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BITS & PIECES

Late word from Cruisin' the Coast headquarters tells us that 371 cars were pre-registered as of March 1. That's over **three times** the number registered (109) at this same time last year. I'm telling ya'll, you better make plans to go, it's going to be **BIG**. A total of 3000 cars is not out of the question. More than 80 vendors are expected, and more than two dozen 50's style entertainment acts are being booked. If you are among the first 1000 to register, you get a free T-shirt. I'm number 326.....Word from Bill Dixon in Pensacola is that there are some big doins' planned for the April 16-18 Rod Tiques run. Obviously, some hard work has been going on in preparation for this year's run, as they have signed Pep Boys as a sponsor and the door prizes will be huge this year. Also, a special guest will be on hand. Sam Memolla, from the TNN show Shadetree Mechanic, is scheduled to be there to visit with the street rodders attending this run. So make your plans to go to that one.....Bo Laird passes along the info that Shannon Key of Southhaven is the recipient of this year's scholarship funds. Shannon attends Northwest Mississippi Community Collge. Shannon's parent, Mike, is a member of the Mississippi Delta Street Rods.....The date for the Big River Classic Chevy's outdoor show has been finalized. It is **not May 22**, as they told me last month, but is now officially **Saturday, May 8**. It will be held at the Mississippi Agriculture Museum grounds, on Lakeland Drive, which should be an excellent venue for a car show. If you've never been to the Ag Museum, it would be worth the trip. Admission to the museum grounds is included in the \$15 pre-entry fee. It will be open to all pre-'73 vehicles. I have some entry blanks, or you can call Ed Robertson in Clinton for details. 601-924-5745.....Another new event just added to the schedule is Showfest '99, a truck show to be held May 15-16 at the Washington County Convention Center in Greenville, Mississippi.....We won the first place trophy for best restored vehicles in the Dixie National Rodeo Parade last month. I'll bring the trophy with me to the next club meeting.....Peggy Acey has been in and out of the hospital. She's feeling somewhat better now, according to Paul.....I wasn't going to mention this, but after reading the March issue of the Big River Classics newsletter where the editors kidded the street rodders for not showing up at their February cruise night, I'll just have to go ahead and comment. Admittedly we did not make much of a showing (1 car) at their February cruise. I can't speak for where everyone was in February; my car was on jackstands in my shop with the interior strewn all over the place. Matter of fact when the March cruise date came around, my car had been put back together and dropped off the jackstands only 20 minutes before I drove it to the cruise. I was determined to be there. And we (street rodders) outnumbered them at the March cruise-in. And we didn't even make any concentrated effort to get our guys to come. At 8 o'clock there were eight of us and eight of them, plus an assortment of cars not belonging to either group. Vic Boggs kept everyone entertained with his flame throwing '50 Merc lead sled. My '38 Chevy, Sammie's '34 Chevy, Bo's 41 Chevy, Jimmy Creel's 36 Plymouth, Jack Creel's 40 Ford truck, Half Round's '32 Ford, Round Man's '34 Chevy pickup, and Wayne's 34 Ford were there representing MSRA. The place was packed. I think Mary Robertson was satisfied with the tie. Then about 8:15 we looked up and Joe Zabaldano rolled in the parking lot in his yellow '40 Chevy and broke the tie. Way to go Joe! Score street rods 9, classics 8. All in fun guys, all in fun. But on April 3, their next cruise night at the Byram Sonic, look out. They'll be gunning for us. We're asking every street rod in a 50 mile radius to be there

and defend our honor. Be there and lets show them how it's done!!! All in the name of friendly competition.....Got a note from the Southern Who rodders telling us that their monthly cruise night each **4th Saturday night of the month** begins in March. It will be held on the main street of Long Beach, Jeff Davis Avenue. They will have valve cover races at each of these cruises. Also, on April 16, they will host a cruise-in at the Dairy Queen in Diamondhead. Then on Saturday July 17, Southern Who will host the 2nd annual Blast in the Bay car show at the historic Bay St. Louis Depot at 9 a.m. The Blast in the Bay is a street rod and classic car cruise-in to benefit the Hancock County Doll and Toy Fund managed by the Bay's Fires Department. This fund helps families in need during the holiday season and also assissts the children of families following a fires disaster with school clothes and other needs. The Depot in Bay St. Louis is on the National Register of Historic Places, and the whole downtown area there is full of antique stores and neat places to eat while showing your street rod.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 1999

