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BITS & PIECES

We received a big package of stuff from the promoters of the Cruisin' The Coast event, scheduled for October 9-12. There were entry blanks, fact sheets and even a video tape of the coast's attractions included in the package. I've seen several full page ads in various street rod magazines, so these folks are really marketing their show well. They have apparently listened to the complaints from last year's event and have changed things to improve their event. Here's the info straight from the flier. Pre-registration of \$25 before Sept 15 gives you : Car packet, dash plaque, Fun Book (with offers for free and discount items), free concert parking, access to "registered car only" parking areas at all event sites. Participation in Show-N-Shines, classic car cruise, entry into \$15,000 cash prize drawing. Admission to show-n-shine live entertainment and activities. Free T shirt. There will be three show-n-shine sites; **Gulfport's** Jones park on the beach at the port at the hwy 49 and 90 intersection, **Biloxi** at Point Cadet Plaza and Beach Blvd, and **Bay St. Louis** old town area. Unlike last year, the show-n-shines run concurrently at each location and you are not required to stay for a certain period of time. If you choose to participate and qualify for the \$15,000 cash prize drawings, you will be required to attend at least one Show-N-Shine event at each of the three event areas over the three days. A map and schedule of events will be provided to you at the on-site registration area when you arrive. If you do not wish to participate in the show-n-shine and qualify for the drawings, you will still have access to all three event sites as a registered participant. The big bucks will be given away as one \$5000 grand prize and 20 \$500 prizes. There will be free entertainment as well as some requiring admission fee to a big outdoor concert Saturday night at the Gulf Coast Coliseum. Entertainers listed are Jan & Dean, Little Anthony and the Imperials, Chubby Checker and Percy Sledge. I have plenty of entry blanks, motel lists (some are giving special rates for this event) and the videotape to look at if you want to make plans to go. I think I'll try it this year. Looks like the best motel rates are at the Holiday Inn Express near the coliseum.....Paul Acey was the only one from here who went to Oklahoma to the NATS. He tells me he attended several great seminars and visited friends and just had a great time. He didn't tell me about getting stopped by the Texas cop coming home. But I heard that somewhere near Dallas in the middle of the night the blue lights came on. Turned out the cop was a street rodder and only wanted to get a close look at Paul's Mullins trailer. The cop even apologized for the inconvenience of stopping him. Car count at this year's NATS was 9000+. Southeastern rod pick was Glen Harrison's fine silver '40 Ford sedan delivery from Columbia, Mississippi.Here's something you might want to go see and participate in. On Saturday, August 16, the Dixie Street Rodders in McComb are having their annual Edgewater Mall open show. It is out in the Mall parking lot, so it will be hot, but you can go into the Mall to cool off. Games, dash plaques, top 10 trophies, 50/50 pot, and a poker walk in the mall are scheduled. Things will start at 8 and end about 4 p.m. Then, on your way home from McComb, you can stop off in Brookhaven at a super-cruise at Bumpers drive in on highway 51 near Brookway. This event is sponsored by Bumper's and Auto Zone. It starts at 6 p.m. with dash plaques, door prizes and top 3 trophies to be awarded in each class sometime close to 10 o'clock. So if you want to make a full day of it, hit this two-event deal next Saturday. It would probably be a good club trip if y'all want to get together and go.....We see that congratulations are due the Capitol City Street Rod Association over in Montgomery, Alabama. That club celebrates their 25th anniversary this year. Ok you guys, it's time you

hosted a rod run again.

GARAGE SCENE

The Round One sold his 40 Ford panel truck to a guy in Shreveport. Now what in the world will we hang the club sign on during the parades? He says he is going to get busy on the Chrysler again.....Finally found the rattle in my left front suspension. Loose brake rotor.....Sifford has just purchased a model A vickie body to replace the sedan body of his project A. The sedan body is for sale for \$1000. It has new wood in it and is solid. Call 601/373-5590 if you are interested.....He's also had the cab dipped on Mark's 41 Chevy pickup. Maybe they'll get started on it soon.....Wayne Thomas has his '34 back together after a bit of radiator trouble. Probably broke it on that bad road to Shreveport.....Steve Thomas is building a fresh engine for his '36 Ford.....Don Wade has the rear door frame about finished on his sedan delivery.....If you have a 3-speed transmission that will fit a 50 Chevy pickup, call Eddie Peeples at 845-8999. He needs a replacement for his stock unit.....Art Todd asked me to help sell his '39 Plymouth convertible. It has four new Michelin tires, a 350/350 set up, a Gibbons glass removable top and he'll take \$4500 or best offer. He'll deal cause he wants to move this car. Call him at 601/372-2032.

