

## BITS &amp; PIECES

Looks like we may have several out-of-town rodders joining us on February 9 as we ride in the Dixie National parade and cruise to Vicksburg. Richard Gaston says if the weather cooperates, some of the Starkville crew will be here. T-Tommy and some of the others from down south may be here also. Come on, the more the better. There will be games and a poker walk at the mall show in Vicksburg this weekend. They expect about 100 cars for the outdoor portion of their show which will be in front of J.C. Penny. All entries receive a free dash plaque. As quick as the parade is over, we'll head over there.....The Vicksburg Cruisers newsletter says their monthly cruises will return to the Sonic on Clay Street starting in March. It also states there will be no car show associated with Riverfest this year.....The Gulf Coast branch of the Muscle Car & Street Machine Club has established a monthly cruise Saturday night, March 23 and every fourth Saturday thereafter at the Edgewater Village Shopping Center. If you're on the coast any fourth Saturday, they invite you to stop in.....Our sympathy and best wishes to the family of Paul Taylor of Memphis who died recently. Paul was a regular visitor to our Dixie Run here in Jackson.....We are working with the Vicksburg Cruisers club in getting together a car painting demonstration for our club members by one of the local Sherwin Williams/Sikkens paint dealers. We'll pass the details along as soon as we get it worked out. Thanks to Don Cool in Vicksburg for putting us on to this.....We've heard the Pine Belt Cruisers club in Laurel plans a run Mary 17-18, but know of no details yet. How 'bout it Chuck, let us hear from you.....Welcome back former club member Larry Boyer. Larry has a street rod once again-a red 48 Chevy fleetline- and has expressed interest in joining the club again....Some of you have mentioned going to Oklahoma to the Nationals. I hear from some who have reservations that there is a Motel 6 in Moore about 6 miles from the fairgrounds with space left. Phone is 405-700-6616.

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## GARAGE SCENE

Ed Whittenberg has made the maiden voyage in his Ford. Picture this: 36 degrees and no windshield or any glass, but he had to cruise over to Roundman's to show it to somebody. Ed borrowed a welding face shield to wear on the return trip home. When you gotta ride, you gotta ride. Ed, we expect to see it at the parade or at least the next club meeting..... Tommy and Dennis have the 4 -bar in place under the model A and are trying to get ready for the parade Saturday.....The 350 is finished, the drive shaft is finished, the floorboard is finished and I'm working on the dash and wiring on Brian's '39 pickup. So it's getting closer.....Gene Maddox has a new '34 frame. As he catches up on some of his other 4,847 projects, he plans to start on a cabriolet.....Ron Swaggart has just brought in a '40 Ford pickup he says he'll be making into a street rod shop truck. Go to it, Ron. Maybe it'll make you get your Olds back on the road again, too.....Those of you who were at last month's club meeting saw another couple of debuts. Steve's pickup and Larry Boyer's sedan. So that makes three new cars that



club meetings so a list can be started for the auction. I have some new information about the valve cover racing. Plan to be at the next planning meeting February 17.

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Continuing with our monthly member profiles.

MEMBER PROFILE: Hugh Boykin

Hugh and Wanda Boykin live in downtown Pearl with their daughter Amanda, a cat named Ms Blackie and a dog called BooBoo. Amanda is five years old going on fifteen and attends Paul Truitt kindergarten. Since 1979, Hugh has been employed at Equipment Incorporated as a service technician. He travels the tri state area servicing several types of gas and diesel fork lifts and skid loaders. Wanda is credit manager for Cowboy Maloney Appliances. She was with Maloney's during the big flood of '79 which saw water almost cover that store. Like several other club members, Hugh is an ex-go kart racer. We all raced asphalt tracks 'til we quit, but Hugh continued on racing karts on the dirt track near Florence until the summer of '89 when he first was bitten by the street rod bug. He remembers that day in June. Wanda was at work and Hugh was taking care of Amanda. Half-round had invited him to come by Dixie Run, so he and Amanda headed over to the Holiday Inn before noon. They parked in front and as they began to walk to the back, Amanda got excited, hearing the familiar sound of Roundman on the PA. As they turned the corner to see that field full of street rods, Hugh says he knew he had found something that his whole family could enjoy. After looking over the cars and speaking to some of his old go-kart friends, they headed home and all go kart equipment was sold shortly thereafter. He bought a green '48 Plymouth 2 door he had seen for sale at Dixie Run. After getting it home, he had to endure the usual skepticism from Amanda and Wanda. "This is the wonderful old car we heard so much about? You paid good money for this?" Well, they feel differently now, as the "old car" is taking on a new look. Wanda has even bought quite a few parts for their first street rod. And they plan to ride this summer. I believe he's hooked. Hugh is already looking forward to starting on his next project, a '47 Chevy pickup just recently purchased last week.

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MEMBER PROFILE: Jimmy Chancellor

"We don't want him any longer, he's long enough already." That's our club vice-president, Jimmy Chancellor. Jimmy and Susan live in Brandon with son Jarod and Silky the dog who likes to wear sweaters when its cold. Jimmy is originally from Stonewall. He attended Jones Jr. College and Delta State where he played-what else- basketball. Susan, from Indianola, met Jimmy while they were at Delta State. She is presently employed with Trustmark Bank. Jimmy has worked in real estate, textiles and the freight business, but is now enjoying retirement and playing with his cars. Being from the Meridian area, and liking cars, he naturally had to take a shot at dirt track racing which always seems to be popular there. He raced a '55 Chevy at Meridian and Whynot dirt tracks for 2 1/2 years. When he finished, he finished in the money. During this time, Susan's father gave them an old '56 Ford truck that had been in the family. Susan says the trip home from Indianola used more oil than gas. Several engines and paint jobs later, Jimmy decided to turn it in to a show piece. The result is the beautiful red and chrome big

block Ford powered '56 pickup you see at all the cars shows in this area. It features a tilt front end and Chrysler torsion front suspension. And I won't even mention that day the windstorm blew the hood away before they could install it. Jimmy became involved with the Mississippi Muscle Car and Street Machine Club and has helped in all their events for several years. Then the street rod bug bit. Three years ago, Jimmy bought a partially completed '36 Dodge four door sedan. Since then, he has been steadily reworking it to what will probably be one of the finest rides around. It is almost ready, and should be showing up at some runs soon. I can't wait to see the paint scheme he's described. But what's even going to be better is to see how the tall one folds himself up to fit in under a four-inch chopped top. You'll see Jimmy in action as he works the PA for us again this year at Dixie Run. We're proud to have him serving as a club officer this year.

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Next month's profiles will be

Jack Creel and Jimmy Creel

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PREZ SEZ: Don't forget the parade February 9. Meet on Mill street at 9 a.m. for the parade lineup. I have it marked on my new calendar. And plan to ride to Vicksburg with us after the parade. Next club meeting will be Sunday February 17 at 3:00 at ABC kindergarten auditorium. It is located just off Terry Road behind Dixie glass. Turn at the traffic light at the Jackson Square Shopping Center. \*\*\*\*\*NOTE THE STARTING TIME CHANGE TO 3 p.m \*\*\*\*\* This will let us die hards see as much of the Dayton 500 as possible on TV before coming to the meeting. I'll try to have a TV on hand at the meeting so we can watch the finish. Please come to the meeting as we continue to make plans for Dixie Run XIII. I have a lot of new information to pass on to you, so be there. Heck, just come to see who shows up with a new car! I love it. Watch for something new at the March meeting.

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God Bless the USA.

Til next time, drive carefully...

*Jack*