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# Mississippi Street Rod Association

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## NEWSLETTER

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### **BITS & PIECES**

Details on a couple of 2010 shows have been added to the event calendar. Already some date conflicts are beginning to show up in April and May.....Fuzzee is planning a new edition of the Redneck Power Tour, this time through south Mississippi and Louisiana. The tour begins at Laurel and goes over to Covington and ends at the Two States Rodders run in Hammond.

At last month's club meeting MSRA elected officers for 2010. Jim Saville will again be our president, Dee Dukes will repeat as vice prez., Nan Saville will be the new secretary and I will be the new treasurer. Directors will be Al Mashburn, George Phillips and John Bolden.

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

Well, I guess being a senior citizen still has a few advantages left. I went to the state fair on Senior Citizen's Day. Free admission, free parking, two really good free music shows in the coliseum, and I did not spend a nickel the whole day. Stopped by to check out the antique car show and visited with some of the AVCM members there. The show this year was bigger than past years, over 90 cars, and they were all fine ones. The Locomobile was impressive. Paul Westwood's Oldsmobile won a first place award in his class.

That weekend I drove the '38 up to Madison to attend the Scarecrow Cruise car show. They had over 270 fine cars on a chilly and windy day that was almost uncomfortable. I'd walk and look a while, then go back and sit it the '38 to warm up. A fair number of street rods were on hand. Al's '40 Chevy, Jack Cox's '37 pickup, Eric in his Mustang (the '39 is now in Bill Echols shop for completion), Wayne T's '34 Ford, Joe Laird's 41 Chevy, Louis Waxler's 32 roadster, Don Traweek's 39 Ford and Pat Page's 32 coupe were looking good. I went early enough to ride in the parade before the show and boy did we stop traffic.....literally. All our club cars won plaques, but I won't go down the list for fear of leaving someone out. It was nice to see some sunshine after a solid week of rain. The Memory Lane Band played some fine oldies and the big bar-be-que contest on the other side of the grounds sure did smell good.

The next weekend, Jim Saville and I met T-Tommy and Mike Garretson on the Natchez Trace and rode up to Tupelo for their Halloween rod run. The Tupelo run is one of only 3 pre-49 street rod runs left in Mississippi, so we felt strongly about supporting it. They had a great group of street rods with some really beautiful cars from the Muscle Shoals, Alabama area. Mike and Cindy were big hits, driving 271 miles through cold drizzle from Vidalia, La. to Tupelo in a topless t-bucket. We gave them grief all weekend for their heated suits. Whenever we got ready to go somewhere, we'd have to notify them a half hour ahead so they could put on their T bucket gear and plug it in to the many 12V ports around the car. NASA

astronauts don't take that long to get ready for a space shuttle blast off. In addition to the long distance award, they received a plaque, the "Jim Cantore Absolutely Fearless Award". (Jim Cantore being that guy on the Weather Channel who always reports from out in a storm somewhere.) Then there was the episode at Logan's Steak House involving crackers, which I'll just leave alone. Other than to tell you than none of us were without crackers the rest of the trip, I'll just let it alone. The chain gang skit by the Delta Street Rodders at the Halloween costume contest party Saturday night was also something you'd just have to have seen to fully appreciate. This is one of the few pre- '49 shows left in the states and y'all all should plan to support it next year. It is great fun with a bunch of fine street rodders. We put out flyers for Dixie Run and got some very good response from attendees at next year's 32<sup>nd</sup> annual event. I brought home a new toy from Tupelo, the second street rod I've bought in Tupelo. It is a 32 Ford roadster that I've wanted all my life. I can't wait to show it off. It's not a fancy one, but is a basic rod with the nostalgia look I wanted.

The next weekend we took in the Crossroads church show in Byram. John, Jim, Don, Wayne, Paul, and my two cars were on hand. So far as I know we all took home a trophy. It was here that we heard the hilarious story of Ricky Warren being stopped for a driver's license check after the recent car show in Hazlehurst by their version of Barney Fife. The cop was driving a...choke...gasp....golf kart. Then of course you must know Ricky drives a FORD.

