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BITS & PIECES

As the new year approaches, next year's schedule is already beginning to come together. Looking at the 2000 event listings below, you can see that several new ones have been added to the schedule. I've heard rumors that Monroe may get back on the schedule next year. I ask that each of you send me your event dates as soon as they are firm so we can include them in this newsletter.....As far as the remaining weeks of 1999, there are the usual Christmas parades during the first two weeks of December.....Finally, you can wind up the millennium on December 31 with the last street rod event of 1999 or the first one of 2000 (depending on how long you stay). Let me quote from their flier: Bring the whole family for an evening of drug and alcohol-free fun. Half a century of rock-n-roll with award winning DJ Ricky McGuffie. Door prizes, trivia, 50/50 pot, games, hamburgers, hot dogs, door prizes, and more. Top 21 of the 21st century awards plus other awards. Indoor parking guaranteed to the first 50 cars to register. Entry fee of \$20 includes party favors and a complimentary alcohol-free champagne toast at the stroke of midnight. For more details call John @ 857-2163 or Vic @ 939-4094.....I hear they had a large crowd at the Pensacola Turkey Run. The Round Ones were there in force and Mike won most of the giveaway money.....Chicken Willie asked me to remind you all to send him your votes for Mississippi Street Rodder of the Year. Nominees should be active street rodders, involved in all activities, and drive an NSRA inspected street rod. Send your nominations to him at 1347 Union Street in Brookhaven, MS 39601.....MSRA Prez Sammie is also looking for nominations for MSRA's own street rodder of the year. Help him out with your nomination. Critter is not eligible.

GARAGE SCENE

John Tramell is talking about a new project rod. It might be a '48 Chevy cab-over hauler. Or it might be a greyhound bus-the ultimate support vehicle. I suggested that he go out there on the back 40 of the Tramell-plex and trap a couple of deer. He could harness them to the Willys, put on a red suit and enter the whole thing in the Christmas parades next week. Two deerpower might make it through better than 700 horsepower.....Check out my new inside door handles, rear view mirrors, brake pedal, seat belts and some other stuff I finally got around to putting on my car over the weekend. I've only had this stuff for two months. Project X had a temporary set back. I was headed south to look at the donor car but the transmission in my pickup went south - again- and I had to limp back home. So X is still not here yet.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

1999

DEC 4	Christmas Parade 10 a.m. Clinton Mississippi and D'Lo at 2:30
DEC 11	Christmas Parade 10 a.m. Byram, Mississippi
DEC 12	MSRA Christmas Party-Raymond clubhouse noon
DEC 19	Magic Toy Parade Biloxi-to Bay St. Louis 2 p.m. entry fee-new toy 228/863-557
DEC 31	Last Cruise of the Millennium 6 p.m. -1 a.m. Indoors in A&I Building at the Jackson Fairgrounds John @ 857-2163 or Vic @ 939-4094

2000

JAN 15 Annual Street Rod statewide planning 10 a.m. in Jackson. Sammie 601/922-9140
JAN. 21-23 8th Winter Run Days Inn, Diamondhead, Ms. pre-'69 Bill @ 228/452-3584

FEB 18-20 17th Calcasieu rod run Sulphur, La pre '75 Hubert @ 318/580-7238

MAR 17-19 Parade of Rods Houma, Louisiana. pre-'49 . Jed @ 504/532-2777

MAR 17-19 Singing River Rod Run, Biloxi Beach Inn, Biloxi, Ms. pre-'69. Don 228/392-7577

MAR 24-26 Southern Nats, Boomtown Casino, Harvey, Louisiana. Tank @ 504/347-3092

MAR 31-Apr 2 Rollin' Rods of East Texas. Kilgore City Park. pre '61 Larry @ 903/759-7519

APR 7-9 Sunny Beaches Rod Run, Pensacola, Florida. pre-'49 Alice @ 850/478-0066

APR 14-16 27th Super Rod Run Shreveport, Louisiana. pre-'73 John @ 318/949-9117

APR 15-16 Camelia City Rod Run & Car Show, Slidell Park, LA. Bobby @ 504/643-4224

APR 22 Community Motors Car Show Hammond, La. 504/643-4224

APR 28-30 18th Dixie Street Rods McComb, Ms Lonnie @ 601/783-5202

MAY 5-7 NSRA South Nats, Chilhowee Park, Knoxville, Tennessee

MAY 19-21 Spring Fling, Holiday Inn, Covington, Louisiana. pre-'69 Al @ 504/624-9832

JUN 2-4 Muscle Shoals Rod Run, Spring Park, Tuscumbia, AL 256/974-1116

JUN 2-4 18th Moonlighters Rod Run Minden, La. Curtis @ 318/377-4705

JUN 16-18 Dixie Run 22, Holiday Inn, Jackson Mississippi. Jack @ 601/372-8050

JULY 28-30 Catfish Run Sardis, MS Red @ 662/563-8864

AUG 3-6 NSRA Nationals Louisville, Kentucky

SEPT 30 Queen City Rods & Customs, Highland Park, Meridian, MS Buddy @601/484-9713

