

# MISSISSIPPI STREET ROD ASSOCIATION

## NEWSLETTER

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### DIXIE RUN UPDATE

Time has zipped right on by and Dixie Run is just **days** away. The Holiday Inn is filling up rapidly, so if you out of town guys better nail down a room reservation now. They tell us all the double rooms have been booked and the single king size rooms are about to run out, too. Car registration has been a little slower than normal, so we remind everyone that they **must be pre-registered to be eligible to win that fine welder**. Right now there are over 100 rods pre-registered, so the odds of winning are pretty good. We've just received some nice gifts from Butch's Rod Shop, Borgeson's Universal, VDO gauges, Jet Hot Coatings, and Painless Wiring, Ray Godman Engineering, Ididit, just to name a few. These will be auctioned off Saturday night. Vendors on hand will be B & B Rod shop, Matco Tools, Frames & Things, T-Tommy's T shirts, Wheels of Time, Charlie's Collectables, Southern Chrome, and Pro-Shine. So you ought to be able to find most any part you've been waiting to purchase. We'll be getting together to pack the goodie bags soon-more about that later. For the first time ever, I've finished all my trophies already; I'm usually the night before the run starts getting them done. Critter has his finished also. With a '34 Ford sedan entry from Boiling Springs, Pennsylvania, the total states represented goes to **eleven**. The new '28 Buick "Vickie" from Baton Rouge has entered. I've seen pictures of it and it is a beauty. Also a '41 Packard hearse has been entered. So there will be the usual group of fine cars to see. Don't forget to help out on the door prizes and especially the food for the Friday night supper. So get ready and lets make this the best Dixie Run yet!

### BITS & PIECES

I got in a rush to get out last month's newsletter and forgot to mention several things. Don and Sandy reminded me that they attended the rod run at Greenville the same weekend the rest of us went to McComb. He tells us the open run was mostly street rods this year. A large group of rods from Springfield, Missouri was on hand. He also told me our own NSRA person, Chicken Willie Smith, was on hand inspecting cars and participating in a womanless fashion show. Now that would have been something to see. Don said CW looked like a....well I won't exactly print all that in a family newsletter. Ask Don.....Also, when I was listing all our recent sick folks, I forgot to mention that Billy Wade broke his arm.....working on a dirt track race car. I told y'all that racing is dangerous. Wrench slipped off and he hit his arm on a roll bar. Hmmmmmmm.....I also forgot to mention another big event in my life, I'm an uncle again. Les Rude has a new pig named Grady, brother to Bubba. So now I've got two pig nephews in Gulfport. I ask you, is there no end to my good fortune?.....Another thing I forgot to mention was Tom "Chicken Willie" Smith's picture in *Street Scene* recognizing him as the state NSRA safety inspector. The bad thing about this is the magazine goes world wide and now it will be known internationally how ugly he is.....Don't be surprised if you soon see his picture again as our new state NSRA representative. I think that catches us up on last month's business; now on to this month's stuff.....According to an ad in the local paper, the Forest Broiler Festival car show has been changed to June 1, not June 8 as shown on the flier.....The Round ones and Joe & Lois Thomas made the trip to Covington for their rod run. Joe won the hi-lo dart game and they all won sponsor trophies. They said they had a very good time and told a funny story about some of the Louisiana participants. Seems like they set up their tent and lawn chairs smack on top of the motel's automatic sprinkler system. When it came on that evening, some lady was sitting right on top of it and got a major soaking.....Seven club cars and three guests drove out to the NAPA store in Pearl last Saturday for a small show. The store manager was elated about how much traffic the cars generated, and gave us several nice things for door prizes at the rod run.

We will probably be doing some more of these type things during the year to help generate some prizes for Dixie Run.....The Bay Springs show we had so much fun at last year has changed promoters. Ask me about it before you plan to go.....The host motel at the Labor Day R.O.D.S. run in Baton Rouge is already full, so if you haven't already made reservations there, plan to go to the Holiday Inn, which is handling the overflow.....Recently found a new oldies station in Pearl. It's WVIV at 93.9 on the FM dial. It stays on most of the time while I'm in the shop, playing some real good stuff from the 50's.....

