

BITS & PIECES

You may want to hang on to this newsletter for a bit, there are a lot of dates and upcoming events mentioned in these pages. So here goes.....Roundman's bunch, the Creel's, and the Littles made it over to Crossett, Arkansas to the Klassy Kruzer's rod run last month. John Little and Jimmy Creel won a game each, and the whole bunch along with help from some of the Vicksburg bunch, plus a Texan or two, won the doggone Volleyball tournament. After they beat the other street rodder teams, they took on some local "pros" and beat them too. Way to go, gang. They tell me the city of Crossett really went all out in support of this event and everyone had a good time and came home with plenty of prizes and plenty of wonderful red bugs.....Bill Shearer, with the Classic Chevy Club, tells us that their regular second Saturday night of the month cruise location has been changed to the Bumper's Drive In in Ridgeland on old 51 North.....The host motel for the Singing River run is booked. The Worth Motor Lodge, about half a block down the highway is taking reservations at 1-800-346-8918.....Even though we did not get to do the live television broadcast of the channel 12 weather show from Dixie Run because of that late afternoon storm, Dixie Run 14 will be on TV soon. Marilyn Ellis, a local free lance artist, television producer, editor, Camaro owner etc.,etc., happened to drop by the Holiday Inn during this past Dixie Run. She spent the day taping and interviewing many of the cars and folks in attendance. The resulting tape footage has been edited into a real nice half-hour television show. It first aired on the public access channel (cable channel 11 for you Capitol Cablevision subscribers) a couple of weeks ago on a Friday night at 10 p.m. We found out about it to late to tell everyone, so only a few of us got to see any of it. I only saw about the last 15 minutes of it myself, but Marilyn did a very good job. Some of you even looked good on TV. It was her first exposure to street rods, and all her interview questions reflected a fresh viewpoint. People who don't know what street rods are about could really get a good picture of the whole sport. It will be shown again on the same channel Friday night, August 14 at 6:30 p.m. Watch it or tape it if you're not going to be at home. We also have purchased a copy of the original and can make copies from it if you want one. She plans to be at some other rod runs this summer to do additional work.....There will be a bridal shower for Lee Ann Owens on Tuesday night, August 18, at 7:30. See details elsewhere in this newsletter.

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BIG MSRA GROUP ATTENDS CATFISH RUN

We had a good bunch of MSRA rodders attend the Catfish run up in Sardis a couple of weeks ago. Charlotte & I, Kathy & Brian Scurlock, Roundman & Lee Earle Chambless, John & Rita Little, Dee, Karla & Timmy Dukes, Liz & Dennis Duncan, David & Lee Ann Owens & sons, Half Round Chambless, Paul Acey, Jack Creel and Jimmy Creel all took in the fun at the Delta Rodders annual event. It was hot as usual but the shade was plentiful. They had almost 200 cars so there was plenty to look at. They cooked 500 lbs. of catfish and we did our best to eat it all, huh Brian. It was really quite a feed. Street rodders number two common interest is food. We all love to eat, and nobody leaves Sardis hungry. David Owens won \$100 from a drawing. Dennis

Duncan won two trophies with his roadster pickup. Then guess who had his number drawn for the \$500 cash prize, but had left Saturday night to go home. I really don't want to talk about it. And the 63 of you who called to rub it in didn't help matters any. Read my lips: I'm not going to any more rod runs til I get my car or truck running again. Speaking of getting cars running, I hear two of you barely made it home. Paul Acey made it in with a 2 X 4 wedged between the manifold and the alternator after a bracket broke. And the illustrious Round One's Chrysler had to be towed in from north of Canton when a water pump finally gave up. After all it only had about 200,000 miles on it. Maybe this puts them in the running for next year's hard luck award. We enjoyed the run and the weekend, even though we didn't win the money. Put this one on your list and come go back with us next year.

GARAGE SCENE

Daryl has his '39 running smooth again after changing out most of the front end parts.....We're working on three street rods and a riding lawn mower like crazy trying to fulfill our vow not to attend another run without something to ride in. Could be the lawn mower. The Heidt's crossmember is under the coupe and we're working on moving the transmission member, which calls for moving the master cylinder and brake pedal mount which calls for three dozen or so other things.....Jackie Sifford has his truck back now with the fresh Paul Atkins interior. Check it out.....Wayne and Jean Powell have installed the headliner and carpet in their '40 Ford. The seats and doors are next. I hear it's a burgundy color.

