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BITS & PIECES

Run Thru the Woods.....No, that's not a suggestion for you, especially since the weather has taken a cooler turn. That's the name of a new event scheduled in Raymond on October 30. It starts at the old Raymond train depot building, now housing the Little Big Store, with a classic car cruise down hwy 462 to Port Gibson and returning on the Natchez Trace. On return to the depot in Raymond, there will be bands and a car show starting at 1p.m. Some car awards will be given at about 3. Check it all out on their informative website: www.hambonesmotorkulture.com

Joe Laird and Steve Ravesies are once again promoting the annual Salute to Veterans cruise-in the weekend after Veterans Day. All area car club members are invited to bring your classic car to the VA Hospital on Woodrow Wilson Drive, 2 p.m. Sunday afternoon November 14, to the parking lot on the left behind the hospital building. It will last a couple of hours as they allow the hospitalized veterans to come outside and look at our cars. This always brings some interesting stories from these great men as they see the old cars. Some are able to walk, some are in wheelchairs, and they all are extremely worthy of a couple of hours of your time to go by with your car and honor them with a visit.

Pete Tyer calls to tell us about another event he calls "a car club social event" on Tuesday, November 16 at the Elite Restaurant on Capitol street downtown. This will be a simple get together of members of all area car clubs designed to get everyone to know everyone else better. It starts at 6 or 6:30 as members of all area car clubs are invited to come eat, visit and talk cars.

The MS Auto Manufacturer's Assn will host Cars Under the Stars on Friday, November 5, at the Copeland law offices on Colony parkway. You are invited to display your classic car at this event. Guest speaker will be John Emory. For info call Bob Jackman at 601 937-5314

Yet another new car club has been formed in the area. The Clinton-Raymond car club had its first cruise-in Last Sunday afternoon at the Sonic in Clinton. I heard about 40 cars showed up. If anyone from that club reads this, contact me and I'll put u on our mailing list.

ATTENTION ALL MSRA MEMBERS

I know this is a bit of a short notice, but finding an open weekend this time of year to have a club activity is difficult. HOWEVER, we will have an MSRA cruise

on Saturday October 16. Here's the plan. Load up the whole family in the street rod, meet at 10 a.m. at the Clinton Visitor's Center on the Natchez Trace. We'll head south on the Natchez Trace to eat lunch at the old country store on 61 in Lorman, MS. This historic old building, formerly a general store, has been converted to a nostalgic restaurant specializing in home cooking, with the house trademark , the best fried chicken you'll ever eat. I called Mr. D today and he said he'd put us on the calendar and to be sure to park out front. He said he might even come out and sing for us. So come join us for a fun day of cruising down the colorful autumn Trace road in your street rod and a great meal at a unique country eating place. Afterwards? Who knows what we might do. We're open for suggestions.

WHAT'S BEEN GOING ON

MSRA had nine rods at the Cruising the Boulevard shopping center show in Clinton in September. All three Creel brothers with their 36 Plymouth, 40 Chevy, and 40 Ford truck, John Bolden's 47 Chevy, Herman Young's 31 Chevy, Billy Tucker's 38 Chevy, Morrel Richardson's 23 T Ford, Joe Laird's 41 Chevy, and my 38 Chevy enjoyed the show. A big crowd of local people spent the morning looking over the turnout of about 45 cars. It was a good effort for their first show and hopefully bigger and better things will follow in Clinton next year. The Big Lots store in the shopping center had a sale on straw broom scarecrows. Joe's wife had bought two the day before elsewhere, but since these were cheaper, in her female logic, she made Joe buy two more. WTG Jeri. Then she made Joe put them in the front seat of the street rod. Or at least that's his story. HMMMM.

When the show was over, watching the Creel brothers take down their tent was entertaining as usual. Cooperation was not one of their better traits and the confrontation that ensued had the Clinton PD standing by. But most of them already knew the Creels so just let them go on with their tent dismantling. Apparently this goes all the way back to their little league baseball days, when they all played the outfield. If one made a mistake the three of them would hold up a game while they screamed at each other and had a small brawl. Guess you'd just have to have been there.

John, Butch, Wayne, Eric, John & Julie all went up to the Delta River run in Tunica. They reported a big crowd of around 900 cars but it was so hot they had to enjoy it in between air conditioning breaks. Speaking of breaks, what was this about a welded tie rod on the Willys, Butch?

The 2nd Rockin' Railroad Festival at Hazlehurst was up next, and MSRA was well represented there, too. Butch's 33 Willys, (fixed the tie rod) John's 47 Chevy, Herman's 31 Chevy, Joe's 41 Chevy, Ronnie's 31 Pickup, and my 38 all made the trip. Joe, John, Herman, and I won top 10 plaques from about a 50 car show. We set up the tents and sat back to enjoy the show. Herman sat back...too far... and turned his chair over backwards. It destroyed a brand new lawn chair and dumped Herman out in the grass and he rolled down the hill. After he got himself up and tried to sit back down in what was left of the chair, a friend of his came along and said "Hey Herman, how'd you get the grass all over you?" That started the laughing all over again. Again, you just had to have been there. Don't take much to entertain us.

The next weekend I went down to the Terry Oktoberfest "car show". This was the most disappointing "show" of the year so far. Only 5 cars showed up and we all left before noon.

