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BITS & PIECES

We got a letter from the Neshoba County Fair inviting us to their car show Sunday, August 2. The show will be on Founder's Square inside the fairgrounds starting at 10:30 on Sunday morning. Then at 11:30 there will be a parade of entries around the horse race track where awards will be made. After this you can park back at the square and enjoy the fair as long as you want to. In prior years, this show has been primarily for antique cars, but we've been invited this year. So why don't we go! If you plan to go, just fill out one of the (free) entry blanks, get it back to me, and I'll be glad to send them all in for you. They will arrange for two free passes to the fair for each car entered before July 25. This will allow you to get in free and watch all the stuff going on that Sunday. There will be harness races on the horse track that afternoon followed by some type of name entertainment act later that day. Also there are the carnival rides and all the other stuff associated with a county fair for us to enjoy. **Let me know if you plan to go so we can get your name on the admittance pass list.** We'll meet at the Crossgates Exxon at 8 o'clock and ride I 20 over to Forest, go north on 35, then up State road 21 through Sebastapol to the fairgrounds main gate where passes will be given to those with their name on the entry list..... We've seen a flier from the new Big River Classics here in town advertising a new show scheduled on August 28 and 29 at the Holiday Inn Southwest in Jackson. This event is open to rods and classics through 1972 models. For info call Keith Thurman at 373-3138 or Art Todd at 372-2032. Pre-entry fee is \$20.

DON'T FORGET THE MISSISSIPPI NSRA APPRECIATION DAY JULY 4

The 11th annual NSRA Appreciation Day will be held on Saturday, July 4, again this year at Lake Hazle in Hazlehurst Mississippi. The fun kicks off at 10 a.m. ending about 4 or so with a parade through downtown Hazlehurst. This year some new things are being added by the Hazlehurst Chamber of Commerce. First, the location is being moved across to the other side of the lake by the larger pavilion and rest rooms. This will also allow parking on the grass right down by the water's edge with more shade trees. Live entertainment all day, door prizes, dash plaques, trophies, arts and crafts booths, food, **ALL FREE**, make this a really nice way to spend your July 4 holiday. Chicken tells me he expects a whole bunch of cars this year, probably many more than last year. He also asks each club to put on a game during the day along with providing an award for the winner. NSRA pins will be given to all participants and Sammie's team will be on hand to do NSRA inspections. It is rumored that the entire Southern Papparazzi will attend and might even hold its convention there if an agenda can be put together. So make plans to come on down and join us. Lake Hazle is located behind Wal-Mart on highway 28 just east of I 55 via exit 61. If you need more info call C.W. at 601/833-4606.....**Attention MSRA club members.** Wanna cruise down there together like we did last year? If so, meet at the Byram McDonald's that Saturday morning. We'll pull out about 9 a.m., so come early if you want to eat breakfast before leaving. Anyone coming from other parts of the state is more than welcome to join us there at McDonald's located just west of the I 55 Byram exit. Vicksburg, Meridian How bout it? It's always a lot more fun when a whole string of rods cruise together somewhere. Hazlehurst is about a 25 minute drive from Byram and is not much more out of your way from Meridian or Vicksburg. Come join us. I see where the Vicksburg bunch is

leaving there about the same time. Maybe we'll get together down I 55 somewhere.

GARAGE SCENE

Freddie Waters has a new street rod. He purchased a fine red '46 Chevy pickup. He told me that Roundman and Sifford worked on his '40 Ford sedan so much he had to get a backup car to insure he'd have something that would run.....Joe has his '34 up on jackstands going over it, tightening all the loose stuff from the long trip to California last month. He's getting ready for another tour to the NATS in Vermont this fall.....At Dixie Run I did something I've always wanted to do. Got my street rod penstriped. Joey Hutson from Monroe laid some black and gold lines on the red Chevy as well as some lettering on the trunk corner. Several people have asked why "Rattletrap" was lettered on my car. That goes back a looooooong way to when I used to go to the dirt track races in West Memphis, Arkansas to watch my all time hero, the legendary Hooker Hood from Memphis race. He ran a cut down 32 coupe with "Rattletrap" written on the hood in big red letters. I loved that ol' car. It went through countless wrecks and flips, but always came back year after year. When I raced go karts back in the 60's, I ran Hooker's number 99 with "Rattletrap" written on the number panels of all my karts. Back in the days of the CB radio craze, my CB handle was "Rattletrap" and exchanged QSL cards with other CBER's. My card had a picture of Hooker's "Rattletrap" on it. So you can excuse my little trip back into nostalgia-land, but that "Rattletrap" name carries a lot of significance and wonderful memories everywhere the Chevy goes now.....Speaking of pinstripes, John Tramell had his new trailer striped also. The painted-on door handles looked so real people would try to touch them. His '32 will be striped to match as soon as he gets it repainted.....

