

## DIXIE RUN UPDATE

Dixie Run preparations hit the ground running in '94. We've already been hard at work with plans to make the sixteenth edition a good one. Charlie Murray of Charlie's Collectables is making plans to enlarge and improve the model car contest this year. The popular valve cover races will return with the event sponsored by T Tommy's T shirts who will give a special dash plaque to participants. The track will again be provided by the Ramblin Oldies club from Denham Springs. OK Auto Parts has donated a Chevy 350 engine to give to some lucky pre-registered rodder. Ray Massey Machine is giving it the once over so it will be in top shape for the lucky winner. The fliers are being sent out. Requests for entry blanks are coming in from all over the place, so it looks like another good Dixie Run. We already have thirteen entries from six states. Duty assignments were made at last club meeting. The list of trophies to be made was also started. If you missed the meeting, and want to make a certain trophy, call Jackie at 373-5590 to get on the list. Looks like about eleven games were planned and persons in charge were named for those. There will be plenty to do for all of us, so get involved this year and help any way you can. If you aren't in charge of something, help someone who is. We need a fresh supply of items for the goodie bags, so start helping to gather them up.

## ATTENTION ALL STREET RODS

You are all invited to come ride with us in the Dixie National Rodeo parade Saturday morning, February 12. Line up is on Jefferson street in front of the fairgrounds at 8 a.m. or thereabouts. The parade starts at 9 a.m. Take the Pearl Street exit off I20/I55 and come to the front of the fairgrounds; you'll see us. Their flier says don't forget the western theme. I guess that means break out the cowboy hats. After the parade, we'll all ride over to Vicksburg to the outdoor portion of the Vicksburg Cruisers Pemberton Mall Show. There were nearly 100 cars outside last year. Entry is free and you get a dash plaque and can play games and stuff. You might even get a dash plaque for the parade (not so subtle hint T-Tommy). We had 25 street rods in the 1991 parade. Come help us set a record this year. We have cars from Jackson, from the Ole Brook club and from McComb planning to join us this year. We even have one promised from Louisiana. So it's your turn Greenville and Meridian. Come join us in the parade and the visit to the Vicksburg Cruisers show.

## BITS &amp; PIECES

Our thoughts and condolences go to Karla Dukes and her family on the recent death of her father, Harold Young. "Duck" was one of the pioneers of street rodding in our state. We always enjoyed visiting with him when he came to our run or when we saw him at Singing River. He will be missed.....The Round ones, Creels, Maddox, Wayne Thomas, the Siffords, and Howells attended the winter run in Diamondhead. Jimmy Creel won some games, Maddox and Sifford won top ten trophies, Sammy won a sponsor award and Half Round got the hard luck trophy due to his close encounter with a deer on the way down. It did a big amount of damage to the pickup, but it is fixable. Sammy broke a spring and blew a tire on his trailer also. Maybe all the bad luck is behind us for

the year, huh.....We recently saw some photographs of the park in Gulfport where the Singing River gang will hold their run in September. It really looks like a nice, quiet, shady location well away from all the mad house traffic on highway 90. Only street rods will be allowed in the park that day, so that should be a good place for the run. Make plans to go. I don't have to remind you that motel reservations on the coast are difficult to make, so plan early.....We got a nice newsletter from the Greenville based River City Rodders. Their April event will feature a \$500 poker run. The two casinos have chipped in \$250 each to make it worth your while to enter. There will also be a bar-b-que for arrivals on Friday night at the Days Inn and a street rod parade downtown on Saturday morning. Send us some more entry blanks, Jeff! I've already mailed in the one I had.....Queen City has changed their one day show to a three day event filled with activities. That should really bring that event alive over at the Howard Johnson in Meridian.....With our Dixie Run run here in Jackson, the McComb run, the Greenville run, the Meridian run, the Brookhaven run, and the Vicksburg show, you have six BIG events within a two hour drive of each other. And none of them conflict. I don't remember that ever happening before. MAN! what a summer you can have playing with your cars. You just can't beat it. Plan to make it to all of them!!! Yes I'm excited about all of it!!!.....You'll see added to the schedule on Saturday April 9 the Dogwood Cruise sponsored by the Vicksburg Cruisers. I plan to be at this one and hope you will too. The plan is to leave Vicksburg at 10 a.m. go down 61 to Port Gibson and hit the Natchez Trace. The Dogwood trees should be blooming and the trip on down to Coal Bluff park should be fine. There will be a picnic there at the park. If you want to bring along a burger or steak, the Cruisers will provide a fire to cook it on. After the picnic we'll motor back to Lorman for a stop at the old country store. This place is a fascinating piece of history, with antiques and all sorts of civil war memorabilia. They'll even sell you an ice cream cone. Sounds like a nice laid-back way to spend a Saturday. Lets go as a group from Jackson. We could eat breakfast in Clinton or somewhere before we go to Vicksburg that Saturday. Think about it and discuss it at the next club meeting.....Note the date change on the Sardis run we reported wrong last month.....Also note the addition of the East Miss. rodders run in Starkville to the schedule in August.....The Southeastern Street Rod Assn event schedule booklets have come in. We'll give them out at the next cruise night or next meeting you come to.....We also got a letter from Cruising Times Magazine offering club members a \$3 discount off their annual \$10 subscription if half the club members subscribe. This magazine has given us some good write-ups in the past, so plan to help us take advantage of their offer. Sign up at the next club meeting.

