

Doin' What We do Best: Eatin' Laughin' and Playin' Cars/one more time

Mississippi Street Rod Association

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Well well well, guess who's back? After 15 years of writing this newsletter , I took a 4 year vacation from it, but now- I'm baaaack. So nobody's safe from being mentioned in this letter, as I always have my trusty pen with me to make a note of whatever you clowns do. And that way, we'll ALL get to enjoy it. Some of you are new on the scene during my 4 year absence from the club, and I look forward to meeting you personally. I try to inform you with all the news of what's going on with our club and others, while trying to keep things humorous. Seriously, I needed the time off to recharge some batteries so to speak, but now I'm ready to go to work again and looking forward to it. I consider it an honor to write this newsletter for you, and it is my hope that you all will enjoy it every month.....Jack

MSRA elects new officers for 2009

At the last club meeting a new slate of officers were nominated and elected. This was kind of pushed up a month or so from normal procedures, but with the rod run coming in March now, it was felt the new crew needed to get ready to hit the ground running.

Heading up the club this year as president is Jim Saville. Jim is a retired air force vet who moved down here a couple of years back from Virginia with Nancy. He was active as Virginia NSRA state safety inspector and a president of his local street rod club there. Jim is a veteran old school street rodder who has five '38 Chevrolet street rods including a pickup, a sedan delivery, a 2 door sedan, a coupe and a convertible. Jim and Nancy live out from Florence,

As vice president we have Dee Dukes, another long time street rodder who has had most every kind of rod imaginable and one you cannot imagine. Right now he and Karla drive a '46 Ford panel truck. He also has a ' 48 Ford roll back truck and the beginnings of a t-bucket roadster. Dee runs Mid State truck parts. He and Karla live in Terry.

As secretary, we have Al Mashburn, a computer specialist with Letourneau in Vicksburg. Recently married to Terra, he drives a 40 Chevy sedan and they raise horses and dogs at the Mashburn Menagerie of Mutts and Mares outside Vicksburg. Well, I had to call it something !!

Our 2009 treasurer is Marie Phillips who works at UMC and tries to keep husband George in line. George is also an old school rodder who drives a 40 Packard. Marie and George live out from Florence.

Rounding out the slate of officers, the three-man board of directors consists of John Bolden, George Phillips and me. John lives in Raymond and has a 47 Chevy sedan. He is also working on a new car, a 34 Ford coupe. He is in the salvage car parts business at Truck Dismantlers, and is always ready to lend a hand to help you find a part you need. I already told you about George. He's retired too and was one of the early members of the club who

dropped out for a while but now he and Marie are back playing cars with us again. As for me, I'm retired from everything except this doggone newsletter. I've been street rodding for over 25 years and played with go karts, dune buggies, and raced round track race cars before falling in love with street rods. My wife had been actively involved too, prior to her death last April from cancer. Together we have held every officer job in this club and have been long time supporters of it. Me and my two dogs, Critter and Zero live in Byram.

So that's the new team who will run this train in 2009. All are true blue street rod nuts who hope to take the club to new heights. We can't do it without your support, your attendance at club meetings, and above all, your participation at the area rod runs we all love to go to. We look forward to a great year for MSRA. Our new team is a dedicated one; dedicated to having FUN with our street rods in 2009 and beyond. Come be an active part of this plan.

