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# Mississippi Street Rod Association NEWSLETTER

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## **BITS & PIECES**

The Hot Rod Weekend at the Gulfport Dragway was rained out in March and has been rescheduled for July 17-18. The car show at Monroe Motor Speedway was also rained out and has been rescheduled for the evening of May 9, just before the racing program.....The National Street Rod Association has announced to all its staff and state representatives that beginning in 2010, ALL of the NSRA events will be open to vehicles 30 years old and older. Once again, it appears business wins out over tradition. And to be sure you understand my position on this, I side with tradition and always will.

## **WHAT'S BEEN GOING ON**

Well, we started out the month with a trip to Vicksburg to attend the Vicksburg Cruisers' Red Carpet Classic car show. Eight MSRA Rods and a couple of 57's from the BRC gang met at Clinton and rode over there together. Bennie Boggs, Jim Saville, John Bolden, Fred Lytle, Louis Oursler, Jack Cox, and me, plus Al Mashburn made up the MSRA caravan. Don Traweek and Pat Page were already there. Louis waxed his roadster before we left Clinton. We did not have to worry about getting lost, as Bennie had his new GPS toy working and was giving me reports every ten minutes or so on my CB radio pinpointing our position. Thankfully, it was only a 30 minute ride and I didn't have to listen to him too long. I dread the trip to Crosset, Arkansas later this year. Three hours of GPS reports will not be fun.

Once we got there and got out our easy chairs, we watched Louis wax his roadster...again. Me, Fred, Jack, John, Louis and Jim sat together ...in the sun... while Al and Terra set up their TENT...on the other end of the parking lot. After baking for an hour or so some discussion ensued about how we could lure Al off to the other side of the parking lot and steal his tent. Then Ronnie Niehaus comes by with a cupcake which he refused to share. He told us that Terra had baked a whole pan of the things and was giving them away to the One Rule street rod club members across the lot. That really got us all stirred up and Jack Cox took it upon himself to take action. Now, Jack is a retired JPD detective, and can be pretty convincing when he has to be. He went over to Al's tent, there was a brief discussion, and Jack returned with the ENTIRE pan of cupcakes. He mumbled something about having to flash his badge or show his revolver. Anyway, we all had a cupcake and settled down again. Then Bennie showed up. He's been sitting under a tent too so we refused to give him any cupcakes. Naturally he went over and poor mouthed to Terra and she gave him Al's cupcake so he'd go away.

Then Elvis showed up so we all went to watch him perform. Awards time came along and Bennie won a \$20 gift certificate to the outlet mall. Mary immediately planned a day long shopping trip for them which would probably cost him \$100 to spend the \$20. Maybe he can use the GPS device at the outlet mall. Those of us who were "tentless" left with a pretty

good sunburn and headed back home.

Louis had left early to go to the MCC cruise night in Ridgeland, so of course his shiny roadster won a top ten plaque. Being the good guy that I am, plus I just wanted to ride some more, I offered to take the award to him up at the cruise in Ridgeland. When I got to the cruise-in, Louis was ...guess what...waxing his roadster some more. At this rate all the paint should be gone before the year is over. But we all had a good time visiting and having fun. Thanks Vicksburg Cruisers for a good show. Around 100 cars attended.

Next weekend, some of the same crew went down to Terry to the annual "Hillcrest Church vehicle extravaganza." This was Dee Dukes home event, so he had both his trucks there. Last week's crew, John, Jim, Don, Pat, and I were joined by George Phillips and Paul Acey giving us 8 MSRA rods on hand. A threat of rain kept the crowd down somewhat but we set up our usual chairs and visited some more. Around 50 cars were on hand. Somehow the discussion got around to Dee Dukes projects and things he constantly putters around with. John said he had seen this thing Dee made called a "duck jerker". Now I was almost scared to ask what it was used for. Turns out it was some sort of motorized device that duck hunters hook up to a string of decoys to make them move to look active enough to lure in the real ducks. The things you learn a hanging around with this bunch. At awards time they were giving away money in the form of a \$50 and a \$300 grand prize. Last year, Al Mashburn had won BOTH of the cash prizes. But this year, he had gone to the Bunny Run in Tennessee and was not there to repeat. Ronnie Niehaus and I were commenting on how that would not repeat this year, when amazingly they called out the numbers and I won the \$50 and Ronnie won the \$300. We couldn't resist making a cell call to Al in Tennessee to rub it in. That \$300 along with the engine he won at Dixie Run should put Ronnie in business on his new project model A.

