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Redneck singles service opens

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The world's first online dating service specifically for "rednecks" has been launched, just in time for Valentine's Day and perfect for those good ol' Southern boys. After all, what is Valentine's Day without some red?

RedNeckandSingle.com offers a twist on the usual online dating services by providing options for hobbies from "Raisin' Critters" to "Raisin' Hell." The options help create an atmosphere which the Web site says is "like an online honky-tonk, but without the drinkin', cussin' and fightin'."

Religion Choices have been broadened to include "Baptist," "Southern Baptist," "Independent Baptist," "Missionary Baptist," "Primitive Baptist," "Fundamental Baptist," "First Baptist," "Methodist," "Christian" or "Other." Hobbies can be picked

from a list including, "Huntin' and Shootin' Critters," to "Four Wheelin'" and "Cow Tippin'."

Redneck is the way to go these days, with Gretchen Wilson's song, "Redneck Woman" climbing the charts and the "Blue Collar Comedy Tour" one of the most popular specials on Comedy Central.

Love can be found for free with the Basic Redneck package, which allows the user to complete a profile and upload photos. The Premium Redneck package comes with e-mail, a Redneck and Single Chat Room and even Instant Redneck Messenger — all for \$14.95 monthly.

McIntosh, a Southern boy himself, said in a press release that he created this site to "give rednecks an online environment to hunt for romance without having to weed through profiles of people who turn their noses up at interests like NASCAR, country music and hunting."

The term "redneck" goes all the way back to 17th-century Scotland, but its roots in the United States can be traced to white sharecroppers in the early South. McIntosh claims these deep roots can be tied to everything in a person's life, from the grits they eat in the morning to the truck they get into with their NASCAR shirt on and when they drive down the dirt road with their muller fluttering in the wind.

"So when two people with this deeply ingrained, unique set of values meet, you increase the odds of having what most singles are seeking — chemistry," McIntosh said in a press release. "It's just that for me, and for thousands more with that redneck heritage, the chemistry we seek is more of a home-grown variety."

"I've had people jokingly question if the redneck breeding ground is one that should be fer-

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