

BITS & PIECES

Nine MSRA rods were joined by five from other clubs to ride in the Byram McDonald's holiday parade. The parade was really too long and most everybody ran hot at some point. Hugh and Sammy ran their new mini rod-pedal car and wagons in the parade and were a big hit.....From the Vicksburg Cruisers newsletter, we see that they are planning their usual show again at Pemberton Mall on the weekend of February 10-12. This year, there will be an entry fee of \$5 for the outside show. There will be dash plaques and goodie bags and some games outside as well as the usual open show inside the mall. Plan to ride over after there after the Dixie National Parade on Saturday morning, February 11.....NSRA state rep. Paul Acey has announced the 1995 NSRA state planning meeting date. It will be held Saturday, February 4, at 10 a.m. at his house. All clubs are invited to send representatives and share information on events, club rosters, problems, etc. This always is a very interesting meeting where a lot is accomplished.....All you MSRA club members who drive Fords, be at East Ford on highway 80 Saturday December 10 for a classic Ford show. They will give dash plaques, top 10 trophies, plus \$200 for best of show, \$100 for best truck, and \$100 for best motorsports which includes dragsters and streetrods. We've got several fine Fords in the club, ya'll go win that money!. Entry fee is one toy for donation to the UMC cancer clinic.....By the way, Dee and Brian go up for their black belts in karate next Tuesday night. They both have been instructing a class of kids during the past year or so to qualify them for this degree..

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GARAGE SCENE

Jerry Smith has sold his '32 roadster to Eddie Robertson. Y'all know Eddie from his classic Chevy Nomads. Eddie is already getting in to the swing of street rodding, already having put some graphics on the yellow roadster.....The Round One says he's going to devote full time now to getting his Chrysler back on the road. This may be interesting to see who finishes their project cars first; Sifford, Wade, Roundman, Paul Acey or me. All four of us are about in the same boat. Not enough hours in a week.....Brian and Dee Dukes finished the body work and put some paint on Brian's pickup. Yep, it's finally red. With the paint barely dry, they took off for the Pensacola rod run.....Dukes says he's going to start working toward getting his '48 Ford pickup back on the road.Don Wade needs a set of '54 Chevy spindles for his sedan delivery project. If you know where he can pick up a set let one of us know.....The Duncans are almost finished putting Gene's convertible in drivable form. It is a looker with all that new chrome and stainless contrasting with the yellow.....I stopped by for a look at Wayne's new '40 Ford coupe. That will be one slick ride soon as he gets the brakes worked into shape. He's ordered some chrome goodies and an alternator for the flathead. Maybe he'll drive it to the Christmas party?.....I spent most of Friday after Thanksgiving trying to get a right handed brake caliper bracket to work on the left side. They sure do look just alike. And I also scratched the paint putting the rear window glass in. And the gauges I bought won't fit in the dash insert I bought. And you wonder why I'm not riding yet? Hey, I never claimed to be a mechanic.

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1994 EVENT SCHEDULE

December 1 Christmas parade, Brookhaven, 7 p.m.
December 3 Clinton Christmas Parade 10 a.m.
December 11 MSRA Christmas party Raymond Lake Lodge

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January 20-22 Third Winter Rod Run, Southern Who, Days Inn, Diamondhead, MS
February 4 State NSRA meeting, Paul Acey's, Jackson
February 11 Dixie National Parade
February 11 Pemberton Mall Show, Vicksburg Cruisers
April 1-2 April Fool's Run Magnolia Arkansas
June 16-18 Dixie Run 17, Holiday Inn, Jackson, MS
July 21-23 Catfish Run, Kyle State Park, Sardis

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TUESDAY CRUISE SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER

December 6 Denny's Restaurant 80 at Ellis
December 13 Jerry's Catfish House in Florence

Cruise director Allen says that With all the activity around the holidays, there will be no more Tuesday cruises until after the first of the year. The January newsletter will have the new schedule.

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HOLIDAY PARADE INFO

The club has been invited to ride in several upcoming holiday parades. T-Tommy Smith has invited MSRA to come ride in the Brookhaven Christmas parade on Thursday night, December 1 at 7 o'clock. T-Tom tells me this will be televised on a cable TV channel locally so it should be somethin'. Lineup is at 6 at the same place as last year. There will be a reception at Western Sizzler on Brookway afterwards. The next one will be the Clinton Christmas parade on Saturday December 3 at 10 o'clock. Lineup will be at 9 a.m. in the Morrison Heights church parking lot as usual. Our lineup number is 14. The parade theme this year is Candy Cane Christmas, which should give you some idea of how to decorate your car. Try to meet at Metro McDonald's for coffee at 8:30 or so so we can all ride together to Clinton. Afterwards we'll probably go to Shoney's in Clinton to eat. Or if you really want to ride some more, you can join T Tommy and C.W. who will be leaving the parade and driving to Hattiesburg to attend a Toys for Tots car show there.

TRIP TO THE NSRA NATIONALS AT KNOXVILLE

Just a reminder--I had mentioned in an earlier newsletter about us all going to Knoxville in May. NSRA tells me the date for Knoxville is May 5,6, & 7. The motel we plan to use is the Creekstone Inn in Pigeon Forge. When I told them what we were planning, they gave me their toll free line number to use 1-800-523-3919 for reservations. Rates are as follows. 1 bed \$24 Sunday thru Thursday; \$38 Friday & Saturday. Two beds \$30 Sunday thru Thursday; \$44 Friday & Saturday. A advance deposit of the first night's room is required,

payable by check or credit card. The mailing address is: Creekstone Inn, P.O. Box 187, Pigeon Forge TN 37868. They say it is not too early to make reservations now. It would probably be fun to have this motel filled up with Mississippi and Louisiana rodders. It is about a 25-30 minute drive to the fairgrounds from the motel. Plan on making this trip.

CHRISTMAS PARTY/CLUB MEETING SCHEDULED

Next club meeting is scheduled for Sunday, December 11 at the Raymond Lake Clubhouse. This will be a very important meeting, since it is time for elections of club officers for next year. Those nominated were:

President: Sammie Howell

Vice President: Gene Maddox
Jackie Sifford

Secretary: Jack Brown
Lois Thomas

Treasurer: Kim Howell
Lee Ann Owens
Kathy Scurlock
Wayne Thomas

Board members: Darryl Allen (vote for 2)
Roundman Chambless
Jack Creel
John Little
Gene Maddox
Mike Stanley

Just a reminder, your dues should be paid up before you can vote. A few of you have neglected to do this. This meeting will also be the time for our club Christmas party. You have received a note telling you to bring a side dish & dessert. The club will provide meat and rolls. Eating will start at 1 p.m. You are also asked to bring gifts for exchange during a game. Each couple should bring one nice gift and one joke gift. Single folks can bring either kind. Keep the gifts between \$5-\$15. These gifts will be exchanged as part of a trade-off game. Sammie Howell tried to explain the game rules to me over the telephone and I dozed off during the rather lengthy explanation. Something about claiming another person's gift. Sounds like a good way to start a good fist fight, so this may be the best party yet. Come see how it all works-it's bound to be fun. Also, we will have our usual time for awards you might want to present to some member of the club. I know of several such awards already being planned, and I'm sure we will be well entertained with the presentations. So get your stuff together and come join us as we close out the year and enjoy Christmas.

From our house, and from the officers and members of MSRA, have a happy holiday season. And don't forget to stop a moment December 25 and remember the true meaning of the day.

Til next time, drive carefully....

Jack