OCT 5-8 Cruisin the Coast Mississippi Gulf Coast 1-888-808-1188

NOV 3-4 Klassy Kruzers Fun Run. Crossett, Arkansas pre-'66 Joyce @ 501/364-6662

NOV 10-12 Ole Brook Cruisers rod run, Brookhaven, MS . Tommy @601/833-8620

TUESDAY EATIN' MEETIN' DATES

Dec. 7 Scottie's on Terry Road

Dec. 14 Berry's Seafood in Florence

Dec. 21 Sonny's BBQ west

Dec. 28 Penn's on Lakeland Drive

CHRISTMAS PARADES

There are at least four Christmas parades we can ride in during December. The Brookhaven parade is at 6 p.m. Thursday, December 2. Lineup is the same place, on Brookway across from the movie theater. T-Tommy and the Ole Brook Cruisers have a room reserved at Western Sizzlin after the parade for snacks and goodie consumption. On Saturday morning, December 4 MSRA is already entered in the Clinton parade. We reserved space for 15 cars, so don't let us down. As usual, meet at the Metrocenter McDonalds for coffee, etc. At 9 a.m. we'll head for the staging lot behind Morrison Heights church in Clinton. After this parade is over, we've been invited to D'Lo to ride in that parade. It starts at 2:30. We will get together after the Clinton parade, eat lunch somewhere and head south to D'Lo. Those of you who went to it last year remember how much fun it was when the second half of the parade was not notified that the

parade had started and got left behind. And if you remember, Bo Laird still owes us all a steak dinner he failed to provide last year. The following Saturday, December 11, we also have an invitation to ride in the Byram parade. The parade theme is "racing into the next millennium", and the Grand Marshall is NHRA drag racer David Myers, who has some local ties, so they're going all out to get some more cars in this one. I don't have all the details on this one right now, other than the starting time of 10 a.m. on Saturday morning at Trustmark bank, but I'll be there and have heard several of you say you'll be there also. Call me for details.

STATEWIDE STREET ROD PLANNING MEETING DATE SET

The annual statewide street rod club planning meeting will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, January 15, at the Western Sizzlin' Restaurant on I 55 north, exit 100 in Jackson. This is the same location as last year. We are working on making the program even more interesting this year, with several guest speakers, group discussions, and opportunities for everyone to showcase their events for 2000. All clubs in Mississippi (Louisiana, too for that matter) are invited to send representatives to this meeting. We will be building a calendar with all event dates compiled on it in an attempt to avoid conflicting dates as much as possible. Bring fliers for your rod run, club rosters, newsletters, and especially your ideas, to share with your fellow street rodders. If you have any particular thing you'd like to hear discussed, call Sammie or me and we'll add it to the agenda. See you there.

NEXT CLUB MEETING

There will be a brief club meeting during the MSRA club Christmas party on Sunday, December 12. Officers will be elected for next year. At the last meeting, the following people were nominated for officers in 2000: President: Sammie Howell, Vice president: John Tramell, Secretary: Charlotte Brown, Treasurer: Sandy Wade, Directors: Bo Laird, Jimmy Creel, and Joe Thomas. If this looks a whole lot like last year's slate of officers, it is. It was decided that since things were going so good right now, why change? Also at last month's meeting it was voted to change the starting time for the Tuesday Eatin' Meetings to 6:30. Several folks were having trouble getting there by 6 after work.

Speaking of the Christmas party, it will be Sunday afternoon December 12 at the lodge at Raymond Lake. Same format as in previous years, we'll eat about 1, (bring your favorite side dish and dessert-the club will provide the meat and bread) have a short club meeting to elect officers, hand out a few "awards" for the year, and pass out gifts. You can keep your gift or get somebody else's as usual. The usual pandemonium will undoubtedly ensue. Bring a gift suitable for either male or female, for each member of your family attending. And, AS USUAL, I have several awards I'll be presenting to some of you for **outstanding** things you did during the year. And I've seen several of the awards that others will be presenting at the party. They are hilarious. So if you have something you'd like to award someone, just jump on in and do it. You won't want to miss this one!!!!!!

PERSONAL NOTE

All club members, make a **special** effort to come ride with us in the parades and attend the club Christmas party. A lot of hard work has gone into the preparations. I'm sure you'll enjoy yourselves and it will give us all one more chance to visit before we all run off in different directions for the holidays. But if we don't see you before then, from all of here at our house, we hope you have a happy holiday season. May the spirit of the birth of Christ we celebrate at this time of year be present in all you do this season. See y'all in 2000 with more newsletters, nonsense and street rod fun.

Til Next Time
Drive Carefully

