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Marshall Teague and the Fabulous Hudson Hornet

President's Message

Dear NEC Members,

For those of us that don't head south to escape New England's winters, February is a wonderful time to get caught-up on those little indoor tasks that never seem to get crossed off the "to do" list. After the busy holidays, I always seem to build-up a stack of car magazines and parts catalogs – now is an opportune time to re-read old WTN's or look through that four month old Hemmings Motor News for the unique vehicle or part you missed the first time (and if it's still available – chances are you'll get a better deal on it now!).

Speaking of deals, winter can also be a good chance to add a few dollars to your hobby slush fund by taking inventory of those Hudson spare parts you've been squirreling away. If you have no immediate use for the spares – consider advertising them in the WTN, the NEC newsletter you are holding in your hands or, listing them on an online auction like eBay. Getting those spare parts into a fellow enthusiast's hands could be just what's needed to get another Hudson on the road – and after all, that's what our organization is about.

Another winter activity involves researching the history of your car – especially, if you recently acquired the vehicle. With online search tools like whitepages.com and by contacting the HET Registry "keeper" for your particular model, you'll be amazed how far some detective work in the form of phone calls, emails and snail mail letters can go. Unfortunately, our Hudson's can't communicate their tales of yesteryear so, it can be fascinating to piece together the history of a 60 or 70 year old car by connecting with previous owners.

If you haven't already - now is the time to start thinking about upcoming 2015 Meets:

- Register for our Annual Winter Banquet on March 14th and don't forget to reserve a room at the Red Roof Inn if you're staying over on Saturday night. As in the past, the NEC treasury will be contributing \$10.00 per club member meal (as well as spouse) making this a very affordable way to shake the winter blahs.
- Register and reserve your hotel for the big Manchester, Vermont show on June 6th and 7th. Hudsons will be again represented in full force after our absence last year due to hosting the Eastern Regional Meet in Mansfield MA. We hope to reclaim our "Club Participation" award!
- The HET International Meet in Colorado Springs is August 11th to 15th. Reserve your room at the host hotel to avoid disappointment and note that registering for the meet early will save you money.
- If you hosted a meet in the past, please call or email your Vice President/Meet Coordinator – Kelly soon so you can pick your meet date for 2015. Her contact information is on the back cover of every N by NE.

Be well and I hope to see you at the Red Roof Inn next month!

Hudsonly,
Jim

Editor's Message

Greetings Members,

I hope you are all staying warm and managing through the crazy amount of snow we've had this year. I've never driven a Hudson in snow and chances are I never will unless a freak snow storm hits Boston in July. After this year, you never know.

I don't have too much to say, so I thought I'd add some rare pictures of Hudsons in the snow.

Regards,
Greg



Photo from Craigslist



Photo by Ricky Balser



Last month I posted this picture with a caption that said date and cars unknown. Mark Ludwig wrote me back. The car on the left is a 1927 Essex. Back then it belonged to David Brintnall. It is now owned by Tom Brintnall. He and Kelly also think the car on the right is Al Brintnall's 1920 Essex which is now owned by Greg Brintnall. Pretty cool!

Membership Notice

From Diane Ingvarsson, Membership Chair

Next month we will begin membership renewal. For those members who receive the newsletter by **mail**, your March newsletter will contain an addressed envelope, which should be mailed to Stig with your upcoming membership dues for the 2015-2016 season. Membership is \$12 and is due no later than April 30th.

If you can't remember if you owe dues for the upcoming year, please check the label on your newsletter and you will see the year you are paid up to following your name. For example, all those owing dues will have a '15 after their name, since they are paid up to April 2015. The dues, which are now due, are for April 2016.

If you receive your newsletter by **email**, you will be mailed an envelope with Stig's address, which you can then mail back to us. Your dues are also \$12.

If you receive your newsletter by email, you will not be able to check when your membership is up, so if in doubt, please contact me, Diane, at stigdiane@comcast.net and I will check for you. If there are any changes in address, phone or email, or even vehicles owned, please be sure to let me know so we can keep our records up to date and accurate. Everyone did such a wonderful job getting their dues in promptly last year. All were paid up by the April 30th deadline. I am really hoping to see that happen again this year. Thank you for your help in accomplishing this.