#### NSRA PLANNING DAY

Over twenty representatives from Singing River Street Rods, Southern Wheels, River City Rodders, Dixie Street Rods, Ole Brook Cruisers, Queen City Rod & Custom, Vicksburg Cruisers, And Mississippi Street Rod Association attended a meeting at the home of NSRA Rep Paul Acey. Icy conditions up north prevented some of the other clubs from driving down to Jackson that Saturday. The two hour meeting covered a wide variety of subjects. All the clubs had an opportunity to preview their 1994 events. Also discussed was the 1994 NSRA event schedule, NSRA safety inspections, effects of "clunker legislation" on street rodding, computerizing membership lists for all state clubs, exchanging information through newsletters, and some dos and don'ts in putting on an event. Afterwards everyone enjoyed a hamburger and Pepsi and visited a

while longer. We appreciate Paul's effort in hosting this second annual event, and thanks also to Joe Doyle who cooked all those burgers and Darrell Keith who brought the Pepsi..

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GARAGE SCENE

We're about ready to paint the frame on our coupe. The body is real close to paint time also. If this rain would quit....Brian is rounding up stuff to pro street his '39 pickup.....Half Round will be out of action for a while til Jesse straightens out the door and fenders on the Bambi Killer. We understand the deer rolled off the truck and took off across the road after he was hit.....We hear Joe Fox had his engine hoist and motor stand stolen off his carport recently.....Wayne T is still shopping around.....OK Acey your room additions are about finished. Time to get to work on the convertible.

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1994 EVENT SCHEDULE

- Feb 12 Dixie National Parade, Jackson
- Feb 12-13 Pemberton Mall Car Show, Vicksburg
  
- March 5 Ricky Salyer Autorama, Brookhaven, MS
- March 26 Rapids on the Reservoir open show by Camaro Club
  
- April 1-3 April Fool Run, Magnolia, Arkansas
- April 9 Dogwood Cruise & Picnic Vicksburg-Lorman-Natchez
- April 15-17 Deep South Rod Run, Birmingham SRA
- April 15-17 Rod Run, Longview Texas
- April 22-24 Levee Break Festival car show, Greenville
- April 22-24 New Orleans Rod Run, Hammond, LA
- April 29-May 1 Dixie Rod Run, Ramada Inn, McComb
  
- May 7 Special Olympics Auto Fair, Jackson open
- May 6-8 NSRA Southeast Nats, Knoxville, Tennessee
- May 20-22 Rod Tiques Run , Pensacola, Florida
  
- June 4 Ole Brook Festival Car Show, Brookhaven
- June 17-19 DIXIE RUN 16, Holiday Inn, Jackson
- June 24-26 4 Buds Rod Run, Oxford
  
- July 8-10 Klassy Kruzers Rod Run Crossett, Arkansas
- July 16 Super Cruise, Miss. Muscle Car Club
- July 29-31 Catfish Run, Delta Street Rods, Sardis, MS
  
- Aug 4-6 NSRA Nationals, Louisville Kentucky.
- Aug 12-14 Good Times Run 10, Starkville
  
- Sept 2-4 Labor Day Run, Ramblin Oldies, Baton Rouge, LA
- Sept 16-18 Ole Brook Cruisers Rod Run, Brookhaven
- Sept 23-25 Singing River Rod Run, Biloxi
  
- Oct. 1-2 Ark SRA rod run, Lake DeGray, Arkansas
- Oct. 7-9 Queen City Rod Run, Meridian,
- Oct. 14-16 NE La street rodders run, Monroe, La.
- Oct. 28-30 Halloween Fun Run, Tupelo \*not positive on this date\*
  
- Nov. 25-27 NE Fla SRA run, Pensacola, Fl.

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TUESDAY CRUISES

We really had a good time at Jerry's last time we were there, laughing about some of the times we had at the old dirt track in the 60's. Did you know Wayne Thomas owns a bucket seat like the ones used in the old coupes that ran at Speedbowl in the 50's? See what you missed for not coming? Cruise Director Allen still is open to suggestions of places to go. Let him know. Meanwhile, here's February's schedule:

- Feb. 1 Porky's Bar-b-que at Davis & Siwell Road.
- Feb. 8 Scotties on Terry Road
- Feb. 15 Shoney's in Clinton.
- Feb. 22 Rooster's in Ridgeland.
- March 1 Mazzio's in Brandon.

All the south side bunch will leave from the Raymond Road Kroger lot at 6:30 to cruise to the places

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T Tommy and Cynthia Smith requested that we print a big Thank You to all who called to check on their status after the recent storm in the Brookhaven area. They are fine and had no problems with the tornado which hit about three miles from them. By the way, they just purchased Tommy Nichols '36 Ford coupe and will be driving it for a while.

FEBRUARY CLUB MEETING SCHEDULED

The February club meeting will be at ABC Kindergarten auditorium at 2 p.m. Sunday February 21. Mean Gene, put a TV in the corner so we can watch the Dayton 500 finish. Sifford says I have to be there to take notes, so the rest of you better be there too. After the club meeting we'll all go out and celebrate the first '94 win of the black Chevy #3. Rusty Wallace my foot... I get carried away. Be at the meeting to help as we continue to finalize the rod run plans.

Til next time, drive carefully....

*Jack*