BITS & PIECES

Lots of fall car shows in the past few months. Bennie, Paul Acey, Cooney, Don Traweek, Al & Terra, and I went down to New Hebron for the Pulpwood Festival show. It started out as a foggy, cool day but turned out ok.....Paul Westwood, Jackman, Louis Oursler, Wayne T., and I went to Ade Fleming's church festival show in north Jackson the next weekend.....John Bolden, Don Wade, Jim Saville, Bennie and I went down to Raleigh for their car show the last weekend in September.....I spent a week at Cruisin the Coast in October. Several club members came and went during the week, I'm not just sure of how many of y'all were there, the crowd was pretty big with over 4300 registered.....The following weekend Paul, Cooney, Wayne T., Joe Laird, Don Traweek, Louis Oursler, Paul Westwood, Eric and I were in Madison for the MCC Scarecrow Cruise. Over 300 fine cars to look at there. The next weekend Dee Dukes and I went up to Tupelo for their Halloween run. First time I'd been in several years and we had a great time. So my ol' 38 has been to some car show almost every weekend since first of September, but then, I had a lot of catching up to do.....I plan on going to a local show in Byram Saturday and then to Crossett AR Nov 7-9. After that I've got to pull the 38 apart and fix some leaks.....While at the Scarecrow Cruise in Madison in October, Paul and Joe and I were sitting around visiting. Along comes Wayne T. We all took bets on whether or not he was going to make it up the hill. He finally got to where we were sitting and plopped down in a chair. Nobody seemed to know whose chair it was until Wayne said it was his. Found out he had five or six chairs located strategically all over the grounds so that he'd have some place to sit wherever he got tired...Eric says that now that he is no longer club prez, he's going to get to work on his 39 so he'll have something to ride in.....Paul Acey told me George Phillips came over and helped him crank his 40 Ford convertible the other day. I hope I live long enough to see that one running around again. The 40 that is...John Bolden is building a '34 coupe Ford as a backup to his 47 Chevy. Sounds like it will be a real hot rod....Jim Saville has come a long way with his 38 Chevy convertible, and has a new top for it.....Cooney has finally got something to ride in and shows up most everywhere in his maroon Chevy.....Dee Dukes has this new theory that if can get enough cars parked in his yard, Karla won't have any grass to make him mow. He just acquired Kenneth Tubbs' 48 Ford rollback car hauler that he's doing some work on. It has a sleeper on the back and he's opening it up to put a wide screen TV and a nine million watt stereo system. When we all go to some rod run with him, we can all park behind his truck and pretend we're at a drive-in movie with all the big screen and

speakers. Kenneth said the battery shut off switch works on everything on the truck except the nine million watt stereo. Go figure.....*Dixie Run 31*. I said Dixie Run 31. Wow, hard to believe we've done it 31 years straight. Had some ups and downs along the way but in 2009 the show goes back to its original format, a rod run, for street rods only, baby! Like it used to be!!!! The committee is hard at work trying to get everything done in a shorter time, With the date changed to March 13-15 a lot of stuff has to be done sooner than usual. I've been to rod runs at both ends of the state in the past two months and I can honestly tell you that the response has been great to the new street rod only format. I've had a bunch of folks who've been absent tell me they'll be back this year, so I'm really looking forward to it. Don't wait to be drafted, volunteer to take part in the preparations. You know, you always get out of something about what you put into it. So come on and get up in the middle of this and let's put on the best rod run ever for all our street rod friends.....The Rodders Reunion hosted by Jerry Mowery in Pensacola scheduled for Thanksgiving weekend has been canceled due to motel closing.....A young lady with the Jackson Zoo called me recently telling me about a Father's day car show they are planning in June at the zoo. Cars will be parked all around in the zoo and there will be door prizes and some other special things she's working on. Might be interesting. Cooney, you can go, but don't be annoying the animals.

2008 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

NOV 1	Fall Blast car & motorcycle show Crossroads Church Byram, MS
NOV 7-9	Klassy Kruzers Fun Run Crossett, AR info: 870/364-6662
NOV 9	Veteran's Cruise to Jackson VA Hospital 992-0585
NOV 22	Wild Turkey Run Wiggins, MS Larry @ 601/598-2058
DEC 6	Madison Christmas Parade all classic cars welcome
DEC 13	Byram Christmas Parade MSRA rods
DEC 14	MSRA Christmas party location TBA
	2009 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS (so far)
JAN 3-4	Race car extravaganza Fairgrounds Trade Mart, Jackson wsbissel@aol.com
JAN 10	Annual statewide car club planning meeting at Western Sizzlin Restaurant on Lake Harbor Drive 10:30 til 3 info 601/372-8050
JAN 23-25	Winter Rod Run Diamondhead, MS
JAN 23-25	World of Wheels at La Superdome, New Orleans info 985/646-2250
FEB 6-8	Ramblin Oldies Rod Run Baton Rouge, LA 225/275-9868
MAR 7	Ole Brook Cruise In, old train depot Brookhaven, MS 601/833-8620
MAR 13-15	MSRA Dixie Run 31 Jackson (Flowood) MS ms-ara.org
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 27-29	Hot Rod Weekend at Gulfport Dragway Gulfport, MS info: 228/863-4408

