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Jimbo

Cruizin' in the passin' lane

October sure went by fast, didn't it? The Mississippi Gulf Coast just wrapped up another electrifying year of Cruisin' The Coast®, and what a ride it was! Over 10,000 hotrods, classics, and custom rides rolled into town, turning the coast into a vibrant showcase of chrome, horsepower, and nostalgia. Yeah, the traffic was a mess, but who cares when it's the coolest traffic jam you'll ever see? Picture endless rows of gleaming muscle cars, vintage antiques, and tricked-out street rods cruising along the beach, each one a rolling piece of art.

This year marked the 29th anniversary of Cruisin' The Coast®, a weeklong celebration that transforms the Mississippi Gulf Coast into a car enthusiast's paradise. From Bay St. Louis to Pascagoula, the coast came alive with a party-like atmosphere. Live bands played tunes you could swing to, filling the air with music that paired perfectly with the rumble of engines. These weren't just cars, they were time machines, sparking memories of high school joyrides, family road trips, and late-night cruises down lovers' lane, "watching the submarine races."

Car culture isn't new to the Coast. Local car clubs have long been a staple, and car shows have always drawn crowds of gearheads. But Cruisin' The Coast® took it to another level, uniting clubs, communities, and visitors from across the U.S. and Canada for one massive celebration. It's a chance for local clubs to roll out the welcome mat, working together to host one of the biggest parties in the country.

The economic boost is undeniable, hotels are packed, restaurants are buzzing, and local shops thrive as thousands of visitors pour in.

As the publisher of Gulf Coast MotorSports, the region's go-to car and motorcycle magazine, I get a front-row seat to the excitement. My inbox overflows with newsletters from car and truck clubs across Alabama, Florida, Mississippi, Louisiana, and Texas, antique, classic, street rod, muscle, and custom clubs alike. One thing stands out: Cruisin' The Coast® is a highlight on every club's calendar.

Post-event chatter is always glowing. "Southern hospitality is alive and thriving in Mississippi," one newsletter raved. "The Gulf Coast knows how to treat car clubs right, there's so much to see and do, you can't fit it all in!" Another enthused, "Best food I ever ate!" And the countdown is already on for next year's milestone: the 30th anniversary of Cruisin' The Coast®.

The event's magic lies in its ability to blend nostalgia with community spirit. It's not just about the cars (though they're the stars), it's about the people, the music, the food, and the shared passion that makes the Mississippi Gulf Coast the ultimate destination for car lovers. Here's to next year's cruise, may it be even bigger, louder, and shinier!

Here are some e-mails

Jimbo,

I was sitting next to a group of CTC participants at a restaurant and they were sitting around talking about their

ailments.

"My arms are so weak I can hardly hold this cup of coffee," said one.

"Yes, I know. My cataracts are so bad I can't even see my coffee," replied another.

"It has gotten to where I cannot hear anything anymore," said one in the loudest voice of the group.

"I can't turn my head because of the arthritis in my neck," said the fourth, to which several nodded weakly in agreement.

"My blood pressure pills make me dizzy," claimed another. "I can't even remember what I'm doing half the time; if I don't make myself a note, I forget what I am trying to do in the first place," chimed yet another.

"I guess that's the price we pay for getting old," winced an old man as he shook his head.

Then there was a short moment of silence... "Well, it's not that bad," said one man cheerfully. "Thank the Lord we can all still drive!" AtlantaFrank

Jimbo,

Recently, when I went to McDonald's. I saw on the menu that you could have an order of 6, 9 or 12 Chicken McNuggets. I asked for a half dozen nuggets. "We don't have half dozen nuggets", said the teenager at the counter. "You don't?" I replied. "We only have six, nine, or twelve," was the reply "So I can't order a half-dozen nuggets, but I can order six?" "That's right." So I shook my head and ordered six McNuggets. ... CindiMay@

Jimbo,

A woman was complaining to the neighbor that her husband always came home late, no matter how she tried to stop him.

"Take my advice," said the neighbor, "and do what I did. Once my husband came home at three o'clock in the morning, and from my bed, I called out, 'Is that you, Jim?' And that cured him."

"Cured him!" asked the woman, "but how?"

"My husband's name is Bill."

Karen Fisk

Jimbo,

A nun is sitting with her Mother Superior chatting. "I used some horrible language this week and feel absolutely terrible about it."

"When did you use this awful language?" asks the Mother Superior.

"Well, I was golfing and hit an incredible drive that looked like it was going to go over 280 yards, but it struck a phone line that is hanging over the fairway and fell straight down to the ground after going only about 100 yards."

"Is that when you swore?"

"No, Mother," says the nun. "After that, a squirrel ran out of the bushes and grabbed my ball in its mouth and began to run away."

"Is THAT when you swore?" asks the Mother Superior again.

"Well, no," says the nun. "You see, as the squirrel was running, an eagle came down out of the sky, grabbed the squirrel in his talons and began to fly away!"



"Is THAT when you swore?" asks the amazed elder nun.

"No, not yet. As the eagle carried the squirrel away in its claws, it flew near the green and the squirrel dropped my ball."

"Did you swear THEN?" asked Mother Superior, becoming impatient.

"Oh No, because the ball fell on a big rock, bounced over the sand trap, rolled onto the green, and stopped about six inches from the hole."

