

DIXIE RUN UPDATE

Work has already begun on the seventeenth edition of Dixie Run. It will be held again at the Holiday Inn southwest on June 16 through 18. All the old standby activities will return, along with a couple of new added things for everyone's enjoyment. Returning will be the Friday night supper, the model car contest sponsored by Charlie's Collectables, the Championship valve cover races with the track provided by the Ramblin Oldies, a ton of games, a Saturday evening cruise to a local Drive in, Paul Acey's big buck poker run, T Tommy's t-shirts in person, and a \$500 grand prize. New this year will be a special prize to be awarded to some lucky rodder who pre-registers. A Daytona Mig pocket mig welder complete with tank, gauges, hood and even a couple rolls of wire is the prize. Another new event this year will be the "Big Boyz Toyz" competition for all motorized pedal cars, wagons, or whatever else your deranged little minds can come up with. So bring 'em on and try for those trophies. The Round Man is in charge of this event, so who knows what all he has planned for it. Fliers have been printed. See Sammie if you need any. We're already getting entries (from four states so far) and the motel is getting reservations, so it looks like things are off to a roaring start for Dixie Run XVII.

BITS & PIECES

Check the calendar elsewhere in this issue as several new events have been added.....Our condolences to Tommy Duncan on the recent loss of his father. Then on top of that Tommy was hospitalized with a kidney stone the day of the funeral. He's OK now.....Congratulations to Darryl and Jeanette's son Kerry on being named as a member of Who's Who in the top 100 American Colleges. Ol Darryl and Jeanette had their picture in the paper with Kerry along with the president of Mississippi College and Senator Mike Parker.....The recent Diamondhead run had close to 400 cars. Even for a show open to '69 and earlier models, this must be a record for the state. Bill I guess y'all need to find a bigger venue. Those from here who went say they had a good time. I missed it-had to stay home and work after an elevator fire in our building.....This newsletter is sent to several clubs who do not exchange newsletters with us. If you are one of these clubs who do not exchange newsletters with MSRA, and would like to continue receiving this newsletter, please help us by sharing some of the postage cost. The recent postage rate increase has run up the cost of mailing our newsletter. So a couple of bucks to help offset our increased postage cost would be appreciated.Over at the Acey household, the new additions to their house are about complete. Be sure you drop in for a visit and check it out. Make Peggy tell you about the electrical outlet eight feet up the wall in the new bedroom. Something about a traffic light....and while we're gossiping, ask JoAnn Maddox what kind of prescription Gene brought home after treatment of an ingrown toenail. Foot massage every three hours? How much did you bribe that doctor, Gene.....As far as the Ol Coot & Ol Goat racing team is concerned, several of you had asked about me and Wayne Thomas running in the

24 hours of Daytona. That plan has been canceled. Neither of us could stay awake that long.

GARAGE SCENE

The Round one came home from the Diamondhead run with another ride. He bought a '40 Ford panel truck there. The weekend before, he hauled the Chrysler to Vicksburg and installed new Mustang crossmember. It is back home now with further work scheduled. But with his new toy, the Chrysler will probably get on the back burner.....Dennis has finished with JoAnn's convertible, but neither he nor Gene wanted to drive the topless, glassless Ford home in this cold weather. Finally, they trailered it home. I hear Gene has an appointment with the upholsterer in March.....I'm still working on my coupe and pickup, but no date is set for riding either of them. I guess I'm slow, but I spent four hours the other night building a little trick door in the coupe's floorboard to access the master cylinder. It has dzus fasteners and all that good junk. Yes, I know you won't be able to see it, but I'll know it's there. Leave me alone, I'm having fun. Next step is assembling the engine.....I need a set of fenders for the '47 Ford pickup. Help.

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TENTATIVE 1995 EVENT SCHEDULE

Here is a list of events for 1995 compiled from bits of info picked up so far. Anyone with events not listed here should please call me with your dates so that we can add your event to the list to complete the year's schedule.

