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# Mississippi Street Rod Association

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## NEWSLETTER

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### **BITS & PIECES**

A note about the annual car club planning meeting set for January 9, 2010. The host restaurant is changing its name. No longer a Western Sizzlin, it will be called Coolwater Grille and Catering. It has some new renovations inside and a smaller buffet, but the owners and location have not changed. The planning meeting will go on there as scheduled Saturday January 9.

A note from Bobby Spann with the Ramblin' Oldies street rod club in Denham Springs, La tells us their 32<sup>nd</sup> annual rod run will take place February 5-7 at the Holiday Inn south in Baton Rouge, La. Lots of street rod fun with their special guest being hot rod legend Norm Grabowski. It would be worth the trip just to meet this guy.

Eddie Coleman with the Living Legends Mustang club has advised that there is a new type get-together that has just started called Cars & Coffee. It is held on the first and third Saturday mornings of each month at the Corner Bakery Cafe, a new little place in front of Dick's Sporting Goods at the Dogwood Festival Mall on highway 25 in Flowood. The idea is for car folks to come in their cars, visit and have coffee or breakfast. Car owners get a 10% discount. Wayne and Louis went a few weeks back and said there were not a lot of cars there, but there is potential to grow. For info call Eddie at 601-259-8413. He says the event will continue year round.

Another brand new event for 2010 will be held on the campus of Holmes Community College in Ridgeland April 17. This event will be called Rumbly in Ridgeland and will be for cars, trucks and motorcycles. Further details will be coming on this MS Classic Cruisers event.

If you get by the state fair this week, check out the AVCM antique car show in the Trade Mart. There is a special nostalgic display of 3 restored race cars that raced at the old Jackson Sports Arena on highway 49 north back in the early 60's. A couple of dirt track cars and a T-bird drag car on display, thanks to George Raworth, who like me, remembers that stuff. Videos and photos from the old track are included in the display.

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

RAIN. It has played havoc with September events. Most have been rained on, rained out, or otherwise affected in some way by this unusual trend of weather. Joe Laird went to the NSRA Appreciation day in Gulfport but had some electrical problems with his car. However, the day-long rain deluge kept everyone under the shed and limited the participation.

Jim and Cooney made it down to the Pulpwood Festival car show in New Hebron. It also got rained on a couple of times during the day and their car count was down somewhat.

John made it to the Raleigh show. Early morning drizzle kept the car count down there too. Then the sun came out and turned the place into a steam bath. John and Louis also

made it up to Tunica for the Memphis Street Rods show there at Sam's Town.

Jack Cox took his street rod up to a small show in Noxapater and won his class trophy. Pat Page won a couple of trophies in Raleigh and Magee.

Some more of you may have been to a show or two and just didn't tell me about it. As you can probably tell, I didn't go anywhere in September, despite numerous grand plans to go every weekend. But finally things came together and a group of us did get off to Hazlehurst October 3 for the first annual Rockin' Railroad Fest car show. Jack Cox, John Bolden, Joe Laird, Ricky Warren, and I left Byram and picked up Jim Saville and Art Todd along the way. Had a nice time visiting and looking at the 40 or so cars that were there. This was the first time the Hazlehurst Chamber of Commerce had done this and the turnout of area folks was good and they had plenty of entertainment and food. I took my dog, Zero, for her first time to a car show and she had more fun than the rest of us put together, especially when Jack bought her some ice cream. Everybody that came along had to pet her and she ate that up. John Bolden took his usual afternoon nap, Jack Cox broke out his new tent, but we wound up sitting under a store awning for shade. Y'all know from past experience this group usually has problems with tents. When John woke up from his nap, he discovered that he had dislodged a couple of bricks from the sidewalk. No telling how much of our taxpayer money went into the government grant that paid for this nice brick sidewalk that ran an entire block in downtown Hazlehurst. We decided that it must have been Bolden's snoring during his nap that dislodged the bricks. Can't take y'all anywhere!

