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BITS & PIECES

Be sure to go look at the revised MSRA website: www.ms-sra.org. Lots of pictures and new features. Eric and Nathan have been working a lot on it along with some outside web folks and it is looking good. They've spent close to a million hours and two or three hundred thousand dollars so far and more is to come. As soon as he gets it so that he can add captions to the photos, we'll be in good shape. Unfortunately, you'd think that yours truly, the club president would at least be able to pull it up and look at it. Eric could view it all on his laptop, his cell phone, Nathan's cell phone, his truck mirror, a coke can, and anything else he could pick up. .But I could not see any of the pictures on my old HP. He worked on my computer for about four hours and finally described my computer as "an etch-a-sketch". And he tried to sell me a new one. But it's patched up enough now that I finally could see everything. Thanks Y'all.

I received word that that Memphis Motorsports Park, closed down for the past couple of years, has been purchased by a group of Florida investors and will be reopening in 2012 under the name of Memphis International Raceway. First event scheduled is the return of the Super Chevy series on April 13-15. This was always a popular and exciting show and will be the second in the 2012 Super Chevy series scheduled all over the U.S.

We received word last month that NSRA Field Director Jake Moran passed away after a long battle with cancer. Jake was one of the founders of the National Street Rod Association.

WHAT'S BEEN GOING ON

Joe Laird in his '41 Chevy and Gene Roberson in his '30 Hudson went to Collinsville to the Nostalgia drags and car show on 10/15. They report about 110 cars were there. Both won sponsor trophies and Gene's Hudson won "best big car". Joe said the old gassers and super stocks brought back lots of drag strip memories from the old 49 north Sports Arena days. There was even a "Grumpy's Toy" replica Camaro there. On the way home just miles from his house, Gene's HEI distributor went out and Joe towed him the rest of the way home. That shows again the value of going to events along with some fellow street rodders

Several MSRA rods attended the annual Scarecrow Cruise in Madison. Reports said a large crowd of all kinds of cars was there. I heard the car count was over 400. Eric's '37 Ford won top street rod, Wayne and Barbara's 34 Fords and Clayton's T bucket won street rod trophies, Gary's Dodge won a car trophy and Nathan Knight debuted his 48 Chevy pickup to win a trophy in the unfinished class. The truck had been cranked for the first time the night before the show. Gene's Hudson also won a trophy in the car class.

Seven of us went to Crossett, Arkansas last weekend to the Klassy Kruzers rod run. They had 115 cars. Jack Creel had tire problems and wound up winning the hard luck award. It was the first time I'd ever gone to a rod run with my car on a trailer. But it was just too cold Friday morning to try it driving the roadster. I guess I made the street rod gods mad by trailering the car, because I broke the transmission loading it on the trailer Sunday morning to come home. Too late for the hard luck award

I didn't make it to the VA hospital show the next Sunday, but Gene, Joe, George, Cooney, Fred, Clayton, Barbara, Julian and CC did. About 40 cars in all came to show support for the VA hospital patients and give them something to look at.

2011 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS	
DEC 2	Christmas parade at Whitfield State Hospital 9 a.m. lineup, 10 a.m. parade
DEC 3	Pearl Christmas Parade plus Jingle Bell Market display
DEC 11	Santa's Cruise Toys for Tots Edgewater Mall, Gulfport
2012 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS	
JAN 7-8	Racing Vehicle Extravaganza Jackson Fairgrounds Trade Mart
JAN 14	Statewide car club planning meeting Coolwater Café, Ridgeland. MS
JAN 20-21	Winter Rod Run by Southern Who Covington, LA
JAN 27-29	World of Wheels Convention Center New Orleans, LA
FEB 3-5	34th R.O.D.S. Holiday Inn S, Baton Rouge, La info: www.streetrods.org
MAR 3	Goin to Town car show Brookhaven, MS details tba
MAR 17	9 th Annual Scout Troop 98 Show & Shine at Springridge UMC in Byram, MS info 601 937-1928
MAR 16-18	Singing River Rod Run details tba
MAR 23-25	34 th Dixie Run Pearl, MS pre-'49 street rods only Trustmark Park/Holiday Inn
MAR 31	Pisgah Elem. School car show
MAR 30- APR 1	Catfish Run, Sardis, MS Ms Delta Street Rods pre '49
APR 13-15	Super Chevy Series Memphis Intl. Raceway, Memphis, TN www.superchevyshow.com
APR 20-22	40 th Sunny Beaches Rod Run, Pensacola, Florida info: 850-939-3131
APR 26-29	100 th annual Coonass-Redneck Nats Hammond La. Randy @601 684-2609

MAY 12	Hot rod Saturday Biloxi VA hospital
MAY 18-20	Dixie Rodders Run Meridian, MS info: 601 917 7272
MAY 26	Shake Rattle & Roll car show Ridgecrest Baptist Church in Madison, Ms by MCC info: 601 573-5873

NEXT MSRA CLUB MEETING:

Thursday, December 8 at the Holiday Inn in Pearl. Eat at 6, meeting to follow

WHAT'S NEXT

Whitfield parade, Friday, December 2, line up at 9 at back gate. Parade at 10. Pearl parade, Saturday December 3, Line up on Highway 80 frontage road just east of Pearson Road intersection in front of bank. Car show at Jingle Bell Marketplace afterwards, starting at 10 in parking lot of Trustmark Stadium in Pearl. One other parade in D'Lo. Line up for this one is 3 p.m. at D'Lo water park with parade at 4. If you make all of these, you should have your fill of Christmas parades. Attend what you can. I hope to get my stuff fixed by then.

2012 STUFF ALREADY

The first weekend in January, Saturday and Sunday 7th & 8th brings the Race Car Extravaganza to the fairgrounds Trade Mart. We've had nice displays of MSRA cars here for the past few years. So let's keep it going. Promoter Bill Bissell gives us all the space we need to put on a good display of street rods among all the other vehicles that come to this show. Features of this year's show will be the brand new sponsor/paint job display on the # 88 NASCAR Sprint Cup show car of Dale Earnhardt Jr. The new Mountain Dew colors will be on the car, making its first public showing of 2012. Bill says the car is coming to Jackson straight from a photo shoot for their 2012 sponsorship program. Also appearing will be NASCAR truck series driver, and Daytona winner, Rick Crawford from Mobile. Rick will be giving away some tickets to the ARCA race scheduled for Mobile in March. Rick's uncle, Buddy Belarski, will be here too with a restored winged super modified that used to race at Jackson International, Mobile and Pensacola Speedways back in the 60's. Also on hand will be a monster truck, some rock crawling trucks and jeeps, plus a building full of show cars, round track race cars, customs, street rods, go karts, mud trucks, drag racers, and classic cars, trucks and motorcycles. Plenty to see! There will be raffles for some jerseys from Eli and Peyton Manning and a driving suit from Rick Crawford with the proceeds to Blair Batson Children's hospital. For the kids, the TV characters, Sponge Bob and Dora the Explorer will make appearances. Rumor has it that Wayne Thomas will be in the Sponge Bob outfit again. Bring your cars in on Friday, January 6 and we'll set up our club display in the Trade Mart.

Hope you all have a Merry Christmas

Till next time, drive carefully

Jack