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DIXIE RUN UPDATE

Entries are beginning to come in again for Dixie Run. We got two from Alabama today bringing the total of states represented to six. Sammie is preparing a list of trophies which will be sent to you for you to volunteer to make a couple of your choice. If you have a game you'd like to put on, sign up for that also. Pre-registered entries will again be eligible to win a complete MIG welder worth over \$400.

BITS & PIECES

Well, a lot has gone on since last newsletter. Several of our group has been in area hospitals. Kim is recuperating from surgery and feeling better. The Round One had a close call with a heart attack and had to have angioplasty on an artery. He is out now and going just about as full speed as his heart will let him. I had to wait for him to get out of St. Dominics before I could check in. More about that later.....We had 25 cars riding in the Dixie National parade last month. That was quite a turnout. Rods from our club, Ole Brook Cruisers, Dixie Rods, and Mid Miss. Cruisers all joined the ride. Many of them went over to Vicksburg after the parade to the Pemberton Mall show. Jackie Sifford's truck won a top ten trophy at the show there.....We've heard some preliminary plans for a week-long car event on the coast in October. The Tourism Bureau and the Casino Commission announced plans on local TV for an event patterned after the "Hot August Nights" event in Reno, Nevada. All the casinos in Biloxi and Gulfport will be hosting various car shows all during the week with giveaways and other special things planned. We'll keep you posted as we find out more about it.....If you plan to take the Dogwood Cruise on March 30 with the Vicksburg Cruisers, here's the scoop. The train pulls out at 10 a.m. Saturday from the Trustmark Bank on 61 South. Destination is Coles Creek picnic area on the Natchez Trace. The return trip goes through Lorman with a stop at the old antique store. For further details call Larry Marcy at 638-2666.....Sherry Fisackerly was scheduled to be one of the runners carrying the Olympic Torch through the state this summer. But with the dry conditions prevailing, the Forestry Commission turned her down completely. They were afraid she'd fall down and cause a major fire. She and Jimmy were on a cruise ship in the Caribbean the same weekend those two planes went down near Cuba. Wonder if.....We've heard rumors that NSRA rep Mike Goldman is planning an NSRA appreciation day some time in August. Let us know when, Mike.....Mark and Shonda Sifford moved into a new house March 1st. We'll all show up over there one night soon for a house leveling.....The Round One called me with the results from the Ricky Salyer show in Brookhaven. Annette, Sammy Mike, and Danny won top 20 trophies, Half Round won people's choice and "best hammered" trophies, Annette won best Ford, Mike won oldest car, and Ms Round won the 50/50 pot cash. Wow.

GARAGE SCENE

Well, the unusually warm February weather has everyone out working on their rides. It was not unusual to get a phone call and hear "Hey, Listen to this!", followed by the unmistakable roar of an engine coming to life. Sammy's new 350 sounded crisp and the Ford in Jack Creel's truck was also running. On one Saturday morning the Round One, Paul Acey, Sammy Howell, Brian Scurlock and Joe Thomas were all in and out of my shop while we wired the starting circuit on the coupe. Before they all left I could actually sit in the driver's seat, turn the key and spin the 307 over. That was a thrill. Been a long time coming. With the little stretch of spring weather we had, I got in a little bit of work on all three of my projects before I had to shut down for that doggone hospital stay. I did a little rust treatment on the Dodge. Also did a little trimming on

the rear clip that will go under it. On the Ford project, I had the late model rear springs shortened and arched. Also got the power steering hoses made up for it while doing the same for the coupe. I pulled the rear end back out of the coupe to weld the axle pads on it. Yes I forgot. But considering the mental state I've been in for the past two months waiting on this heart operation, it's a wonder I remember anything. I had Donald cut the dash insert so the gauges would fit differently. Looks sharp with the aluminum base and gold framed VDO's in that red dash. Also cut and painted the drive shaft and put in new universals. Painted the bracket for the transmission cooler which will be stashed in front of the crossmember just below the grille. So far I've scratched the new paint in three places. Jacked up the car with the trunk lid up which hit the overhead door in the shop. Absolute brain fade.....Wayne is still fighting the new fenders and running boards on his coupe. Some times it's tough to get all that stuff lined up.....Joe has installed a triple 12 volt receptacle in his A model to let him run his CB and cell phone.....Matching a small GM power steering pump to a Mustang II rack might sound simple enough, but I spent the better part of two days plumbing the darn thing and still did not finish. I had three racks. Two of them have regular flared fittings on both the pressure line and the return line. The other rack has that stupid inverted fitting O-ring arrangement. The small GM pump also has the inverted O-ring fitting. The old style GM canister style pump has regular flared fittings. Naturally on my car I have the late pump (inverted O-ring) and the rack with the flared fittings. So I found out the fitting off a canister pump will interchange with the fitting on the new GM pump. This at least gave me flared fittings on both the pump and the rack. So I had a piece of hose made up and cured the first problem. This required a second trip to the hose store to get the fittings turned 180 degrees opposite each other so the hose would loop around and connect. Then I tried to figure out how to fix the truck. It had just the opposite problem (flared fitting on the pump and inverted O-ring on the rack) The place that made up the hose did not have an inverted O-ring fitting to match the one on the Mustang rack. So I took the old Ford power steering hose end to the hose store and they grafted it on to a new piece with a flared fitting on the other end to match the old GM canister pump. There's more hardware on that 9 inches of hose than on the whole space shuttle. Is all that clear? Ain't street rodding fun.....While recuperating from his heart problems, the Round one cleaned up his shop enough that he was able to roll the Chrysler outside. He says he's worked on it some too. Maybe it will run this year.Donald Wade is working on the dash on his new sedan delivery.....I finally got to see Lloyd's new '37 coupe. Sharp car.....Down in Louisiana our friend Larry "Cruisin News" Crain has sold his faithful 48 Chevy coupe to Ricky Guidry and is in crash mode to finish his new '37 Ford. OK Crain, you better show up at Dixie Run with that C-dan Ford thing this year, and bring Guidry AND Bruno with you so you won't get lost. Bruno is working on a new project also, his twelfth project this year and it's just March.....Brian has put a new seat in his pickup. The old buckets were replaced with a bench seat from a small Ford.....James Pittman had some problems on the way home from Brookhaven. Coming off I 55 at Byram, the bottom A frame on his Nomad decided to break, Luckily, nobody got hurt and he was able to tow the car on home.....Randy Creel, another of the numerous Creel brothers had debuted his first street rod. It is a nice looking '46 or '47 or '48 Ford coupe. I'm not sure of the year model, those look so much alike, but it is bright red with some nice wheels and all the other stuff a street rod needs. I know he'll enjoy riding in it.....Jack Creel has his '40 Ford truck on the road again after some extensive work over the winter.....Round Man says Half Round wants a '32 really bad. So don't be surprised if the pickup is not replaced later this year.