	2010 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS
OCT 3-10	14th Cruisin' the Coast MS Gulf Coast 888-808-1188

OCT 6-17	AVCM antique car show, Miss. State Fair
OCT 9	River City Festival car show Greenville Mall Greenville,MS 662 820-2172
OCT 16	St. Joseph's Fall Classic car show Poplarville, MS info: 601 795-4004
OCT 16	Block party car show downtown Ellisville, MS info: 601-498-3650
OCT 16	MSRA cruise to Lorman old country store for lunch
OCT 22-23	Scarecrow Cruise & car show Madison, MS info 601-259-5248
OCT 23	Cancer Benefit Cruise-in Magee, MS info: Darryl.yelverton@yahoo.com
OCT 30	Run Through the Woods Motorama Jamboree Raymond, MS Information: www.hambonesmotorkulture.com
NOV 5	MAMA Cars Under the Stars info: 601 937-5314
NOV 5-7	Fun Run Crossett, AR street rods & pre '67 models. Info: 870 364-3842
NOV 8-13	Emerald Coast Cruz-in Panama City FL beach 662 587-9572
NOV 14	Salute to veterans cruise-in at VA hospital 2 p.m. info
NOV 16	Area Car club social. 6 :30 Elite Restaurant. Capitol St., downtown Jackson
DEC 4	Byram Christmas parade 10 a.m. Byram Parkway
DEC 4	Madison Christmas Parade 9 a.m.
DEC 12	MSRA Christmas Party Raymond Lake Lodge
	2011 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS
JAN 8-9	Race Car Extravaganza - World of Show & Go Jackson Fairgrounds
JAN 15	Statewide Planning Meeting same location as last year 1011 Lake Harbour
JAN 15-16	Race Car Extravaganza – World of Show & Go Mobile, AL coliseum
JAN 21-23	Winter rod run, Diamondhead, MS info: 228 2240133
FEB 4-6	33rd Ramblin Oldies rod run pre' '49 Baton Rouge, LA info: 225-673-8562
MAR 4-5	Goin' to Town car show, downtown Brookhaven, MS info: 601 833-8620
MAR 19	8th Annual Troop 98 show & Shine Byram, MS 601 937-1928
MAR 25-27	Dixie Run 33 at Sleep Inn at Flowood, MS pre'-49 street rods only info:601-937-1928 Friday night BBQ, ladies tea, magic show, play money auction for prizes, \$500 grand prize, \$100 pre-registration prize, trophies, dash plaques, games. Downloadable entry flyer @ ms-sra.org info: 601-9371928
APR 2	Benefit Car show at Pisgah Elementary school in Brandon, MS info: susan.williford@rcsd.ms
APR 3-8	Redneck Power Tour 2011. for details call Fuzzee @ 601 575-8218
APR 9	Gnat Nationals Bay St. Louis info: 228 216-1259
APR 16	Camelia City Run Slidell park Slidell, La info: 985 863-9256
APR 16	Rumblin' in Ridgeland car show by MCCC details TBA
APR 30	3rd Annual Swinging Bridge Festival car show Byram, MS info: 601 373-3933 Open car show, carnival rides, live bands, entertainment, food, family fun
APR 29	Blue Suede Cruise in Tupelo info: www.bluesc.com
MAY 1	
MAY 7	Show at the O (tentative date) Clinton, MS Big River Classics
MAY 14	Hot Rod Saturday. Gulf coast VA hospital 228 392-6134
MAY 14	Crooked Creek Car Fest Pelahatchie, MS (tentative date) Mid State Rodders
MAY 20-22	Dixie Rodders fun run, Meridian, MS info: 601 938-3060
MAY 28	Shake Rattle & Roll Car show by MCCC in Madison details TBA

JUN	2nd ASRA street rod reunion Date & location TBA
JULY 29-31	Catfish Run, Sardis Lake, MS info: 662 429-7265

NEXT CLUB MEETING:

Next MSRA club meeting: Thursday, October 14 at 6 at the Coolwater Café & Catering (formerly the Western Sizzler) on Lake Harbour Drive. We tried to have a club meeting last month at Mugshots, but two football games on the big screen screens downstairs made so much noise we just gave up on that location for meetings. Coolwater has a choice of three meeting rooms where we can get off by ourselves to have our club meeting. On Thursdays they do not have a buffet but do have a rather extensive menu with just about anything from burgers to steaks. So we'll try it here and see how it works out. Since you do have to order from a menu, you might want to try to get there a little earlier. And come in your street rod. This should be a very busy meeting. Your MSRA board of directors met last Sunday afternoon and discussed a wide range of things in an over 2 hour meeting. We will have a lot of interesting activities planned to present to the membership for things to keep us busy in the coming months. So make a special effort to attend this month's club meeting to hear all about it.

WHAT'S NEXT?

As you read this, Cruisin will be going on big time on our Gulf Coast. Most of you are planning to spend sometime there.....If you drop by the state fair in Jackson, a record number of antique cars are entered in this year's show there in the Trade mart. I saw Westwood's 55 Olds headed down there.....MSRA street rods will take a cruise down the Natchez Trace Saturday, October 16, to eat lunch at the historic old Lorman Store on 61. This place has the best fried chicken you'll ever eat. We will depart at 10 a.m. from the Visitor's Center on the Natchez trace in Clinton. It will be just a lazy ride through some pretty fall scenery, a good lunch and ride back to town. We might do something else when we get back, if someone comes up with an idea.....The next weekend is the big Scarecrow Cruise car show in Madison, featuring a parade, flea market, auction, live 50's music from Memory Lane Band, and a big, big car show.....then you can wind up the month on Saturday, October 30, with the first annual Run through the Woods cruise and car show in Raymond. If this dry comfortable weather holds out, October will be a very busy and fun month for classic cars and hot rods. Get out there and enjoy. And on the first weekend of November, many of the MSRA will be heading to the annual fun run in Crossett, Arkansas. Come ride with us. We'll be leaving on that Friday morning, November 5.

Till next time, drive carefully

Jack