The two nuns were silent for a moment.

Then Mother Superior sighed and said, "You missed the D_### putt, didn't you?" SisterMaryAgatha@

Jimbo,

Just had a detective knock on my door saying he was looking for a man with one eye. I told him if he used both he'd probably find him a lot quicker. Pete Jackson

I'll leave you with this....

**Here is a new way to prepare your
Thanksgiving Turkey.**

1. Cut out aluminum foil in desired shapes.
2. Arrange the turkey in the roasting pan, position the foil carefully (see photograph)
3. Roast according to your own recipe and serve.
4. Watch your guests' faces...



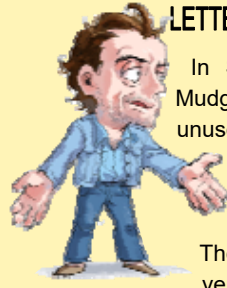
I dare ya



"Cowboy", the 1972 Chevy Super Cheyenne C10 Make-A-Wish of Mississippi raffle truck, is off to the open range. First-time CTC participant Ronnie from Missouri, who bought 3 raffle tickets with his 2025 pre-registration, took ownership of the truck from CTC Registration Director Craig Grisoli and loaded it up on his trailer to head home.

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In September, a man living in Kandos (near Mudgee in NSW) received a bill for his as yet unused gas line stating that he owed \$0.00. He ignored it and threw it away. In April he received another bill and threw that one away too.

The following month the gas company sent him a very nasty note stating they were going to cancel his gas line if he didn't send them \$0.00 by return mail. He called them, talked to them, and they said it was a computer error and they would take care of it.

The following month he decided that it was about time that he tried out the troublesome gas line figuring that if there was usage on the account it would put an end to this ridiculous predicament. However, when he went to use the gas, it had been cut off. He called the gas company who apologized for the computer error once again and said that they would take care of it. The next day he got a bill for \$0.00 stating that payment was now overdue. Assuming that having spoken to them the previous day the latest bill was yet another mistake, so he ignored it, trusting that the company would be as good as their word and sort the problem out.

The next month he got a bill for \$0.00. This bill also stated that he had 10 days to pay his account or the company would have to take steps to recover the debt.

Finally, giving in, he thought he would beat the company at their own game and mailed them a cheque for \$0.00. The computer duly processed his account and returned a statement to the effect that he now owed the gas company nothing at all.

A week later, the manager of the Mudgee branch of the Westpac Banking Corporation called our hapless friend and asked him what he was doing writing a cheque for \$0.00. After a lengthy explanation the bank manager replied that the \$0.00 cheque had caused their cheque processing software to fail. The bank could therefore not process ANY cheques they had received from ANY of their customers that day because the cheque for \$0.00 had caused the computer to crash.

The following month the man received a letter from the gas company claiming that his cheque has bounced and that he now owed them \$0.00 and unless he sent a cheque by return mail they would take immediate steps to recover the debt. At this point, the man decided to file a debt harassment claim against the gas company.

It took him nearly 2 hours to convince the clerks at the local courthouse that he was not joking. They subsequently assisted him in the drafting of statements which were considered substantive evidence of the aggravation and difficulties he had been forced to endure during this debacle.

The matter was heard in the Magistrate's Court in Mudgee and the outcome was this:

The gas company was ordered to: [1] Immediately rectify their computerized accounts system or show cause, within 10 days, why the matter should not be referred to a higher court for consideration under Company Law. [2] Pay the bank dishonor fees incurred by the man. [3] Pay the bank dishonor fees incurred by all the Westpac clients whose cheques had been bounced on the day our friend's had been. [4] Pay the claimant's court costs; and [5] Pay the claimant a total of \$1500 per month for the 5 month period March to July inclusive as compensation for the aggravation they had caused their client to suffer.



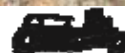
What an incredible spectacle we witnessed this October at our annual Cruise-In car show! The energy was electric, and the turnout was nothing short of phenomenal. From the crack of dawn, a steady stream of cars and trucks began rolling in, their engines rumbling with anticipation as drivers jockeyed for prime parking spots. By noon, the designated parking area was brimming with vehicles, and by 1:00 PM, the grounds were absolutely packed, with over 700 registered show cars gleaming under the autumn sun. The enthusiasm was so overwhelming that even the spectators' parking lot transformed into an impromptu display area, with additional cars lining the roadsides

as eager visitors flocked to admire the stunning array of automotive masterpieces. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to every single person who joined us to make this event such a resounding success. To our attendees, your passion for classic cars, hot rods, and custom builds fueled the vibrant atmosphere and made this gathering truly unforgettable. A special shout-out goes to our dedicated volunteers, whose tireless efforts behind the scenes ensured everything ran smoothly. From directing traffic to assisting with registration and keeping the event organized, your hard work was the backbone of this year's show. We simply could not have pulled it off without each and every



one of you, and we are deeply grateful for your unwavering support. Looking ahead, we're already setting our sights on making next October's Cruise-In even bigger and better. Our team is committed to addressing some of the logistical challenges we encountered this year, with a primary focus on expanding the parking area to accommodate more vehicles and improve accessibility to the showground. We're also working on streamlining the flow of the event to enhance the experience for both participants and spectators, ensuring everyone can fully enjoy the day without any hiccups. We're also thrilled to share the excitement about our brand-new showroom, which has

become a true haven for car enthusiasts. If you haven't had the chance to visit yet, we warmly invite you to stop by and explore it for yourself. The showroom is a testament to our love for automotive culture, and we're confident you'll be impressed by what we've created. For those who couldn't make it to this year's Cruise-In, don't worry—our doors are always open, and we'd love to welcome you to check out the space at your convenience. Stay connected with us for updates, sneak peeks, and more details about next year's event by following us on Facebook. We can't wait to see you all again for another unforgettable celebration of cars, community, and camaraderie!





