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DIXIE RUN UPDATE

A check with the host Holiday Inn shows over a hundred rooms already reserved for Dixie Run 17. Entries are steady coming in, with ones from Tennessee, Arkansas, and Virginia bringing the total of states represented to eight. A look down the entry list shows about ten per cent new folks and 90 percent our regular customers. It is always good to have new folks try out our rod run. Those of you attending area runs in the next two weeks, be sure you take along fliers to distribute. A couple of new vendors have contacted us for space this year. Southern Rod & Supply from Birmingham will debut here selling chrome goodies. Our trophy and game responsibility list has been finalized and will be sent to you soon. So it looks like the seventeenth edition of Dixie Run will be as exciting as previous editions. Come on and get involved. The more you do the more fun you'll have.

BITS & PIECES

From Grenada comes word of the Grenada Lake Festival scheduled June 9-11. A car show will be part of this big event, centered around the boat races on Grenada Lake. There will be food, a fishing rodeo, live music concerts featuring the Blues Bros, Mark Chestnut and Delbert McClinton and a ton of other stuff that weekend. Show chairman Perry Smith at 455-8204 can provide details.....Sammie & Kim and Brian & Kathy attended the Auto Zone open show March 11. Kathy's Camaro won first in that class. But they had to rob the carburetor off Brian's street rod to get it to the show.....Rain put a bit of a damper on the Salyer show March 4. From what I heard, most all the MSRA cars attending placed in the top 25 awards.....Prez Sammie says we need five street rods to show up Saturday May 27 at the Brandon city library. Five cars from each of the other car clubs in town will be on hand for a mini show in conjunction with some function the library is sponsoring. If you can bring your car, let Sammie know.

MARCH COOKOUT

The next to last weekend of March found a good group at the club meeting talking cars, eating chilli dogs and birthday cake and having a good time. We staged the thing like a mini rod run with games and stuff. Paul and Peggy both took game trophies home as did Brian Scurlock. Cynthia won the grand prize. Since it was also a birthday party for Wayne, Sandy and myself, a couple of birthday cakes were consumed. Then a "stripper" showed up for Wayne and I, which we could probably have done without. Most of the rest of the evening was spent insulting me with all of you taking a turn at it. I mean, really, the potty chair with seat belts and shoulder harness was a little too much, Don. And the manual on how to build a street rod was another slam. Oh Well, I asked for it. But it was all in good fun.

GARAGE SCENE

The Round one is reworking the dash and wiring on his '40 Ford panel truck. He's also rebuilding the engine in Jimmy Creel's Ford.....Wayne drove his new '34 Ford coupe to the cookout.....I spent one weekend putting a front end kit under my '46 Dodge pickup. Didn't quite finish that project. Then I went

to pick up most of our Chevy coupe body pieces that had FINALLY been painted. So that project is back on go again. Wait til Charlotte gets home and finds those front fenders in he spare bedroom. So there is plenty of work in my shop now.....Gene has been out riding around in JoAnn's convertible while detailing the many odds and ends to finish it.....Paul Acey has been working a bunch on his '39 Chevy coupe. All the glass is in and he's doing some work on the interior. He's found a place to get that good insulation from. It is on order. He says he's gonna get his coupe together to take it to Knoxville.....

THINGS TO DO THIS MONTH

Something is going on every weekend this month. Starting with the April Fool rod run in Magnolia, Arkansas. Host motel is the Days Inn and rooms are limited. The next weekend has the Deep South run scheduled at the Galeria Mall in Birmingham for street rods only. The next weekend is Easter, with nothing scheduled. The Levee Break Festival car show will be going strong in Greenville with participation by the casinos there adding to the fun. Host motel there is the Days Inn on Route 82. They have a \$500 poker run on Saturday ending at the levee. Sunday morning donuts & coffee followed by trophies and a drawing for \$250. There will be a free concert by the Drifters on Saturday night at the casinos. On the final weekend comes my own personal favorite, the Dixie Rodders run at McComb's Ramada Inn. The Dixie rodders have several new members with cars so they are all fired up to put on a good run this year. I hear one thing they plan is a poker run stop at one of the local nursing homes. These folks always enjoy the cars, so plan to come to McComb for their rod run. The next weekend seven or eight club rods will be making the trip to Knoxville Tennessee to watch Wayne Thomas and me grudge race go-karts at the Smokey Mountain kartway. Oh yeah there was also something mentioned about going to the NSRA Nats while we are there. Come on and go with us. We plan on having a good time.

