

## DIXIE CHAPTER HUDSON-ESSEX-TERRAPLANE CLUB

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The Hudson-Essex-Terraplane Club, Inc. is an organization dedicated to preserving the products of the Hudson Motor Car Company of Detroit, Michigan which produced vehicles for 45 years from 1909 until May 1, 1954 and American Motors Corporation which produced Hudsons from 1955 until 1957, and sold them overseas through 1958. Founded in 1959 by Meritt Marks, the Hudson-Essex- Terraplane Club is a world- wide service organization and is incorporated under the laws of the State of Pennsylvania.

### THE NEXT THREE MEETS.

#### 1. HUD'S DAWSONVILLE MEET.

**Dawsonville, GA. Saturday, May 23, 2015.**

**Dan "Hud" Fullerton** will be our host for this meet on the grounds of a private motor sports club, located at 1150 Grizzle Rd, Dawsonville, GA 30534. We will meet at a pavilion beside a lake on the club grounds, so there will be plenty of parking, and shelter in the event that the rain gods come visiting.

Plan to arrive at about 11 AM for tire-kicking and socializing. Bring lawn chairs if you have them-and a fishing pole. There will be lunch at around noon-Hud is not asking you to bring food, that will be provided - but please bring with you whatever you would like to drink. After lunch, continue to enjoy the grounds



and the lake - or the North Georgia Premium Outlets Mall is close by.

Bring your Hudsons and meet your Dixie friends for a fun day.

#### Directions:

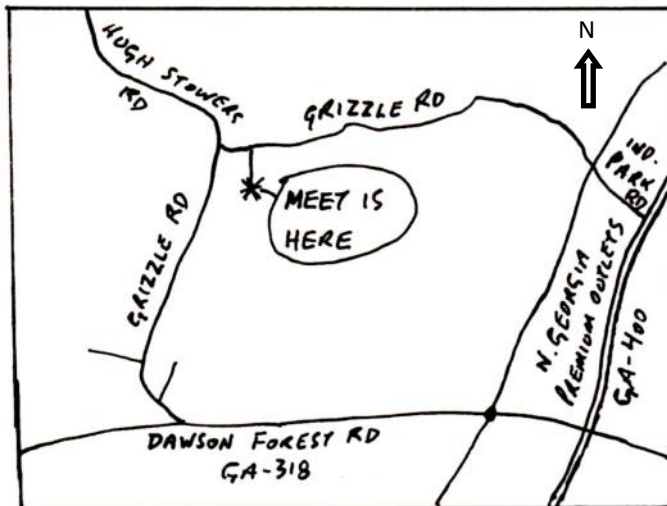
From GA-400 take Dawson Forest Rd (GA-318) and head East. This intersection is just south of the North Georgia Premium Outlets complex near Dawsonville, GA (approximately 45 miles north of Atlanta.)

Go 2.3 miles, then turn right on to Grizzle Rd.

Go 1.1 miles, then turn right to stay on Grizzle Rd.

Take the first driveway on the right and drive to the lake shore..

Lost-or more information: call Hud at 678-472-4021.



## 2. 2015 HET EASTERN REGIONAL MEET Ormond Beach, FL. Friday, June 5– Sunday, June 7, 2015.

This year's Eastern Regional is hosted by the Orange Blossom Chapter at the Best Western Castillo Del Sol Hotel in Ormond Beach. On Saturday there will be a tour of the original NASCAR Beach Road course and dinner at the North Turn Restaurant.

Book your room at the Best Western and ask for the Hudson Group Rate: Ocean view room \$89.99/night, ocean front efficiency \$99.99/night. Rates are good for 3 days before and three days after the meet. Complimentary hot breakfast included. For reservations: (888) 512-0947 or [www.bwcastillodelsol.com](http://www.bwcastillodelsol.com). More details in the *WTN*.



Registration after 4/24/2015 is \$20. Make checks payable to "Orange Blossom Chapter HET, mail to : Warren Lusk, PO Box 916, Inglis FL 34449-0916.