RUDE & DUDES ROD RUN

We had a fun weekend on the coast at the second annual Bubba Nationals. All the Round Ones, Siffords, Creels, Howells, Thomas, Wades, and Grogans were there, so MSRA was well represented. The off and on rains Friday and Saturday kept us running in and out of shelter but the car talk and visiting kept right on going. We heard all kinds of stories from those who had just gotten back from the NSRA event in Oklahoma. One story involved Kathy Wittge and her rating system of cars and their young drivers. She is being referred to now as one of the Hooter Girls. After giving one of the young men a 10+ rating, Kathy received a message from the guy she rated. No, I won't tell you what was written on his door window when he rolled it up, you'll just have to ask someone who saw the episode. (like Larry Crain) Speaking of Crain, he was not at Rude & Dudes and it sure was peaceful. But back to the rod run, when the rain quit Saturday afternoon everybody was out visiting and enjoying each other. There were several cars there that I had not seen in several years. The poolside band played outdoors and a bunch of us enjoyed it from the upstairs balcony where a breeze was blowing most of the time. A bunch of old grey-haired geezers (sure did look like some of those Louisiana street rodders) crashed the dance and attempted to participate in the rock-and-roll. Most of the time was spent getting one or another of their knee joints unlocked or preventing them all from collapsing in a heap on the ground. It was hilarious. Another funny was when Don Wade got off balance and fell out of his chair while sitting there talking to us in the registration room. Talk about ratings; that dive was a 10.5. Sherry Fisackerly was thrilled to hear someone was a klutz besides her; but the next thing you know, she was riding around the parking lot on a motorized pedal car. Talk about calling 911. Fortunately she didn't hit anyone. The door prizes were plentiful and I think most all of our bunch won at least one thing. Les, Rocky, Darold, Shawn, Bonnie, Mrs. G and all the rest worked hard to put this one and we give them a great big THANKS for a fun weekend. Bubba too.

1997 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| AUG 16 | Edgewood Mall car show by Dixie Street Rods in McComb |
| AUG 16 | Cruise-In night at Bumpers in Brookhaven |
| AUG 29-31 | 19th R.O.D.S. Labor Day run . Baton Rouge, Louisiana |
| AUG 30 | Cruise to the Creek. Alabaster, Alabama Pre-'73 |
| SEPT 5-6 | Shades of the Past Rod Run XV. Pigeon Forge, Tennessee |
| SEPT 6 | Super Cruise by Camaro Club. Sonic Drive-in on County Line Road |
| SEPT 12-14 | 9th Ole Brook Cruisers rod run. Brookhaven, Mississippi |

- SEPT 19-21 Singing River Rod Run . Biloxi, Mississippi
 SEPT 19-21 Shelby County Street Rods rod run. Memphis, Tennessee
 SEPT 26-28 Queen City Rod & Custom Rock & Roll Revival. Meridian Mississippi
- OCT 3-5 Arkansas SRA rod run. Lake DeGray, Arkansas
 OCT 4-5 Crawfish Classic car show Parc Hardy, Breaux Bridge, Louisiana
 OCT 9-12 Cruisin' the Coast car show & Music fest. Various Gulf Coast venues
 OCT 10-12 Ole South Rod Run V West Monroe, La
 OCT 18 Heritage Festival Car Show, Raleigh, MS open show 782-4506
 OCT 17-19 NSRA Southeast Nats. Tampa, Florida
 OCT 24-26 Halloween Fun Run. Street Rods Ltd. Tupelo Mississippi
 OCT 25 Sheriff's Office Benefit car show. Elmwood Shopping Center, Metairie Louisiana
- NOV 28-30 Turkey Run. West Fla Street Rods. Pensacola, Florida
- DEC 13 Toys for Tots Santa Cruise. Singing River Rods, Biloxi Mississippi

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- JAN 23-25 6th Annual Winter Rod Run, Diamondhead Resort Inn, Diamondhead , Mississippi
- MAR 13-15 Parade of Rods 98, Mardi Gras Street Rods, Houma, Louisiana. Quality Inn
 MAR 22 Critter's Cruise II (tentative date)
- APRIL 24-26 Dixie Street Rods 16th annual rod run Best Western McComb, Mississippi
- AUG 6-9 NSRA Street Rod Nationals Louisville, Kentucky

TUESDAY EATIN' MEETIN' DATES

- Aug 12 Jerry's Catfish Restaurant in Florence
 Aug 19 Sonny's Bar-B-Q on highway 80
 Aug 26 Punchy's Restaurant on Raymond Road
 Sept 2 Wynndale Steak House on Springridge Road
 Sept 9 Jerry's Catfish House in Florence

CHEVY TRIVIA

What year did Chevrolet first produce an overhead valve V-8 engine and what size (cubic inches) was it? Answer next month.

Til Next Time
 Drive Carefully

Jack

Answers are due