TENTATIVE 1995 EVENT SCHEDULE

April 1-2	April Fool's Run, Magnolia Arkansas pre-'60 (501) 234-2858
April 7-9	Deep South Rod run, Birmingham Alabama pre-'49
April 21-23	Levee Break Festival Car show, Greenville open (601) 686-9554
April 28-30	Dixie Rodders Run, McComb pre-'49
April 29	Southern Speed Shop open house and car show, Jackson
May 5-7	NSRA Southern Nats, Chilhowee Park, Knoxville Tennessee
May 6	Special Olympics Car Show followed by Cruise-In at Sonic
May 12-14	Covington SRA rod run, Covington, La Holiday Inn
May 19-21	Rod-Tiques rod run, Pensacola, Florida pre-'49
May 27-28	Moonlighters Run, Minden, Louisiana
May 28	MSRA club meeting and work day. Holiday Inn
June 2-4	24th Annual rod run, Spring Park in Muscle Shoals, Alabama
June 3	Ole Brook Festival Car show, Brookhaven open
June 10	Grenada Lake Festival car show open
June 16-18	Dixie Run 17, Holiday Inn, Jackson, MS pre-'49
June 23-25	Noccalula Falls rod run, Gadsden Alabama pre-'49
July 21-23	Catfish Run, Kyle State Park, Sardis pre-'49
July 27-30	NSRA Nats Syracuse New York pre-'49

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Sept. 1-3 Ramblin Oldies Rod run, Baton Rouge, La. pre-'49
Sept. 9 Camaro Club Farewell to Summer Cruise at Sonic on Co. Line Rd
Sept 15-17 Ole Brook Cruise-In VII, Brookhaven open
Sept 22-24 Singing River Rod Run, Biloxi pre-'69
Sept. 30 Reservoir Rally Show by Camaro Club. Lakeshore Park

Oct. 6-8 Arkansas SRA rod run, Lake DeGray, Arkansas pre-'49
Oct. 13-15 Rock & Roll Revival, Queen City Rod & Custom, Meridian open
Oct. 20-22 NE Louisiana Rod run, Monroe, La. pre-'49
Oct. 27-29 Halloween Fun Run, Street Rods Ltd., Tupelo Ms. pre-'49

Nov. 4-5 (tentative) Lower Alabama rod run, Mobile, Alabama
Nov. 24-26 Turkey Run, NW Florida SRA, Pensacola pre-'49

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TUESDAY CRUISE SCHEDULE FOR APRIL

April 4 Wynndale Market Restaurant at Wynndale
April 11 Jerry's Catfish in Florence
April 18 Mazzio's Pizza in Brandon
April 25 Red Hot & Blue Bar-b-q on County line road
May 2 Rooster's in Madison

At the April 25 cruise to Red Hot & Blue, we may ride back by the new go-kart track on North State street so Wayne and I can get in a few practice laps before Knoxville. Billy Wade told me that Wayne has been secretly testing there last week. Dirty ol @###@. Y'all come watch. At the cruise last week, a group from the Vicksburg cruisers came over to join us at Mazzio's. We had a good time visiting and talking hot rods with them. The highlight of the evening was when Kemper Porter left and we all stood beside the road and threw rocks at his old orange truck. Even the other Vicksburg cruisers chipped in and helped us. One of those rare moments. Then the rest of us had to listen to Dave Derrick tell how he could not open the tailgate of his pickup to unload some leaves. He drove around all night until the wind blew all the leaves out of his truck. Ya'll come back and visit anytime.

MAY CLUB MEETING

At our last club meeting we decided to have a work day at the Holiday Inn to get the grounds there ready for Dixie Run in June. We will meet there about 2 p.m. Bring your rakes and weed eaters so we can spruce up the back lot. Some folks were planning to be there earlier, so come when you want to but no later than 2. After the work time, we'll cruise somewhere to eat, so come in your street rod if possible. The date- Sunday afternoon, May 28.

PERSONAL NOTE

I apologize for the lateness of this month's newsletter. As some of you know, I spent most of two weeks in and out and in and out of Baptist Hospital in a losing battle with a series of kidney stones. I think it was that birthday party that did me in. But after a session of Liptotripsy and passing close to 100 pieces of stone, I'm back at 3/4 speed and looking forward to 100%. Thanks to all who called to check on us during this mess.

Til next time, drive carefully....

Jack