I took off for Cruisin the Coast Tuesday. Wow what a car show this year! Highway 90 was crawling with every kind of vehicle imaginable. Saw a GT40, a T-bucket with an outhouse on the back, a stretched limo made from a PT Cruiser, a chopped top school bus, a Crosley Hot Shot, a couple of dozen 60's -70's Cadillac convertibles, one carrying four sisters who each probably weighed in about 250 lbs. (Talk about your tons of fun), more 72 Chevilles than I've ever seen in one place, and my favorite, a dirt tack stock car racer made street legal with headlights and tail lights. Thursday was a roadster and convertible weather day and everybody who could drop a top had done so. All the venues were becoming crowded and lines at the restaurants and traffic lights were getting about too much for me so I scooted on home Thursday night. I must have passed another 100 cars coming down as I was leaving, so I imagine it got REALLY crowded that final weekend. I talked to Wayne Saturday morning and he had just gotten one of the last parking spots in Ocean Springs before it closed the gate. Saw a number of MSRA folks and a lot of other friends I'd not seen in a while. Had some mighty good shrimp and flounder too, so my annual trip there was nice. Just didn't get to stay as long as I wanted to.

Don't know what the final car count will be, but a sign at registration said they had entries from 30 states this year. With its faults, CTC is still the best car show in Mississippi. And that is because IT IS FUN. Yes, FUN! Folks there are simply having a great time. I don't care how big, how well planned, polished, and promoted a car show is, if it ain't FUN, it just ain't no good. And that line is about as close to an editorial as you're gonna get out of me this month. ***But I do have one coming next month.***

<b>2009 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS</b>	
<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 pre-'49 street rods
<b>OCT 24</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> annual Cruise-in & BBQ at Performance Rehab, Byram, MS 601=346-9191
<b>OCT 24</b>	Euro Fest Classic European Auto and Cycle show at Renaissance at Colony Park in Ridgeland info: 601-946-1950
<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>OCT 31</b>	Open car show MSU campus, Starkville 662-325-2930
<b>OCT 31</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> annual Assembly Academy car show Ellisville, MS 601 477-4829
<b>NOV 6-8</b>	Klassy Kruzers Fun Run, Crossett, AR 870 364/6662
<b>NOV 7</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> annual McLauren School Baseball Classic benefit car show
<b>NOV 9-14</b>	Emerald Coast Cruise-In Panama City Beach. FL <a href="http://emeraldcoastcruizin.com">emeraldcoastcruizin.com</a>
<b>DEC 4</b>	Christmas Parade, Whitfield State Hospital 9 a.m. MSRA invited to participate
<b>DEC 5</b>	Christmas Parade Madison, MS
<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
<b>FEB 27</b>	Hot Rod Weekend Gulfport Dragway
<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>	Ridgeland car, truck & motorcycle show. Holmes Community College campus in Ridgeland Info: 601-919-0291
<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
<b>DEC 4</b>	Christmas Parade Madison, MS info: 601573-5873

### **NEXT CLUB MEETING**

Due to Cruising the Coast happening during our regular meeting date, the club meeting has been moved back a week to Thursday, October 15 at Eric's shop. He'll send out for pizza.

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

Saturday October 17 the MCC annual Scarecrow Festival car show in Madison at the city complex downtown. The next weekend the Street Rods Ltd. club will have their annual Halloween Fun Run in Tupelo. It is a street rod only event and several of us are planning to go up there Friday for the weekend. There are some other shows going on locally that weekend, check the schedule. On the 31<sup>st</sup>, Crossroads Church on Siwell road in Byram is having an open car & truck show to benefit some of their youth programs. They will have a kids' play area, food, games, trophies and dash plaques. The first weekend in November many of us will make the annual trip up to Crossett Arkansas for the Klassy Kruzers annual rod run. I hope to make all of these and would enjoy your company.

A note of condolence goes out to the family of Don Wade. Sandy, Don's wife of 36 years, lost her battle with cancer last month. I don't think I ever saw Sandy without a smile on her face. She was a special lady, who always was there to help Charlotte and I when we used to do Dixie Run registration. Our thoughts and prayers are with Don. I know what you're going through. We'll miss you, Sandy.

*And a couple of parting thoughts:*

**LIFE ISN'T TIED WITH A BOW, BUT IT'S STILL A GIFT.**

AND

*Don't take yourself so seriously, nobody else does !*

Till next time, drive carefully

*Jack*