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Our next meeting is June 8<sup>th</sup> at the El Sombrero Mexican Restaurant on Highway 80 in Clinton, just a few doors away from the O'Reilly's where we had our show. Get there whenever you can, we try to start our meeting by 7:00 or 7:30.

**PRESIDENT'S PREFACE AND POPPYCOCK**

The months are flying by so quickly! Can't believe it's already time for June's newsletter. The merry month of May was a very eventful and fun one. The first weekend the Buckleys, the Everetts, and the Robertsons went to Texas to the Lone Star Tri-5 show and all came back award winners. Dot has written a detailed report of their activities that you read about later in this letter. Meanwhile the Harpers, the Holders, the Harts, the Hudsons, and the Overbys cruised down to the Braxton Fire and Rescue car show and all placed in the top 15. Show Chairman John Sanders.....ya done good son! Threatening bad weather kept some folks away but the show along with the plate lunches and other activities did bring in some extra funds for the Fire Department. I know the Hulkster had a blast picking on the kids! I've heard that, according to the newspaper reporter from Magee that wrote up a story about the show, Hulk is really Wayne Hunt from Clinton. Maybe it is best that the true identity of the impersonator is never really known, just in case the real Hulk Hogan finds out that there is someone a lot better looking than him out there getting all his recognition and decides to come find the imposter.....haaaaaaaa! Bring it on brother!

The First Annual Show at the O' with O'Reilly Auto Parts and Big River Classics in Clinton on May 13<sup>th</sup> was a huge success! We had 55 mighty fine looking registered vehicles competing for top 20 car and top 10 truck awards. As traffic on Highway 80 passed the show they probably had to reach for their sun shades because of the blinding glare from the row of 14 beautiful BRC member cars that were displayed on the grassy hill area of the parking area. I had hoped that we would have had more participation from other local larger car clubs, but we had a fantastic turnout regardless. The parking lot was pretty full, but I think we could have made room for more. I want to say THANK YOU to O'Reilly Auto Parts, store manager Steve Miller and his staff for letting us host the show, to our own Tommy Hudson for bringing the show to our attention, to

all the folks with their beautiful rides that entered and shared their cars in the show, and to all the Big River Classics members who worked so hard helping with the show. Job well done!

Plans for our 2007 Show & Shine need to continue and be updated. The sale of the Battlefield Inn in Vicksburg is still pending but we are marked down for March 30 and 31 as days of show. Show Chairman 2007, we know you are out there.... step up and be recognized! Several good members have forgotten to renew their membership. I know that is the only reason you have not renewed, right? You just forgot! Get back in here and be part of "the few, the proud, no, not the Marines....a Big River Classic member!" Not many just Tri-5 clubs around.

We head to Monroe June 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> for the Twin City Classic Chevy Club Jamboree. Friday morning... June 2.... Clinton..... Kroger parking lot.....head out 7:30 sharp.....be there. And keep the 28<sup>th</sup> annual Dixie Run in mind on Father's Day weekend, June 16-17. It's open to 1966 and older rods and classics and that would be us!

Our monthly "eat and meet" is June 8 at the El Sombrero Mexican restaurant in Clinton on Highway 80. There is probably some important stuff that I have forgotten to mention in this month's newsletter but in a rush to get this to the editor. Wayne

Something to think about: "If at first you don't succeed, skydiving is not for you."

News in from Dot Everett

May 5-7, 2006, Lone Star XXIV, Irving, TX

Three BRC couples (Ed & Mary Robertson, Bobby & Jessie Buckley, and Tay & Dot Everett) participated in this show. They cruised to Texas with some car buddies from Alabama (DeVon & Barbara Jones, David & Kathy Castle, and David & Margaret Hickson). The Alabama cruisers stayed overnight at Battlefield Inn and BRC group met them at 7 a.m. Thursday. Upon arriving at the hotel, there were so many police cars in the parking lot, we were a bit concerned about the "Rowdy Alabama" group. Nothing bad had happened, just a policeman's convention!

