



THE HUDSON-AIRE



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Planning for another good year!

CBC'ers were encouraged to drive their Hudsons to the planning meeting at Rip's Restaurant in Bowie on Saturday, November 13th, however, the only Hudson to arrive, actually a '37 Terraplane Brougham, arrived on a trailer. Carl and Rhonda Wennberg had just acquired it and brought it from Kentucky. (See "Gang on the Go" page 3.)



CBC'ers in front of the Wennberg's new Terraplane. Staff Photo

Rip's Restaurant has been used more than once for this type of meeting. The staff always seats the members in a table in the rear of the room and after enjoying a terrific luncheon, there is plenty of time to socialize, plan and commiserate about their latest car troubles. All attendees being fully able to participate in all three.

2011 promises to be a good year and many of the same activities are planned as they were enjoyed by those that did come. Some new activities are planned and the goal is to get you out! If there is nothing near you, —figure out how you can host a meet or determine if there is a local park near you where the CBC can settle in for an afternoon. If you have other problems, (your Hudson isn't on the road or there are times when creature comforts, i.e., AC are desir-

able) - pick an event or two and come in your Brand X.

Attending: Jon Battle, Rick Clark, Kevin and Judy Chandler, Glenn and Gwen Hartong, John and Lynn Horn, Bob and Arlene Lohrfink, Ray and Barbara Weese and Carl and Rhonda Wennberg.

See page 6 for a closer look at 2011 activities!

HUDSONOTES

The Chapter sends condolences to Carl and Rhonda Wennberg upon the death of their grandson Evan Oliver Phillips. Evan, aged 5, was the son of SSG Jeremy E. Phillips and Holly K. Phillips of Augusta, GA. Evan enjoyed attending Hudson meets with his grandparents, most recently having attended the 2010 Doc's Meet.

Frank McCumbee 71, 1939 - 2010



Shown above, Frank and Linda McCumbee with their '52 Hornet, in 2008 at the Sunday all-Hudson flea market in Carlisle, on Hershey weekend. Photo Courtesy of Jon Battle.

The Chapter sends condolences to the McCumbee family of Berkely Springs, WV. Frank McCumbee passed away Friday, November 26th at the age of 71. Frank and Linda joined the chapter in 2007, having purchased and restored their Hudson a few years earlier.

A retired auto mechanic, he had been a "GM man" for most of his life. However, he became a Hudson enthusiast and a member of our Hudson family. He is survived by his wife of 42 years, Linda Kay Randleman McCumbee, five children and numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren.

SHIRLEY A. MYERS, 80 1930-2010

Shirley Myers, a long time member of the Chesapeake Bay Chapter passed in her sleep on December 1, 2010 after a long battle with cancer. Shirley Myers, nee Abell, daughter of the late William C. Abell and the late Hazel M. Bicknell Abell was born on September 23, 1930 in Marbury, MD.

She grew up in Indian Head, Maryland as the granddaughter of the town's physician and the daughter of the proprietor of Marbury Motors. This dealership had been a Graham dealership, however; in 1937 William C. Abell made the move to begin selling Hudsons. (Cont on Pg 6)

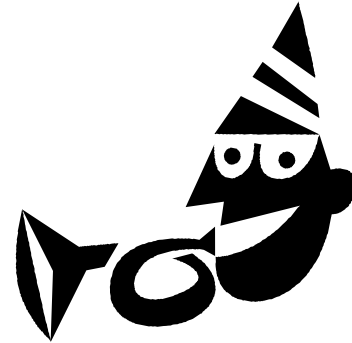


Calendar

Bold Face Type indicates CBC Hudson Functions. [A] indicates that a display ad with more information appears in this issue. [N] indicates that a display ad will appear in next issue. chapter.