The first weekend of November brought the annual rod run in Crossett, Arkansas. MSRA turned out for this one and the club won their first club participation award for the year. Way to go guys! Don, Jim, Al, Jimmy, Carey, Fred, George, Ron, and Round ones all made the trip from around here.. Don and Sandy won the Friends of Street Rodding award presented by the Klassy Kruzers, the Creels won some of the wipeout money and everyone reported a wonderful time in Arkansas.

<b>2009 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS</b>	
<b>NOV 9-14</b>	Emerald Coast Cruise-In Panama City Beach. FL <a href="http://emeraldcoastcruizin.com">emeraldcoastcruizin.com</a>
<b>NOV 21</b>	Wild Turkey run car show St Francis Church, Wiggins, MS info:228-832-7408
<b>DEC 4</b>	Christmas Parade, Whitfield State Hospital 9 a.m. MSRA invited to participate
<b>DEC 5</b>	Christmas Parade Madison, MS 601-259-5248
<b>DEC 5</b>	Byram Christmas Parade 10 a.m. MSRA invited to participate
<b>DEC 12</b>	MSRA Christmas Party. Raymond Lake Lodge
<b>2010 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS</b>	
<b>JAN 9</b>	Statewide car club planning meeting Coolwater Restaurant on Lake Harbor Dr. in Ridgeland info: 601 937-1928
<b>JAN 9-10</b>	World of Show & Go / Race Car Extravaganza. Jackson Fairgrounds Trade Mart info: <a href="mailto:WSBissell@aol.com">WSBissell@aol.com</a>
<b>JAN 22-24</b>	World of Wheels, Superdome, New Orleans, LA 248-224-0133
<b>JAN 22-24</b>	Winter Rod Run, Diamondhead, MS pre '69 info 228-224-0133
<b>FEB 5-7</b>	32 <sup>ND</sup> Ramblin Oldies Rod Run. Pre'49 street rods Baton Rouge, LA info:Bobbyspann@aol.com
<b>FEB 13</b>	Dixie National Rodeo Parade MSRA invited to participate
<b>MAR 6</b>	Goin' to Town car show Brookhaven, MS 601-833-8620
<b>MAR 12-14</b>	32 <sup>nd</sup> Dixie Run Jackson (Flowood) pre-49 street rod run 601-937-1928
<b>MAR 20</b>	7th annual Troop 98 Show & Shine car & truck show at Springridge UMC in

	Byram, MS info: 601-937-1928
<b>MAR 26-27</b>	11 <sup>th</sup> annual Big River Classics 55-57 Chevrolet show & shine Vicksburg, MS info 601 856-6607
<b>APR 9-10</b>	37 <sup>th</sup> Red River Rod Run Bossier City, La 318-470-5669
<b>APR 9-10</b>	Mustang & All Ford Show at Gray-Daniels Ford in Brandon. info: 601918-0388 or glenn@mcgowanwp.com
<b>APR 17</b>	Red Carpet Classic car show VCCC Vicksburg, Ms info: 601415-0421
<b>APR 17</b>	Ridgeland car, truck & motorcycle show. Holmes Community College campus in Ridgeland Info: 601-919-0291
<b>APR 16-18</b>	18 <sup>th</sup> Bunny Run Jackson, TN fairgrounds pre-'73 info:731-427-1677
<b>APR 24</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> annual Vehicle extravaganza, car, truck and motorcycle show @ Hillcrest Baptist Church 5950 Terry Rd in Byram info 601 372-0132
<b>APR 24</b>	Pinelake Christian School car show Brandon, MS info: 601 941-2600
<b>APR 19-22</b>	Redneck Power Tour 2010 info: Fuzzee 601-575-8218
<b>APR 29- MAY 2</b>	Blue Suede Cruise, Tupelo Ms. Info: bluesc.com
<b>MAY 1</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> annual Swinging Bridge Festival car show Byram, MS info: 601-373-3933
<b>MAY 8</b>	Hot Rod Saturday, Gulfport VA Hospital 228-596-0664
<b>MAY 8</b>	Show at the O at O'Reilley's auto parts in Clinton, MS 601 856-6607
<b>MAY 21-23</b>	Dixie Rodders 9 <sup>th</sup> annual car show Meridian, MS info: 601-938-3060
<b>MAY 21-23</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> annual Street Rodders Reunion at Best Western Hotel, Gulfport, MS pre-'49 street rods only Info: Jerry 228-326-7489 or Jimbo 228-596-0664
<b>MAY 29</b>	Shake Rattle & Roll car show, Ridgecrest Church, Madison, MS 601 260-9138
<b>JUL 17</b>	Nostalgia Drags Gulfport Dragway info 228-546-0664
<b>JUL 17</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> annual Cruise into Summer car, truck & motorcycle show at Old Rice Road Baptist Church Madison. MS info: 601 853-7500
<b>OCT 22-23</b>	Scarecrow Cruise & car show Madison, MS info 601-259-5248