After several stops for fuel and other necessary things, we arrived in Irving about 3 p.m. The hotel staff must have been warned about us because they put us all on different floors. The show didn't start until Friday, so we sat in the parking lot and talked with some friends from Louisiana and contemplated the impending bad weather (possible hail). We had storms about 3 a.m. Friday, but no hail. The weather was pretty cool, jackets were needed. John Boutte' (who lives nearby) came to the hotel and took some people out to eat, cruising away in his convertible with the top down were Kathy & David Castle. Ed & Mary and their son & his wife followed.

Approximately 221 vehicles registered for the show. When the sun went down, those vehicles headed for cover in the close-by airport shelters. Hail was predicted again, again it didn't happen!

The ladies (except Mary) shopped Friday & Saturday at a huge mall. It took 2 days to see it all. Both days the hotel shuttle forgot to pick the ladies up. Barbara Jones to the rescue! You don't mess with Barbara, not even in Texas. I think they now have her picture and cell phone number on record.

Sunday morning, after a great breakfast, awards were presented. Pictures were shown on a large screen of the winners' vehicles. BRC reps all received certificates---Bobby & Jessie, Gold Certificate (968 points); Ed & Mary (truck), Platinum Certificate (980 points); and Tay & Dot, Platinum Certificate (985 points). Ed & Mary had the highest score in their class and received Club Choice plaque from the Houston Classic Chevy Club. The Alabama participants each received certificates also. David & Kathy received Club Choice plaque from the Austin Club and had traveled the farthest - 667 miles.

We saw gas prices from \$3.05/gal (Irving) to \$2.65/gal (Shreveport). It was a great experience, but we were glad to get home. Next year's show will be in Austin, TX.

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It is my understanding that many of us missed a wonderful Memorial Day outing, at the home of Patricia and Joe Byrd in Star, Mississippi. There was great food and wonderful music and many

vintage cars. I am told a great time was had by all. Our own vice president, Bobby Clark is affiliated with the Byrd's. Jessie seems to think there were about 300 people there. We had several club members in attendance, Bobby and Jessie Buckley, of course, Bobby and Diane Clark, Dean and Louise Horn, Dale Holloway, Newton and Carolyn Mason, Newton's brother and sister in law, John and Ruth Mason and Paul and Judy Webb. A former member, Larry Cantrell and his band were in attendance and played some great music. We should all make a point to go if we are invited next year.

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Shake Rattle and Roll- Smith Wills Stadium-May 27<sup>th</sup>. Sidney and Samantha Overby and Stacey Harper were the only BRC members in attendance. Sidney seems to think there were about 80 cars there. I think they had a successful show.

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Please keep, Dean Horn, in your prayers. He has recently undergone back surgery and he has another health issue of some concern. All of you that know, Dean and Louise, know that they are very special people.

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There are no birthdays or anniversaries for the month of June. July will make up for the small number in June.

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#### Upcoming Local Events for May / June:

JUNE 2-3...Twin City Classic Chevy Club Jamboree (55-72 Chevys) Monroe, LA

JUNE 16-17...Mississippi Street Rod Association 28<sup>th</sup> annual Dixie Run-1966 and older Rods and Classics Flowood, MS

JUNE 17...Southern Cruisers Car Club Bay Fest Fun Run Car, Truck & Rod Show, Bay Springs, MS

Check out [www.vicksburgcruisers.com](http://www.vicksburgcruisers.com) - for more events.

#### CCC/WCC Sanctioned Events coming up:

June 2-3 Monroe, LA - TWIN CITY CCC Jamboree (55-72 CHEVROLETS)

June 14-19 Sacramento, CA - CCC Western National Convention (55-72 CHEVROLETS / 67-02 CAMAROS)

July 9-14 Sedona, AZ - CHEVROLET NOMAD ASSOCIATION National Convention (55-57 CHEVROLET NOMADS)

August 2-6 Springfield, MO - CCC 32nd Annual International Convention (55-72 CHEVROLETS / 67-02 CAMAROS)

August 10-12 Detroit, MI - 56 Chevrolet 50th Anniversary Celebration (55-72 CHEVROLETS / 67-02 CAMAROS)

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