Sat Jan 22	Meet your CBC friends at Sakura's Steakhouse in Bowie for an early dinner at 4:00. Drive your Hudson or come in your brand X. The turnout last year was good. Join us! [A]
Sat Feb 12	Join members from the CBC and Tri State Mt. Roads Chapters for a Tech Session at Vintage Motorcar Company, restoration shop . 10:00—4 PM. Inwood, WV. [A] . Have lunch & learn something new! Snow date, Saturday, Feb 26th.
Sat, March 12	Doc's Planning Meeting. Help the chapter in preparing for this always successful and busy weekend! Meet at Rip's Restaurant in Bowie, Enjoy a good lunch and aid in the planning. 2:00 [N]

The Officers of the Chesapeake Bay HET Chapter wish You and Yours and very Happy New Year!



President's Message

By Carl Wennberg

Rhonda and I would like to thank all of you for the phone calls, cards, and flowers that we received during our time of much needed support. The passing of our Grandson was crushing and the loss of Rhonda's mother still caught us by surprise after a 4 year battle with cancer. Thank all of you.

Happy New Year, 2011 looks to be a very busy year with at least one event each month. The first few are social events with a tech event for variety. Then as the weather warms up so does our schedule. Lets get the Hudson tuned up and ready to go in April for Meet at the Beach with Doc's Meet to follow. The Eastern Regional meet in Albany is next, followed by our Fathers Day weekend meet at St. Michaels Island.

Other regions also have some outstanding meets this year also. Join us at the Hostetler Museum for the Central regional meet and Oklahoma City for the National

Make this your year to share Hudson fever with a friend or perfect stranger. Lets get the cars out to be noticed.

Let the Hudsons roll on.

Carl



Carl Wennberg and **Rhonda Frey** had wanted a pre-war Hudson for some time, and they finally took the big leap while attending the "Hudsons in the Heartland" meet in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee last October. There, they spotted a 1937 Terraplane brougham for sale, and decided that the price was right. The car had been restored by H-E-T member Jim Wildrick of Indiana, and purchased from him by a Kentucky woman who later decided to sell it. The '37 looks and drives well, it has a newer (1947) Hudson engine, and it's unusual in that it was assembled in Hudson's Canadian plant. Rhonda and the owner haggled a bit on the price and came to an agreement, but she and Carl didn't take delivery at the meet. Instead, they trailered the car back home to Maryland in mid-November.

Last summer, erstwhile CBC newsletter editor **John Egger** drove his Toyota pickup on a 13,000-mile round trip to Alaska where he visited for three weeks with his daughter. The trip took him through the Northwest Territories, British Columbia (where he drove through the town of Hudson's Hope!) and Montana, where he toured the Montana Auto Museum in Deer Lodge. While in Anchorage, John hiked the 38-mile Resurrection Pass Trail (whew!) and stopped at the State Police Museum, where he was photographed (on a cellphone camera!) next to a Hudson police car.



Recent back and knee problems had slowed **Dave Norman** somewhat, but now he's once again at work on his '51 Hornet coupe at his home in Hilton Head Island, in South Carolina. When he first moved to Hilton Head Dave damaged his car's differential while trying to unstick the clutch. He's now in the process of replacing the original '51 rear end with a Dana 307, for which he had searched far and wide. He finally discovered one six hours away, in North Carolina.

Rick Clark has a shiny new garage! The steel-framed, metal-skinned 18'x20' building went up in less than 7 hours on October 21 on a concrete slab that already existed on Rick's property. Rick reports that it cost him about \$3,700 -- not bad for a building of that size! (That cost did not include the slab, or the gutters and downspouts, which Rick later installed himself.) The 8' x 10' roll-up door is on the gable end, allowing added height; there is also a 36" x 80" walk-in door on one side. Rick's advice for "sizing" your next garage: "Figure what space you need, then double it -- triple might be better!"



Your gossip columnist drove his '37 Terraplane to Ellicott City in mid-October, and spent an enjoyable afternoon with **Charles Kyler**. His father (who lives in Arizona) has owned an identical Terraplane since the mid-1950's. Our purpose was to take measurements of the wooden convertible top header on my car, then determine if they're the same on his (with an eye to making reproduction headers). We drove to a nearby sandwich shop for lunch and Charles pointed out a well-preserved '48-9 Super Six sedan parked at the service station across the street. The station personnel told us that the car was in for minor service. It's owned by one "Jack Gilbert", whose name doesn't appear in the H-E-T roster. Yes, it appears that there are still a few Hudsons driving around out there whose owners

are either ignorant of the H-E-T, or not interested enough to join!