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**Congrats to our lucky winners of the 63 Nova Convertible.
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We hope y'all enjoy your new ride!!**



I had to share this with everyone I thought that was pretty cool!

Everything is one big circle. Do good things for others when you can and your blessings will come back to you!

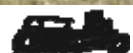


Winning an antique car was a blessing but the story gets better!!!!

Thursday we took a ride to the swap meet at the coliseum just to find a tag. Hancock tags are hard to find but luckily I found one out to the hundreds of tags the guy had and it was 1963 to match the car. When I pulled the tag and handed it to Angela she said "o look it's even October the same month we won the car". Next her jaw dropped and she says "Larry look at the number on the tag.... It's the same as the winning raffle ticket!" Everything just lined up perfect!



**We WON an antique car yesterday!! I think I'm still on cloud 9
Can't wait to make some memories cruisin' in this beauty**





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Dodge produced the Fageol postal truck in the mid-1950s, with production spanning the years 1955 to 1957. The truck body was built by Fageol Pony Express and Twin Coach of Kent, Ohio, and was mounted on a Dodge chassis, featuring a right-hand drive configuration and a roll-up rear door.

The truck body was made by Fageol Pony Express and Twin Coach, while the chassis was provided by Dodge. These postal trucks were right-hand drive, had a 6-cylinder flathead motor, and a two-speed push-button transmission.

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The Cole Report

Al Cole

Ansley, Mississippi



This Month is keeping it simple it was all Cruisin the Coast. CTC what can you say to someone that has never been?

Well the lil saying of America's Largest Block Party definitely fits the description. It can be as simple as trying to make as many of the events as you can. Cruising from the West end of the Coast in Waveland all the way to the East end the Coast in Pascagoula. With many, many stops along the way for side events each day.

Or you can setup a chair along Hwy 90 and watch and enjoy the event at a slower pace. If your a car nut or just enjoy the memories of a time from your past you can get "fix" right here all along our part the Coast.

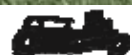
Also a new CTC registration record was set with 10,334. To look at that number and realize the first year had 374 registered vehicles. Congratulations for all work to the CTC office/Staff and to all my fellow Yellow Shirt Volunteers past and present.

Now the planning and preparations start for next year the 30th Anniversary gonna' be big time celebration/Party for that 30th Anniversary for sure.

And now back to our regularly scheduled weekly coastal events the cruise-ins, various shows & benefits.

Remember to watch for our friends out riding their bikes.

Allen







Just like to congratulate Craig Grisoli from the Cruisin the Coast Registration Office.. After 16yrs of being part of the CTC Family he's Retiring.

Way back in 2009 when he came aboard there was only 4508 registered vehicles for Cruisin, this year another record breaker with 10,334 what a job by Craig and the office crew.

Now Craig would be the first to say it's ya'll Allen, it's all the Volunteers that make it happen, then he'd always ask what y'all need?

I've made many a calls to Craig asking advice/permission to check if I could do something, or needed something. Now poor Rob will be getting calls from me and others. Robs moving up to Craig's job.

Most know I mess with everyone so one parting joke I can get Craig to do. Look at this picture I'm only a couple inches taller than Craig. But Rob is a foot or so taller than us. So Craig I'm coming to weld your office chair at that low height for you and let Rob try to work with that.

And yes we'll all will miss him from the CTC office but Craig and his wife Jennie will be Cruisin with us still on weekends and enjoying life.

Thanks again for "boss:"

See yall on the roads... Allen





Big turnout at the big bucket giveaway



Well, 5640 buckets later or \$34,000 worth of buckets however you wanna look at it we made it till 12:30 and it's all gone. Thanks for another great year. See you guys next year. ... Mark Casanova & the Krew



I took a picture I thought you may like to have for your magazine during the Long Beach parade with Vince Vance and my step father Skip Morgan in his 1968 Mercury Parklane yacht side convertible. Thomas Hamilton



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Every now and then, you stumble across a moment that takes you back in time. For me, it happened Thursday during Cruisin the Coast. I had stopped for a quick bite when I found myself staring at a group of classic cars and the crew from Atlanta, Georgia. Chrome gleaming in the sun, these weren't showpieces tucked away in trailers. They were *drivers* — built to be seen, heard, and felt.

Moments like that remind me why we do what we do — why we polish, wrench, restore, and remember. These classics aren't just cars; they're time machines, carrying us back to a simpler, more soulful way of travel. — *Jimbo*

I couldn't help but drift into a daydream, wondering what it must have been like to drive one of these machines when they were new. No rush, no screens, just the hum of the engine, the smell of gas and leather, and the freedom of the highway stretching out ahead.



