

going to the continued construction of the recreational park in Florence. It will be held in downtown Florence at the soccer fields. First 80 entries get a dash plaque, so enter soon. One of the premier rod runs of the year, the Deep South run in Birmingham will be held at the Birmingham horse racing facility this year instead of at the old fairgrounds. I can't remember just where the horse track is but I remember seeing the signs on the interstate last time I went through there. If you like open shows, the one in Meridian on the 21st is hard to beat. It is held in a beautiful park with lots of things to see and do. The old carousel alone is worth the trip-or it was to me- I just like old Merry-go-rounds. It may not be working unless they've fixed it since the Roundman rode it last year. Be sure to pre-register. \$1000 in cash prizes will be given away to pre-registered entries-and it won't all go to the same person. The Vicksburg Cruisers will pass through Jackson at 8 a.m. and will catch up with the Muscle Car Club in Pearl at exit 48. They've invited us to join them in riding over there. Then, on the last weekend of April, McComb holds its rod run, the first in-state, pre-49 only, run of the 1990 season. Our bunch usually attends this in force. It is always a grand time for visiting friends you haven't seen since last year. We'll discuss when to leave at the next club meeting so we can try one more time to ride down together. Let's get that club participation trophy this year.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

April 7	Florence Day annual car show	open
April 20-22	Deep South Rod Run, Birmingham AL.	pre-'49
April 21	Spring Fever Run, Meridian, MS.	open
April 21	Riverfest Car Show, Vicksburg, MS.	
April 27-29	Dixie Street Rods Run, McComb, MS.	pre-'49
May 5-6	Moonlighters Rod & Custom show, Minden, LA.	open
May 4-6	NSRA Southeast Nats, Knoxville, Tenn.	pre-'49
May 12-13	Kajun Kruiise Rod Run, Thibideaux, La.	pre-'49
May 18-20	EMSRA Rod Run, Mckee Park, Starkville, Ms.	pre-'49
May 18-20	Sunny Beaches Rod Run, Pensacola FL.	pre-'49
May 18-20	Calcasieu Rod Run, Lake Charles, LA.	pre-'49
May 25-27	Twice as Nice Rod Run, Texarkana. TX.	pre-'49
June 9	Dixieland Rodders Run, Fairgrounds, Laurel, Ms	open
June 9-10	Rod Run, Jonesboro, Arkansas	pre-'49
June 15-17	DIXIE RUN 12, HOLIDAY INN, JACKSON, MS.	pre-'49
June 22-24	Ole Brook Cruisers Run Brookhaven, Ms.	open

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NEXT CLUB MEETING

With all the activity scheduled on weekends, the club meeting has been moved to Friday night, ~~March 14~~ at 7:30 the Signature Square apartments clubhouse.

Til next time, drive carefully.....

BITS & PIECES

Our rod run received some nice coverage in the March issue of Street Scene. Thanks to NSRA's Jerry Johnson for helping us along with that.....The lost club banners have been found. Roundman promises to have them at all the rod runs we attend this year. Be sure to park together under the banner so everyone will know the MSRA is there!!.....Dixie Run 12 entries continue to come in. As this is written we have 55 pre-entries from Mississippi, Alabama, Louisiana, Tennessee, Arkansas, Texas, Florida and Illinois.....Eleven MSRA members drove cars to the open show at the Chevy dealer in Brookhaven March 10. Sam Hupperich won the favorite unfinished trophy, Tommy Duncan won favorite streetrod, and Gene Maddox won a top ten award. It was a nice show with quite a variety of fine vehicles; 142 of them. Most of us managed to find enough shade to stay out of that hot spring sunshine. But it just wasn't a rod run.....The Bayou-self Run in Houma, La. WAS a rod run with 136 pure everlovin' streetrods. The Chambless', Todds, Roberts, and Creels attended. Lee Anne won the 50/50 pot. Be sure to ask Jimmy Creel how he enjoyed his fudge cake at Shoney's Saturday night. Also, I understand the Round one got absolutely flat lost on the way home. Old know-it-all missed his turn and took cousin Earl, the Creel brothers and the whole Manning family in tow on a wild goose chase all over Louisiana.....We understand the Louisiana Super Cruise will open their entry to pre' 60 models. I really hate to see that.....Nice to be receiving the newsletter again from Starkville's EMSRA. Long time rodder Richard (if it ain't a roadster it ain't a streetrod) Gaston is editing the letter now. 10-4 Richard!!!.....Congratulations to Mike and Sharon Stanley on the arrival of their new son last week. "Harley" is his name, or at least that is what Lance Rooker said it was. But then, you all know how confused he stays.....Roundman is working a big deal for the club to display the cars on July 14. Details next month.