Charles Kyler and the mystery Hudson!

Bob Lohrfink drove his '41 to the First Annual Classic Car Show at his old alma mater, Calvert Hall High School, on September 25. He came away with a giant trophy proclaiming "Top 25 Award!"

Sometimes the answer to a problem lies hidden in an unexpected place. Take **Howard Myer's** brake problem, for instance. Two or three years ago Howard noticed that he had to pump the power brakes in his '54 Hornet several times to make them work, so he ultimately removed the power brake unit and sent it to a Florida brake re-builder. After it came back the same problem resurfaced! Howard returned it to the rebuilder, who reported to him that there was apparently nothing wrong with the unit. Howard then took his problem to CBC member Paul O'Malley, who checked the brake system from stem to stern, and could find no cause for the problem. Finally, in frustration, Howard simply removed the power brake unit from his car when he realized that the brake system itself worked quite well without it. Only recently did he *(continued on page 7)*



They're still out there! Here's a photo sent by Hugh Harris, taken east of Richmond, Virginia. The Hudsons are a 1945-3, a 1948-9, and a 1954. He's dickering with the owner, on the coupe in the middle!



CBC HOLIDAY PARTY 2010



Sunday, December 5th was a bright but cold day and the weatherman noted that snow flurries might materialize. As we looked out the window, we saw this part of his prediction come true. A message from a member who could not make it indicated that conditions were worse in other parts of the county.

We were missing more of our friends than usual this year, due to the visitation for late member Shirley Myers, however, those CBC members at the Holiday party honored our most recent lost member by being at the party, noting that a card would be sent, or a call would be made.

For the third year since the Olive Leaf Café closed unexpectedly, CBC'ers met at Memories Charcoal House and Grill in Mt Airy, MD for the annual Holiday party. Memories has recently expanded their menu selections and all attending found something to their taste.

While waiting for the dinner, conversations flowed. Part of the lull before dinner was devoted to mentioning events coming up in the new year. As usual, gifts were distributed by the younger members of the Ritter clan. This was a totally enjoyable way to spend a blustery Winter afternoon.

Attending with Hudsons, if driven in parenthesis: Ray Weese, John and Lynn Horn ('53 Hornet), Ken and Doris Wilson, Joe and Beth Ritter, Tom and Linda Sutton, Jim and Michele Ritter with Tiffi, Nikki, and Stephen Ritter.



Far Left, Left to right: Third row: Ray Weese, John Horn, Ken Wilson, Doris Wilson, Jim Ritter, Joe Ritter, Tom Sutton. Seated: Lynn Horn, Michele Ritter Beth Ritter, Linda Sutton., Kneeling: Tiffi, Nikki, and Stephen Ritter. Photo courtesy of Memories Staff.

Middle Column, John Horn, Doris and Ken Wilson in front of the Wilson's new Chevy Caprice Convertible. Staff Photo.

Shake off the mid-winter blahs at our...

Tech Session!

Sat., Feb. 12, 2011

(Snow date: Feb. 26)
10:00 AM — 4:00 PM



Vintage Motorcar Company, LLC
365 Arden-Nollville Rd., Inwood, WV



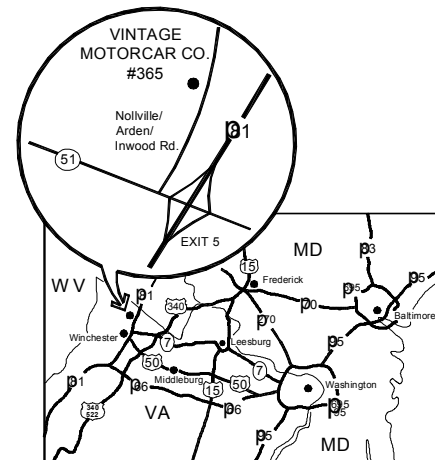
Join your fellow Hudsonites from the CBC and Tri-State Mountain Roads Chapter for a mid-winter get-together at Inwood, WV. Bring a friend! Inwood is only 90 minutes from either the Baltimore or Washington beltway.

