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DIXIE RUN UPDATE

Over 40 rooms have already been booked for the 18th Dixie Run. Entries have also begun to roll in, with rods from five states already entered. I've numbered all the window stickers and goodie bags, trying to get a head start on things. I've even started on a couple of my trophies. Sammie says we'll be getting into trophies and games scheduling at the next club meeting. So things are well under way for another great rod run. Jump in and help where needed.

BITS & PIECES

The Round Ones, Siffords, and Wayne Thomas made the trip to Diamondhead. The Round Family came home with most of the money. Half Round won \$175 at the casino, then won \$250 playing some kind of game at the run. Then the round sister Lee Ann, won over \$900 in the 50/50 pot. Lucky bunch! Wayne Thomas got there a little bit late. He said he had to park so far away because of the big field of cars, he had to catch a bus to get to where everyone else was. They had over 400 cars, with a 50/50 mix of rods and late models.....Don Wade called the other night to tell me last month was his 25th birthday and 53rd wedding anniversary. Or was it the other way 'round? With him you never know. Any way, congratulations Don and Sandy, especially her.....T-Tommy tells us that the Sunny Beaches rod run put on by the Rod Tiques in Pensacola is going all out to draw a crowd this year. The local tourism commission is helping extensively and the motel has dropped its rates. The recent double whammy suffered by this area during the hurricanes has them all trying to rebuild and recoup all the business they can get. So give this one some space on your calendar this year.....All of the MSRA members who participated in the inaugural parade received letters from Governor Fordice. Kathy even got one from the politician who rode in her car. Make her show it to you.....We received a letter from Utah concerning an event to be held there July 24-27 at the famous Bonneville salt flats. If you want to you will be allowed to drive your street rod down the famous "black Line" used by all the racers who have attempted to set world land speed records over the years. I know of a couple of you here who would love to do it at Bonneville. It would be a little break from using I55 like you do now. If interested, call Mike Steed at 801 364-8132 for details.....We received a letter from Bo Laird telling us that the 1995-96 Bo Laird scholarship has been awarded to A.J. Olier Jr. from Biloxi. A.J.'s parents are members of the Singing River Street Rod Association. He will be using the Scholarship money to attend Gulf Coast Community college. Congratulations to him and a big thanks to Bo for providing the fund. Bo hopes to make this an annual award.

GARAGE SCENE

Round Man reports that the new springs and shocks he put on Mike's model A really did the trick. Next he plans to work on the rear suspension.....By the time you read this, Wayne's fenders and running boards will probably be installed. He spent a great deal of time at Diamondhead crawling under '34 Fords checking out fender braces and stuff like that.....Don Wade continues to work on his Chevy delivery. I think he mentioned something about having trouble mounting a microwave and a refrigerator in the dash. Rocky-do something!.....I hear Lynn Pittman fell in love with a couple of '40 Chevy 2-door sedans at Diamondhead. You may as well go head, James.....At the last Tuesday Crooze Lloyd Smith told us he has his '37 coupe running. He decided to stay with the V6 for a while. We're all anxious to see it.....

Here's the most complete 1996 schedule I could come up with. Other events may be added later.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 1996

FEBRUARY 10	Dixie National Rodeo Parade 9 a.m. Jackson
FEBRUARY 10-11	Pemberton Mall Show, Vicksburg
MARCH 2	Ricky Salyer All-American Autorama, Brookhaven —
MARCH 8-10	Bayou Self Rod Run, Houma, La pre-'49
MARCH 29-31	Spindletop Rod Run, Beaumont, Texas
MARCH 30	Dogwood Run by Vicksburg Cruisers
MARCH 30	Rapids Run car show, Rapids on the Reservoir, Jackson by Camaro Club
APRIL 6-7	April Fool's Run, Magnolia, Arkansas pre-'49
APRIL 13	Strawberry Classic Show & Swap Meet, Hammond La.
APRIL 12-14	Deep South Rod Run, Birmingham, Alabama pre-'49
APRIL 12-14	Rollin' Rods of East Texas rod run Kilgore, Texas
APRIL 13-14	Super Chevy Weekend, Memphis Tennessee
APRIL 19-21	Sunny Beaches Rod Run, Pensacola Florida pre-'49
APRIL 20	"Classics on the Grounds" car show Hattiesburg, Ms.
APRIL 26-28	Dixie Street Rods 14th Annual Rod Run, McComb Ms pre-'49 —
APRIL 26-28	Levee Break Rod Run Greenville, Ms
MAY 3-5	NSRA Nats South, Knoxville Tennessee pre-'49 —
MAY 4	Special Olympics Car Show Jackson
MAY 4	Super Sonic Cruise In Co. Line Rd Sonic Camaro Club
MAY 17-19	Spring Fling, Covington Louisiana. pre-'69
MAY 18-19	Goodguys Dixie Nats. Perry, Georgia pre-'72
MAY 25-26	Goodguys Lone Star Nats, South Fork Ranch, Texas pre-'62
MAY 25	Annual Shrimp Boil, Memphis Tennessee. pre-49
JUNE 1-2	Muscle Shoals Rod Run Muscle Shoals, Alabama
JUNE 6	Broiler Festival open car show Gaddis Park, Forest, MS
JUNE 14-16	18TH ANNUAL DIXIE RUN, Holiday Inn SW, JACKSON MS —
JULY 12-14	Klassy Kruzers Rod Run, Crossett, Arkansas pre-'49 —
JULY 12-14	Gulf Coast Autorama, Coast Coliseum, Biloxi, Ms
JULY 18-21	NSRA Street Rod Nationals Columbus, Ohio pre-'49
JULY ?	Catfish Run, Sardis Dam park, Sardis Ms. —
AUGUST 9-11	NSRA Southwest Nats, Oklahoma City pre-'49
AUGUST 30-SEPT 1	R.O.D.S. Labor Day Run Ramblin Oldies, Baton Rouge, La.
SEPTEMBER 7	"Summer Farewell" Sonic Cruise In by Camaro Club
SEPTEMBER 6-8	Vicksburg Landing /Rainbow Casino car show, Vicksburg Ms
SEPTEMBER 13-15	Ole Brook Cruz-In VIII Brookhaven, Ms —
SEPTEMBER 20-22	Singing River Rod Run Biloxi Ms
SEPTEMBER 28-29	"Red Neck" rod run by Mid Miss. Cruisers Jackson Ms —
SEPTEMBER 28	Reservoir Rally Car Show, Lakeshore Park by Camaro Club
OCTOBER 5-6	Arkansas SRA Rod Run, Lake DeGray, Arkansas pre-'49 —
OCTOBER 11-12	Ole South Rod Run, West Monroe, Louisiana pre-'49
OCTOBER 18-20	Rock & Roll Revival Meridian, Ms
OCTOBER 18-20	NSRA Southeast Nats, Tampa, Florida pre-'49
OCTOBER 25-27	Halloween Fun Run Tupelo, Ms. pre-'49