“Purple Rain”

By Alan Sullivan

This month's cover of Gulf Coast MotorSports Magazine showcases one of the Gulf Coast's finest craftsmen—Jerry Jacobs, proud owner and builder of a freshly completed 1932 Ford 3-Window Coupe with classic suicide doors.

For the past five months, Jerry has spent countless late nights in the shop, meticulously perfecting every inch of the car. His dedication shows from front to back, with flawless lines and an unforgettable color. He personally sprayed the coupe in layers of “Purple Rain”, finishing it off with multiple coats of clear for that mile-deep shine. To top it off, his friend Will (714-585-0355) handled the final buffing and detailing, giving the coupe a mirror-like finish that looks a foot deep in every reflection.

Under the hood, Jerry's ride packs plenty of muscle, a 350 small block featuring a roller cam and aluminum heads, backed by a Turbo 350 transmission and a 9-inch Ford rear end. The lightweight coupe doesn't just look the part, it's got the power to back up its bold presence on the street.

Inside, the craftsmanship continues with a gorgeous interior by Ladner's Upholstery of Lyman, Mississippi. David Ladner designed a timeless two-tone look in tan and light brown, bringing warmth and sophistication to the cabin that perfectly complements the coupe's exterior flair.

Jerry, better known around the Coast as “Hosepipe,” has been shaping metal and working frames since he was 16 years old. Originally from Gadsden, Alabama, he made the move to the Mississippi Gulf Coast over 30 years ago and has been part of the region's hot rod community ever since.

Jerry plans to debut his '32 Coupe at the Emerald Coast Cruise-In in Panama City, Florida, this November, proudly displaying it alongside the crew from Fat Cat Rods, the team that helped lay the car's foundation.

If you're heading to the show, make sure to swing by and check out Hosepipe's latest masterpiece, representing Wiggins, Mississippi in true Gulf Coast style. With its deep purple glow and classic attitude, this '32 Coupe is a rolling reminder that passion and persistence still define the best builds on the road today.





The foundation of Fat Cat Rods began many years ago in Steve Weber's home garage located deep in the hills of Northwest Georgia. Always tinkering with his favorite hobby, Steve developed a passion for classic Hot Rod fabrication and wanted to see how far he could take it.

Using a custom k-member and American Stamping Rails, Steve started building custom chassis from the ground up. As he perfected the quality of these custom built chassis, the orders began increasing until he decided to take his side project to the next level. Fat Cat Rods was established in November of 2006 as a one-man chassis fabrication operation.

Since its establishment, Fat Cat Rods has grown into a mainstay in the classic automobile manufacturing scene. But the passion that Steve and his team have for classic cars hasn't diminished. They still pride themselves on producing top-quality classic hot rods and maintaining a personable rapport with customers and fellow hot rod enthusiasts.

With the help of their valued distributors, Fat Cat Rods uses only the best parts available in classic automobile production. In addition to in-house custom chassis work, Fat Cat Rods also produces rollers and fully functional turnkey hot rods. They offer 1932, 1933, 1937, & 1940 Fords in most body styles. All models are available as rollers, painted rollers, turnkeys, or at any point of production that the customer requests.

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Is the proper name "Lake Pipe"? Or is "Lakes Pipes" the proper term? Tough questions, but ole Cubby has used his finely honed and brilliant mind to search out and come up with the answer to this mind boggling dilemma. The proper term is "Lakes Pipes". Sometimes journalists referred to them simply as "Side Pipes" which takes away the confusion.

The origin of the pipes is also one of confusion and likely misinformation. One journalist wrote that: "Lake pipes were derived from "Cut Outs" which started as gas tank filler tubes with chrome gas caps welded into the exhaust pipe, then to 2 and 3 bolt cutout caps near the front tire, then to a foot long cutout that ran back to the car door then to long "Side Pipes" as they were called in Southern California in the 50's." (Quoted just as I received it, so the grammar and sentence structure is not mine. I wish he would have provided a photo or picture to explain it.) One writer stated that the name came from the dry lake beds of California..."They could be uncapped to run on the dry lakes, then capped up for the ride home." One historian stated; "Years ago I seem to remember reading Lakes pipes were named after a shop owner in California (William?) Lakes and not referring to the salt flats." Another observer states: "I remember them being called lakes pipes from the catalogs and magazines of the day, the 50's and 60's that is. I even remember the original "Little Deuce Coupe" lyrics using lakes pipes. I had assumed it had to do with the flats, but wondered why it was plural. Everything I find now use the term "lake", Can any of you readers confirm or deny these statements? No matter, I am going to go with "Lakes Pipes" for the purpose of this article. I hope I offend no one.

Lakes Pipes are long, chrome or stainless steel exhaust pipes mounted along the lower sides of a hot rod, streetrod, custom, or whatever name you want to give to a vehicle that has been modified. They run from the engine bay toward the rear wheel. These pipes became a popular styling element on custom cars in the 1950's. Most of the cars had the long pipes running under the door back to the rear wheel. While some were functional, capped with block-off plates or cutouts, others were simply decorative. The pipes were often hand made from steel

tubing and could be painted, or chromed, or made from stainless steel and polished. The added tips were welded in various angles to suit the owner. They could be turned out straight, turned down or flared. Lakes Pipes added a low-slung race car look that helped to visually lengthen the car's profile. They made the cars lower and were the first things to scrape when going over a bump in the road, a dip at an intersection or the ups and downs at the local drive-in movie mini hills. The visual look on a car is stunning.