We'll gather at the modern auto restoration shop co-owned by Paul Rose, H-E-T member. You'll see many fascinating cars under restoration there (including a '29 Hudson coupe and maybe a '32 Marmon 16!).

Details are still being worked out, but we hope to have at least a couple tech sessions to offer, and we'll all chip in on a pizza for lunch. (Bring a small pot luck items to supplement the pizza!)

If you have some technical knowledge to share, please do! If your Hudson has a minor tech problem, maybe we can fix it. Phone Jon Battle in advance, so we can schedule you in. We have a "snow day" scheduled — if the weather's uncertain, phone Jon for postponement information.

Please bring along a small dish to share at lunch, drinks for yourself and one to share! Plates, utensils and napkins will be furnished. And bring along your multimeter for a possible "electric" tech session!



Further information or day-of-meet info, contact: Jon Battle, (540) 364-1770 (on day of event try this or cellphone 703-986-8785), detailed@verizon.net .

JOIN YOUR CBC FRIENDS FOR A WINTER
GET-TOGETHER AT THE
**Sakura Japanese Steakhouse
& Seafood House & Sushi Bar**



Sakura's Phone #
(301) 352-5939



Saturday, January 22, 2010
15528 Annapolis Rd
Bowie, MD 20715
4:00 PM



Join your fellow Chapter members for the a return of a favorite!. The Chef will prepare and cook your order right at your table, putting on a show the entire time. Bring a guest . We'll order off the menu.

Located in **FREE STATE MALL**



**Once on MD 450, (Annapolis Road)
Sakura's is just beyond either
Stonybrook Dr. (If you're approaching
from the North) or Superior Lane (if
you're coming from the South).**



<http://www.sakurasteakhouse.com/aboutus.html>



Please RSVP by **Jan 20th**
to Kevin Chandler, 301-934-1222
or JKSoMd@verizon.net



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2011 PROMISES TO BE BUSY

After graduating high school in 1947, she married the late David O. Myers on October 3, 1947. Shirley first enjoyed a career as a dental assistant. And later in life, she was instrumental in helping shape hospice at the Veterans Affairs Hospital in Washington, DC. She was also passionate about the Hospice of Charles County.

In addition to family, friends and her faith, Shirley loved Hudsons. She belonged to and supported the chapter for 32 years, having joined the year after its formation. Her first Hudson was a Jet sold originally by her father. She gave it to her brother Ralph Hudson Abell who restored it and then returned it to her. Shirley's experience and enthusiasm was invaluable in planning and making meets such as the Hudsons in Carlisle, held during the annual AACA Hershey Meet and the Chesapeake Bay Chapter's Annual Marbury Motors Day Meet happen.

The Marbury Motors Meet, held in Marbury, MD is the one of the best attended CBC Meets and is named after her father's dealership.

Visitation was held on December 5 at the Williams Funeral Home in Indian Head, MD. Funeral services were conducted on December 6, 2010 followed by burial at Park Hill Cemetery in Marbury, MD. CBC members attended and Hudsons were driven.

She is survived by daughters Rhonda Wennberg and Charlene Haynie and sons-in-law, Carl Wennberg, H. Ed Haynie, Jr. and three grand daughters.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, David Myers, brother Ralph Hudson Abell; son-in-law David W. Frey; and great grandson, Evan Oliver Phillips.



The events planned include those mentioned. Other car shows and not specifically Hudson related are listed as members enjoy attending these as well. As the dates get closer, we'll correct as necessary. In some cases estimated date is shown.

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February 12, Saturday—Tech Session at Paul Rose's Vintage Motorcar Company.

Saturday March 12th—Doc's Planning Meeting. Help the chapter in preparing for this always successful and busy weekend!

