

DIXIE RUN UPDATE

The host Holiday Inn has changed owners, but Dixie Run will go on as usual. In fact, the new staff seem to be better to deal with than some of the previous ones. So we're looking for another good run. Early entries continue to come in with five states represented so far. Our latest entry is a '48 Dodge coupe all the way from North Carolina. We've received the mig welder, to be given to some lucky pre-registered entrant. Sammie will be carrying it around to the various runs for everyone to see. At our next club meeting, we'll have a list of trophies and games for you to pick the ones you want to do this year. I was planning to put the list in this newsletter but just did not have time.

BITS & PIECES

Gene Maddox has been in and out of the hospital with a bout with kidney stones. He's out now and back working on Joann's convertible.....Eight club rods and about that many others from around the area ran in a very very cold Dixie National Rodeo parade in February. Several brave souls debuted their mini rods and wagons in this one. A story was told about Hugh and Half Round testing his pedal car after dark the night before the parade. The Round One was running alongside with a flashlight. The Briggs 5 horse outlasted the Round One who was last seen huffing and puffing to a stop. Can't you picture ol' fatso, the human headlight, trying to keep up with Hugh? Lucky they all didn't get run over by a semi.....At the R.O.D.S. annual Labor Day run the host Quality Suites motel offers TWO room suites, TVs, VCR, fridge, and free breakfast all for \$62. A pinewood derby for kids will also be a feature. Kits for these little wooden racers will be available at the run, with tools and paint for building it.....The new club calendars assembled by Annette Sifford are ready. You can pick up your copy at the next Tuesday cruise or at the next club meeting.....Speaking of club meetings, attendance at last month's Saturday night meeting was the best in two years. We really had a good time. This was a good start for all of us who are shooting for a perfect attendance. Remember, to be eligible for the drawing for free lodging expense at a rod run of your choice next season, you have to attend all club meetings the rest of this year.

GARAGE SCENE

Well, Wayne Thomas will be the first to get his name removed from the "Here I Sit" plaque. He surprised us all by trading the '40 Ford for one fine '34 Ford three window fenderless coupe. It is turquoise with all the good stuff. I went for a ride with him a weekend ago. I had to run down the road ahead of him and sweep up all the rocks and tree limbs ahead of us. He won't drive down a street that has mudholes or mailboxes.....I guess Gene Maddox will be next to come off the "Here I sit" plaque. He took his '46 convertible to the glass shop a couple of weeks ago and has driven the car around some. You probably can see them both at the next club meeting.....Don has been working on the rear door of his new Chevy delivery project.....Dee Dukes has been working on a new cab for "Big Stick". The new cab has been sandblasted. Steve O, do you still have those front fenders Dee talked to you about last year? He may need them soon.....The Round One has been threatening to narrow the front clip on his newly acquired '40 Ford panel truck. Wait til you get

the Chrysler finished, hard head.....Jack Creel is reworking the tired engine in his '40 Ford truck. It was about due since that little truck really went a lot of places.....Jimmy Creel says as soon as they finish Jack's truck he plans to start on one of his own projects.

THINGS TO DO THIS MONTH

The show season kicks off March 4 with the annual open car show at the Salyer auto dealership off Brookway in Brookhaven. There will be plenty of door prizes and trophies for this one. You can begin to park around 9 or 9:30 and should be out by 3 or 4 that afternoon. There will be another park and sit car show at the McDowell Road Auto Zone store on Saturday March 11. There will be a 50/50 pot and other prizes in all classes at this open-to-anything show. The Camaro Club hosts their annual open to all show at Rapids on the Reservoir Saturday March 25. That same day, the Vicksburg Cruisers are hosting their annual Dogwood cruise down the Natchez Trace to Cole's Creek picnic area. They will depart the Trustmark Bank on 61 south of Vicksburg at 10 a.m. and go to the park. Bring your own food for cooking, the Cruisers will provide a fire to cook it. After lunch, the tour goes back up the Trace to 61 and then to the old country store in Lorman for an ice cream break. There was some discussion at the last club meeting about making this a club trip. So if you plan to go check with Sammie for details. Our club meeting will be held this month on Sunday afternoon March 26 at our house. Details on it at the end of this newsletter.

TENTATIVE 1995 EVENT SCHEDULE

March 4	Ricky Salyer Autorama, Brookhaven	open
March 11	Auto Zone Car Show	
March 17-19	Bayou Self Rod Run	Houma La. (504) 876-0219
March 25	Rapids on the Reservoir show,	Camaro club open
March 25	Dogwood Cruise to Coles Creek	
March 26	MSRA cookout, club meeting & mini rod run	
Mar 31-Apr 2	New Orleans SRA Rod Run,	Kenner, LA (504) 737-8939
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
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 2-4	24th Annual rod run,	Spring Park in Muscle Shoals, Alabama
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 MARCH

The Valentines Day Tuesday crooz had record attendance, filling up our space at Scotties. Here is the February schedule for our Tuesday Croozdays:

March 7 Red Hot & Blue Bar-B-Q
 March 14 Mazzio's Pizza in Brandon
 March 21 Jerry' Catfish House in Florence
 March 28 Scottie's on Terry Road
 April 4 Wynndale Market Restaurant at Wynndale

EDITORIAL

As editor of this wonderful newsletter, I love to report on all the weird, irrational, funny, and entertaining things you all do. Several of you, such as Gene Maddox, Peggy Acey, Roundman, T-Tommy Smith and Linda are mentioned often in this paper when you do something.....uh....newsworthy. You all have at one time or another even threatened to put out your own newsletter with your version of something that I, your beloved editor, may or may not have done. Ya bunch of whiney wimps! Being above reproach, of squeaky clean reputation, and darn near perfect, I have nothing to fear. So I'm going to give you your chance. In the April issue, I'll print anything you clowns throw at me. Give it your best shot. I can take it. In closing, let me head off one of your dinky little stories by simply admitting that the alleged tale about the Madonna impersonator sitting in my lap the other night at the Ameristar Casino stage show is absolutely true. And I loved every minute of it. Ask my wife. So there.

OUTDOOR CLUB MEETING/MINI ROD RUN SCHEDULED

Next club meeting will be Sunday afternoon, March 26 at my house. I'm inviting ALL of you to join me at this party celebrating my REAL birthday, not the six or seven other ones you clowns put off on me during the year. Three more of you (Wayne Thomas, John Little & Sandy Wade) also are having your birthday near this date, so we'll celebrate yours also. Since it's the real deal, there will be hot dogs, birthday cake, rod run games, trophies, and even dash plaques. Sort of a mini rod run in my back yard. Come in your street rod and park in my or Joe's back yard, kick back and visit, eat a hot dog or two, have some birthday cake and have a good time. After we get finished playing, we'll have a club meeting to continue the planning of Dixie Run. Hopefully the weather will cooperate and we can have a good time in our first outdoor get together of the year. We'll start eating about 1 p.m. I hope all of you will come and join the fun.

Til next time, drive carefully....

Jack