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 1998

- JULY 4 NSRA Appreciation Day Hazlehurst, Ms.
JULY 10-12 Fun Run '98 Klassy Kruzers Crossett, Arkansas pre '60
JULY 24-26 Catfish Run Ms Delta rods Sardis Lake, Mississippi pre '49
- AUG 6-9 NSRA Street Rod Nationals Louisville, Kentucky pre '49
AUG 28-30 Big River Classics rod run. Holiday Inn , Jackson, MS pre '73
- SEPT 4-6 Ramblin' Oldies Labor Day Rod Run, Baton Rouge Louisiana pre '49
SEPT 18-20 Singing River Rod Run Biloxi, Mississippi pre '69
SEPT 25-27 Queen City Rock & Roll Rod run Meridian, Mississippi
- OCT 9-11 6th Annual Northeast La. Street Rod Assn. Run. Monroe, Louisiana
OCT 8-11 3rd Annual Cruisin' the Coast. Mississippi Gulf Coast Beaches
OCT 16-18 NSRA Southeast NATS Tampa, Florida
OCT 23-25 Halloween Fun Run Tupelo, Mississippi pre '49
- NOV 8 Vicksburg Cruisers Fall Fling. Grand Gulf Park in Port Gibson
NOV 13-15 Ole Brook Cruisers 10th rod run Brookhaven, Mississippi pre '73
- JAN 22-24 (1999) 7th Annual Winter Rod Run, Diamondhead, Ms.
- FEB 19-21 Calcasieu Street Rods 16th Annual Run. Holiday Inn. Sulphur, La pre-'75
- MAR 12-14 Mardi Gras Street Rods Parade of Rods. Quality Inn. Houma, La. pre-'49

DIXIE RUN RECAP

I can't remember a Dixie Run where it was any hotter. And I also think that this was one of the best if not the best field of cars we've ever had. The car count was down a few from last year,

but the ones we did have were top notch. Everything went smoothly-like it should have with twenty years of experience-and it was a very good rod run. Jimmy wanted to thank all of you again for your help in making it the great rod run that it was. It was certainly great to have NSRA's Jake Moran back with us after an absence of several years. And the governor's proclamation declaring J.R. Stewart from Illinois an honorary citizen of Mississippi was a nice touch also. We wound up with street rods from **eleven** states; quite a unique thing for a small rod run to be able to claim. Excuse me for bragging, but I personally think that it was one to be proud of, and if you missed it, well, you missed a good one.

LOCAL STREET RODDER COMPETES IN IBC

With the International Ballet Competition being held in Jackson the same weekend as our rod run, we were naturally happy to find out that one of our fellow street rodders had a desire to compete in this cultural event. Randy Wilson of Summit, Mississippi, our own ambassador of cultural affairs brought his tutu with him and vowed to enter this prestigious international competition, held every four years in our city. With Crain and I managing him, we knew he would make an impression with the elite IBC staff, not to mention expanding his horizons to another level. So we took him down to the auditorium and attempted to enter him in the ballet. When we arrived, we knew we were in trouble with all those foreigners. Randy Wilson from Summit, Ms just didn't blend with the group, so we entered him as Randoni Wilsonavitch from the Republic of New Summit. The IBC officials questioned his dancing attire-a pink tutu over his overalls. They advised that most dancers wore tights. Randy..er Randoni..told them that Teresa said his overalls were already tight enough and he was working on losing some weight. Seeing that they were getting nowhere with this, the committee asked what music he was going to use. "Got any Charlie Daniels?" he asked. Eyebrows raised all over the room. I guessed they didn't, so I ran out to the car and got my ZZ Top tape. Randy absolutely dazzled them. Apparently none of them had ever seen anyone spin and gracefully fly through the air to the sounds of "Sharp Dressed Man" It was a fantastic performance. Me and Crain were very impressed and I think Crain even was plumb overcome with emotion. Randy placed sixth behind a Russian, two Romanians, some kid from New York and a sweet little Lithuanian boy who wanted to go home with Randy. Teresa said she'd be watching all the entrance roads to keep that from happening. There was more, but I'm out of space. You'd just have to have been there.

TUESDAY EATIN' MEETIN' DATES

July 7 Jerry's Catfish House in Florence
July 14 Punchy's on Raymond Road
July 21 Scotties on Terry Road
July 28 Xan's Diner in Clinton

NEXT CLUB MEETING

Prez Creel says there will be no club meeting in July. After all the hard work of putting on Dixie Run, we'll just take a month's rest. A date for an August meeting will be announced later.

LATE BREAKING NEWS

Wayne Thomas suffered serious injuries while working at his Texaco station last week. Seems that one of his elderly female customers drove her 90 Buick into the station last week and asked, "Do you have a rest room?" Y'all know that Wayne has gotten rather hard of hearing recently. (A result of having his head under the hood of too many loud race motors over the years) He thought the lady asked "Do you have a whisk broom.?" So he answered "No, but if you'll back up over here, I'll blow it out with my air hose." At which point the lady grabbed a tire tool and beat the daylights out of Wayne T. He still hasn't figured out why.

Til Next Time
Drive Carefully

