

DIXIE RUN RECAP

Dixie Run 14 had 277 entries registered from Mississippi, Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Tennessee, Kentucky, Illinois, Arkansas, Texas and Oregon. Yes, Oregon. There were about eight vendors on hand. The cars ranged from some of the finest that could appear on any magazine cover parked side by side to beaters and daily drivers that gave their owners just as much satisfaction having driven them there. As I've said many times, this is what makes street rodding so great. Best I could count, we had at least 36 clubs represented. We figured conservatively that the cars on the lot were worth something over three million dollars. I think you could say it was another successful run. The unexpected storm Friday night set us back a little bit but you all picked it up and overcame that problem. I'm not going to brag on you and verbally pat you all on the back like I did in this newsletter after last year's run. I'm going to wait til I see you all again and do that in person. ALL of you did another fantastic job. Thanks.

BITS & PIECES

We got word on the July 4 rod run at Pickwick Landing too late to go into last month's newsletter. It is short notice, but some of you might want to go. The Wheels of Time club from Corinth is sponsoring the run, to be held in the state park at Pickwick Landing, north of Corinth near Counce, Tennessee. Grand prize is \$500. They also advertise \$12 entry fee, live bands and helicopter rides. For info, call George Harris at (601) 462-5027.....The Southern Wheels, headquartered down on the Gulf Coast area, has announced their first rod run. It will be held Saturday, January 23 of next year at the Diamondhead, Ms. Days Inn on I 10. This idea of a mid winter event sounds great to me. For the last couple of years we've had mild winters, so a January run on the coast should really draw some cars. It should be a perfect way to fight the cabin fever that sets in about that time every year.....The Halloween run at Tupelo will be the next to last weekend, October 23-25, not the last weekend as I had earlier reported. Please remark your schedules.....The Memphis Street Rods shrimp boil on the Labor Day weekend will feed the first 200 people registered. If you're going, you'd better register. It will be held at the Memphis Inn off I 240.....In case you haven't heard by now, David Owens and Lee Ann Chambless are now Mr. and Mrs. Owens, having tied the knot the week before Dixie Run. We send our congratulations to them and all their families.....Catch the latest issue of STREET RODDER magazine. It has a feature story on Gary Williams '32 Vicky in it. Congrats, Gary, it was sure good to see a deserving Mississippi car looking as good as or better than any of those west coast hot shots. By the way, in the list of specifications, Larry Worrell is credited for doing the wiring on the car. Gary, next time Larry wires a car, please call me. I want to see how his large self gets up under the dash.....The Klassy Kruzers send word that if you're going to Crossett next week, you'd better hurry and get a motel reservation. The host motel may be full already and other motels are scarce. Same goes for the motel at Batesville where most of the MSRA stays while at the Sardis run.....Paul Acey called to request

that all of you attending the NSRA Nats need to help him choose the Rep.'s pick. He has nomination forms for that purpose. We ask you for this every year and very few of you ever really do anything. I actually filled out one of the forms one year, and my pick won. So your input is certainly taken into consideration. It is really a tough job choosing a car out of all those fine ones there. So please help make Paul's job easier as well as getting to be in on picking a deserving Mississippi rodder's car for special recognition in Louisville.

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4 BUDS ROD RUN

Paul, Jackie, Half Round, Roundman, and Charlotte and I attended the 4 Buds run up in Oxford. This was my first time to go to their run and I had a GREAT time. To me, this run gets back to the basics of what street rodding is all about; talking cars, having fun and visiting friends. The tour through Oxford was really nice. This town has some absolutely beautiful old homes. The "parade" of street rods, led by a vintage fire truck, drove through town and the Ole Miss campus. Folks came out in their yards to watch all this and enjoyed it as much as we did. It wound up at a restaurant with a seafood buffet that would feed even Jerry Mowery. By the way, remind me to watch him at next year's Friday night supper. Half Round won a sponsor trophy and Charlotte won the 50/50 pot after 10 years of faithfully buying tickets at every rod run she's been to. No, I didn't get a dime of it. About 6:30 Saturday night, Half round started to have withdrawal fits from not being at the go-kart races. We finally had to find a hardware store that sold Briggs & Stratton engines, rent one, take the muffler off, crank it up, and let him hear and smell it for a while before he finally settled down enough to go off to his room and watch Saturday Night Thunder on ESPN. The rest of us, along with the Mowerys and the T Shirt Smiths made our usual nocturnal visit to Shoney's for excessive calorie intake in the form of hot fudge cake, etc. And, as usual, left one more waitress in a state of confusion. It was a fun run, and hopefully more of you can go with us next year. The run raised several hundred dollars for the Shriners hospital fund. Good job, Buds.