I recently attended the *James Dean Run* in James Dean's home town of Fairmount, Indiana. Lakes Pipes on classic cars were in abundance. The 1950's Mercury customs were in great numbers and displayed Lakes Pipes along with fender skirts. The styles of the 50's were an integral part of this cruise-in. They remain a classic accessory on traditional customs and mild customs alike.

The *Ducktail Run* in Gas City, Indiana runs at the same time, and draws 1950's and 1960's cars as well. Gas City and Fairmount are only a few miles distance from each other and many cars register at both events. I fell into that category as my '46 Ford was registered at both shows. Both events are more fun than I should be allowed to have.

I will leave you with a funny or two or three.

My kids wanted to know what it was like for me growing up, so I took their phones, shut off the internet, gave them a popsicle, and told them to go outside and play until the street lights came on.

90% of bald men still own a comb. They just can't part with it.

Not all construction work is equally enjoyable. For example, enlarging a drilled hole is boring, but fastening pieces of metal together is riveting.

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Mississippi NSRA Safety Update

We hope everyone had a great time at Crusin The Coast!!

Remember that we can work with you on club days to get inspections done so that we're all ready to get out and enjoy our cars safely. If your club wants to do a club meeting inspection day, please get with me ASAP as dates are filling up.

Safety inspections are at no cost to you, you don't have to be a NSRA member & the inspector might point out something you need to know about your vehicle. We aren't criticizing your vehicle, we are looking for safety items only. Even if your vehicle doesn't pass, you just had a nice conversation with a fellow enthusiast who appreciates your vehicle and interest in the hobby.

Please note that all Safety Inspectors are volunteers, we do this for the safety of the car enthusiast, plus we get to meet new car people and visit with our fellow car enthusiasts.

Just a reminder to check your tire DOT dates, we are noticing and talking with folks that didn't know your tires need to be replaced every 6 years. It doesn't matter if they look good or not the tire will come apart from the inside.

We still need some volunteers for the Safety Team in North MS. Please let me know if you are interested or have any questions.

Please carry an automotive fire extinguisher in your vehicles.

Monthly Safety Tip – Glass

Safety plate, Lexon, or tempered glass is required for your vehicle to pass inspection. No cracks which interfere with the driver's vision or allow one piece of glass to be removed. No exposed sharp edges allowed. No stone chips larger than 1-inch in diameter. All openings designed for glass must have glass installed unless vehicle is modified to eliminate window openings. If vehicle doesn't have identification markings on glass (AS-2, safety plate, etc), use an object such as a pencil to check for a double image. Plexiglass is not allowed.

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Odd that I've had a Center mailing address through a dozen presidential terms, and while my home in Mount Pleasant years ago was a fourth of that, I still call it my hometown.

A story worth telling



Leon Aldridge

My hometown

"Home is not a place ... it's a feeling."#

#####— Uncredited bit of wisdom I picked up years ago. #

"So, where's home," asked the man whose hand I was still shaking. A mutual friend had just introduced us as we all met for lunch at a local restaurant.

"East Texas," I replied with a smile. "I live in Center, but I grew up in Mount Pleasant. I claim them both as my hometown."

Even as I said it for the umpteenth time, that statement still sounded somewhat unusual. Odd that I've had a Center mailing address through a dozen presidential terms, and while my home in Mount Pleasant years ago was a fourth of that, I still call it my hometown. And what about the various Texas communities where we lived before settling in Mount Pleasant to stay when I was eleven?

Someday, I'll examine the paper trail in a cardboard box full of evidence of my parents' pilgrimage from the time before my own memories began. A collection of letters, receipts, car registrations, repair bills, church bulletins, report cards, and black-and-white school pictures.

It wasn't until after my mother's death that I realized she had amassed this veritable family history in her cedar chest. I guess I owe her thanks, or maybe the blame, for my own tendency to hang on to similar seemingly worthless pieces of paper.

My family's last move to Mount Pleasant was just in time for me to finish fifth grade at South Ward Elementary. But evidence in Mom's hoarded documents hints at previous addresses in Ballinger, Muleshoe, and Midland. Plus, Pampa up in the Panhandle.

My first and oldest cognitive connections from around the age of three or four were of Pampa. I also remember Crockett where we lived next and where I entered first grade. A move to Seymour, Texas, followed where I completed third and fourth grade, and all of fifth grade except those last few weeks spent in Mr. Mattingly's home room in Mount Pleasant.

So, I contemplated, what really qualifies one place over another as "my hometown?"

To me, it's where our heart was first grounded. Places we associate with the "firsts" in life, such as our first friends. Friends remembered from fifth grade in Seymour are tall, skinny Joe, with whom I played basketball at recess. Mike, a neighbor I rode bicycles with to the park. And Carolyn, the first girl I exchanged valentines with in fifth grade.

Many firsts became memories in Mount Pleasant. Some with those end-of-the-year fifth graders from South Ward when we graduated from high school together seven years later. And some of those graduates who became college roommates and long-time friends beyond high school.

First dates, first jobs, my first car, and house—those memories all began in Mount Pleasant.