## 3. 2016 INTERNATIONAL MEET PREVIEW Chattanooga, TN. Saturday/Sunday, June 20/21, 2015 **IMPORTANT\*\* We are meeting for a preview/planning \*\*IMPORTANT weekend for the 2016 International meet . Please make every effort to attend.**

We will be meeting at the Chattanooga Choo Choo Hotel (the venue for the 2016 Meet) 1400 Market St, Chattanooga, TN 37402. Our hotel contacts will conduct us on an 11 AM tour of the hotel, reviewing the meeting rooms, hospitality room, restaurants, parking areas, vendor spaces, etc. **Please plan to arrive well before 11 AM on Saturday to make sure you participate in the hotel tour.**

We plan to have lunch after the hotel tour, probably at the Choo Choo or nearby, and then spend time in the afternoon discussing parking arrangements, hospitality room and banquet plans, etc. **It is important that you be available and attend the planning sessions for the activities you will be involved with at next year's meet.**

On Saturday evening we will go as a group to dinner in a restaurant in Chattanooga. On Sunday morning we will drive some of the tour routes we plan to offer next year and then disperse after lunch.

We hope to send out more details of the planned agendas for Saturday and Sunday before the meet.

### **IF YOU HAVE NOT MADE YOUR HOTEL RESERVATION YET, PLEASE DO IT NOW:**

Call the Chattanooga Choo Choo (423.266.5000 or 800.872.2529) for reservations for the night of June 20, 2015. Use the code: **HEBR15. Be sure you talk with the hotel DIRECTLY & not with the Reservation Center . . . otherwise, you may not get the discounted rate of \$99/night.**

*For questions or more information contact Becky Upchurch (706) 265-0549 or [beckytupchurch@yahoo.com](mailto:beckytupchurch@yahoo.com).*



**REPORT ON THE  
BEAR IN THE SQUARE MEET  
Dahlonega, GA. Saturday, April 18, 2015.**



Our monthly meet reports tend to have a sameness to them—we kick tires, we eat and we have announcements. These things did happen at the Dahlonega meet but they were in such an extraordinary context that it all seemed fresh and new to this writer. This was not entirely due to our sparkling show cars although they were among the best in the club. Nor was it the surprise visit by our chapter members from Florida, **Joe Stinnett**, along with co-pilot **Dave Hase**, driving a like-new '54 Hornet coupe, a traffic-stopper we must say. No, not even the world's best Bar B Q furnished by **Laurie** and **Dan Dieterle's** prize winning Smokin' Gold bistro.

Just imagine this beautiful town on a gorgeous balmy day filled with several thousand smiling visitors there to celebrate the annual "Bear on the Square" weekend. Main Street, closed to traffic, was lined with booths selling arts and crafts and scores of musicians grooving on every corner. Add the fact our cars, parked right beside Main Street, got more attention than Kardashians doing cartwheels—ouch! Forget the acrobatics. Maybe Lady "Ga Ga" with a broken pump heel.

The air was filled with a cacophony of sounds, scents and sights few will see until next year and maybe this banquet to our senses is what made the meet like none other we can recall!



**Joe Stinnett's '54 Coupe**

Talking of sounds, our own **Preston Stevens** was spotted on several occasions assisting various musical groups, demonstrating his harmonica-playing skills to good effect.

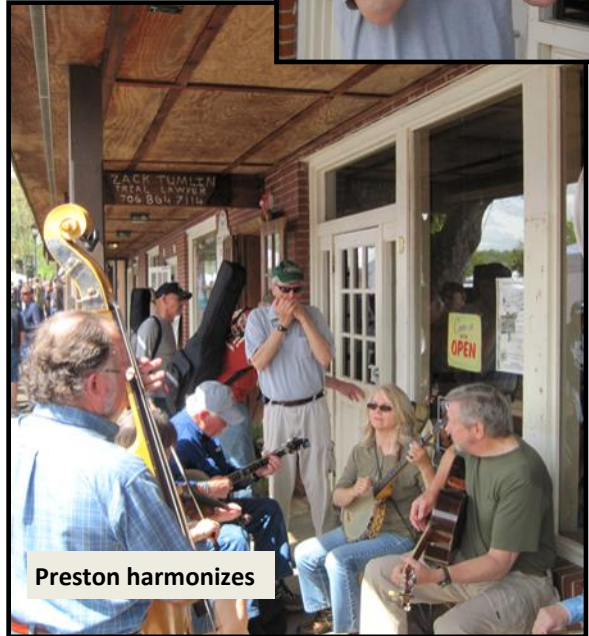
During lunch at the Smokin' Gold chapter president **Henry Dabrowski** thanked our hosts and informed us about the upcoming meet on May 23, and the 2015 Eastern Regional Meet in Ormond Beach, FL, June 5-7.

Visitors were able to admire **Brenda Goble's** '55 Hornet, **Ed Forrester's** '49 coupe, **Preston Stevens' '52 Hornet coupe**, and **Richard Low's** '50 Pacemaker brougham in addition to **Joe Stinnett's** '54 coupe.

