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BITS & PIECES

All street rod clubs take notice. On Saturday, January 11, there will be a statewide planning meeting in Jackson. All clubs are encouraged to send representatives to this meeting. Last year all but two clubs sent people, so I hope this year we can have 100% representation. There will be a letter coming out with details as they are worked out. At present, the schedule calls for the meeting to start at 10 a.m. in the meeting room of the Western Sizzler Steak House at the intersection of US 80 and US 49 in Pearl. (Same place as last year. Take Flowood exit 47 to US 49, then north on 49 to US 80) Make your plans now to attend. NSRA representatives will also be on hand. Bring copies of club rosters, your event fliers and any other item you want to discuss. Any non-Mississippi clubs are also invited. If you cannot come, please send a flier or at least the dates for your '97 event so that they can be incorporated into a complete event calendar for 1997.....Dates for next year's events are already starting to come in. I've heard that special efforts are being made to resolve conflicts in dates for some of the events that conflicted last year. This is great. Hopefully the January meeting will help to work those out. Some of the dates shown elsewhere in this newsletter are tentative, but I try not to print one unless I'm reasonably sure of it.....The Round Ones and Creels went to the Turkey Run in Pensacola this past weekend. I have not had a chance to talk to any of them as I write this, but Brian also went and told me they had some fine cars as usual in spite of some rain and tornado alerts nearby.....Our state NSRA inspection team has moved Mississippi into second position in the region in both the numbers of rods inspected and the percentage of NSRA members' cars inspected. Way to go!.....Thanks to Mildred Parker and Skeet Creekmore, MSRA has begun a newsletter exchange with the Northeast Louisiana Street Rod Club in West Monroe, Louisiana. I see that Skeet has just been elected president of that club for 1997.....Keep an eye and ear open to the new EPA rules just announced from Washington. Some of the disturbing things I read in Hemmings Motor News about the effect it will have in California may spill over to other states as well. According to Hemmings, the ultimate intent in California is to take everything older than 4 years old off the highway. I sure hope somebody in Washington is protecting our interests. The EPA wackos in the Clinton administration seem to have taken his reelection as a mandate to pull out all the stops. DeSoto and Hancock counties in Mississippi have been targeted to receive special attention in the pollution area.....Those of you who have been reading this newsletter for a while remember the "Flying Fisackerlys" from last year. (Sherry fell down the steps in a restaurant in Tupelo while the rest of us looked on and applauded. I was told that when they went in the same restaurant this year at the Tupelo rod run, they were seated in the handicapped section (no steps). Well, apparently she has changed her act to the Flaming Fisackerlys. Seems she attempted to start a fire in their barbeque grille a few weeks ago. The lighter would not work so she went inside to get another one. Only she forgot to turn the gas off. She came back out, hit the striker and blew the grille up. As soon as all her hair and eyebrows grow back, she'll be on the road again to further adventures. Just don't get around her on the fourth of July.....While discussing individuals, I want to mention one more fellow I've gotten to know and enjoy during the past year. Randy Wilson is more fun to watch and listen to than any three other folks I know. Next rod run season, when making plans to go to some rod run, I'll check to see where it is, when it is, if I can afford to go, and whether or not Randy Wilson plans to be there too.

GARAGE SCENE

I saw Sam Hupperich driving his blue '37 last week, so I guess he got his wiring fixed. Great to

see it running again.....Joe's shop has siding on it now and if the weather holds off, he'll have it painted soon. Yes, he's already got a street rod parked in it.....I got so fed up with that coupe, I switched over to working on the Ford pickup for a few days. I got the steering wheel mocked up in place and seats in their probable place. The engine will have to be raised about an inch to get the fan in a better cooling position. Picked up a gas tank for it in Biloxi.....Jimmy Creel has his Plymouth running and planned to make the trip to Pensacola's Turkey Run in it.....Wayne says he fixed the heater in his '34 just in time for the cold weather. *

