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BITS & PIECES

Every time I pick up a magazine lately, I see pictures of someone I know. Last month's *Street Scene* had a photo of ol' Larry Crain's '37 Ford. This is from winning the Southeast reps pick at the Nats in Louisville. Of course, he got the big head and won't have anything to do with Randy and me now. Then this past month's *Rod & Custom* had a photo of the Round Ones and Lee Roy Brewer's street rods parked in front of the Holley factory in Kentucky. They had taken a tour of the place and their rods, along with the Holley show car were photographed in the parking lot. Next, this month's *Street Scene* has a photo of Joe Zabaldano's 40 Chevy coupe on the Under 21 page.We received a letter last week from NSRA Division Director Mike Mayfield, announcing that he is retiring at the end of this year. No word yet on who will replace him.....My request in last month's newsletter for all clubs to send their 1999 event dates so that we can start building a calendar received little response. So I'll ask one more time. **Please send me your event dates for 1999 so that we can prepare a calendar for the upcoming January 16 planning meeting.....**Apparently NSRA was listening, as Jerry Kennedy sent me a complete list of NSRA events for the coming year. All the NSRA events scheduled in our area can be found in the calendar elsewhere in this newsletter.....Another reminder to all of you who have not yet applied for the scholarship money provided by Bo Laird; Bo says to hurry and do so. This money will be awarded soon to any college student from a Mississippi street rod family. I have application blanks I'd be happy to send to you.....We received a note from Ed and Mary Robinson asking me to pass along her sincere thanks to all of you who signed the huge sympathy card made up at the rod run in Monroe last month. Ed and Mary were at the run when she received news that her father had passed away. He was quite a fan of the old cars and will be missed by all.....Over in Vicksburg, Steve Osborne has been elected as the new president of the Vicksburg Cruisers. He vows that there will be some kind of event held in Vicksburg in '99. Just let us know when and where, Steve.....Club member Jack Creel underwent back surgery last week. Hope to see him up and around soon.....Steve Loudermilk showed us some pictures of his son who just graduated from school in the Navy and is now stationed at Pensacola NAS. He hopes to get involved in flight school some time soon. Seems like last time I saw him he was just a little ol' blond headed kid hanging around our cars. Time flies.....Just got back off a vacation to southern Colorado and New Mexico. That is absolutely the most beautiful place I've ever seen. I got to ride through Albuquerque on that historic hot rod highway, Route 66. Some of the locals told me that in 2001 there are plans for a cruise along the original route of this famous road, or what there is left of it, all the way from Chicago to Los Angeles.....**Looking ahead to June, the 21st Dixie Run here in Jackson will have a truly outstanding prize for those who pre-register. Frames-N-Thangs has given MSRA a '34 Ford frame to be awarded from a drawing of names of those of you who pre-register for the 1999 rod run. Much thanks to Lee Nottingham for this. Be sure and pre-register to be eligible for this fine '34 Ford frame.....**T-Tommy called to tell us that the Brookhaven Christmas parade will be held Thursday night, December 3 at 7 p.m. All of us are invited. Be there (same place as last year) at about 6 o'clock to line up. After the parade here will be a room reserved at the steak house for a small get-together for Ole Brook Cruisers and parade participants.

STATEWIDE STREET ROD PLANNING MEETING

The annual planning meeting of Mississippi street rod clubs has been scheduled for Saturday, January 16 in Jackson. The meeting will be held at the same location as last year, the Western Sizzlin Restaurant on Interstate 55 North. Take exit 100 (Northside Drive) to the north frontage road and look for the Western Sizzlin on the right. The meeting will start at 10:30 and wind up about 2:30 or 3 that afternoon. Each person is asked to kick in \$1 for the coffee and room service. A lunch break will come at noon with each person responsible for their own meal. As usual, the meeting will contain an open period for each club to promote their events for the year. Open discussion on any subject relating to street rods will also be on the agenda, plus some other things we're working on. Our NSRA reps will also be on hand. Representatives from each Mississippi club are urged to attend. Out-of-state clubs are welcome to come also or send fliers and other information concerning rod runs in adjoining states. Bring club member lists, rod run fliers, and anything else you can share with other club reps attending. Last year, a majority of the clubs were represented, and we hope to have 100% this year. If you have any questions concerning this meeting, call Sammie Howell at 922-9140 or me at 372-8050.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 1998