We have saved our hosts **Becky** and **John Upchurch** and their '64 Chevelle Convertible for last, because we want to emphasize our gratitude for making this meet possible. Our club could not exist without them!



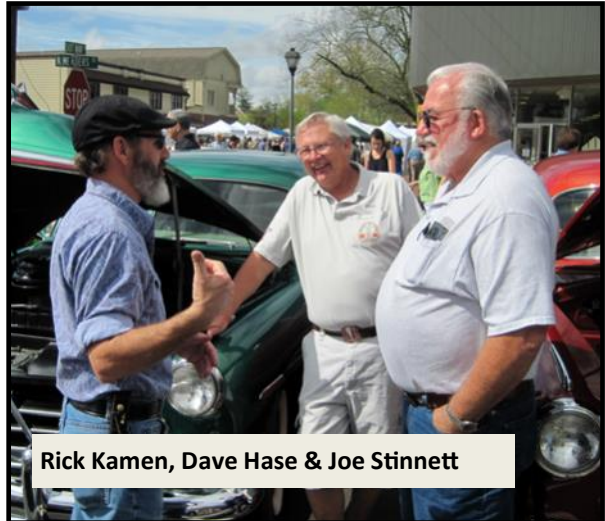
President Henry announces



Preston harmonizes



Fran & Ed enjoy the BBQ



Rick Kamen, Dave Hase & Joe Stinnett

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		<u>Car Driven</u>			<u>Car Driven</u>
John & Becky Upchurch	Dahlonega, GA	'64 Chevelle SS	Brenda Goble	Ellijay, GA	'55 HH Sedan
Rick Kamen	Decatur, GA		Richard Low	Atlanta, GA	'50 HP Brougham
Preston Stevens	Atlanta, GA	'52 HH Club Coupe	Henry, Ann-Marie & Kelsey	Duluth, GA	
Ed & Fran Forrester	Ellijay, GA	'49 HC Coupe	Dabrowski		
Joe Stinnett	Apopka, FL	'54 HH Coupe	Dave Hase	Orlando, FL	

## Report on the 15th Annual Georgia Tech. Auto Show Atlanta, GA. Saturday, March 28, 2015.

Someone once said of a long term event that it has a great future behind it! While the Tech fest may not yet have taken on the diamond hues of eternity, It shows every sign of remarkable endurance. Our cars are like that too. There were seven Hudsons ranging from **Richard Low's** freshly restored '51 Pacemaker brougham to **Keith Burnett's** totally original '50 Pacemaker sedan basking in laconic splendor under the cloudless sky.

Since this meet was not listed as an official club function we must keep this report short.

The College of Architecture's Industrial Design School stepped in at the last moment and agreed to sponsor the event and that School's director, **Jim Budd**, brought his futuristic '06 BMW K 1200 S motorcycle, parking it near the Hudsons.

Of all the meets we attend, this is the only one where the Hudsons often outnumber all the other marques

We are grateful to **Jim Budd** and to **Dave Sanders** for producing this show which is always the harbinger of Spring. **Dave Sanders** and **Rick Kamen** taught the auto design and restoration classes at Tech for a number of years.

Attendees:

<u>Name</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Special Interest</u> <u>Car Driven</u>
Rick Kamen	Decatur, GA	'66 Ford Econoline
Preston Stevens	Atlanta, GA	'54 H Jetliner
Joe Taylor	Atlanta GA	'52 HH Club Coupe
Keith Burnett	Atlanta, GA	'51 H Pacemaker sedan
Steve Vining	Marietta, GA	'51 HC8 sedan
Don & Peggy Day	Fayetteville, GA	'53 H Wasp coupe
Bob Hunt	Marietta GA	'41 HC8 sedan
Richard Low	Atlanta, GA	'50 H Pacemaker Brougham
Henry Dabrowski	Duluth, GA	
Dan Fullerton	Cumming, GA	