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GARAGE SCENE

Any club has to have members with running cars to exist. But another way to look at the health and strength of a club is to look at its growth potential. Ours looks pretty good. A quick poll of the membership shows we have 23 running cars, plus another 5 down temporarily with some type of repair work in progress, but the thing that surprised me most is that we can count 16 new cars under construction. That's fantastic. It's not unrealistic to assume that half of those will be running before the summer is over, so it looks like our car count may be headed for an all-time high. Just to try to pump everybody up, let's go down the list. We had 18 running cars at the end of the season last year. This year, just finished and back on the road: Sam's 37 Chevy sedan, Gene's 34 Ford coupe, Mike's 38 Plymouth coupe, Daryl's 39 Chevy and Alan's 46 Chevy pickup. Temporarily out for repair right now; Charlie's 35 Chevy, having a front end rebuild; Half-round's '34 Plymouth with major rebuild; Wayne's 37 Chevy which by now will probably be out of the paint shop; Joe Walker's 33 Chevy with a V6 to V8 swap in progress and Wayne Powell's 40 Ford sedan with a lengthy rework project..... But get a grip on all these brand new rides that have yet to be seen on the road for the first time: Paul's 40 Ford convertible, Hugh's 48 Plymouth sedan, my 47 Ford pickup, Lee Anne's 36 Chevy sedan, Jimmy Chancellor's 36 Dodge sedan, Jimmy Creel's 40

Dodge pickup, Jimmy Roberts '41 Willys, Dee's 29 Ford roadster, Dennis' 29 Ford Roadster pickup, Cooney's 47 Olds coupe, Steve's 46 Ford pickup, Brian's 39 Chevy pickup, Harold's 46 Plymouth sedan, Ed's 35 Ford sedan, Jim's (Max's) 35 Chevy coupe, and Larry's 36 Chevy sedan. I've seen and/or heard about these 16. If there are any others out there I may not have mentioned, be sure to let me know about them. Whenever all these are finished, we shouldn't have to worry about getting a group of cars together for anything. Now if we can just keep the first 18 running till the next 18 get ready.....

 DIXIE RUN PREPARATIONS

I need goodie bag items. So far, none of you have contributed. About one-third of the pre-entries so far have been from Alabama. And, all of them are coming in Friday to EAT. Bon't forget to round up your items for the door-prize auction. Several of you are making some wooden craft items already. I've only got one thing myself so we all need to get busy on that. The games are just about worked out. Due to lack of space, details on them will be in next month's newsletter. Holiday Inn has begun to clear out the underbrush behind our regular area and we should have about twice the area of shady parking we had last year. I'm repeating the list of duties and trophies as a reminder.

DUTIES

Registration-Jack & Charlotte Brown	Kids Activities-Rachel & Robin Todd
Auction-Paul Acey	Friday Supper-Lee Ann Chambless & Barbara Harrell
Concession Stand-Peggy Acey	Goodie Bags-Jack Brown
Stage (truck & trailer)-Art Todd & Roundman	Awards Lineup-Art Todd
Traffic Control-Daryl Allen & Gene Maddox	Fliers-Dennis Duncan
Trash collection-Dee Dukes, Mike Stanley, Lance Rooker	Ice Box-Roundman

TROPHIES

Early Bird-Daryl Allen	Hard Luck-Wayne Thomas
Biggest Ride-Lance Rooker	Favorite Unfinished-Brian Scurlock
Favorite Mopars-Tommy Duncan	Favorite Ford-Art Todd
Favorite Chevys-Jack Brown	Favorite Trucks-Paul Acey
Favorite Sedan-Daryl Allen	Favorite Coupe-Wayne Powell
Favorite Roadster-Jack Brown	Favorite trailer-Gene Maddox
Daily Driver-Karla Dukes	In-the-weeds Ed Wittenberg
Long Distance-Barbara Harrell	Favorite Model A-Kathy Scurlock
Favoriet Paint-Jimmy Chancellor	Favorite convertible-Jack Creel
Favorite T-bucket- Harold Thornton	Favorite interior-Gene Maddox
I love yellow paint jobs award-Jack Brown	Under 21 award-Robin Todd
Favorite Pro street-Dee Dukes	Club participation-Charles Harrell
Favorite Engine-Wayne Thomas	Ladies Choice-Lee Ann Chambless
Kids Choice-Charlie Harrell	Holiday Inn Staff pick-Jack Brown
Odd Rod Award (non Ford-GM-Mopar)-Mike Stanley	Best Graphics-Dennis Duncan
Engineering award-Jack Brown	Favorite chopped top-Bo Laird
Wildest paint job-Sam Hupperich	President's pick-Roundman Chambless
Peoples choice categories-Roundman Chambless	

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THINGS TO DO IN APRIL

This month's activity starts off with the annual Florence Day car show on April 7 put on by our friend Vic Boggs. Entry is \$10 in advance with proceeds