"Home is sometimes a place you grow up wanting to leave and grow old wanting to return to," I added to the lunch conversation. I thought about Mount Pleasant, and how after college, I tried to plant roots there twice. But that path just wasn't in the cards.

I took the path more traveled, rooting in Center many years ago. Enough years to see my children begin school and make their first memories. Enough years to amass many friends and loved ones, and to lose some of both. Enough years to have tasted happiness and to endure heartache.

And even enough years to see good eating establishments come and go. Which is where this missive started. Over lunch.

"So, while my home has been in Center for most of my life, I also consider Mount Pleasant my hometown," I concluded, thinking about some of my "trips home."

I return occasionally. Navigating new highways and bypasses makes driving more stressful than it was when I learned to drive there. And, though the old streets are familiar, the places and the faces have constantly changed over time. While the memories of "firsts" linger there like it was yesterday.

"I never thought about having two hometowns," my new acquaintance offered as we worked on chips, salsa, and sweet tea.

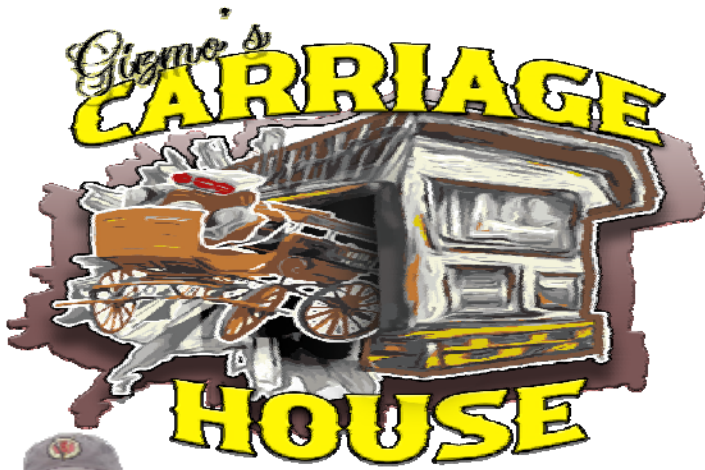
"Yeah," I drawled. "I think home is anywhere we leave a piece of our heart."

"Because hometown is not really a place ... it's a feeling in the heart."

—Leon Aldridge

(Photo info: My youngest sister, Sylvia, on the front porch at 206 Redbud Lane in Mount Pleasant, Texas, "home and hometown" to me and my sisters Leslie and Sylvia. There is no date on the photo, but I'm guessing about 1962 or '63. I have no clue what she was modeling on her head. It may or may not have had anything to do with what appears to be Easter baskets behind her. The house that was our home is still there today, but it's been extensively remodeled and doesn't look the same as I remember it. Sylvia moved to her eternal hometown December 14, 2023.)





Glen Gilmore

It is official, the start of the not so hot season has begun. Yes, the hot season is now a thing of the past for the next 4 maybe, 5 months. My personal theory in regard to weather is we have just 2 seasons, the Hot, and Not so Hot seasons. The not so hot season begins in mid-October, and brings forth many charitable events.

Many car clubs, motorcycle groups and many other clubs schedule toy drives and shows to help the less fortunate with presents for the Christmas season. The first event not necessarily along these lines, is not a drive but a

remembrance, and honors all of our Veterans, who served in our military, Veterans Day November 11th. Then comes Thanksgiving Day and before we barely blink an eye it's Christmas, then all of a sudden, we are welcoming the New Year in.

The queen and I try to attend as many toy drives as possible and we actively help with and organize 2 events. We help with a motorcycle ride through Pearl River County that benefits the Angel Tree Ministry, the Saturday before Thanksgiving and then the first Saturday in December we also help the Leathernecks with their Toys for Tykes event. I also like to help with the Wreaths Across America Program. It is a very busy time between Thanksgiving and Christmas for many in our respective communities.

And to add to the events this year, just a day after Thanksgiving, the Queen and I will be celebrating our 48th Anniversary. So please pass on your congratulations or condolences as you see fit.

As for the square body restoration, we are steadily making small steps to getting it running, and soon after getting the cab back on the frame. Will keep you all posted as we continue with all of the projects around here.

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2nd Friday Breakfast Cruise-in

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By: Joyce & Mike Lachaussee 7:30 am. - 10:30 am.



I hope everyone has recovered from Cruisin the Coast. Record crowd and the majority of the time it was beautiful weather.

Normally, we do not have our Lucedale Breakfast Cruise-in October as it conflicts with Cruisin the Coast. Surprisingly, we had a good turnout for the Lucedale cruise.

One of those cruisers was Doug Spencer from Hurley, in his 1979 Z28 red Chevy. It has a 350 with 700R4. Doug has done considerable work mechanically and body. He has had it for 10 years. This was the first time to bring to Lucedale and we sure are proud he did. Now that you are retired, you can make the Cruise each month.



Since this is October and a month known for spooky things, it is appropriate to talk about something returning from the DEAD. Darrell Gipson has such a story. In 2019, a car hit him head on and totaled his 1949 Mercury. With much perseverance and skill, he has managed to bring this Mercury back to life. It reminds me of the movie Frankenstein, where they use various body parts to bring him to life. That is exactly what Darrell did. He has two '51 front fenders and '50 hood and a '51 frame given to him by a good friend. His grill is 4 Mercury grill pieces. It does have the same heartbeat (engine). Everything on the front end was destroyed so he was lucky his engine was salvageable. Well, I think it is a driving miracle, and it was certainly a tremendous effort. Glad to see the Mercury back in business.



