

MISSISSIPPI STREET ROD ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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DIXIE RUN

From the day we packed the goodie bags to the day we waved goodbye as the last street rod pulled out on Highway 80, Dixie Run 17 ran smooth as glass. From the standpoint of those of us who helped put on the show, I heard several say they enjoyed working the run more than any one so far. And judging from the several letters received the week following, the enjoyment was about double on the participant end of things. The food at the Friday night supper was once again absolutely fantastic. I guess I will never cease to be amazed how a dozen or so folks can always manage to cook enough to feed 500+ hungry street rodders. By the way, every one of the letters we received mentioned the supper as being one of the highlights of their visit to Dixie Run. The car count was down a little this year, but 218 is not a bad field for our size club to handle. Twelve states were represented in this number with the long distance entry from Pennsylvania. He was not exactly a shew-in with others there from other distant points such as North Carolina, Virginia, and Illinois. It was a great effort and a fine rod run. Contracts for next year are already in place and plans are already being made for Dixie Run 18.

BITS & PIECES

After going through a hard weekend or work with Dixie Run, you'd think everybody would crash for a while. But the next Saturday morning found us all sitting at the Brandon Exxon, in a driving rain, preparing to pull out for the Bay Fest car show in Bay Springs. After creeping along through the non-stop downpour for about 40 miles, the skies cleared and all 10 cars made it to the park in Bay Springs. It was a full day of things to do and see. My favorite was the mule pull. These big ol animals could drag 5000 pounds with relative ease. I'd never seen that before. Breakfast at Bayless Restaurant with our entire group about shut that place down for the rest of the day. **Jimmy Creel's** speech from the podium and the waitress' response was also hilarious. As far as the car show goes, MSRA was well represented as four MSRA rods placed in the top ten cars and another won best of show. And, of the three games, two were won by our club members. So we did our share. **Wayne's** '34 won the top prize; **Sammie, Jackie, Round Man** and **Joe** took top ten trophies. **Sifford's** truck won best Ford and also a special trophy given by a local family. As we headed home everybody agreed we needed to try to there again next year
. . . Six MSRA rods made the trip to Crossett, Arkansas for their rod run. **Don Wade** won the cash prize drawing of \$500. Several of the others won cash. **Half Round's** truck won a trophy as did **Jackie and Sammie** The Singing River run grand prize this year is a driveable '46 Chevy project car. That run will be held September 22-24 in Hiller Park in Biloxi. Host Motel is the Biloxi Beach The Dixie Street Rods will have a one-day open show at the Edgewood Mall in McComb August 26. There will be games,

top five awards, and a poker walk in the Mall. We went last year and had a great time. Entry is \$5.00. Several MSRA rods attended the Catfish Run in Sardis. It was hot, but over 250 rods were on hand. **Dee Dukes** won the \$100 drawing from pre-registered entries We have fliers from the Northeast LA Rodders concerning their run October 20-22. A \$500 grand prize and Saturday Night Bingo are featured. Host motel is Holiday Inn Express in West Monroe MSRA had a great cookout at the **Round One's** place a few weeks back. Plenty of burgers and BBQ prepared by the Round One himself was enjoyed by everyone.

TENTATIVE 1995 EVENT SCHEDULE

August 15-16	Autorama at the Fairgrounds Trade Mart
August 26	Beat the Heat Car Show, Edgewood Mall, McComb, MS
Sept. 1-3	Ramblin Oldies Rod Run, Baton Rouge, LA Pre-'49
Sept. 9	Camaro Club Farewell to Summer Cruise at Sonic on County Line Road
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. 24-26	Turkey Run, NW Florida SRA, Pensacola FL Pre-'49

TUESDAY CRUISE SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST

- August 15 *Mazzio's Pizza - Brandon*
- August 22 *Red Hot & Blue Bar-B-Q - County Line Road*
- August 29 *Hudgey's - Daniel Lake*
- September 9 *Jerry's Fish House - Florence*

NEXT CLUB MEETING

This coming Sunday, **AUGUST 20**, MSRA will have an old fashioned picnic at Roses' Bluff on the Natchez Trace. Meet at the Smith Wills Stadium parking lot on Lakeland Drive and we will cruise out there in a street rod caravan. The cruise pulls out of the stadium at **2:00 p.m.** The park is about 17 miles up the trace. Bring your own picnic for your family or whoever comes with you. Come join us for this last outing of the summer. September and October are full of rod runs and car shows, so Sunday was about the only date left on the calendar we could do this. Maybe it won't be **too** hot. The park at Roses' Bluff is nice and there is a new pavilion in case it rains. See you there.

Till next time, drive carefully

Jack