February 4	State NSRA winter meeting, Paul Acey's, Jackson
February 11	Dixie National Parade, Jackson
February 11	Pemberton Mall Show, Vicksburg Cruisers
March 4	Ricky Salyer Autorama, Brookhaven open
March 25	Rapids on the Reservoir show, Camaro club open
April 1-2	April Fool's Run, Magnolia Arkansas pre-'66
April 7-9	Deep South Rod run, Birmingham Alabama pre-'49
April 21-23	Levee Break Festival Car show, Greenville open
April 28-30	Dixie Rodders Run, McComb pre-'49
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
June 3	Ole Brook Festival Car show, Brookhaven 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
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 FEBRUARY

Here is the February schedule for our Tuesday Croozdays:

February 7 Mazzio's in Brandon

February 14 Scotty's Drive-In on Terry Road

February 21 Wynndale Steak House in Terry

February 28 Fernando's at Byram

March 7 Red Hot & Blue Bar-B-Q

UPDATE ON TRIP TO THE NSRA NATIONALS AT KNOXVILLE

We had been told earlier that the motel we plan to use, the Creekstone Inn in Pigeon Forge, was all booked up. But I called them January 27 and was told they had plenty of rooms. So I reserved mine and got my confirmation number. But if you plan on going, I'd sure reserve the room now. You can cancel 30 days in advance with no charge if you have to. Their toll free line number to use for reservations is 1-800-523-3919 . 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.

CLUB MEETING SCHEDULED

Next club meeting is scheduled for Saturday night, February 18, at 6:30 at our favorite place, Jerry's Catfish house on highway 49 south in Florence. NOTE THE CHANGE-6:30 on SATURDAY NIGHT. We were all disappointed at the poor attendance at the last Sunday afternoon meeting, so we voted to try a change in format to boost attendance. So we're trying the Saturday night meeting this month. If you have a problem with the Saturday night meetings let Sammie know. We want to try to have them at a time most convenient to the largest number of people. Please make a special effort to come, as this will be a very important planning meeting for our upcoming rod run. Trophies, games and duties will be assigned, so come be sure you get the ones you want. We have some plans in the works for the March and April meetings also, to have something a little different going on at them, too. Both involve eating, which seems to be the most popular way to get y'all to come club meetings. So come help us get our attendance back to where it should be and participate in these meetings as we start planning for Dixie Run. To encourage you to come, starting with the February meeting, a record will be kept of your attendance. Those with a perfect attendance record during 1995 will be eligible for a drawing to win payment of motel expenses at a rod run of their

choice during 1996. We also may be giving away some door prizes at each meeting.

MID WINTER NSRA PLANNING MEETING

Mississippi NSRA rep Paul Acey was host to the annual statewide planning meeting on February 4 at his house. Representatives from eight of the eleven state street rod clubs attended. M.S.R.A. from Jackson, Vicksburg Cruisers, Dixie Rodders of McComb, Ole Brook Cruisers of Brookhaven, Street Rods Limited from Tupelo, River City Rods from Greenville, Delta Rodders from Batesville, and Queen City rod & Customs of Meridian all had representatives in attendance. I've been to all of the previous meetings, but this one was by far the best one yet. Everyone advertised their rod run and passed out fliers. There was plenty of discussion, ideas and suggestions on topics ranging from economic impact of rod runs to parking lot security. A lunch break with plenty of Joe Doyle's worldwide famous hamburgers was enjoyed by all. After that, the meeting resumed and continued for another couple of hours. An association of state rod clubs was discussed with one goal being able to keep abreast of happenings concerning the pollution and clunker laws effect on our hobby. An added emphasis will be given to the NSRA inspection program this year. This program is off to a good start with 55 cars inspected already this year. Right after the meeting, all rods on hand were inspected by Mike and his team. Nobody seemed too anxious to leave with several of us hanging around til almost 4 o'clock. Red Hudson started telling jokes and you know how long that can go on. David Crump's new '37 Chevy got rave reviews, especially for that hi-tech fender brace made from a tree limb picked up on the ride down from Tupelo. If this meeting is any indication of the upcoming rod season, it's going to be a good one. Thanks to Paul and Peggy for hosting it. Paul says he might even start the NSRA day activity again later in the year.

DIXIE NATIONAL RODEO PARADE UPDATE

Lineup for the parade Saturday morning is at 8 a.m. on Jefferson street in front of the fairgrounds. The parade rolls out at 9 a.m. We are number 10B in the lineup. This is a long parade, so add a fan if you tend to run hot. All street rodders from across the state are invited to come ride with us in this annual parade. Meridian, Greenville, McComb—come on down. We've already heard of some cars coming from out of town. Several new motorized pedal cars and wagons will debut in this parade. After the parade, we'll all head over to Vicksburg for the Pemberton Mall show. Come go with us for a full day of street rodding.

Til next time, drive carefully....

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