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# Mississippi Street Rod Association

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## NEWSLETTER

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### **BITS & PIECES**

MAN! This cool weather has been nice for the past few days, hasn't it? I worked on putting the new vent glass back in my coupe. Thought it would be a piece of cake, but not the case. The rubber, frames, door panels and window garnish all decided they were not happy about being disturbed and all but refused to go back in place without a big fight. Got one installed but wound up cutting my hand on the second one so I had to put off finishing 'til that heals a bit

.....I've not seen it yet, but the Volkswagen-based rat rod Vic Boggs is building sounds like quite a piece. It has a 2X3 steel tube frame, a straight front axle, chopped top V W Beetle body and a 2000CC Pinto Ford 4 engine up front.....Gary Adams has folks working on his '31 Chevy. He told me at last club meeting progress was steady.....I suppose John' Bolden's '34 Ford is still coming along too.....Wayne Thomas has put the side hood panels back in his '34 after driving it to the NATS..... Eric's new chassis looked about ready for a '39 Chevy body when I saw it last month. The removable fiberglass top has been cast and with a bit of work, will soon be ready to mount. He says this convertible will be painted the same as his 2 door was.....Jack Cox has overcome the transmission problems in his '37 pickup and is back on the road with a 700R in it.....Al sold his '48 Chevy pickup project to Eric.....Jim Saville is concentrating on getting his '38 Chevy convertible ready..... Paul Acey ran into a curb in his driveway and busted up his '39 Chevy again...

Note that the event calendar below has been extended into 2010 with a number of events already being announced for next year.

Bill Bissell called to tell me about the somewhat revised format for his annual Race Car Extravaganza at the Jackson fairgrounds Trade Mart in January. In the past he has usually held two shows, one in January, primarily for race cars, and another later in the year for classics, street rods, antiques, etc. With sponsorship money increasingly difficult to come by, Bill decided to concentrate on one big combined mega-show. So this year, he will spread out to the ENTIRE Trade Mart using all three sections. The new section will be utilized to especially show off local car clubs and their vehicles. There will be more classes, more trophies, and all phases of motorsports in the capitol city area will be featured under one roof for the first time. All the area clubs are invited and encouraged to show their cars grouped in club displays for each of the area car clubs. I sure hope all of us in MSRA will take part in a display of MSRA street rods in what promises to be a really huge indoor car show. I think it would be a great opportunity for us to show off our street rods together as a club effort. Hope the other area clubs will

participate too. I challenge the MCC, Crooked Creek car club, One Rule street rods, Rankin Co. Hot Rods, AVCM, Corvette club, and the Big River Classics to have a club display there. This is a local promotion, put on by hard working, local people who have supported the local car hobby here for years and years. That deserves our support.!

I got a call today from the folks helping the Hazlehurst Chamber of Commerce put on a car show at their first annual Rockin' Railroad festival. This looks like your typical small town festival event with live entertainment, food, an art show, food, train depot tours, food, a kid's zone with inflatable things, prizes, a classic car show, and did I mention the food? Their day-long entertainment stage features a local native, Pat Roper, Lofton Creek Records country music recording star, plus the Colonels, the Remynders, and several others. Nice way to spend the day with your car friends, just a short few minutes south of Jackson. The car show will be on downtown streets along the railroad tracks by the old depot and caboosse. Come go with me.

And if you like cruise-ins, there are a couple coming up soon locally. Saturday, Sept 5, Jo's Diner out by the reservoir past the spillway will have one. The next weekend, Sept 12, the MS Classic Cruisers have theirs at the Renaissance in Colony Parkway just off I 55 in Ridgeland.

#### WHAT'S BEEN GOING ON

Several MSRA folks attended the NSRA Nationals at Louisville, KY. Wayne Thomas and Louis Waxler went in Wayne's street rod. Al, Ronnie, Donnie, Round man, Jimmy Creel, Eric and Jerome all met up at various places and made it into Louisville together just behind a round of thunderstorms that flooded parts of downtown Louisville. They reported over 11,000 rods were registered and a large number of them were quite upset with NSRA about their decision to allow later model cars to enter NSRA events next year. But apparently, business overruled tradition and NSRA will do its thing, apparently minus a lot of street rodders next year. There is already some talk among many of the area rodders to skip Louisville next year and go to the Frog Follies in Evansville, Indiana, which is a pre-'49 street rod event.