- MAR 12-14 Mardi Gras Street Rods Parade of Rods. Quality Inn. Houma, La. pre-'49
- MAR 14 Night Cruisers top 100 car show. Chelsey's Harvey, La
- MAR 19-21 Southern Crusin' Nationals at Boomtown Casino New Orleans, La.
- MAR 26-28 Spindletop Rod Run Beaumont, Texas
- MAR 27 Singing River Cruise-In Ramada Inn Ocean Springs, MS

- APR 2-4 Rollin Rods of East Texas 24th run City Park Kilgore, Texas
- APR 3 Vicksburg Cruisers Dogwood Run to Coles Creek Park
- APR 9-11 Bunny Run #7 Fairgrounds Hwy 45 South Jackson, Tennessee
- APR 10 Strawberry Classic Car Show Wal-Mart parking lot Hammond, La
- APR 16-18 Camelia City Car Show Slidell, Louisiana
- APR 17-18 Super Chevy Show- Memphis Motorsports Park Memphis, Tennessee
- APR 16-18 Sunny Beaches Rod Run Rod Tiques in Pensacola, Florida
- APR 17 Riverfest Car Show Vicksburg Ms.
- APR 18 3rd Annual Conge' car show Grand Coteau, La
- APR 23-25 17th Dixie Rodders Run McComb, MS pre-'49
- APRIL 30-
- MAY 2 25th NSRA Nats South, Chilhowee Park, Knoxville, Tenn.

- MAY 8 Spring Fling by Big River Classic Chevys at Ag Museum grounds in Jackson
- MAY 14-16 16th NSRA Mid-America Nats. Fairgrounds Springfield, Missouri
- MAY 14-16 Spring Fling Covington, Louisiana
- MAY 15-16 Showfest '99 Truck Show Convention Center. Greenville, Mississippi
- MAY 21-23 Moonlighters Rod Run Minden, Louisiana
- MAY 28-30 Wheels of the Past car show and swap meet Livingston, La

- JUNE 5 Broiler Festival car show Forest, Ms.
- JUNE 11-13 Hot Rod Nationals Indianapolis Raceway Park, Indianapolis, Indiana
- JUNE 18-20 Dixie Run 21 Holiday Inn Southwest Jackson, Mississippi

- JULY 3 NSRA Appreciation Day Exchange Club Park Brookhaven, Ms.
- JULY 9-11 16th NSRA Southwest Nats Fairgrounds Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
- JULY 9-11 Goodguys Nationals Fairgrounds Columbus, Ohio
- JULY 17 Blast in the Bay Southern Who SRA Bay St. Louis, Ms
- JULY 22-24 Catfish Run Sardis Lake, Mississippi

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

- SEPT 3-5 Ramblin Oldies Labor Day rod run Baton Rouge, La.
- SEPT 4 Vicksburg Cruisers Outlet Mall car show Vicksburg, Ms
- SEPT 17-19 Shelby County Street Rods rod run Memphis, Tennessee
- SEPT 17-19 Hot Rod Power Tour Memphis Motorsports Park Memphis, Tennessee
- SEPT 25 Rock-N-Roll Revival Queen City Rods & Classics, Highland Park, Meridian, MS
- SEPT 26 Dave Derrick's Backyard Shindig Vicksburg, Ms.
- OCT 1-3 Arkansas SRA rod run Lake DeGray, Arkansas
- OCT 2-3 Goodguys Lone Star Nationals, Texas Motor Speedway, Fort Worth, Texas
- OCT 7-10 Cruisin' the Coast '99 Mississippi Gulf Coast
- OCT 15-17 12th NSRA Southeast Nats Fairgrounds Tampa, Florida
- OCT 15-17 Halloween Fun Run Street Rods LTD Tupelo, Mississippi
- OCT 23 Calico Mall Car Show Hattiesburg, Mississippi
- OCT 31 Fat Boys Fall Fling Grand Gulf Park Port Gibson, Ms. by Vicksburg Cruisers
- NOV 5-7 Klassy Kruzers Fun Run 99, Crossett, Arkansas
- NOV 6 Whistle Stop Car & Bike Extravaganza Bay St. Louis, Mississippi
- NOV 12-14 Ole Brook Cruisers Rod Run. Best Western Motel. Brookhaven, Mississippi
- NOV 20 5th Annual Santa Cruise Singing River Street Rods Biloxi, Ms.
- NOV 26-28 Turkey Run West Fla. Street Rods. Pensacola, Florida
- DEC 12 Sherrif-U-Care Toy Run Gulf Coast

TUESDAY EATIN' MEETIN' DATES

The attendance at the Tuesday eating meetings has really been great this year. The last four have been packed. Over thirty people were on hand last Tuesday night. This makes these weekly get-togethers more fun. Now if I could just get y'all to come in your street rods every week, we'd really have something. As the weather begins to improve, plan to come in your street rod. We'll try to plan the locations at some places that show off the cars more as summer approaches. If you have some particular new place you want to go, let Shirley Tramell know. She's been doing an excellent job of scheduling these at different places all over town. Let's keep those good crowds coming!!!!