We are closing in on the holiday season. Before you know it, Christmas will be here. With that in mind, the Lucedale Breakfast Gang has supported the George County Sheriff's Department by donating both money and new toys for those underprivileged. The money goes toward clothing for all school age children. At our December Cruise, we will be collecting toys and money for this cause. I ask you to be as generous as you can. Any help will surely be appreciated.





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This is a rain or shine event, so if the weather is not friendly, don your best rain gear and join us for a wet charitable ride.

"We ask all motorcyclists to participate to help ensure that every child on the Coast has a Merry Christmas," an Asgard official said.

The Asgards have a history of fund raising ventures throughout the year, consisting of, Thanksgiving Food Drives, The Boys and Girls Club, and many other charities.

The purpose of the event is to collect toys for underprivileged children for the holiday season.

Toy Run participants are asked to donate an unwrapped-new toy (worth a minimum of \$10) or \$10 entrants fee at either of the two starting points.

For those wanting to donate but do not ride motorcycles or cannot make it to the event, donation boxes are available at The Broke Spoke, The Kiln Flower Shop, and J.R.'s Lounge.

The Toy Run will depart the Broke Spoke (6358 Kiln/Picayune Road, Kiln, MS) at 10:00 a.m. Riders will turn south on Miss. 603 and continue to US 90. The group will turn east on US 90 and proceed to South Beach Blvd. The ride will turn south on South Beach Blvd. and continue to the Silver Slipper Casino at 5000 S Beach Blvd. Bay St. Louis. MS.

There will be a short break, at the Silver Slipper, to hang out and socialize before the last leg of the ride.

Riders will depart on the second leg of the run, around 12:30 p.m., heading north on South Beach Blvd. They will turn north on Lake Shore Road and continue to US 90 where they will turn east. Traveling east on US 90 the group will turn north on Miss. 603. The ride will conclude by turning east on Kiln/Delisle Road heading to the Hancock County Fairgrounds Arena.

Riders are asked to arrive an hour before the departure so the toys can be collected and ride rules can be announced.

An after party will be held at the Arena consisting of beer, food, music, and plenty of mingling.

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November 1 Slidell, LA 1st Saturday Cruise Night at North Shore Square Mall, Slidell, LA, next to the "AT HOME" store. (Exit 80 off I-12, North Shore Blvd. / Airport Dr.) 5-8pm. 50/50 & Oldies Music. Hosted by the Coastal Cruisers Car Club. Contact: Bill Olson: 985-502-5148 or Nick Sherlock: 504-415-4476

November 1 Meridian, MS 3rd Annual Long Creek VFD Car-Truck-Bike Show. 10am-2pm. Music, Food, Plaques, Raffles, Kids Activities. Entry Fee \$20. Donations accepted. Spectators FREE. 4892 Zero Road, Meridian, MS. info call: Keith 601-480-7970 or Jill 601-917-1474

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November 14 Gulfport, MS 2nd Friday Dinner Run to Sherry's at Sherry's Country Kitchen. Starts at 4 pm. ... 20180 Hwy 53, Gulfport, MS 39503. Phone 228-832-1191 Dine-in or Take Out.

November 14 Lucedale, MS 2nd Friday Breakfast Cruise-in at Hardee's, 24 Cowart Street, which is just off Old Hwy 63, Lucedale, MS. Cruise by and join us on the 2nd Friday of the month. Begins around 7:30 am till 10:30 am. Enjoy breakfast or just a cup of coffee, check out the cars/trucks, and shoot the breeze. For more info call Mike Lachaussee 228-369-1431

November 15 Biloxi, MS AAECM 3rd Saturday Cruise-In at Cedar Lake Plaza I-10 exit 44 (corner of Cedar Lake Road and Popp's Ferry Road). 6pm-8pm AutoZone and Harbor Freight shopping center parking lot. Music, door prizes, 50/50 drawing and more! Walking distance to restaurants and shopping.