Check out the following revised calendar. Some dates have been changed and some new events have been added.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 1996

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| MARCH 2 | Ricky Salyer All American Autorama, Brookhaven |
| MARCH 8-10 | Bayou Self Rod Run, Quality Inn, Houma, La pre-'49 |
| MARCH 29-31 | Spindletop Rod Run, Holiday Inn, Beaumont, Texas pre-'49 |
| MARCH 30 | Dogwood Run by Vicksburg Cruisers |

MARCH 30 Rapids Run car show, Rapids on the Reservoir, by Jackson Camaro Club

APRIL 6-7 April Fool's Run, Magnolia, Arkansas Fairgrounds pre-'60
 APRIL 13 Strawberry Classic Show & Swap Meet, Ponchatoula, La.
 APRIL 12-14 Deep South Rod Run, Birmingham, Alabama pre-'49
 APRIL 12-14 Rollin' Rods of East Texas rod run Kilgore, Texas, City Park, pre '60
 APRIL 13-14 Super Chevy Weekend , Memphis Tennessee
 APRIL 19-21 Sunny Beaches Rod Run, Holidome-Navarre, 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. open
 APRIL 27 Crimson Cruisers Spring Car Show, Tuscaloosa, Al pre-'71

MAY 3-5 NSRA Nats South, Knoxville Tennessee pre-'49
 MAY 4 Special Olympics Car Show Jackson
 MAY 4 Super Sonic Cruise, County Line Road Sonic. by Camaro Club
 MAY 11 Wheels of the Past Car Show & Swap Meet , Walker, La
 MAY 17-19 Spring Fling rod run #2, 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
 MAY 24-26 Moonlighter's 14th Annual Rod Run Minden, La

JUNE 1-2 Muscle Shoals Rod Run Muscle Shoals, Alabama
 JUNE 8 Broiler Festival open car show Gaddis Park , Forest, Ms
 JUNE 8 Thunder on the Water Car show, Grenada Lake ,Ms
 JUNE 14-16 **18TH ANNUAL DIXIE RUN, Holiday Inn SW, JACKSON MS**
 JUNE 21-23 Nocalula Falls rod run 13 Gadsden Alabama
 JUNE 22 Fun Run '96 Bay Fest car show, Bay Springs, Ms

JULY 12-14 Klasy 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 6-8 Vicksburg Landing /Rainbow Casino car show, Vicksburg Ms pre-'73
 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

FOR SALE: '36 Dodge 4 door sedan street rod. Owned & built by the late Jimmie Chancellor. Chopped top, Nova Clip, 350 Chevy w/automatic, much more. Engine needs repair. Car has been previously driven but is not running at present. Fresh white and blue paint, needs interior. Just a little more work and have one of the finest rods around. See and make offer near \$7000. Call Susan Chancellor at (601) 825-4913

TUESDAY CROOZDAY SCHEDULE

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| March 5 | Scotty's Restaurant on Terry Road |
| March 12 | Red Hot & Blue Bar-B-Q on County Line Road |
| March 19 | Jerry's Catfish House in Florence |
| March 26 | Fernando's restaurant in Byram |
| April 2 | Pasquale's Pizza on Lakeland Drive |

NEXT CLUB MEETING

Hopefully, the weather will cooperate and we'll have a cruise/meeting Sunday, March 24, at 2 p.m. at the home of Brian and Kathy Scurlock in Terry. Since none of you know where it is, it will give us an excuse to meet and have a **CRUISE** out there. Maybe they'll let me start driving by then, so I'll lead the way since I'm the only one besides Wayne who knows where it is. It's about four or five miles from McD's, so it's just a nice little ride. Meet at about 2 p.m. at the McDonald's parking lot on Terry Road in Byram, across the street from the school. We'll pull out at 2 sharp and cruise out to their house. So come in your street rod if possible. After the meeting there will be refreshments of some type. **Probably BIRTHDAY CAKE.** Sandy Wade, John Little, Wayne Thomas and me all have birthdays on or real close to this date, so look out. Come help us celebrate one more time.

ONE MORE PERSONAL NOTE

By the time you read this I hope to be recuperating from heart surgery to replace a valve. The "fun" was scheduled for Tuesday March 5. Your cards, phone calls and well wishes prior to this mess have made it a lot more bearable. Thank you, and hope to see you all soon. Thanks to the other club members who chipped in and got this newsletter out this month.

Til next time
Drive carefully



Kim and I would like to thank everyone for all the calls, heart felt cards and delicious food. Kim is doing much better now.

You are all very special to us. We feel very fortunate to be a part of a family known as Street Rodders.

Sammie & Kim