RUDE & DUDES ROD RUN

Cool but clear weather greeted the 150+ rods and customs that rolled in to Biloxi for the first ever Bubba Nationals. It was a bit cool for Bubba himself to show up, but his daddy Les and cousins Rocky and Darold put on a good fun show. Kim & Sammie, Jackie & Annette, the Round Ones and Half Round, Don & Sandy, Joe & Lois, Brian & Kathy, Jimmy Creel, Jack Creel, Wayne Thomas, all the Grogans, and Charlotte & I made the trip from MSRA. Don & Sandy along with Charlotte & I had volunteered last year to help Les and Rocky and their bunch so we worked a good bit of the time. But we still had plenty of time to enjoy ourselves and look at the cars; many of which I had not seen before. Of course the Mowerys and Larry Crain were on me constantly for not having our rod there. Even Mike Mariano got in on the act. Finally I had to retaliate by putting a for sale sign on Crain's car. Most who saw it said it was entirely overpriced. Pay no attention to the advertised parts car in Crain's newsletter. My street rod is NOT a parts car. The Big Dummy (T-Tommy Smith) continued his foul-up streak as he left home without his squeegee. For a person in the T-shirt silk screen business to show up without his squeegee is similar to a brain surgeon going into the operating room with no scalpel, or like Michelangelo climbing a ladder in the Sistine Chapel without his paint brush, or like Dale Earnhardt crawling into his #3 with his helmet being left back home in Kannapolis NC or ...well you get the picture. Poor Les had to drive BD all over the Gulf Coast in search of new squeegees. BD finally found one I think in Mobile Alabama and was back in operation by Saturday. As a result of all this, plus the episode with the diesel fuel last month, Smith received the "Bubba's Butt" award at the ceremonies Sunday. To smooth things over with him, I even bought a shirt from him-with the Bubba Nats logo on it. Today I wore it to the hardware store. The clerk wanted to know if the Bubba Nats was a "real event". When I tried to explain to him that Bubba was a Vietnamese pot bellied pig and had a car show named after him, he called security and threw me out of the store. Be that as it may, we had a great time in Biloxi. In a long conversation with Chicken Willie I found out he watches the "Young & Restless" soap every day. I do to, and we rehashed all the recent plots and characters on the show while all the bystanders listening to us just shook their heads and rolled their eyes in disbelief. Shootfire, the next thing y'all will be telling me is that rasslin is faked. Leave me & CW alone. We ran down to the IHOP down the street to get a waffle Friday night. About 25 teenagers came in and occupied a corner booth. this bunch looked like the cast from some B-grade horror movie or Halloween leftovers. They had rings in their noses and ears. One had a safety pin in his eyebrow. Shaved heads, black lipstick, white makeup, torn stockings-what a mess. Hard to tell the males from the females. The poor waitresses flipped a coin to see who lost and had to wait on these creeps. Saturday night we took in the show at the Grand Casino. The Ferco brothers illusionists put on a fantastic show with all sorts of magic acts like making lions and tigers appear and disappear. If you get a chance, go see this show-it is terrific. So we had quite a busy and thoroughly entertaining weekend. But to top it off we received the coveted??Bubba Award from the rod run staff. I'm still not completely sure what one does to earn this award, but I was told by Rocky that it ranked right up there with the Emmy and the Oscar and the Nobel Peace Prize. And of course I believe everything Rocky Deaton tells me. Anyhow, the thing now resides on my mantel in the den along with my "lug nut of the year" award. It's heartwarming to be so well thought of????As I said when presented this trophy, I don't know how much more I can take in 1996. The Lug Nut award, open heart surgery, a year with constant harassment for not having my street rod running, and now the Bubba Award. What next?.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DECEMBER 5 BROOKHAVEN CHRISTMAS PARADE 7 p.m.
DECEMBER 7 CLINTON CHRISTMAS PARADE 10 a.m.
DECEMBER 15 MSRA Christmas party. Raymond Lake Lodge.