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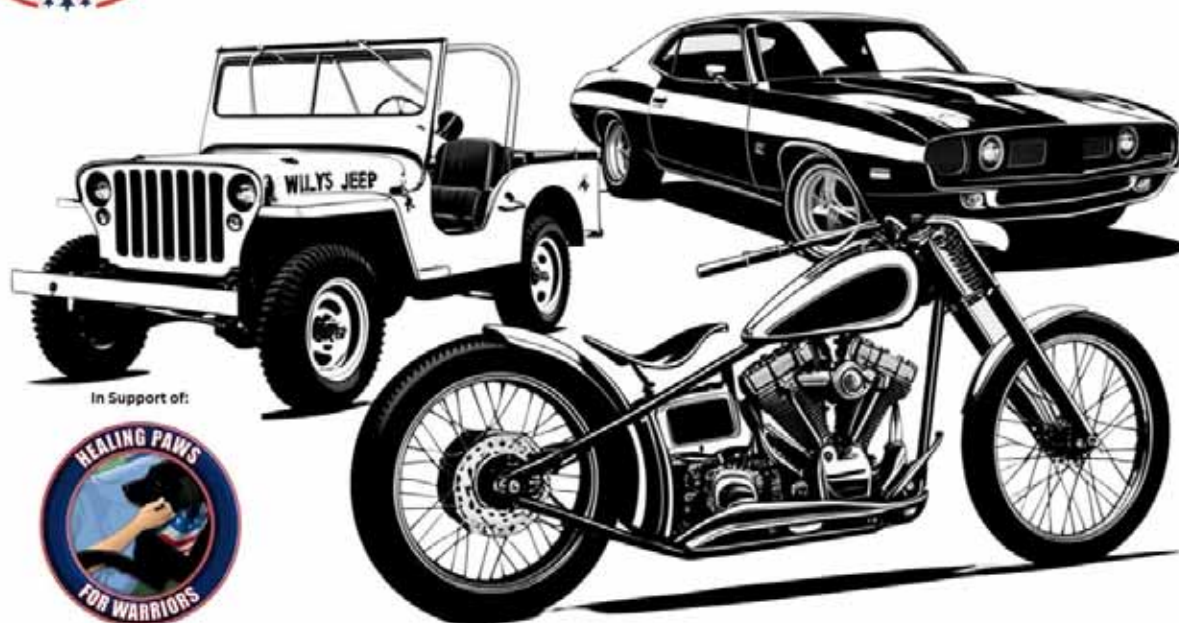
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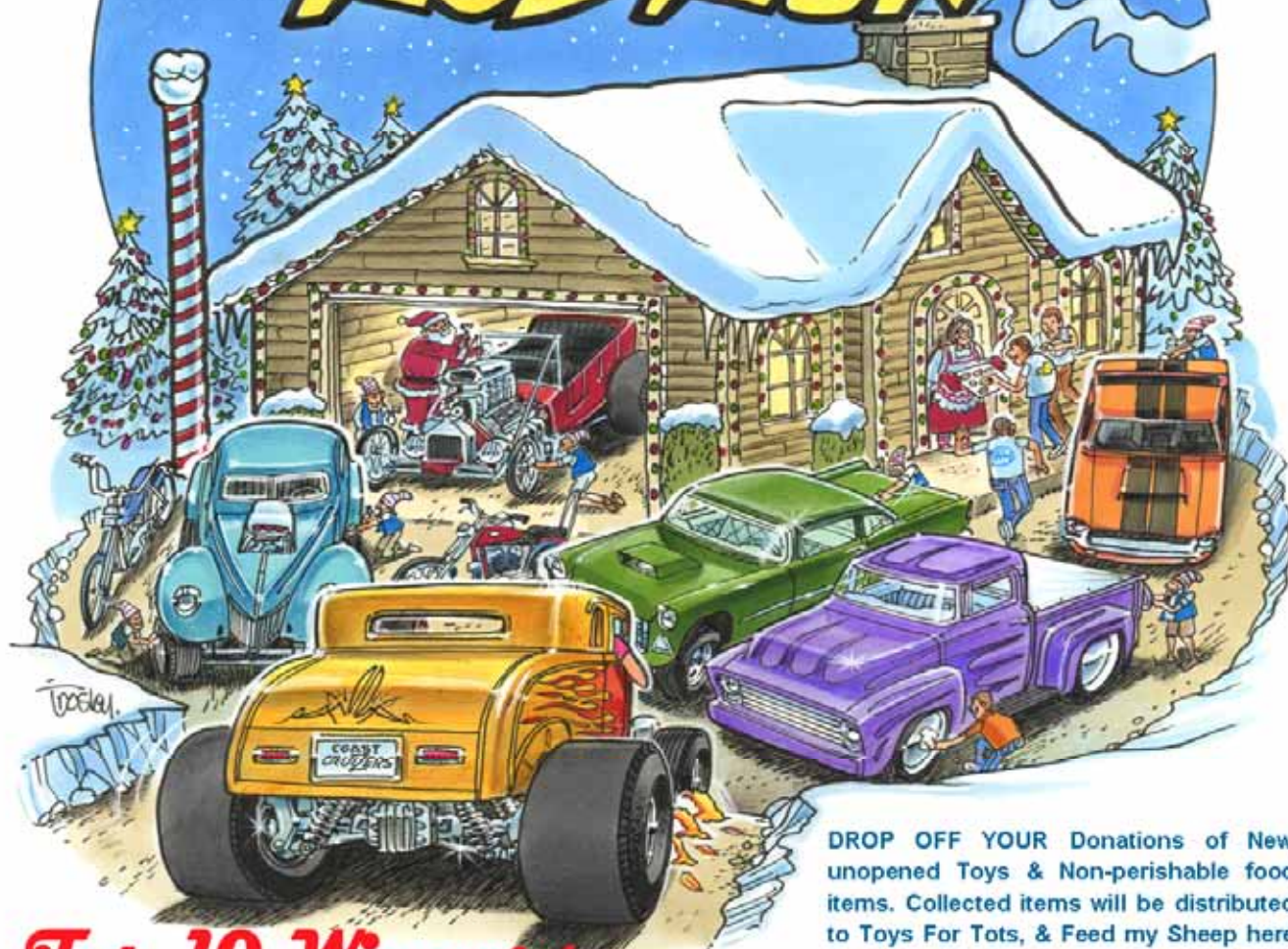
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