### GARAGE SCENE

Roundman has picked up a couple of spare Corvair front ends he plans to put under Mike's model A.....We hear Sam Hupperich had a small but destructive fire on his '37 Chevy. A clip on a timing light somehow grounded against the accelerator cable and really messed up some wiring and gauges.....Is Don Wade ready to set the body back on the '41 delivery? Let us know and we'll help.....Sammie has installed his new Walker radiator in his '37. Should be back on the road soon.....It's always fun to watch my neighbor, Joe Thomas, work on his cars. One day last week he fell out of the trunk of the '34 and skinned his.....leg. He's also added a Ford solenoid to the starting circuit of both cars and cured his cranking problems.....Brian had two more valve springs break on his pickup. The vendor said it was a heat treating problem on all manufactured about that time, and sent him a complete new set.....We are getting very close to having our coupe ready to crank up. Keep on having problems crop up I had not anticipated. Like the drive shaft was cut too long and had to be shortened, the windshield rubber did not fit right and had to be reordered, stuff like that. But we're getting there.....Mark Sifford dropped by for a visit and told me he has inherited the '46 Chevy pickup project Jackie had started. Jackie changed plans to start again on the model A sedan project.

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JUNE 1-2	Muscle Shoals Rod Run Muscle Shoals, Alabama
JUNE 1	Broiler Festival open car show Gaddis Park, Forest, Ms
JUNE 8	Thunder on the Water Car show, Grenada Lake, Ms
<b>JUNE 14-16</b>	<b>18TH ANNUAL DIXIE RUN, Holiday Inn SW, JACKSON MS</b>
JUNE 21-23	Noccalula Falls rod run 13 Gadsden, Alabama
JUNE 22	Fun Run '96 Bay Fest car show, Bay Springs, Ms
JULY 12-14	Klassy Kruzers Rod Run, Crossett, Arkansas pre-'66
JULY 12-14	Gulf Coast Autorama, Coast Coliseum, Biloxi, Ms
JULY 18-21	NSRA Street Rod Nationals Columbus, Ohio pre-'49
JULY 26-28	Catfish Run, Delta Rodders, Sardis Dam park, Sardis Ms. pre-'49
AUGUST 9-11	NSRA Southwest Nats, Oklahoma City pre-'49
AUGUST 23-25	NSRA Mid America NATS, Aksarben, Omaha, Nebraska pre-'49
AUG.30-SEPT 1	R.O.D.S. Labor Day Run Ramblin Oldies, Baton Rouge, La. pre-'49
SEPTEMBER 7	"Summer Farewell" Sonic Cruise In by Camaro Club
SEPTEMBER 13-15	Ole Brook Cruz-In VIII, Claridge Inn, Brookhaven, Ms. pre-'73
SEPTEMBER 20-22	Singing River Rod Run, Broadwater Beach, Biloxi Ms pre-'69
SEPTEMBER 28-29	Red Neck rod run Mid-Miss.Cruisers, Holiday Inn, Jackson Ms pre-'49
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 11-12	Rock & Roll Revival by Queen City Rods, Holiday Inn NE, 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 Rude & the Dudes Rod Run (Bubba Nats) Biloxi Miss. pre-'59

NOVEMBER 29-31 Turkey Run, West Florida SRA Pensacola, Florida pre-'49

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**TUESDAY CROOZDAY SCHEDULE**

**June 4           Hudgey's on Daniel Lake Blvd**  
**June 11          Mazzio's in Brandon**  
**June 18          Jerry's Catfish House in Florence**  
**June 25          Red, Hot & Blue Bar-B-Q**  
**July 2           Western Sizzler Steak House in Pearl**

**NEXT CLUB MEETING**

Well gang, it's that time of year again. The annual Dixie Run goodie bag packing party and ice cream eating festival is the next thing scheduled. It will be in our back yard, Sunday afternoon, June 9 at 4 o'clock. As hot as its been lately, the shade won't be in the back yard until then. Bring your contributions to the goodie bags and we'll get them packed first, then have some good ole ice cream and cake, etc. Come help us get this job done again and then we'll enjoy the rest of the evening. The more of you who come help, the easier and quicker the goodie bag packing job gets finished. We will need a little help with additional ice cream as we only have one freezer this year. Also bring a cake or brownies or chocolate pie or pecan pie or.....I'm trying to gain back all that weight I lost while in the hospital. So **ALL Y'ALL** come on out that afternoon and help us get this job done; then kick back for some visiting and fun before the next weekend's hard work of Dixie Run. Come in your street rod if at all possible, and park in my or Joe's back yard. And bring your own lawn chair.

Til next time  
Drive carefully

