

DIXIE RUN UPDATE

Entries are beginning to come in for Dixie Run 16. Street rods from eight states have entered to date, with a '38 Chevy sedan delivery from Hampton, Virginia being the long distance entry so far. And he'll be DRIVING it down here!!! The giveaway engine is being reworked and will be one fine prize for a pre-registered rodder. I've had some requests for rules for the valve cover races, so it looks like that will be popular again. Those of you who stayed next door at the Ramada Inn last year, be advised that there now is a fence between the two motels and you must go all the way up front to walk from one motel to the other. So we suggest you call the Holiday Inn now and reserve your room. So far, we know of no event that will conflict with our date, so a BIG bunch of rods is expected. Most all the duties, trophies, and games have been assigned, so get busy and do your part. We especially need door prizes. A completed schedule of all the rod run duties and trophies will be sent to each club member soon.

BITS & PIECES

The forecasted sunshine and 65 degrees did not happen, but twenty of us showed up anyway at the Dixie National Parade. Heck, it was time for the parade and cruise to Vicksburg, the first event of the rod season, so we just weren't going to miss it. The crowd watching the parade was cold, too. Although the parade was about forty blocks long, the crowd had huddled together in about three blocks of the parade route. Hugh rode his Briggs & Stratton powered wagon along with our cars and was probably the hit of the parade. It was the most photographed unit in the parade. We've gotten several comments from folks saying that the 20 car string of street rods sure looked good parading down Capitol street.....Most everyone went on over to Vicksburg to the Cruisers show at Pemberton Mall. The ice storm a few days before had really affected a lot of folks, and the car count was a little off from previous years. Some of the Arkansas rodders who were there said they left home because they didn't have any electricity at home. At least at the mall they could stay warm and get something to eat. I think several of us managed to ease on over to the casinos while in town. We did no good at Harrah's but it looked like JoAnn Maddox was doing OK.

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GARAGE SCENE

Steve Osborn has acquired a T-bucket. And the bad part about it is he's gonna have to ride in it til he gets the engine put back together in his panel truck.....T Tommy is putting a Chevy clip under his '38 sedan. I'm nearby picking up the Mustang pieces he discards for my 'ol '47 goat pickup project.....Half Round's Bambi killin' pickup will be back on the road by the time you read this. Jesse jumped on it and finished it real quick. Half round didn't even miss an event.....Brian and Dee Dukes have the measuring tape out, planning some super secret project on Brian's pickup. What are all those wide tires doing laying around the shop?.....Daryl is about ready to put a new front end under his '39 Chevy sedan so he can ride somewhere out of town this summer.....After I get my coupe on the road, me & Wayne and the Round one are going to build us a replica of a 60's dirt track racer. We're

gonna put Wayne's bucket seat in it, some old rollbars I've been saving for years, a Roundman tuned 6 cylinder, and a big ol' 99 on the door. Then we'll fight over who's gonna tow it to the rod runs and who gets to sit in the bucket seat....Git back jack.....Be sure and get Mike Stanley to tell you about his adventures at the Pemberton Mall show.

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EDITORIAL

This is my first editorial this year, but hey it's only March. I don't usually push your participation in a particular rod run or event, for fear of sounding partial to someone's event. I like 'em all. But I want to encourage your attendance at one in particular in April, and I'll explain why. Make a special effort to attend the Levee Break Festival car show put on by the River City Rods up in Greenville April 22-24. This is a new event, only in its second year. River City Rods is a new club with a lot of new street rods under construction. All of you in the various clubs around the state who've been involved with putting on your own rod runs over the years can probably remember back to the first rod runs you had. Think back how it was tough starting out, to establish a following of folks who come back year after year. These guys in Greenville are going through this now and they need our support. The turnout last year was ok but they need cars. They need STREET ROD CARS. They all have really worked hard to make it a fun weekend with plenty to do. There is a free cookout for entries at the host Days Inn on Friday night, the Casinos going full blast, a street rod parade, music, games and a \$500 poker run on Saturday, with the trophies and \$250 cash giveaway on Sunday morning. The Levee Break Fest is going on in town with a lot of other stuff going on related to it. Show these guys you appreciate their efforts and hard work by attending their run this year. When they get their cars running, I'm sure they'll return the favor and come to your rod run. They are begging for a good showing of sharp street rods to make the show a success. Come on. Let's put a couple of hundred street rods up there on the levee in April and help these "new guys" get their rod run started off. All you rodders with the 4 Buds over in Oxford, Miss. Delta Rods in the Sardis area, East Miss. Rods over in Starkville and Columbus, Street Rods Ltd in Tupelo, Queen City bunch in Meridian, Northeast La. Rods over in Monroe, all the Klassy Kruzers in Crossett, come on over and support this Greenville event. If somethin' don't shake or tear loose, me and the ol red truck will be in there some time Friday morning. Come go with me. I've got plenty of entry blanks, or you can write to River City Rods at 1414 W. Ollie Circle, Greenville, MS 38703. Host motel is the Days Inn on 82. Call 335-1999 and ask for rod run group rate. This was an editorial-just one street rodder trying to do his little part to help promote something he really loves and believes in - street rodding in Mississippi. JB