The following Thursday, I took off down to Hammond, La to Randy Wilson's event. A good crowd was already arriving and I spent the morning visiting with several folks I'd not seen in a long time. But about mid afternoon I began to feel a doggone kidney stone start to move. If you've ever experienced that deal, you know what I mean. The pain got worse so I got scared and took off for home. But later on that night after I got home, it eased off and passed. By Friday night it had passed and I got back to normal. John Bolden, Jack Cox, Wayne Thomas and Louis Oursler came to Hammond also. Louis won another top trophy but I had no word if he was waxing again. Wayne Thomas won the ladies grand prize, but was DQ'd since he was alone. Randy had around 300 cars at his show

So on Saturday morning, Jim and I rode out to Brandon to the Antique club's open car show. Gene Purser and Fred Lytle joined us there. Fred won a door prize, a "makeover" from a local spa. He was sitting over in the shade with his shoes off barefooted, so Gene and I suggested that if he was going to do that, he should at least use the makeover to possibly paint his toenails. We were told in no uncertain terms what he thought of that idea. Case closed. I did win a plaque though. About 70 cars showed up.

The first weekend in May found MSRA rods scattered all over the south. Dee Dukes went to the Pate swap meet in Texas, others went to Knoxville, Tenn. to the NSRA Nats, some were at the Blue Suede cruise in Tupelo, some went to the Jerry Clower festival car show in Yazoo City and some went to the Swinging Bridge Festival car show in Byram. I was with the latter group so I don't know just exactly who went to all these other events.

I was involved with the staging of the Byram event and handled the car show registration duties. There were all sorts of things going on at this first annual festival, which commemorated Byram's recent designation as the newest city in Mississippi. History in the making for my little home town as the incorporation has finally passed all the court tests and

we'll become a town now. The crowd attending was way bigger than expected, and a traffic jam coming off the interstate was sometimes a mess. The carnival rides and entertainment went on til late Friday night. On Saturday morning I got there bright an early and we began to register and park the 95 cars that came. MSRA was represented by Jim Saville, John Bolden, Don Traweek, and myself, along with our visitor for Vicksburg, Ron Niehaus. Now I was quite busy with my show duties so I didn't get to watch everything these clowns did, but during one lull in the registration I notice them putting up a tent. Normally that spells trouble. It took all of them to do it and even then it looked to be slanting somewhat. I though it was sitting on the edge of a ditch but apparently during the set up they managed to break one of the legs. Can't take 'em anywhere. Traweek and his wife had the good sense to move up under the edge of the building to get out of the sun, but the rest of them stayed under the three legged tent. At some point, John Bolden went to sleep. The report I got said he snored so loud he fell out of his chair, the tent collapsed under the stress, scattering Saville and Niehaus as well as the people sitting on either side of them.

And the month has just begun, with four more shows left in May. Just remember I always have my trusty pen and pad to record things "as I see them". I'm just glad to be part of the scene again. Those of you who aren't participating in all these activities, well, I just don't understand you. You're just missing some very good fun and fellowship. Come on and go places with us!

<b>2009 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS</b>	
<b>MAY 9</b>	Show at the O open car show at O'Reilly's in Clinton
<b>MAY 9</b>	Car show and cruise at Monroe LA Motor Speedway 4p.m.
<b>MAY 8-9</b>	Cruisin' on the River Vidalia, LA info: 316-336-8265
<b>MAY 13</b>	Cruise-in for patients Whitfield State Hospital, MS
<b>MAY 16</b>	Crooked Creek Car Fest, Pelahatchie, MS 601-854-8032
<b>MAY 16</b>	Car Show Turtle Creek Mall Hattiesburg, MS
<b>MAY 16</b>	Delta Classic car show Boyle, MS
<b>MAY 16</b>	Hot Rod Saturday VA Hospital , Biloxi, MS
<b>MAT 16</b>	Club 66 car show Carthage, MS info: 601 367-0357
<b>MAY 23</b>	Shake Rattle & Roll car show, MCC, Madison MS 601/259-5248
<b>MAY 23</b>	Red Hills Festival Car Show Louisville, MS info: Jerry, 662-803-4205
<b>MAY 29-31</b>	Dixie Rodders car show, Best Western motel, Meridian, MS info:601/917-7272
<b>MAY 30</b>	Bay Fest Car show City Park, Bay Springs, MS 601-739-3314
<b>JUN 6</b>	Walthall Co. Dairy Fest car show Tylertown, MS 601-684-2609
<b>JUN 13</b>	Blueberry Festival car show Poplarville, MS
<b>JUN 20</b>	Water Fest car show at the Rez info: 601-813-3381
<b>JUN 21</b>	Cars at the Zoo Jackson, MS Zoological Park event www.jacksonzoo.org
<b>JUN 26-28</b>	Good Guys South Nats Nashville, TN
<b>JUL 4</b>	Rods & Hawgs at the Shed BBQ hwy 53 Gulfport, MS 228-832-1147
<b>JUL 18</b>	Car, truck & motorcycle show Old Rice Rd Baptist church. info: 601/856-6607
<b>JUL 24-26</b>	25 <sup>th</sup> Catfish Run Sardis, MS MS Delta Rodders pre '49 662-429-7265
<b>AUG 6-9</b>	NSRA Street Rod Nationals Louisville, KY
<b>AUG 7-9</b>	Hot Summer Nights car show Beaumont, TX
<b>AUG 15</b>	Harvest Festival car show, Jackson, MS info: Ade Fleming 601-720-9790

