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BITS & PIECES

The Round Ones and some of the Siffords attended the Covington Rod Run in May. Half-Round and Three-Quarter Round managed to win two or three games. Our newsletter won a plaque from the Covington Street Rods. Thanks to all of you CSR guys, we appreciate it very much.....Steve Loudermilk, Wayne Thomas, Brian Scurlock, Jimmy Creel, Joe, Jerry and Steve Thomas, Sammie and Kim Howell, Gene Purser, and I drove our street rods to the Florence Day car show there last month. They let spectators vote on their favorite cars. Club cars came out real good, winning all but two of the trophies. Gene's 40 Ford also won the Police Chief's pick awardSpeaking of club prez Jimmy Creel, he spent last weekend in the hospital fighting a kidney stone. I understand he is at home but still has the stone.....Joe Doyle is back in the hospital for surgery to correct some problems from his recent lung surgery. Joe has some viral infections that must be cleared up before the surgery can be done. Joe is very sick. Keep him in your prayers.....We just welcomed a brand new granddaughter, Ashley Catlynn, to our family. Mom Karen is fine, but Critter is insanely jealous every time I hold her. He will just have to get over it, cause in November we'll be having another one join us as Kathy and Brian are also expecting. Street rods are just gonna have to play second fiddle for a while.....I made another one of those trips with Roundman-to Chattanooga, Tennessee-but it was uneventful. Except for watching him wire the trailer lights--while holding a flashlight in his mouth--in a truck stop parking lot outside of Tuscaloosa Alabama--at 2:30 in the morning--in a driving rain storm . For him that's normal.....Since MSRA has been on the internet, Sammie says there have been 800 inquiries to our web page. We even had one rod run entry made from having the entry blank appearing on our web page. The rodder from Texas pulled it up and printed it at his home, then mailed it in. Ain't technology wonderful.....Randy Wilson thinks a web site is a place where a bunch of spiders live.....Drove my street rod to my 40th high school reunion recently and they really took a lot of pictures of it. Some of them think I'm a genius and I sure didn't tell 'em any different. It was surprising how many of them had E-mail addresses and exchanged them with classmates to give a whole new way of communicating. This is from a group of people who were just getting introduced to a new toy called television way back in the 50's when we were in school. Well, they may all have E mail addresses, but I was the only one with a street rod!

GARAGE SCENE

Half-Round sold his '48 Chevy pickup. He's looking for something new now.....Round Man and Three Quarter Round have their '34 Chevy pickup running. He's sitting on a couple of 2X6 boards but by gosh it's running up and down the road.....James Pittman rolled in from Nashville with his newly purchased '48 Chevy 4 door sedan. He still has some work left to do on it, but by gosh he's running up and down the road too.....Jerry Thomas has put a new set of headlights on his model A, replacing the stock units with some later models..... My new wheels finally came and the coupe should look a little different next time you see it.

MISSISSIPPI NSRA APPRECIATION DAY SET FOR JULY 5

On Saturday, July 5, we invite you to come to Hazlehurst for a day that promises to be a fun filled one. The site, Lake Hazle, is located in the middle of Hazlehurst just behind the Wal-Mart store on state highway 28. Highway 28 is at exit 61 off Interstate 55, about 30 miles south of Jackson. The several acre lake is stocked with bass for those of you who want to fish. There is a

brand new pavilion on a little peninsula out in the lake where we will gather. A paved parking lot adjoins the lake for parking your street rod. Admission is free. Each entrant will receive a goodie bag from the Chamber of Commerce with a coupon for free hamburgers and hot dogs. There will be trophies presented by the mayor, other city officials, and merchants, as well as door prizes donated by local merchants. They are arranging for entertainment, some kiddie rides and no telling what else, as the town plans to really get into it to make us feel welcome. **There will be special rates at the local Ramada for any of you who want to come in on the Friday before.** So it looks like this will be a big day for NSRA and street rodding in Mississippi. Things will kick off at 10 a.m. and wind up about 4. **Each club is encouraged to come and be responsible for one game. Provide scorekeepers and a trophy for the winner of your game.** So make your plans now to be there, support Chicken Willie and Sammie Howell our NSRA rep. and inspector, and help give us a large number of street rods for the folks in Hazlehurst to look at. They will have a big welcome for us. NSRA pins will go to each entry along with a dash plaque. NSRA Safety Inspections will be going on too. Our bunch here in Jackson has talked about a caravan down there Saturday morning. All clubs to the north, east, and west are invited to join us. All the clubs on the Gulf coast are encouraged to caravan in from the south. There's nothing more fun than a two mile stretch of street rods going somewhere together. Any of our friends in Louisiana and Arkansas who read this are also invited. We sure would like to bring 100 or 150 rods to this little town. We plan to give it big coverage in *Street Scene*, too, so come on and join us. We'll have more details as it gets closer. If you have any questions call C.W. or Sammie or me.