- MAR 16 Mazzio's Pizza in Brandon
- MAR 23 Sonny's BBQ on 80 west in Jackson
- MAR 30 Penn's Restaurant on Lakeland Drive *** Club Meeting date
- APRIL 6 Jerry's Fish House in Florence
- APRIL 13 Xan's in Clinton
- APRIL 20 Sonny's BBQ on 80 East in Brandon

DIXIE RUN UPDATE

Entries from four states have already been received for Dixie Run 21. A check with the motel shows that our block of rooms is almost half full already, so you need to call the Holiday Inn at 601-355-3472 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. for reservations. Ask for Linda. Don't forget to pre-register to be eligible to win that 34 Ford frame from Lee Nottingham's Frames-n-Thangs shops in Hazlehurst. That would be one excellent start to your next project rod. Last night, another great prize was added to the list of things we'll be giving away. Zack Smith's Superior Powder Coating in Greenville called to say he will be giving a gift certificate for powder coating an item of your choice, up to the value of a car frame, on down to a manifold or a transmission case. Two outstanding prizes!! Enter now.

GARAGE SCENE

The Round one is playing with his new toy. He purchased Mike's orange '34 Chevy pickup and

is busy putting the finishing touches on it. He took the bed off, reworked the exhaust, did some rewiring, and several other things just before taking off to the Houma run.....Paul Zabaldano has added a '48 Chevy Fleetline sedan to his stable of rods. This is the car formerly owned by Larry Boyer. I understand Joe and the rest are hard at work on it.....Bennie Boggs is having a big time building his '34 Ford coupe. We get a progress report on it every Tuesday night. The body is on and the drive line is about complete.....Don Wade is just about ready to fire off his '41 Chevy sedan delivery.....Darryl has sold his '39 Chevy.....David Owens, what happened to your '40 Chevy project?.....My coupe is finally in the upholstery shop. Look for me back on the road in 3 or 4 weeks. It will be done with medium grey tweed and vinyl with charcoal carpet. While the coupe is at the upholsterer, so help me I'm going to clean up the shop and rearrange some things. Also plan to finish grandson Josh's new go-kart and move the Dodge pickup into the shop.

NEXT CLUB MEETING

Tuesday night, March 30, at Penn's Restaurant on Lakeland Drive we will have our next club meeting. Rod run plans will be the main item on the agenda. At the January Board of Directors meeting, the due date for club dues was changed from June 1 to January 1. And due to increasing expense of postage and other thing, club dues were increased from \$20 to \$25 annually. This was voted on and passed at the February club meeting. So to get us all on the new schedule at the new rate, 1999 dues will be prorated. Assuming we've all paid back in June, we all need to pay \$15 now. This will pay your club dues through December 1999. Dues for the year 2000 at the new rate of \$25 will be due in January, 2000. Confusing enough? So to maintain membership for 1999, please send \$15 to the club treasurer now to be on board with us for 1999. If you don't, you might get a bill at the end of March.

LATE BREAKING NEWS

Ol Larry Crain now has his own web site and E mail address. His wife, Judy, wanted her own E mail address, too, so Larry set it up for her. I don't know the exact set up code, but it was something like @Judy.com or whatever. Larry had to go to south Florida recently for some training by his employer. When he got there and checked in to the motel where he was staying, he was surprised to see the room had all sorts of modern data transmission ports. He decided he'd plug his computer in and E mail a message back to wife Judy in Louisiana. Being the dufus that he is, he made a typographical error and entered **Jody** instead of **Judy** in the E mail address. This caused the message to go to an address in **Wisconsin**, to a lady named Jody. **She was a preacher's wife.** Unfortunately, her preacher husband had just **died** the morning of the day Larry sent the message. When she read Larry's message, she immediately passed out cold. The message Larry had sent read as follows "Just arrived. Had a good trip, but it sure is hot down here".

Til Next Time
Drive Carefully

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