1997 SCHEDULE (some event dates are tentative)

JAN 11 Statewide Street Rod Planning Meeting, Jackson (Flowood)
JAN 31-FEB 2 5th Annual Winter Rod Run at Diamondhead

MARCH 1 Ricky Salyer Show at Brookhaven, Mississippi
MARCH 7-9 Bayou Self Cajun Cruise #10 Houma, Louisiana
MARCH 14-16 Northeast Louisiana Custom Nationals, West Monroe, Louisiana

APRIL 5 4th Annual Classics on the Grounds car show, Hattiesburg, Mississippi
APRIL 5-7 Rods of South Arkansas rod run, Magnolia, Arkansas
APRIL 11-13 Levee Break Rod Run, Greenville Mississippi
APRIL 11-13 Old South Rod Run, Birmingham, Alabama
APRIL 25-27 15th Annual Dixie Street Rods run, Ramada Inn, McComb, Mississippi

MAY 16-18 Spring Fling Rod Run , Covington, Louisiana pre-'69
MAY 23-25 15th Moonlighters rod run, Minden, Louisiana

JUNE 13-15 **19th DIXIE RUN at HOLIDAY INN in JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI**

JULY 11-13 NSRA Southwest Nationals, Fairgrounds, Shreveport ,Louisiana
JULY 18-20 10th Annual Autorama at Coast Coliseum. Biloxi ,Mississippi
JULY 18-20 Rod & Custom Americruise '97 to Springfield, Illinois

JULY 31-AUGUST 3 NSRA Nationals Oklahoma City OK

SEPTEMBER 12-14 Ole Brook Cruisers rod run, Brookhaven, Mississippi
SEPTEMBER 19-21 Singing River Rod Run, Biloxi, Mississippi

TUESDAY CROOZDAY SCHEDULE

December 3 Western Sizzler in Pearl

December 10 Pasquale's Pizza on Lakeland Drive

December 17 Scottie's Restaurant on Terry Road

You never know who will show up at a Tuesday Cruise. Larry and Louise Teal from Baton Rouge dropped by at a recent session. They were in town on some business and ate with us.

Christmas Parades

We've been invited to ride in two Christmas Parades. On Thursday night, December 5, the Ole Brook Cruisers parade will be held. You need to be there by 6 o'clock. If you are going, call T-Tommy Smith at 833-8620 for exact details. I do know that they have a room reserved at Western Sizzler for a small party with food after the parade. Then on Saturday December 7, we will ride in the parade in Clinton. Meet at the MetroCenter McDonald's between 8 and 9 for coffee and visiting. Lineup is same as last year, that's 9:30 in the parking lot of Morrison Heights church. Parade steps off at 10:00 a.m. We start in 24th position, and they are saving space for 15 cars, so come help fill up our spaces. All cars will exit out to Highway 80 after the parade. The Ole Brook Cruisers are heading to Hattiesburg after the Clinton Parade to a Toys for Tots Cruise-in there. You are invited to join them and make a fuel day of it.

NEXT CLUB MEETING

Sunday, December 15, at the Raymond Lake Clubhouse we will have our Christmas party. Bring the whole family as there will be something for everybody. Kids under 12 will be drawing for money prizes off the money tree. Everyone else should bring a gift in the \$5-\$10 dollar range. As we've done for the past couple of years, these will be given out as your number is called. Then the **action** starts. As your number is drawn, you have the option of keeping the gift or exchanging it with someone else's gift you like better. Since this usually gets pretty wild after a while, you will be asked to check your weapons at the door. There will be meat and bread furnished by the club, so please bring a side dish or dessert and drinks enough for your family. After the meal, there will be the usual (or maybe unusual) awards presentation for those who have done something during the year worthy of special notice. You are encouraged to participate. I've already got four or five things lined up myself for some of you, so look out! Just keep it in good fun. After this, there will be an election of club officers for next year. You are reminded that the bylaws state that your dues must be paid to be eligible to vote. Those nominated at last month's meeting were:

President	Jimmy Creel
	Sammie Howell
Vice president	Joe Thomas
	Don Wade
Secretary	Jack Brown
Treasurer	Lynn Pittman
	Annette Sifford
Directors	James Pittman
	Steve Thomas
	Wayne Thomas

We'll probably start eating about 12:30. If you can't make it that early, just come on when you can. We'll be there most of the afternoon. I know some of you have some other parties and things scheduled that same afternoon, so just come stay as long as you can. Come and enjoy yourself.

This brings to a close another good year for MSRA. We've added quite a few new members, had another successful rod run, and enjoyed our street rods some more. Our wish is that all of you have a happy safe holiday. Be careful and don't forget the real reason for Christmas.

Til next time
Drive carefully

Jack

Merry Christmas from MSRA, and from Charlotte, Critter and me
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