NOVEMBER 8-10
NOVEMBER 29-31

Rude & the Dudes Rod Run (Bubba Nats) Biloxi Miss. pre-'59 —
Turkey Run, West Florida SRA Pensacola, Florida pre-'49 —

ANNUAL STATEWIDE PLANNING MEETING

On Saturday, January 27, thirty-three representatives from 11 street rod and custom car clubs from around the state met in the fourth annual planning session. Subjects of interest to everyone were thrown up for open discussion and suggestions. New versions of "clunker laws", rod run promotion, rod run security and the street rod inspection program were among the numerous items discussed. Each club had a chance to promote their particular rod run. It was a chance for everyone to meet and get to know each other a little better. Special guest was Mr. Mike Mayfield, NSRA division director. Mike was on hand to represent NSRA as well as to present an NSRA lifetime membership to Paul Acey, outgoing NSRA state rep. Among new events for 1996, announced by the Vicksburg Cruisers, is a show being planned at the Vicksburg Landing entertainment complex for September 6-8. Details are still being worked out, but it will probably be a **major** show with some outstanding prizes. This year's annual meeting was an enjoyable, productive one, and M.S.R.A. was proud to host it. It may become an annual event. Clubs represented were: Miss. Street Rod Assn. of Jackson, Vicksburg Cruisers, Mid-Mississippi Cruisers, Singing River Street Rods, Ole Brook Cruisers, Southern Who, Dixie Street Rods, Miss. Muscle Car Club, Rude & the Dudes Street Rods, Queen City Rods & Customs and River City Rods & Customs, plus state and regional NSRA reps Mike Goldman and Mike Mayfield and inspectors Chicken Willie Smith and Sammie Howell.

TUESDAY CROOZDAY SCHEDULE

February 6	Red Hot & Blue Bar-B-Q on County Line Road
February 13	Mazzio's Pizza in Brandon
February 20	Hudgey's on Daniel Lake Blvd.
February 27	Punchy's on Raymond Road
March 5	Scotty's Restaurant on Terry Road

NEXT CLUB MEETING

The first regular club meeting of 1996 will be held Saturday night, February 17 at 6 p.m. at Jerry's Catfish Restaurant in Florence. At this first meeting, your attendance will begin to count towards a year-end award for perfect attendance at all club meetings during the year. At year end, all those with perfect attendance will be eligible for a drawing to win motel expenses paid at a rod run of their choice. Last year, only four persons had perfect attendance. So try to be at all meetings this year. Also on the agenda will be the first planning session for Dixie Run. Trophies and games assignments will be made. We need you at this meeting, so come if you possibly can. **DON'T FORGET, WE'LL BE RIDING IN THE DIXIE NATIONAL PARADE THIS COMING SATURDAY MORNING. ALL STREET RODS ARE INVITED TO RIDE WITH US. BE THERE ON JEFFERSON STREET IN FRONT OF THE FAIRGROUNDS NO LATER THAN 8:30. THE PARADE STARTS AT 9. AFTER THE PARADE, WE'LL BE RIDING OVER TO VICKSBURG FOR THE OUTDOOR PORTION OF THE PEMBERTON MALL CAR SHOW. COME JOIN US.**

PERSONAL NOTE

This letter might be a little late this month, because this writer did not have time to do it all before a hospital visit. I was in St. Dominics January 30 and 31 for a heart catheterization. The results indicate I'm going to have to have heart surgery to replace a faulty aorta valve. So probably around the third week of February, I'll be going back in for that. So it just might be a little late next month also. Thanks to all who called last week. Keep thinking of us til we get this problem behind us.

Til next time
Drive carefully