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GARAGE SCENE

Several of us did some late night, last minute thrashing to get cars ready to drive to Dixie Run.....Dennis had his roadster pickup painted and reassembled it the night before the rod run. The paint was barely dry.....John just barely got the heads back on his engine in time to drive his '32 to the runRoundman changed out the rack on his Chrysler at the last minute but made it.....A last minute flat tire kept Jack Creel's 40 at home.....Wayne Powell actually drove his 40 Ford to the run, so far as I know the first event the car has ever been to.....Sam has his AC blowing cool now.....Hugh says he has his eye on a 39 pickup.....Work is still progressing on JoAnn's 48 convertible.....Now that the run work is over for a while, maybe I can get back to work on something to ride in. I need a passenger side rear fender for a '47 Dodge pickup.....What is all the mystery work being done over at the Dukes shop. Could there be a new version of the 48 Ford pickup?????

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EVENT SCHEDULE

July 4 Wheels of Time Rod Run, Pickwick Landing, Counce, TN pre 49

July 10-12	Klassy Kruzers Rod Run, Crossett Ark	pre '60
July 18	Annual MMCSMC Super Cruise, Brandon Sonic 4 p.m.	open
July 24-26	Catfish Run, Miss. Delta Rodders, Sardis, Miss.	pre '49
July 25-26	Gulf Coast Autorama, Coast Coliseum, Biloxi	open
August 6-9	NSRA Nationals, Louisville, Kentucky	pre '49
August 14-16	Good Times Run, EMSRA. Starkville, Ms.	pre '49
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

COMING UP THIS MONTH

A couple of rod runs and a fine cruise night are on the schedule this month. Try to attend the Klassy Kruzers second annual run July 10-12 in Crossett Arkansas. The guys really supported our run, so go if you can. The following weekend, the Muscle Car Club has their annual Super Cruise at the Sonic in Brandon. We took the club participation trophy last year, so we need to repeat. Vic and Roy and all the MMCSMC guys always put on a good event. The next weekend finds us ready to go to Sardis for the annual Catfish Run. This is one of the "biggies" of Mississippi rod runs put on by the gang at the Delta Rods club. Their Saturday evening catfish supper will leave you absolutely full.

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DUES ARE DUE

Club dues are due. Make Peggy Acey happy and pay her. Otherwise she might jump on you with one of those awful moves she made famous before she retired as the WWF ladies wrestling champion. Her double reverse flying elbow is particularly effective as well as being outlawed in fourteen states. So pay the \$20 dues or risk permanent injury.

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DIXIE RUN 14 REMEMBERED

I'm sure all of you have particular things you'll remember about the run we just finished. Allow me to share a few things that were special memories of mine. THE FRIDAY NIGHT STORM. Jackie shoveling sand on the mud at 7:30 Saturday morning. That absolute mountain of food you folks brought to the Friday night supper. Michael and Doc hustling to keep the ice tray full. The fact that our club actually had something left to eat at the Friday supper for the first time in five years. The priceless story I heard about Paul Kosma trying to eat the shellac coated display roll at Quincy's by mistake. Listening to Roundman Amick tell stories about the old racing days with Bobby Allison. Having breakfast with the nice folks in the Willys

coupe from Oregon who came for our run. The effort by the young guys in our club chasing down the frisbees from my game. The fantastic increase in the valve cover racing participation-25 modifieds, 15 stocks. Having the dadgum carrying case fall on me while under the table trying to unplug the lights on Paul Acey's new NSRA display. The mile wide grin on Richard Gaston's face when he won the air conditioner. The look of disbelief on John's face when we turned on the PA system and it wouldn't work. The great street rodder from Texas who brought back the wheel and tire I loaned him to get home from last year's Dixie Run. The water gun soaking I got in the driveway courtesy of the Singing River bunch as they left the motel. My grandson toddling around at his first ever Dixie Run. The exhaustion that dropped on us at about 7 o'clock Sunday night. The debut of Cooney as the PA announcer: it defied description. And most of all, having my youngest daughter working side by side with me from start to finish, enjoying street rodding as much as me and keeping me from blowing a gasket when things didn't go right.

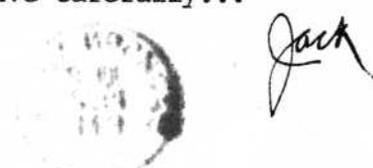
I know Jimmy, Larry, and Lance were watching too. And I bet they had as much fun as we did.

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NEXT CLUB MEETING

Since we couldn't nail the prez down, and I was about to go out of town, and the print date for this newsletter was already a week past due, The Vice prez and I took matters in to our own hands and set the next meeting date for 7 p.m. Tuesday night, July 21 at Jackie Sifford's house. If something comes up to change this, you will be notified by phone.

Til next time, drive carefully...

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