APR 10-11	VCCC Red Carpet Classic, Blackburn Motor Co. Vicksburg, MS 601/636-8962
APR 10-11	Red River Rod Run Shreveport, LA Red River Street Rods 318/949-9117
APR 18	Hillcrest car show Hillcrest church, Byram, MS jsdholden@bellsouth.net
APR 17-19	Bunny Run Jackson, TN www.jacksonrodandcustom.com
APR 30- MAY 3	4th Annual Blue Suede Cruise Bancorp South Center, Tupelo, MS info: 800/533-0611 or www.bluesc.com
MAY 9	Show at the O open car show at O'Reilly's in Clinton
MAY 16	Crooked Creek Car Fest, Pelahatchie, MS
MAY 23	Shake Rattle & Roll car show, MCC, Madison MS 601/259-5248
MAY 30	Cruise into Summer car show, Smith Co. Cruisers, Raleigh, MS
JUN 21	Cars at the Zoo Jackson Zoological Park event details TBA
SEP 26	Heritage Festival car show Raleigh, MS 601/4057685
OCT 4-11	Cruisin The Coast Mississippi Gulf coast www.cruisinthecoast.com
OCT 23-25	Halloween Fun Run Summit Inn, Tupelo, MS

FOR SALE: 30 Chevy coupe street rod project. New 350 crate engine, new transmission, new rear 4 link, Griffin radiator, digital gauges, wiring kit, mustang II front suspension, no rust, new wood kit throughout, \$9000, Gary Adams 601 209-8620

Veteran's Appreciation Cruise November 9

To all our car club friends:

Mississippi Street Rod Assn proudly announces a Veteran's Appreciation Cruise to be held Sunday, November 9, 2008, honoring the veterans at the U.S. Veteran's Hospital & Nursing Home on Woodrow Wilson Blvd. A special thanks to club member Steve Ravisies for setting up this annual event again.

We will meet at Smith-Wills Stadium on Lakeland Drive, just east of I-55 N at 1:30 p.m. and proceed down Lakeland to the VA Hospital Woodrow Wilson. We plan to loop around the building and park in an east side parking lot so the patients who wish to can come view and enjoy our cars. Maybe we can brighten their day a little, too. Plan to stay a couple of hours. Some of us will be returning from the Crossett, Arkansas rod run that afternoon and will do our best to get back in time to enjoy at least part of the cruise to the VA.

Also if you would like to help these folks out, we'll be passing a hat for donations. Please help us show our thanks in this small way for the sacrifices these people made for our country.

Club Christmas party

This will be held December 14 at a location depending on how many of you tell Jim you'll be there. Used to have it at the Raymond Lake lodge, but last year's crowd did not justify the expense, so unless we can fill it up again, we'll find a smaller venue. One thing I'd like to start doing again is having some awards for

certain people (except Paul Westwood,..his paybacks are too much) If someone did something during the year for which an award should be presented, by all means give it to him or her! I'm working on a few myself. No, Bennie and I will not sing this year. More details on the party in next month's letter.

Next club meeting

Next club meeting will be on Thursday evening, November 13, at the Golden Corral on Lakeland Dr. Note the change in location. Eat at 6 with club meeting to follow. This will be the first meeting with new club officers and plans are well under way for Dixie Run 31 on March 13-15. Like me, come get involved in the club meetings again and help us have a good club, put on a really good rod run, and enjoy our cars with each other. New meeting location, new atmosphere, new attitude. So if you've missed the meetings lately, come back and check it out. We intend to keep the fun meter pegged!

Comments on the newsletter are always welcome. It's your newsletter, I just write it. I have several new plans for it in the future.

Till next time, drive carefully

Jack