### 2015 Dixie Chapter & HET Meet Schedule

May 23.	Hud's Dawsonville Meet.	Hosted by Dan "Hud" Fullerton.
June 5-7.	2015 Eastern Regional Meet. Ormond Beach, FL.	Hosted by the Orange Blossom Chapter
June 20/21.	2016 International Meet Preview. Chattanooga, TN.	Hosted by 2016 Steering Committee.
July 25.	Atlanta History Center/Swan House Meet.	
August 11-15.	2015 International Meet, Colorado Springs, CO. <i>(See details and Registration Form in the WTN or online at <a href="http://www.hetclub.org">www.hetclub.org</a>)</i>	Hosted by the Rocky Mountain Chapter.
September ?	Southeastern Railway Museum, Duluth, GA.	Hosted by Henry Dabrowski.
October 2-4.	2nd Annual Wind-down & Oktoberfest Meet. Newberry, SC. <i>(For reservations at the Newberry Hampton Inn call (803) 276-6666 and ask for the "Classic Car Club" rate of \$92/night +tax—rate available from now until September 18, 2015.)</i>	Hosted by Charles Hatch.
October 23-25(?)	Hudsons in the Heartland, Pigeon Forge, TN.	Hosted by the Smoky Mountain Heartland Chapter.
November 14.	Annual Business & Planning Meet, Canton, GA	Hosted by Robert & Linda Hudson.
December 4-6.	Christmas Meet, Dahlonega, GA	Hosted by John & Becky Upchurch.

**If you can host a meet, or have ideas about locations or activities for meets, please contact VP/Activities Chair Nancy Delf or any Chapter officer. Please do your share for your Club!**

## 2015 International Meet in Colorado Springs, CO. August 11-15, 2015.

We hope to see a large group of Dixie members in Colorado Springs for what promises to be an outstanding annual meet. As well as having a fun time, we hope and expect to gather a lot of useful information for our own national meet in 2016.

For those planning to attend the Crafters Meeting during the event, **Laurie Fromm** has sent out an update: *The Crafters meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 12, from 6—9 PM. The location will be announced later, but will be at the hotel.*

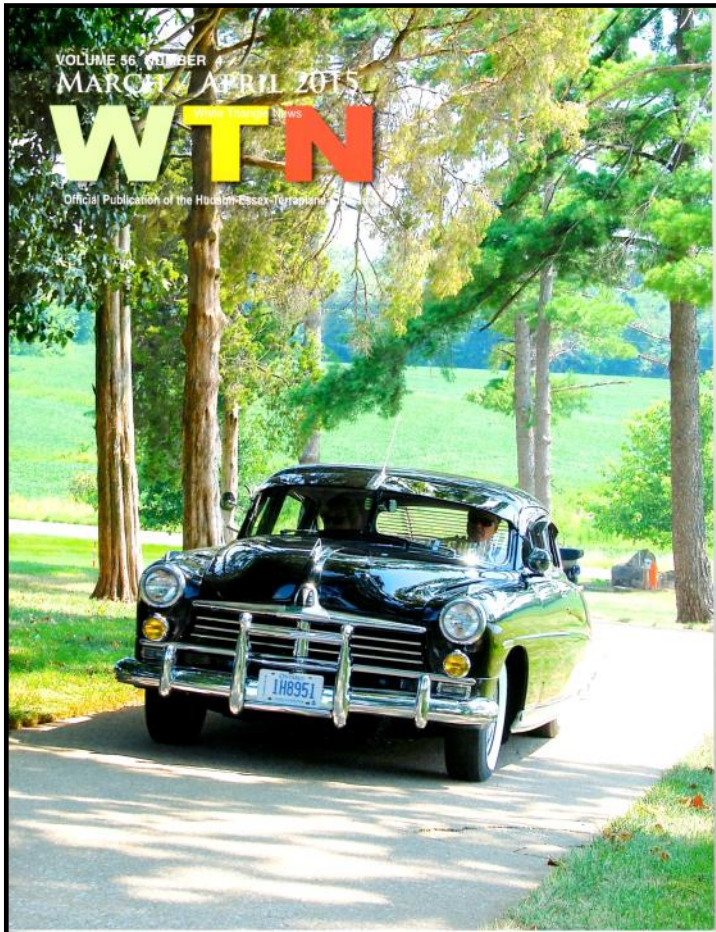
*If you are new to the meeting and would like to support this charity project, please bring two pieces of fleece, each 1-1/2 yards long. We will be making blankets for a local child advocacy center. There will be plenty of fabric to tie if you would just like to come and help.*

*You are also invited to bring and share any of your craft projects.*

*Questions? Contact Laurie at [lauriefromm05@gmail.com](mailto:lauriefromm05@gmail.com) or (585) 723-8669.*

## ABOUT OUR HET CLUB MAGAZINES AND NEWSLETTERS

**Congratulations to WTN editors, Sam and Marianne Jackson.** Our outstanding club magazine has once again been acknowledged with a 2014 Golden Quill Award by *Old Cars Weekly* magazine. Congratulations to Sam and Marianne for continuing to do such a great job for the club. Congratulations are also due to several HET chapter editors whose publications were recipients of Golden Quill awards. Our Dixie Chapter *Hudsonews* achieved an “Honorable Mention.”