1994 EVENT SCHEDULE

March 5	Ricky Salyer Autorama, Brookhaven, MS open
March 26	Rapids on the Reservoir open show by Camaro Club
March 26	Super Cruise night, Rally's on Daniel Lake
April 1-3	April Fool Run, Magnolia, Arkansas pre-66
April 9	Dogwood Cruise & Picnic Vicksburg-Lorman-Natchez
April 15-17	Deep South Rod Run, Birmingham SRA pre '49
April 15-17	Morris Co. Street Rods Run, Longview Texas pre '49 + invites
April 22-24	Levee Break Festival car show, Greenville open
April 22-24	New Orleans Rod Run, Hammond, LA pre '49

April 29-May 1 Dixie Rod Run, Ramada Inn, McComb pre '49

May 7 Special Olympics Auto Fair, Jackson open
 May 7 Super Cruise night, Sonic, McDowell Road
 May 6-8 NSRA Southeast Nats, Knoxville, Tennessee pre '49
 May 14 Classic Chevy Club Super Cruise night, Sonic in Ridgeland
 May 20-22 Rod Tiques Run, Pensacola, Florida pre '49
 May 27-29 Moonlighter's Run, Minden, LA rods & customs only

June 4 Ole Brook Festival Car Show, Brookhaven
 June 17-19 DIXIE RUN 16, Holiday Inn, Jackson pre '49
 June 24-26 4 Buds Rod Run, Oxford pre '49

July 8-10 Klassy Kruzers Rod Run Crossett, Arkansas pre '60
 July 16 Super Cruise, Miss. Muscle Car Club, Sonic on 49 S, Richland
 July 29-31 Catfish Run, Delta Street Rods, Sardis, MS pre '49

Aug 4-6 NSRA Nationals, Louisville Kentucky. pre '49
 Aug 12-14 Good Times Run 10, Starkville 'pre '49
 Aug 26-27 Sweet Magnolia Classic 55-57 Chevy Show, Jackson Fairgrounds

Sept 2-4 Labor Day Run, Ramblin Oldies, Baton Rouge, LA pre '49
 Sept 16-18 Ole Brook Cruisers Rod Run, Brookhaven pre '70
 Sept 23-25 Singing River Rod Run, Biloxi pre '69

Oct. 1-2 Ark SRA rod run, Lake DeGray, Arkansas pre '49
 Oct. 7-9 Queen City Rod Run, Meridian open
 Oct. 14-16 NE La street rodders run, Monroe, La. pre '49
 Oct. 28-30 Halloween Fun Run, Tupelo pre '49

Nov. 25-27 NE Fla SRA run, Pensacola, Fl. pre '49

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 MARCH TUESDAY CRUISES

March 1 Mazzio's in Brandon.
 March 8 Jerry's Fish House, Florence
 March 15 Sonny's Bar-B-Que, hwy 80
 March 22 Scotty's Drive In on Terry Road
 March 29 Denny's Hwy 80 at Ellis
 April 5 Porky's Corner Davis & Siwell

OK, the weather is beginning to moderate, so leave that old family car at home lets see those street rods begin to appear at these Tuesday Cruises. These places we go get a real kick out of the rods parked out front. We've been invited back to all of the places listed above.

MARCH CLUB MEETING SCHEDULED

Next club meeting is Sunday March 20 at 2 p.m. at the ABC Kindergarten auditorium. With all the rod runs coming up, free weekends for meetings get more difficult to find. So it is extra important for us to be at this meeting so we can complete plans for Dixie Run 16. The rod run schedule will be finalized and other loose ends will be tied down. We need everyone involved with the rod run there-and that includes you. Please plan to attend

Til next time, drive carefully....

Jack