

gifts to the girls so that we can meet them and they can see the cars. A time for doing this will be discussed at the Christmas meeting. Please help in this, and I'm sure you'll receive a special Christmas feeling for doing it.

THE YEAR IN REVIEW... and a personal note

Where in the world did 1989 go? You hear that a lot this time of year. Seems like just a short few months ago since we all hit the highway that Saturday, heading to Vicksburg's mall show after riding in the Dixie National Parade. We were fortunate enough to make 14 events this year. This is the first year we were able to make all the Mississippi runs in one year. Some of the rest of you did, too, as evidenced by the club participation trophies we won at McComb and Richland. I'm sure each of you has memories of this past year's events. On the down side, I'll remember 1989 as the year I lost "Dog", my constant riding buddy, best friend, and family pet for 17 years. On the up side, I'll remember things like that fine old antique carousel in the park in Meridian; the ever-present rain all weekend in Greenwood and Starkville; the yellow pickup with the goldfish pond display in Laurel; the little party at the ice cream store in Batesville; eatin' all that good food on the cool back porch at Montana's in Gulfport; and the crazy, crazy Halloween party in Tupelo. It was all so enjoyable, we just hate to see such a fun year come to an end. We certainly enjoyed reporting on it all, and as I finish my third year of doing that in this newsletter, I hope that you have gotten at least as much enjoyment reading it as much as I have gotten writing it.

On behalf of the officers and board of the MsSRA, have a happy holiday season and a better 1990.

Til next time, drive carefully.....

*Jack*

## BITS &amp; PIECES

The last chance rod run in Tyler, Texas drew 154 cars. According to T-Tommy, the weather was fine and a good time was had by all; especially the valve cover racers. Those Texas guys really get into that. They even have electronic starting lights on their race track, run two classes and have quite a rivalry among clubs.....The final tally on the money given by Mississippi street rodders to the South Carolina hurricane victims was \$2200. Paul presented it to Will Drake at the regional NSRA gathering November 4. Will expressed their gratitude in a letter to Paul. Thanks to all who helped out.....From preliminary 1990 rod run dates I've seen, it looks like there may be conflicts again on certain weekends next season.....NSRA has requested you not race your street rod at any of these nostalgia events unless both your car and the race track are up to date and protected with all the best modern safety features. Street rodding can do without the bad press generated by a nasty accident where you get hurt or your car hurts someone else.....Eight of us went to the Mendenhall car show November 11. Dee Dukes, Tommy Nichols, and I won trophies at the end of a pretty long day. About 50 cars were there.....Allen McBroom of the EMSRA in Starkville asked me to ask you if you remember talking to him at our rod run last summer about some heads for a flathead Ford. He remembers talking to someone here--he thinks they were in our club--about the heads. If you remember this or if you know where he can get a set of aluminum heads for his flathead project, please get in touch with him.....So far, we have 15 pre-entries from six states for next year's Dixie Run.

## GARAGE SCENE

I hear Mike Stanley's '38 Plymouth made it to the cruise night at the Sonic in Brandon November 4. Apparently he got the car running in spite of all of the help from Lance Rooker and Larry Worrell.....Lance's '39 Buick continues to look better every time he comes out with it.....Roundman made a trip to Louisiana to get a new set of doors for Danny's coupe. There will be a new paint job and maybe even a new color in store for the Plymouth. A Pinto front suspension is being installed and the parts were scattered all over the place last time I was out there....Dennis and Tommy picked up a new frame at Hebert's for their roadster pickup project. This one has 4-bar setup on the front.....Jimmy Chancellor recently described to me the paint job planned for his plymouth sedan. It will really be something to see with several colors involved with some wild multi-color graphics.....Paul has all the pieces painted for his '40 convertible. It is scattered all over the shop floor right now. He promises to start assembly just as soon as he gets a couple of other projects out of the way....Roundman is helping Harold Thornton finish up dropping a 350 into his '46 Plymouth sedan. He also brought the '35 Chevy sedan home and is hunting a pair of doors for it. These are the suicide type for the deluxe model....A ton of parts for our '39 are on order but so far have not arrived. We hope to be finished with the frame by Christmas.....I stopped by Ed Whittenberg's shop last week and his Ford was assembled for the first time. It really will be a good looking car. One of the trick features is an Audi sunroof.....I see by the classifieds that Art has his '37 Ford for

sale.....I hear Dee Dukes has the Nova clip almost installed on Steve's pickup....I missed the cruise to Mazzio's but I hear a lot of the rest of you did too.

#### CHRISTMAS PARADES

Last Tuesday night the Round Claus, Bondo Joe, and I sailed on down to Terry, Mississippi for their first annual all night, stomp-down, feeze yo booty Christmas parade. It ain't easy to make a decent parade float out of a hay trailer, but they had three of 'em and everyone loved it. Assorted frozen boy scouts, BMX bike kids, the Byram volunteer fire truck, two choirs, and the Raymond high school non caucasian marching, struttin' and in-general boogaloo band were definitely ON HAND to kick off the Christmas season. Now, Terry is only two blocks long and I'm not sure what they did up ahead to make the parade last half an hour, but a great portion of that time was spent sitting still. With one eye on my marginal oil pressure and the other on the creeping temp gauge, it didn't make for an enjoyable night. But its off again Saturday morning to Clinton to ride in that parade. I sure hope it's warmer. Next month we'll report on those goings on.

#### OFFICER NOMINATIONS FOR 1990

At the November club meeting, the following persons were nominated for club officers next year. President, Lawrence "Roundman" Chambless; Vice-president, Daryl Allen; Secretary, Barbara Harrell; Treasurer, Peggy Acey. These will run unopposed. Nominated for board members were Jack Brown, Tommy Duncan, Charlie Harrell, Steve Loudermilk, and Wayne Thomas. Voting for three of these five to fill directors positions will be held at the December meeting after the Christmas Party.

#### CHRISTMAS PARTY PLANS

Don't forget, the club Christmas party will be held Sunday afternoon, December 10 at the Raymond Lake clubhouse in Raymond. I'm told that special emphasis is being placed on making this party special for the women of the club this year. I'm not really sure just what that means, but come on to the party and find out. Those responsible for planning the party promise several nice surprises. They have been working really hard on the preparations and decorations. As I told you last month, we won't start eating until 2 o'clock so that everyone, including our out of town members, will have a chance to be there for the fun and food. But you can come as early as you want to. Bring your favorite side dish and/or dessert, the club will provide the rest. To reach the clubhouse, stay on highway 18 to the first 4-way intersection in Raymond. Turn left and go through the golf course. Watch for the lodge on the left across from the lake. A lot of hard work is going into the party this year, so please plan to be there. After lunch, the final club meeting of 1989 will be held and officers for next year will be elected.

Admission will be one toy or gift for a girl between the ages of 3 and 18. These toys and gifts will be given to a family we found out about through the Sunnybrook Children's Home in Madison. They sponsor a family who has become "house parents" for eleven homeless girls. These girls have absolutely no family members and the only Christmas they have will be what we can provide them. We ask you to help to make Christmas 1989 a happy one for these young ladies. The folks at Sunnybrook have invited us to personally deliver the