### **NEXT CLUB MEETING**

We will have a new location for the November meeting on Thursday, November 12. It will be at Shoney's in Pearl. You can come eat at 6 or come just to the meeting at 7. Thanks to Eric for arranging this for us. A couple of potential new members will be there for this meeting so come help us make them welcome.

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

I've heard several folks say they were going to the Emerald Coast cruise in Panama City, Florida the second weekend in November. Hope tropical storm Ida moves away quickly.....On Saturday, November 14, MSRA has been invited to attend the annual Veteran's Day cruise-in at the VA hospital on Woodrow Wilson Ave in Jackson. This starts at 2 p.m. and goes until 3:30. Turn into the VA hospital at the traffic light on Woodrow Wilson Ave. and drive between the two buildings to the parking lot on the left. There's no cost, but they will be taking donations toward the patient therapy fund. We've attended this most every time

they've had it and it seems to mean a lot to the patients and staff who get to come out and visit with us and look at the cars. All types of classic cars are invited to attend.

Looking ahead to December, mark your calendar for **two** straight days of Christmas parades that MSRA has been invited to ride in. On Friday, December 4, we have been invited to ride in the annual Christmas parade at the state hospital in Whitfield. Parade lineup begins at 9 with the parade at 10. Enter the grounds off the airport road exit and go to building 84 or 201 to line up. OK to throw candy.

The next day, on Saturday Dec. 5, we'll be riding in the Byram Christmas parade. Lineup begins at 8:30 with the parade at 10. Line up same place as last year, on Byram Parkway. From the interstate, take the Byram exit 85, and go one block west to Terry Road. Turn left on Terry Road and drive south 8 tenths of a mile to Byram Parkway on the left. We'll be lined up somewhere near the Courthouse Athletic Club. OK to throw candy here too. Admission is a new toy, which will be given out to the needy kids of Byram at Christmas. In the event of rain, the parade will be held at 2 p.m. on Sunday afternoon.

The MSRA club Christmas party will be held at the Raymond Lake Lodge on Sunday afternoon, December 12. We'll plan to eat about 1 so that our out of town guests can get there. The club will provide the meat main course and you should bring side dishes, desserts and drinks. There will be a "yankee gift swap" and some other surprises. If you have any awards for any deserving members, this will be your chance to "give it to 'em". Plans are to have magician Robert Day to entertain us also. Bring the whole family for an afternoon of Christmas fun.

*And a couple of parting thoughts:*

**YOU CAN AVOID CUTTING YOURSELF WHEN SLICING YOUR VEGETABLES BY GETTING SOMEONE ELSE TO HOLD THE VEGETABLES WHILE YOU SLICE.**

**A MOUSE TRAP PLACED ON TOP OF YOUR ALARM CLOCK WILL USUALLY PREVENT YOU FROM ROLLING OVER AND GOING BACK TO SLEEP AFTER YOU HIT THE SNOOZE BUTTON.**

Till next time, drive carefully

*Jack*