**And speaking of the WTN.** I hope you have all received the March/April 2015 issue of the WTN, and have noticed that it is now an “All Color” publication. Previous issues were mostly black and white, with color front and back covers and a few color pages inside.

At the 2014 HET Board of Directors meeting, held during the French Lick International Meet, a sub-committee was formed (**Dave Tuttle**, chairperson, with directors **Matt Royer** and **Richard Low**) and directed to investigate alternative companies capable of printing and mailing the WTN. The cost of printing and mailing the WTN is the club’s major expenditure, and was predicted to increase.

For several years the magazine had been produced by Standard Printing of Ypsilanti, MI. After several months of work discussing the requirements and obtaining bids from printing companies throughout the USA, the sub-committee recommended that the business be awarded to Modern Litho Company, of Jefferson City, MO. The HET Board accepted this recommendation, subject to approval by our editors. After Sam and Mary Ann visited Modern Litho for review and discussions the approval was given. This company will now print the WTN, of equal quality to recent previous issues, and in “all color” for less than 60% of the cost quoted by our previous printers.

The change has required some adaptations and computer upgrades for the editors, but the results continue the tradition of an outstanding club publication.

## CARS & PARTS

**For Sale** '47 Hudson 174 Commodore Eight sedan, from the former Herbert Bell collection. Restored in 1989 but hardly driven, so looks like done a year ago. Fresh rebuild on its original engine. Factory overdrive car with 4.11 axle ratio. Looks and drives like new.

**\$23,500. (Note price reduced)**

**Park Waldrop**, Rock Hill, SC.

(803)327-3929, [pwald@comporium.net](mailto:pwald@comporium.net).



**For Sale:** Walt's tech tip books, volume one (1), is \$20.00 and Volume two (2), is \$15.00. S&H priority mail is \$7.00 if only one is ordered, S&H is still \$7.00 if both are ordered. Thermostat housing by pass seal off kit, complete with all parts needed, plus a new modern thermostat. With this kit you get 95 per cent of the water back through the radiator, not 70 percent with the by pass opened. 1948 to 1956, all Hudson model six cylinder engines, no splashers, no Jets. Total cost is \$105.00 and includes S&H Priority Mail. All year Hudson carburetors from 1932 to 1956 rebuilt, cost depends on year and model of Carter carburetor. S&H Priority mail is \$15.80. Modern spin on oil filter kit, complete with all parts needed, including a modern filter, FRAM PH8A. Kit is \$190.00 and S&H Priority mail is \$11.30. Total is \$202.00 This kit is made of aluminum and acts as a heat sink, which helps cool the oil 10 degrees. If you have Twin-H set up, you need a UNI-SYN tool to correctly set the carbs up. I sell this tool, cost is \$68.00 and that includes the S&H Priority mail. Contact Walt Mordenti at 415-939-1202 till 8PM, Pacific time zone, or E-mail :[waltmordenti@aol.com](mailto:waltmordenti@aol.com) Walt Mordenti 45 Skyview Way San Francisco, CA 94131-1248.

**For Sale:** 1920 Essex 4-door touring car. Cream with black fenders and new black top. Wood spoke wheels. Good leather upholstery. Engine recently rebuilt. Everything works. Being sold for the widow of deceased owner. Car located in Musella, GA (nr. Macon) Asking \$24,000 OBO. Contact **Buddy Hays** for more information or purchase. Phone (478) 957-8157. *(lead from Richard Low.)*

**For Sale:** HET dealer literature, magazine advertisements, test reports, pictures, paint chips, light bulbs, stainless steel moldings, and more. **Norm Wolff**, 284 Oak Point Landing Dr. Mount Pleasant, SC 29464. Phone (843) 216-6433 Email: [junowolff@bellsouth.net](mailto:junowolff@bellsouth.net)

**For Sale:** Classic and vintage light bulbs. 6 volt and 12 volt halogen bulbs for all our vintage cars – up to 100% brighter – no modification needed. Not recommended for stop light application. [www.classicbulbs.com](http://www.classicbulbs.com)

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# Hudsonews

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**DIXIE CHAPTER**      DATE \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter Dues \$20.00  
Renewals are always due in January and are good until the end of the calendar year. Prompt renewal ensures your listing in the roster. Please fill in all blanks completely. Dues provide full membership privileges for member and spouse. **Chapter members must be NATIONAL CLUB members as well.**

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Phone: (803) 276-8887

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