'S NEXT

Still a lot going on nearby in May

MAY 14 Crooked Creek Car Fest in Pelahatchie, MS

This is another one of those shows where I've been to all of them. This year the Lion's club has taken over running the show so they should have another good one. The little park in downtown Pelahatchie will be packed as usual so you better get there early for a good parking spot.

MAY 20-21 Dixie Rodders Run Meridian, MS

This two day show, put on by the Dixie Rodders is one I've been trying to go to for years, but just never seemed to make it.

MAY 28 Shake Rattle & Roll car show by MCC at Ridgecrest Baptist Church parking lot in Ridgeland.

MAY 28 Red Hill Festival car show in Louisville, Ms

I've heard that our street rod friends, the Parker's, from Hueytown, Alabama, who drive the big '33 Studebaker, were hit hard by the recent tornadoes in that state. Their two story house lost the entire top floor and his shop was damaged along with the Studebaker. Spare parts were found half a block away. My youngest daughter barely missed a big hit as a huge pine tree fell in their back yard, just barely missing the house but falling close enough to knock the rain gutters off, flatten a BBQ grill and destroy most of their wooden fence. I hope all our other street rod friends are safe. Also, keep the Round family in your thoughts and prayers. Lawrence has been in and out of the hospital, once in ICU, as the doctors continue to try to find his exact problem. Also I yesterday talked to Fuzzee, who is out of the hospital and in rehab again.

Till next time, drive carefully

Jack