Saturday April 9 & 10—Meet at the Beach. This meet was enjoyed by all who attended. Spend a weekend in Colonial Beach, VA. Enjoy camaraderie while seeing the sights, sampling the local eateries. And getting away from it all.

Friday—Sunday, May 6, 7 & 8th—Doc's Meet at Front Royal, VA Traditional family meet enjoyed by many!

Sunday May 8—CBC business meeting and picnic at the new Battle abode.

Thursday-Sat June 2, 3 & 4—The HET Eastern Regional Meet in New York sponsored by the Hudson Mohawk chapter.

Saturday, June 4th—Orphan Car Tour, co sponsored by the CBC for those that can't attend the Eastern Regional.

Thursday-Sat, Sunday June 9, 10 and 11th—Central Regional HET Meet, Hostettler's Homecoming in Indiana. Sponsored by the Southern Indiana Chapter.

Saturday, June 18th—The Vintage and Antique Boat Show in St. Michael's, MD.

Monday-Saturday, July 18-23 HET National in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Friday-Sunday August 5-7th - Macungie. Enjoyed by many!

Sunday August 15th - Rose Hill Manor Car show. See your friends, check out the other cars!

Sunday, September 25— Marbury Motors Day. The best Picnic that the CBC has to offer!

September 28-Oct 2 October AACA Fall Carlisle.

October 6-9—AACA Hershey, join in at Hudsons in Carlisle at Hershey.

Saturday October 15th -Rockville Car Show. The CBC is one of the Co Sponsors of one of the largest multi make car shows in the area. Racing and various race cars to be featured.

Thursday-Sunday October 27-30th - Pigeon Forge. Sponsored by the Smokey Mt HET Chapter

Saturday November 12— Pot luck luncheon and Planning Meeting for 2012 at the Horn's.

Sunday December 4th—CBC Holiday Party at Memories in Mt. Airy.



The officers of the CBC and the staff of the Hudson.Aire would like to thank Joan Weller who has agreed to continue as "Sunshine Lady" for the Chapter. Joan does this all at her own expense. We're one of five groups that she does this for and we're lucky to have her! Once again, Thanks!



The roster will be published in the next issue. So if there has been a change in your information, i.e., you have changed your phone number or gotten a new email address, let us know so the roster will be correct. Also, the list of Hudsons will be coming out as space permits so if you've added or sold a Hudson in your "stable", please let us know. Email patterl@verizon.net or leave a message on 410-377-5824.

Swap Shop

Ads are free to CBC members: e-mail yours to Lynn Horn at patterl@verizon.net

- If you wish your ad repeated you must request it. The Hudson-Aire is not responsible for misprints of descriptions or prices of items shown: you should verify these with the seller. Unless otherwise noted, these ads originate with our newsletter and do not appear in any other publication.

Note: If you want the ad repeated in the upcoming issue, you MUST request a reprint as stated above!

Pick Up For Sale: 47 Hudson Cab-Pick up. $\frac{3}{4}$ ton, needs restoration. Has 308 Hornet engine, 3 speed on column, overdrive. Have many new parts for the truck. 30+ yrs looking/saving these parts to restore it. New parts incld: new doors, splash aprons, radiator, gas tank, new frnt bumper & wrap arounds. Most all chrome, new fender lights, etc., etc. Health forces sale, \$10,000.00 OBO. 301-262 1117 Tom Sutton,

mrhudson3086@verizon.net

For Sale: Jet Parts and 3 Jet motors. Wanted: a solid Jet body. Contact Carl Wennberg, Freyry@aol.com or (301) 609-4816

Two Hudsons for sale: 1949 Commodore Six coupe, running, with good body, \$14,500; 1954 Hornet coupe, Cadillac engine and automatic transmissions (from 1960's or 1970's). Body solid, driveable, \$14,500. Daryl's Cars, 1400 Oakhurst Ave, Parkersburg, WV 26101, 304-428-0697, Lead by Ken Wilon. darylscars@suddenlinkmail.com

FOR SALE: Three Hudson 3x5 engines, 1946-47 era. Two are complete with the exception of carburetors, starters, generators, etc., and the third one is missing the pistons. One has a 3-speed transmission attached. Also have a separate '46-7 transmission (3-speed). None of the transmissions are overdrives. Free to whomever takes them all! Robert Vierling, 4010 Halsey Ct., Kensington, MD, tel. (301) 942-2943.