1997 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- JUNE 7 Broiler Festival car show. Gaddis Park. Forest Mississippi open
 JUNE 8 2 P.M. MSRA goodie bag packing party. Joe Thomas' shop
 JUNE 13-15 19th DIXIE RUN at HOLIDAY INN in JACKSON MISSISSIPPI
 JUNE 20-22 Noccalula Falls Rod Run Gadsden Alabama
 JUNE 27-29 Klassy Kruzers Rod Run . Crossett, Arkansas pre '66
- JULY 5 NSRA APPRECIATION DAY, Lake Hazle, Hazlehurst, 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 25-27 Catfish Run Miss. Delta Street Rods. Sardis Mississippi
 JULY 26 Super Cruise by Camaro Club. Sonic Drive-in on County Line Road
 JULY 31- NSRA Nationals, Fairgrounds, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
 AUG 3
- AUG 8-10 Rude & the Dudes rod run II . Biloxi Ms
 AUG 9 Herrin Gear Invitational Car Show by Camaro Club. I55 North
 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 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 17-19 NSRA Southeast Nats. Tampa, Florida
 OCT 24-26 Halloween Fun Run. Street Rods Ltd. Tupelo Mississippi

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

TUESDAY EATIN' MEETIN' DATES

June 3 Jerry's Fish House in Florence

June 10 Scottie's Drive In on Terry Road

June 17 Sonny's BBQ on highway 80

June 24 Wynndale Steak House on Spring Ridge Road

July 1 Jerry's Catfish House in Florence

July 8 Red Hot & Blue BBQ (new place) on 80 in Brandon

July 15 Hudgey's Restaurant on Daniel Lake at Cooper Road

July 22 Scottie's Drive In on Terry Road

FOR SALE

Four new 245 X 14 60 series tires mounted on new 14" X 6 American Stars. Mike Chambles
601-992-1241

FOR SALE

'48 Chevy panel truck. New burgundy paint. See Ben Muise at Dixie Run. Make offer.

DIXIE RUN UPDATE

If you haven't made you room reservations, call the Holiday Inn at 355-3472 during the day and ask for Linda in reservations. She'll help you get the rooms you need. An entry from Joplin, Missouri, one from Greenville Illinois, and another from Fayetteville, Georgia brings the number of states represented to **eleven** so far for this year's run. With over 110 rods already pre-registered, looks like things will be about like last year-another great crowd. There are no less than **three** Lincoln Zephyrs registered. Two of them, a '37 convertible and a '39 sedan, will be making their first appearance here. If you aren't working yet on your trophy(s) you'd better get started. If you've forgotten which one you signed up for a couple of months ago, you'd better check in with prez Creel to be sure. Also you are reminded each member should provide five door prizes for the auction. You will be contacted again about the Friday supper. Bring plenty of food as the crowd appears to be about as large as it was last year. Game assignments were made last week at the club meeting. Those in charge, don't forget to make your trophy for your game. Score sheets will be provided for you. Also, **there will be a work session Saturday afternoon, June 7 at the Holiday Inn.** Some small clean-up in the new area behind the grass field will be going on, so come help if you can. Then at **2 o'clock on Sunday afternoon June 8,** we'll meet for our annual goodie bag packing session. Bring your items for the goodie bags to our place. The packing will be in Joe Thomas' new air conditioned shop. Soon as we finish, we'll go back over to our house next door for some home-made ice cream and cake. Feel free to bring a freezer of ice cream or some cake/cookies and come help us get this important job done. Looks like everything is falling in to place for Dixie Run 19. So come help with these pre-run activities leading up to our rod run. It takes **everybody** working to make this thing come off smoothly, so don't hesitate to jump in and help where you're needed at the rod run.

Til Next Time

Drive Carefully

