

BITS & PIECES

We received some good words about Dixie Run 13 from our friends in the EMSRA Rod Runner newsletter, in the Ramblin' Oldies newsletter and the Camaro Club newsletter. You can see these at the next meeting.....Better make your reservations now if you want to stay at the Holiday Inn during the Singing River Run next September 19-21. It is filling up.... I just received a whole bunch of new entry blanks for the Tupelo Run.....It is so good to see Larry Boyer is out of the hospital and feeling much better. But Lance Rooker is in the hospital in Florida after having to have surgery while on vacation. Complications have kept him from coming home, but he is better....The Bayou Street Rodders have announced the fifth annual Super Run will be held October 19-21 at the Holiday Inn in Slidell, La. Grand prize is \$500 and there is a 350 engine for a real nice pre-registration prize.....NSRA says the site of the 1992 Nationals will be Louisville, Kentucky on the first weekend of AugustWe are now exchanging newsletters with the Classic Chevy club here in Jackson. They host a cruise at the Clinton Sonic every second Saturday night.....Speaking of cruises, we won the club participation trophy at the MMCSMC Super Cruise in Brandon July 6. We had eighteen or twenty members and family, and 10 cars represented. Jackie Sifford and Steve Loudemilk won games, Wayne Thomas won a top ten trophy and Steve won the hard luck award. How did you ever get the hood open with the latch broken? They had plenty of door prizes to go around and a good time was had by all.....Jack Creel attended the Crossett Arkansas run July 14. We hear this was a really nice run with plenty of door prizes and games.....The Duncans and Marlin and Mamie attended the Classic Chevy's cruise at the Clinton Sonic July 13. Tommy's A-model won a trophy. Several of the Meridian rods were there also.....Peggy tells me the NSRA Appreciation Day is scheduled for Sunday, October 13 at the golf course lodge in Raymond. More details will be announced later.....Looks like October will be a jam packed activity month. But what happened to September. Check the schedule..... Jerry Shields from the Queen City Rods and Customs tells us the Downtown Rock & Roll Revival is getting some added \$\$ from Pizza Hut and they are planning a wang dang doodle of a show there in Meridian on October 12. Bill Haley's Comets is one act they have signed so far with more to come. We need to go to that one. Jerry gave us a free entry to give to one of our club members. We will draw for it at the August 3 cruise to Jerry's.....Tentative plans are for the NSRA Appreciation Day to be the next day after this Meridian show. Why don't you guys in charge plan the two events so that folks can come to Meridian Saturday then on over to Raymond Sunday for a nice two day street rod happening?.....While many of you went to Oklahoma City to the NATS, some of the rest of us took in the Ole Brook Cruisers run in Brookhaven. Jackie won his first trophy with his pickup. Larry also won a trophy. Joseph Boyer should have won a trophy for wearing his pants wrong side out most of the day and totally embarrassing us all. But they don't give trophies for stupid stuff like that. I think he did win a trophy for guessing the right amount of candy in the jar. Looks like someone with enough sense to do that could at least put his pants on right side out. But enough about that. Probably shouldn't

have even brought it up. And I'll probably won't ever bring it up again. Unless of course, he puts his pants on wrong side out again and totally humiliates and embarrasses us all again. Brian and Steve won the radiator fill game trophy.....Several club members went to the Nats in Oklahoma City. I haven't heard too many good stories to get anyone with. Just be sure to ask Gene Maddox if he brought any cologne home with him. I also hear the activities down on Meridian street were something to see. The car count was off some, but that was to be expected I guess. I hear there were some nifty-stretch cab pickups of all kinds on hand.....Jack Creel won the transmission and torque converter prize at the Sardis Run. They say the weather cooperated this year and a nice breeze across the lake made it a nice run. Sorry we did not get to go, but we were sitting by the phone, waiting for "the call" from Karen who was at the hospital about to give birth--we thought. Turned out to be a false alarm and the doctors sent her back home to wait a while longer.....All you roundy round car racing fans, the old Jackson International Speedway may soon return to life; this time as a dirt track. A crew is at work now replacing the wood seats and work will start on the track itself soon. We understand a drag strip is in the plans off the back stretch. Meanwhile, the new quarter mile dirt track at Byram is almost finished. The offices and concession stand are almost complete. The track features a concrete wall all the way around the track which makes it look really good. Wayne, I'll never be able to stand having a race track just three miles from my house. Knock the windshield out and fire up the welder.

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GARAGE SCENE

Bo Laird has sold his 32 sedan. He tells me he would like to get a 2 door or a coupe of some kind to replace it. If you hear of any good deals let him know. It's getting too expensive riding the Greyhound to all the car shows and rod runs. He tried to hire Wayne's chauffeur but his rate was too high.....Hugh has painted his Plymouth. Looks real good. Good and Blue Blue Blue.....Dennis has started working on the roadster pickup again. They did crank it up for the first time this week, so it will be running around before long.....Jackie Sifford is riding around in the Ford pickup. There is no bed yet but it still looks great....John Little has taken the front cap off his 41 Chevy and will be working on it for a while.....Jimmy Chancellor's Dodge was about ready to debut, but surprise major engine problems will require some attention before it will be ready to travel.....I just picked up a Mustang II clip for my coupe. Hope to make that my winter project, along with a new interior and paint. I'm trying now to get the air conditioner going again so I can go to Starkville.....Brian's pickup is still progressing. The inside cab, door panels, dash, and interior trim pieces have been painted and wiring is under way.