Wayne Thomas, Don Traweek, and Pat Page went to Ade Fleming's Harvest Festival car show.

<b>2009 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS</b>	
<b>SEP 4-6</b>	Parade of Rods, Houma, LA. Mardi Gras street rods info: Jed @985 532-2777
<b>SEP 12</b>	NSRA Appreciation Day. Gulfport Dragway info 601-695-3890
<b>SEP 12</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Pulpwood Festival Car show New Hebron, MS
<b>SEP 12</b>	Vettes by the Lake all Corvette show Mirror Lake Plaza Jackson, MS
<b>SEP 11-12</b>	Cruisin the River Columbus, MS info 662-494-6086
<b>SEP 12</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> annual 4 H club car show Carthage, MS info 601-267-8036
<b>SEP 19</b>	Rock & Roll Revival Meridian, MS. Info:queencitycar@hughes.net
<b>SEP 19</b>	Crazy Days car classic downtown Magee, MS info 601 278-5305
<b>SEP 26</b>	Heritage Festival car show Raleigh, MS 601/4057685
<b>SEP 26-27</b>	Super Show 09 Lakeshore Park, Reservoir. Info: 601 573-5139
<b>OCT 3</b>	Rockin' RR Fest music fest & car show Hazlehurst, MS. 601 894-3752
<b>OCT 4-11</b>	Cruisin The Coast Mississippi Gulf coast www.cruisinthecoast.com
<b>OCT 7-18</b>	AVCM State Fair antique car show Fairgrounds, Jackson. MS
<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 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 Baseball Classic benefit car show
<b>NOV 9-14</b>	Emerald Coast Cruise-In Panama City Beach. FL emeraldcoastcruizin.com
<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 Western Sizzlin 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 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>	Dixie Run 32 Jackson (Flowood) pre-49 street rod run
<b>APR 9-10</b>	37 <sup>th</sup> Red River Rod Run Bossier City, La 318-470-5669
<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 classic car show Byram, MS 373-
<b>MAY 8</b>	Hot Rod Saturday, Gulfport VA Hospital 228-596-0664
<b>JUL 17</b>	Nostalgia Drags Gulfport Dragway info 228-546-0664

### **NEXT CLUB MEETING**

Well, attendance at club meetings had dropped off some during the hot summer months, so we decided to kick it up a notch with a HAMBURGER COOKOUT at the next club meeting on Thursday, September 10 at Eric's shop. We'll have burgers and cokes provided, plus anything else you'd like to bring. A club meeting will follow. We will be discussing some upcoming club group activities for the fall months so you will want to be there to get in on that discussion.

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

Looking over the September-October schedule, it looks like there is PLENTY to do again after the August lull. Many of the events are relatively close by and we should be able to get to a number of them as a club. It's just plain more fun and a lot more entertaining when our group goes together. For what it's worth, here are my plans for the next months. Most of them are to events fairly close to

home and won't cost much to get there. When you're putting a kid thru college, your **fun money** gets real scarce. Anyway, here's what I hope to do: Sept 12 I'll be at the Pulpwood Festival car show in New Hebron., Sept 19 at the Meridian show, and Sept 26 at the Raleigh Heritage Festival car show. On Oct 3 I'll be in Hazlehurst at the Chamber of Commerce event. Then on to Cruisin' the Coast Monday 5<sup>th</sup> thru Thursday 8th. Then to Madison on Oct 17<sup>th</sup> to the Scarecrow Festival car show, then Tupelo rod run 10/23-25, and on Saturday Oct. 31<sup>st</sup> In Byram at the Crossroads church car show. And there's still the Crossett, Arkansas rod run the first weekend in November. I sure wish some or ALL of you would go with me. Most of these are one day events close to Jackson where we could get together as a club and ride down to them. So come on, let's go have some fun!

### *And a couple of parting thoughts*

I used to eat a lot of natural foods until I learned that most people die of natural causes.

Health nuts are going to feel stupid some day, lying in a hospital dying of nothing.

And finally,

Who was the first person to look at a cow and say, "I think I'll squeeze those dangly things and drink whatever comes out?"

Till next time, drive carefully

*Jack*