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EVENT SCHEDULE

August 6-9	NSRA Nationals, Louisville, Kentucky	pre '49
August 14-16	Good Times Run, EMSRA, Starkville, Ms.	pre '49
August 23	2 p.m. Club meeting	
August 29	Crimson Cruisers rod run, Tuscaloosa, AL.	pre '49
Sept. 4-6	Ramblin Oldies Run, Denham Springs, La	pre '49
Sept. 4-6	Strollers Lookout Mountain Run, Chattanooga, Tenn	open
Sept. 5-6	Annual Shrimp Boil, Memphis Street Rodders	pre '49
Sept. 18-20	Ole Brook Cruisers rod run, Brookhaven, Ms	open
Sept. 25-26	Singing River Rod Run, Biloxi, Ms.	pre '69
Oct. 2-4	Arkansas SRA Run, Arkadelphia, AR	pre '49
Oct. 2-4	NSRA Southeast Nats, Tampa Florida	pre '49
Oct. 10-11	Downtown Rock & Roll Revival, Meridian MS	open
Oct. 23-25	Halloween Fun Run, Street Rods LTD., Tupelo, MS	pre '49
Nov. 27-29	Turkey Run, NWFSRA, Pensacola, Florida	pre '49

COMING UP THIS MONTH

It looks like the MSRA will have a good representation at the NATS in Louisville this month. I've heard quite a few of you say you're going. The weekend after the NATS brings the annual Good Times Run in Starkville. Its new location will be at the University Inn on hiway 12 near the college. They're having a Friday night supper this year, and a Saturday night dance. On the last Saturday in August, the Crimson Cruisers will have their first pre' 49 street rod run in Tuscaloosa, Alabama at Snow Hinton Park. Take

exit 73 off I20, go north on McFarland past Shoney's (Host motel) to Hargrove Road where the park is. Judging from the map they gave me, it isn't really hard to find. It appears to be about two blocks off the interstate. There will be a cruise that night at the local Sonic. Grand prize is a Vintage Air heat and cool system. They are also raffling off a 350 engine at \$1 per chance. There was some mention of cruising over as a group to this one-day show. That will be finalized at the next club meeting. Support these two street rod runs, as both the sponsoring clubs really supported our Dixie Run this year with 13 cars each.

FOR SALE OR WANTED

FOR SALE '39 Chevrolet 2 door sedan, Blue paint, Nova clip, power, air conditioned, 350/350. T Tommy can put you in touch with owner.

FOR SALE Model A coupe project. T Tommy can put you in touch with owner.

WANTED '57 Chevy rear end. Steve Osborn, Vicksburg.

NEXT CLUB MEETING

The Tuesday night meeting last month did not draw a large crowd, so it was decided to go back to the Sunday afternoon time at ABC Kindergarten. So the next club meeting will be Sunday afternoon, August 23, at 2 p.m. at the ABC Kindergarten auditorium. Be sure to be there to help plan activities for the rest of this year. There are a lot of events left on the schedule so a lot of fun is still in store. We want to have a cookout some time soon, so come give your input and ideas on that. Many of you have not paid your dues. Apparently the threat to turn Peggy Acey loose on you did not work. So I'll have to use the ultimate weapon. Those who have not paid their dues by the end of this month will be visited at 6 a.m. on a Saturday morning by Cooney Grossi and will have him as a house guest all that weekend. Now pay up!!

OTHER CLUB ACTIVITIES THIS MONTH

Tuesday Croozdays resume this month. Until further notice, they will start at Economy Cycle on Hiway 80 at 6:30. The first one will be August 11 at Cock O' the Walk at the reservoir. Then, the following Tuesday, August 18 there will be a bridal shower for Lee Ann Owens. So no cruise that night. This shower being put on by several of the club ladies and will be held at 7:30 Tuesday night, August 18, at the home of Peggy Acey. Come join them. Then the next Tuesday, August 25, Tuesday Croozday will resume at the Wynndale Market Barbeque on Springridge Road. The next Tuesday, September 1, the cruise will be to Fernando's Mexican restaurant on hiway 80 near Brandon. Come participate in all of these club activities....Please pay your club dues.

Til next time, drive carefully.. 