NOV 27-29 Turkey Run . West Fla Street Rods Pensacola, Florida pre-'49

DEC 5 Clinton Christmas Parade 10 a.m. D'Lo Christmas parade 3 p.m.

DEC 13 MSRA Christmas Party Raymond Lake clubhouse

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JAN 16 Statewide street rod planning meeting Jackson

JAN 22-24 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

APR 2-4 Rollin Rods of East Texas 24th run Kilgore, Texas

APR 16-18 Camelia City Car Show Slidell, Louisiana

APR 23-25 17th Dixie Rodders run McComb, MS pre-'49

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MAY 2 25th NSRA Nats South, Chilhowee Park, Knoxville, Tenn.

MAY 14-16 16th NSRA Mid-America Nats. Fairgrounds Springfield, Missouri

MAY 14-16 Spring Fling Covington, Louisiana

MAY 21-23 Moonlighters Rod Run Minden, Louisiana

JUNE 18-20 Dixie Run 21 Holiday Inn Southwest Jackson, Mississippi

JULY 9-11 16th NSRA Southwest Nats Fairgrounds Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

AUGUST 5-8 30th NSRA Nationals Fairgrounds Louisville, Kentucky

OCT 7-10 Cruisin' the Coast '99 Mississippi Gulf Coast

OCT 15-17 12th NSRA Southeast Nats fairgrounds Tampa, Florida

NOV 12-14 Ole Brook Cruisers Rod Run. Best Western Motel. Brookhaven, Mississippi

TUESDAY EATIN' MEETIN' DATES

November 24 Xan's Diner in Clinton
December 1 Sonny's BBQ on highway 80
December 8 Jerry's Catfish House in Florence
December 15 El Chico in MetroCenter
December 22 no meeting-Christmas week break
December 29 Sonny's BBQ on highway 80

WHAT ELSE'S BEEN GOING ON

The Round Ones, Siffords, Howells, Tramells, Loudermilks, and Jimmy Creel went to the Ole Brook rod run. Wayne Thomas, Bo Laird and myself also attended part of it. Never saw such a rain while I was there--it just would not quit. The field of street rods was about the best I've seen lately. There were a number of cars making their debut here, something different for this late in the season. Lonnie Cox showed up with this barely finished '37 Chevy pickup. Jerry Mowery's new '40 Chevy convertible made its first trip from Pensacola. There were several other new rides I'd not seen before, but the constant rain kept me from finding out who they were. I mean it was coming down. There was so much water running down the center of the parking lot, McGuffie declared it a "no wake" zone. Sammie Howell was wearing a life jacket over his rainsuit. Les Rude had four shower caps and three garbage bags wrapped around his engine to keep it dry. I got wet and cold and came home. I missed the Saturday night event where there was a celebration of the anniversary of the time Sherrie Fisackerly fell down the steps at the restaurant. Most all those who attended the original event were on hand, and, at the signal, displayed T shirts bearing the inscription "I survived dining out with the Flying Fisackerlys." Another one of them deals that you'd have to have been there to appreciate. Kathy Wittge called me aside to show me some secret photographs she had obtained from some unnamed source. I could not believe my eyes. Had to rush home and call fellow paparazzi Larry Crain. He had received the same photos. He couldn't believe them either. Pictures of a '34 Plymouth coupe--on a trailer!!!! The driver getting out had long hair and was wearing overalls. Could this possibly be--gasp-- the Psychic one? That great American--With a trailered car? We're waiting on the explanation. It oughta be a dandy. Hope fully T-Tommy and the Ole Brook Cruisers will have better weather next year. They worked hard to put on a good show in spite of the really wet weather.

HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

Make plans to join us on Saturday, December 5 for a day **slap-full** of Christmas activities. Two parades and a birthday party!! Meet at the McDonald's in Metro-Center around 8 or 8:30 for coffee and/or breakfast. Just after nine o'clock, we'll pull out and head to Clinton for our annual ride in their Christmas parade. The parade starts at 10 o'clock sharp from the parking lot of Morrison Heights Baptist church. After the parade is over, we'll run over to Shoney's or Xan's for a bit of lunch. After this, we'll head for D'Lo for some more stuff. We'll take the scenic back-roads route down Spring Ridge road, through Byram, across the Pearl River to Florence. Then we'll continue south down highway 49 to the D'Lo water park pavilion, where we've been invited to the Birthday Party for Bo Laird. They'll have birthday cake and stuff for Bo's 112th birthday celebration. After this, we'll head back into the town of D'Lo, where we will line up at the courthouse by 2:30 for the D'Lo Christmas parade which kicks off at 3 o'clock. This parade will be short, only a couple of blocks long, but I hear that after the parade there is a reception for parade participants at the courthouse with Christmas goodies for all. So make plans to come join us as we kick off this Christmas season with a day of showing off our cars and enjoying the spirit of the holidays.

NEXT CLUB MEETING

Sunday afternoon, December 13 at 1 p.m. we'll have the club Christmas party at the lodge on Raymond Lake. Meat and bread will be provided, so bring side dishes and dessert and your own drinks. As we've done the last few years, bring a present for each member of your family and

chaos will break out as the "claim game" will be played. As your name is called, you can pick a gift or claim one owned already by someone else. It's no holds barred, but usually a lot of laughs. After the meal, there will be a time for you to present any "awards" you've been saving all year. I've heard about a couple that are being prepared, so you may as well get in on it too. To conclude the day's activities, club officers will be installed for 1999. At last month's meeting, the following were nominated. President, Sammie Howell; Vice-president, John Tramell; Secretary, nominations declined; Treasurer, Sandy Wade; Directors: Bo Laird, Jackie Sifford, and Joe Thomas. Remember the monster 6 inch snow that hit Jackson this same weekend last year? Maybe we can get by without that this year.

1998 MISSISSIPPI STREET RODDER OF THE YEAR

Mississippi's NSRA representative, Chicken Willie Smith, called requesting that we advise you of the voting for 1998's Mississippi Street Rodder of the Year. Each NSRA member in the state is eligible to vote for their pick for street rodder of the year. Send your choice to Chicken at 1347 Union Street Ext. Brookhaven, MS 39601. Do it now, as he wants all votes in by the end of December. He plans to present the award at the January 16 planning meeting. The following qualifications are listed for nominees: **All nominees must be an NSRA member with an NSRA inspected, driven street rod. They must live in the state of Mississippi and be active in the sport of street rodding.** Help C.W. out with this project and send your vote now.

LATE BREAKING NEWS

Wayne Thomas has a new girl friend. He went to pick her up last week and was met by her father, who is a preacher. The preacher asked Wayne if he ever studied the Bible very much. "Well," said Wayne "a little bit; but probably not as much as I should" To which the preacher quizzed, "Can you name the ten commandments? **You don't have to do them in exact order.**" "Oh well sure I can", said Wayne "One, five, three, six, four, seven, nine, eight, two, and ten."

This month ends our eleventh year of writing this newsletter. Next month we will start year twelve. I've already gotten my Christmas present, a brand new copy machine of my own. This letter is the first run one run on it. It has a three year warranty, so I guess that means I'll be running at least into the next century.

Have a happy Thanksgiving.

See you at the parades.

Til Next Time
Drive Carefully

Jack