ON THE GO (from page 3)

discover the cause of his woes, and it had nothing to do with brakes! It turned out that both the exhaust and intake manifolds were cracked, the intake manifold so badly cracked that a hole the diameter of a pencil had opened up underneath the manifold, where it was hidden. The power brake unit depends on engine vacuum, but a leak through the hole had reduced that vacuum pressure significantly. Thus, the brakes had to be pumped repeatedly to build up enough pressure to trigger the brakes!

Upcoming Hudson Events

Meet at Sakura Japanese Steakhouse and Seafood House

Saturday, January 22, 2011
Bowie, MD

Joint Tech Session with Mt. Roads Chapter

Vintage Motorcar Co,
Saturday, February 12, 2011
Inwood, WV

JUST ANOTHER REMINDER!
The Chapter exists for the members—



LOCAL HUDSON SERVICES

The following services are offered to Hudson owners by local area H-E-T members. A listing below does not necessarily constitute an endorsement by the Chapter or newsletter. Listings are made at no charge, and are repeated each issue. Please contact the Editor if you offer a service of interest to Hudson owners, or know of someone who does.

GENERAL HUDSON REPAIR, complete radiator services (testing, repair and re-core): 20th Century Motors (Paul O'Malley, proprietor), Box 181, Capon Bridge, WV 26711, tel.(304)856-2042

GENERAL HUDSON REPAIR: Joel Home, P.O. Box 123, Waterford, Va., 20197. (540) 882-3573

BRAKES RELINED: Clara Nelson, Box 216, Needmore, Pa. 17238, tel. (717) 573-2887

And So.....

Another issue of the Hudson Aire comes to a close. Writing this in the cold of January, I like to see "Miss May" (opposite) sitting in a field and enjoying the sun. And it's comforting to know that we will again see the sun and again get the Hudsons out and on the road.

This '46 Hudson Super 6 convertible was featured during May on a calendar which I regrettably no longer have the name.

Speaking of May, we'll be celebrating the 49th annual Doc's Met in Front Royal, VA this year. Mark the date (May 6-8th) And join us for another fun gathering. Hope to see you there!

Take care, Lynn

**Chesapeake Bay Chapter,
H-E-T Club**

Visit CBC Home Page on the Net:
<http://clubs.hemmings.com/cbc-het/>

Open to all members of the national H-E-T Club residing in Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, and the District of Columbia. Dues are \$10 yearly, payable July 1. Chapter benefits include subscription to the chapter newsletter.

TO JOIN OR RENEW:

1. You **must** be a member of the national H-E-T Club. Ownership of a Hudson-built automobile is not required.
2. Send check for \$10, made payable to "CBC, H-E-T-C", to Treasurer (below)

**The Hudson-Essex-Terraplane
Club**

Visit H-E-T Home Page on the Net:
<http://www.hudsonclub.org/>

The Hudson-Essex-Terraplane Club, Inc., is an organization dedicated to preserving the products of the Hudson Motor Car Company of Detroit, which produced vehicles for 45 years from 1909 until May 1, 1954, and of the American Motors Corporation which produced Hudsons from 1955 until 1957. Founded in 1959 by Meritt Marks, the H-E-T Club is a world-wide service organization and is incorporated under the laws of the state of Pennsylvania. It has over 3000 members in the U.S., Canada and 21 foreign countries, and maintains 48 chapters in the U.S. and three foreign countries.

Membership privileges include a subscription to the bi-monthly magazine White Triangle News, and access to other Club services.

Membership rates are as follows:

U.S. regular mail: \$33.00 yearly
U.S. 1st Class mail: \$43.00 yearly

To join, send name and address plus year model and serial # of Hudson to H-E-T Club Membership, HET Club, Inc, P.O. Box 8412, Wichita, KS 6708-0412

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