

BITS & PIECES

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Before we get too far in to 1995, I've got to go back to talk about that Christmas party. That was one of the best we've ever had. Everybody was enjoying themselves and having fun. The awards were classic, the food good, and the gift exchange game was hilarious. A huge bunch of thanks from us to all of you who made the arrangements.....Club officers recently elected for this year are:

- President Sammie Howell
- Vice president, Jackie Sifford
- Secretary, Jack Brown
- Treasurer, Kathy Scurlock
- Directors, Darryl Allen, Roundman Chambliss and Jack Creel

The Round ones, Howells and Scurlocks attended the Turkey Run in Pensacola weekend after Thanksgiving. Brian won the piston toss trophy.....Thirteen rods rode in the Clinton Christmas parade last month. Eight MSRA rods were joined by three from Brookhaven and two from McComb under a very heavy cloud layer which turned to a soaking rain just as the last few units completed the parade route.....Jackie Sifford's truck won the \$100 top truck award at the East Ford car show in December.....Ran a quick tally of club cars listed on the current membership list. There are 43 rods listed, including those under construction. There are 30 cars and 13 trucks. Breakdown by brands shows 16 Fords, 21 Chevrolets, 5 Mopars and 1 Lincoln. I counted 23 of the 43 either under construction, down for repairs or just parked for whatever reason. If we ever get the whole bunch going, we would have one whale of a good looking crew. I promise to redouble my efforts to get my car on the road this year, and I hope you will do the same..... There are entirely too many names on the new "Here I sit instead of in my street rod" plaque. Remember, the only way to get your name removed from this plaque is to get your car running and drive it to a club meeting.....Remember the trophy presentation at the Christmas party with Half-round getting a trophy for hitting two deer in '94. Would you believe the next day after the party he hit number three down near Wesson?.....We received our annual invite to the Dixie National Parade IN February. Guess we'd all better install electric fans for that one. We also received a questionnaire from the Clinton Christmas parade committee asking if we were interested in making it a night parade with lights on the cars. What do you think?

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GARAGE SCENE

Sam Hupperich breathed a sigh of relief when the transmission problems on his '37 turn out to be only a loose nut. The 'ol blue sedan is ready to roll again.....Richard Hayman was telling me some big plans for his '37 coupe. Reworked steering, a fresh engine and even some paint were mentioned while waiting for the parade to start last month.....Looks like Wayne Thomas may be the first one to get off the "here I sit" plaque. His 40 Ford now has a set of wheels off my old '47 pickup with new baby moon caps and beauty

rings. When he got the car it ran but had bad brakes. He fixed the brakes and now the thing won't run. By the time you read this, hopefully he'll be on the road with it.....Wait a second, I hear Joann & Gene's 48 Ford yeller convertible was cranked up for the first time the first of December. She may be the first to get her name off the plaque.....Both the Round one and I got all kinds of Christmas goodies for our project cars. But none of the presents contained WORK HOURS-the thing we need most right now. We'll probably be the last ones off the plaque.

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TENTATIVE 1995 EVENT SCHEDULE

Here is a partial 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.

January 8	MSRA Board of Directors meeting. Sammie's house
January 7-8	Race Car Extravaganza, Fairgrounds, Jackson
January 15	MSRA club meeting, 2 p.m. ABC Kindergarden auditorium
January 20-22	Third Winter Rod Run, Southern Who, Days Inn, Diamondhead, MS
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
April 1-2	April Fool's Run, Magnolia Arkansas pre-'66
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 19-21	Rod-Tiquesrod 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 15-17	Ole Brook Cruise-In VII, Brookhaven open
Sept 22-24	Singing River Rod Run, Biloxi pre-'69
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 JANUARY

Darryl has made up the schedule for resuming the Tuesday night cruises in '95. There are some new places he's going to try during the coming year. If you have some place you want to go, let Darryl know. Here is the January schedule:

January 3	Sonny's Bar-B-Q
January 10	Mazzio's in Brandon
January 17	Jerry's Fish House
January 24	Scotty's Drive In
January 31	Rooster's in Ridgeland

TRIP TO THE NSRA NATIONALS AT KNOXVILLE

Just another reminder--I had mentioned in earlier newsletters about us all going to Knoxville in May. The date for Knoxville is May 5, 6, & 7. The motel we plan to use is the Creekstone Inn in Pigeon Forge. 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. They say it is not too early to make reservations now.

CLUB MEETING SCHEDULED

There will be a MSRA Board of Directors meeting at Sammie Howell's house Sunday January 8 at 2 o'clock. All new officers and directors are requested to attend. Next club meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 15, 2 p.m. at ABC Kindergarden.

Come support the new slate of officers as we begin plans for 1995 and Dixie Run 17.

Til next time, drive carefully....

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