<b>SEP 4-6</b>	Parade of Rods, Houma, LA. Mardi Gras street rods info: Jed @985 532-2777
<b>SEP 12</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Pulpwood Festival Car show New Hebron, MS
<b>SEP 12</b>	Vettes by the Lake all Corvette show Mirror Lake Plaza Jackson, MS
<b>SEP 11-12</b>	Cruisin the River Columbus, MS info 662-494-6086
<b>SEP 12</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> annual 4 H club car show Carthage, MS info 601-267-8036
<b>SEP 19</b>	Rock & Roll Revival Meridian, MS Info:queencitycar@hughes.net
<b>SEP 26</b>	Heritage Festival car show Raleigh, MS 601/4057685
<b>OCT 4-11</b>	Cruisin The Coast Mississippi Gulf coast www.cruisinthe coast.com
<b>OCT 7-18</b>	AVCM State Fair antique car show Fairgrounds, Jackson. MS
<b>OCT 16-17</b>	6th Scarecrow Cruise, Madison, MS MS Classic Cruisers info: 601 259-5248
<b>OCT 23-25</b>	Halloween Fun Run Summit Inn, Tupelo, MS
<b>OCT 24</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> annual Cruise-in & BBQ at Performance Rehab, Byram, MS 601=346-9191
<b>OCT 31</b>	Ghosts, Ghouls, & Goblins car show Hardy Court, Gulfport, MS
<b>OCT 31</b>	Car Show Crossroads Church, Byram, MS info: Shane @ 601-506-5603
<b>NOV 6-8</b>	Klassy Kruzers Fun Run, Crossett, AR 870 364/6662
<b>NOV 7</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> annual McLauren Baseball Classic benefit car show
<b>NOV 9-14</b>	Emerald Coast Cruise-In Panama City Beach. FL emeraldcoastcruizin.com
<b>DEC 5</b>	Madison, MS Christmas Parade info 601 573-5873

### **NEXT CLUB MEETING**

Next club meeting will be on Thursday, May 14 at the Golden Corral restaurant on Lakeland Drive. Come eat with us at 6 and the meeting will start at 7. It had been discussed briefly at the last meeting to have some sort of club get-together or picnic on Sunday afternoon, May 17. This will be discussed and a destination will be set at this monthly meeting. Come get in your ideas on this. Also, I haven't said anything about this up to now, but if you have not paid your 2009 club dues, please send a check for \$25 to MSRA at the club P.O. Box 1823 Brandon, MS 39043 or pay at the next club meeting.

### **WHAT'S NEXT?**

There is plenty to do this month, just check the schedule. The MSRA club cars have been active, it just seems that we go in too many different directions at the same time, and as a result we get spread too thin a lot of weekends to have a good time together.

This up coming weekend, May 9 there is an open car show at O'Reilly's auto parts store on highway 80 in Clinton hosted by the BRC Chevy club. I plan to be there, come join me.

On Wednesday morning, May 13 from 10 til noon there will be a classic car cruise-in at the Whitfield state hospital in honor of nurses week. The patients will be allowed to come to visit and look at the cars and they always enjoy this. So come bring your car and sit with us for a couple of hours to help out these folks at Whitfield. I plan to be there too.

The next weekend, May 16, the Mid State Rodders will host the Crooked Creek Car Fest over at Muscadine Park in downtown Pelahatchie. A group of us are planning to make that show, so come join us there. Plenty of shade a good food.

On May 23 the MCCC will host the Shake Rattle and Roll car show up in Madison at the Ridgecrest Baptist church grounds across the street from the Madison Airport. I mention the airport because at this same time, there will be a show of classic aircraft going on there at the airport. I understand that there will be several Mustangs and some other vintage military airplanes flying in for that display. I plan to go to that one and have heard several of you say you planned to go too. Bring your tents, as shade is very scarce up there. See you there.

The last weekend of May brings the three day rod run over in Meridian hosted by the Dixie Rodders at the Best Western motel. This is open to '84 and older cars and trucks. I'm planning on going to this, too.

Also the Bay Fest car show in Bay Springs, Ms will go on that same weekend on Saturday. Lots to do there also.

In June, the car show at the Walthall County Dairy festival in Tylertown will be held on Saturday, June 6. This show has all sorts of activities in addition to the car show at the water park.

Locally, on June 20 there will be some kind of car event at the reservoir Water Fest. I am attempting to find out the details on this.

Also locally on June 21, the Jackson Zoo has sent me additional details on the car show there on Father's day. There will be 50 slots open in their "car show alley" with limited shade. There will be an additional 10 slots inside the zoo under shade. Price to enter is free. Each car entered receives 4 tickets to the zoo for the family. There will be prizes for fan favorite car 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place. To enter your car in the show, e mail: [sbroadus@jacksonzoo.org](mailto:sbroadus@jacksonzoo.org). Cars need to be in place early

Come on gang, get your cars out and come have fun with us.

Till next time, drive carefully

*Jack*