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EVENT SCHEDULE

- AUG 3 MSRA cruise to Jerry's Catfish House in Florence. 6 p.m.
- AUG 17-19 Good Times Run, EMSRA, McKee Park, Starkville, pre-'49
- AUG 25 MSRA Board of Directors meeting 2:00 p.m
- MSRA Club meeting 2:30 p.m.
- AUG 23-25 Great Southwest NSRA Nats, Ft. Worth, TX. pre- '49
- AUG 30-SEPT. 1 Ramblin' Oldies Run, Baton Rouge, La. pre-'49

- SEPT 19-21 Singing River Rod Run, Holiday Inn, Biloxi pre-'69
- OCT 4-6 Southeast Ark SRA Run, Arkadelphia AR pre- '49
- OCT 4-6 Southeast NSRA Nats, Tampa Florida pre- '49
- OCT 4-5 Gulf Coast Autorama, Coast Coliseum, Biloxi open
- OCT 12 Downtown Rock & Roll revival, Meridian Ms. open
- OCT 13 NSRA Appreciation Day, Raymond Mississippi
- OCT 19-21 Bayou Street Rods Run, Slidell, La. pre- '49
- OCT 18-21 Metrocenter Car Show by Camaro Club open
- OCT 25-27 Halloween Fun Run, Street Rods Ltd. Tupelo Ms. pre-'49

- NOV 29-DEC 1 Turkey Run, West Fla Street Rods, Pensacola, Florida pre '49

COMING UP THIS MONTH

Don't miss the first club get-together since the rod run, this Saturday evening at 6 p.m. in Florence at Jerry's Fish House. Bring the whole family and come in your street rod. We have the party room reserved, the catfish is cookin' and our special guest will be Ray Massey. Then, on the August 17-19 weekend, make plans to attend the Good Times Rod Run at McKee Park in Starkville. This is a nice run and you will enjoy it. McKee Park is a nice shady place just off hiway 12 on the east side of town. Lynn says they are having a big barbeque supper Saturday night and need a bunch of us to go help eat it all. It won't be their fault if you leave hungry. The East Mississippi club has been good to attend our run in large numbers and they usually win our club participation trophy. In fact, they've challenged the MsSRA to come try to win THEIR club participation trophy. Now there's a challenge. It's just a short 125 miles up to Starkburg. Let's go win that thang!! They plan to have valve cover races also. Headquarters motel is the Holiday Inn close to the MSU campus. Next weekend NSRA Great Southwest Nats will be going on in Fort Worth Texas. That's spelled hot. The Ramblin Oldies of Denham Springs Louisiana wind up the month with their annual Labor Day Run at the Quality Suites Inn on Bluebonnet at I 10 in Baton Rouge. This hotel features suites(that's 2 big ol' rooms) with 2 TVs, VCR, microwave, refrigerator, complimentary breakfast, wall to wall floor, hot & cold running, and Bobby Spann will personally come by and wake you up every morning. Enough to ruin anybody's day, but go any way. They will have a show band outdoors Saturday night, valve cover races and a Jambalaya lunch Sunday to send you off toward home. Grand prize is a street rod trailer. Check out the July Street Scene for coverage of last year's run.

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I THINK IT'S CALLED CROOZIN

One night last week I was working on the truck. I'd come to a point where I had to think a little about how I wanted to arrange something on it, so I sat down on a stool to study the problem. It had rained earlier; one of those typical summer showers that comes quickly and goes away just as quickly. It was really pleasant and cool after that rain. The coupe was sitting outside the shop with the rain droplets puddled on the tired old paint job. I walked outside and opened its door and sat down inside. When was the last time I just went for a ride? Not to the parts house, not to work or to a rod run or club meeting; just got in it and drove just for the pure enjoyment. Too long, far, far to long. In less time than it takes to write about it, I was headed down the road. All the windows were down, the air conditioner(translate that

cowl vent)was wide open and the radio was on the oldies FM station playing Buddy Holley through the left speaker. The right one only works occasionally. I don't even know where I went that evening. I remember the looks from all those drivers in their front wheel drive plastic cars. They all look alike. Bet they wish they had a coupe like mine. But nobody NOBODY has a coupe like mine. Street rods just don't have duplicates. I must have ridden around for an hour or so just enjoying the whole concept of what I was doing. I got back home with a feeling of enjoyment I hadn't had for a while. Man, that was a nice ride! What am I trying to say here. We have something in our driveway that can give us pleasure and satisfaction that can't be found in a bank or in a bottle or probably anywhere else. Next time you have a minute or two, maybe after a cool rain, sit down in your street rod. Then, for no reason at all, no reason, just go for a ride. Soak it all in. Feel the car. Watch the admiring glances from inside all those front wheel drive, plastic look-a-likes. When you get home, if you don't feel good, I'll pay for the gas.

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CRUISE NIGHT REMINDER

Every second Saturday night-Clinton Sonic-sponsored by Classic Chevy Club
Every third Saturday night-Brandon Sonic-sponsored by Muscle Car Club
Every fourth Saturday night-Vicksbur Sonic-sponsored by Vicksburg Cruisers

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CLUB MEETING SCHEDULE

The August club meeting will be held Sunday afternoon, August 25 at 2:30 p.m. Location will be the auditorium at Gene & Joann Maddox's day care center off Terry road across from Jackson Square shopping center. We will spend some time going over the past rod run and everyone will have a chance to bring up any ideas on how to improve next year's events. I've heard several nice ones and we need to get them all written down so that we won't forget them by next year. Please be there. All MSRA board members are asked to be there at 2 p.m. for a quick board meeting before the regular club meeting starts. See you there. In case me and grandma have to streak off to Virginia to welcome our new grandson/granddaughter, ya'll just carry on the schedule without us.

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See you all Saturday, 6 p.m. at Jerry's Catfish House in Florence.

Til next time, drive carefully...