Diane

Manchester, VT Meet Registration is Open

From Jerre Hoffman

Registration for the 29th Annual Manchester Antique & Classic Car Show on June 6 & 7 is now open. Register as a club member (\$20) and save \$5. Enter Hudson Club in the car club text box.

<http://034f961.netsolhost.com/wordpress1/registration/car-registration/>

Independent Station Wagons Review

By Michael Petti

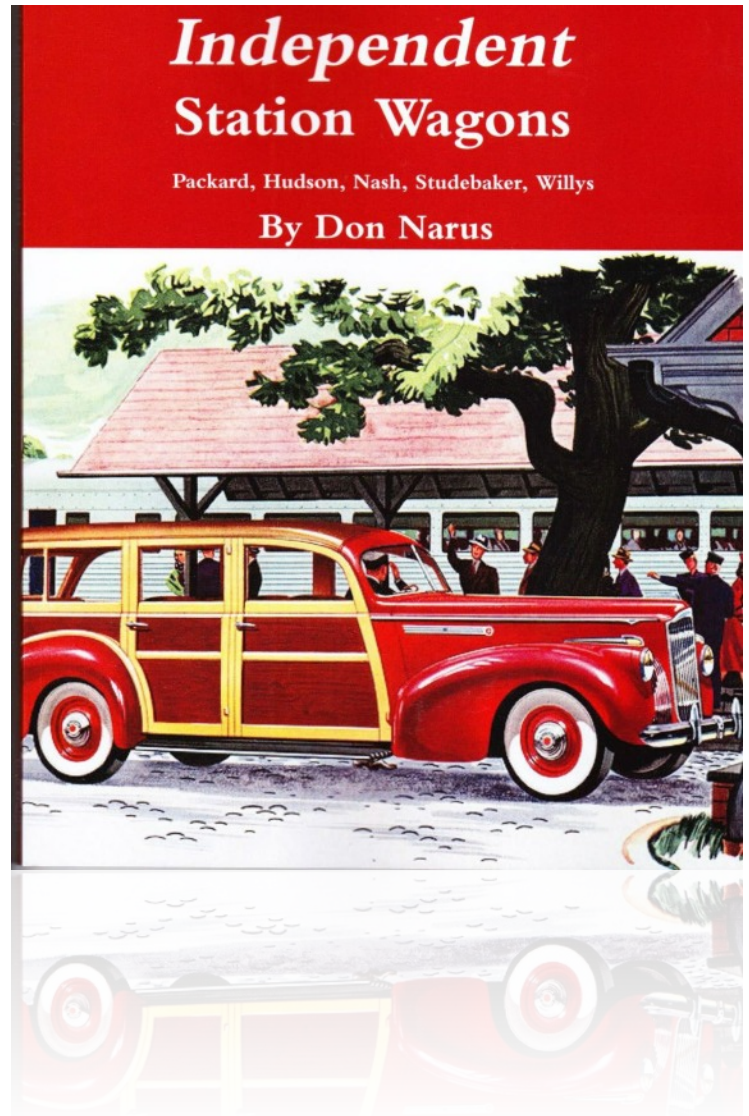
Don Narus' latest book entitled *Independent Station Wagons* is an introductory survey of station wagons made by five independent automakers, including Hudson. Other marques include Nash, Packard, Studebaker, and Willys.

The Hudson chapter includes the 1936 Terraplane, early '40s Hudsons, and Rambler based Hudsons of the mid-'50s. The step-down wagon designed by Hudson stylist Don Butler in 1948 and built in 2006 by Bill Eggert is prominently featured.

The picture and caption format includes almost 200 photos, with 35 pictures dedicated to Hudson. Detail-rich black and white images generously highlight front and back ends, dashboards, seats, and unique details. The visual tour covers the late '30s to 1955. Don's engaging writing style makes you feel as though you are right along with him.

Each chapter begins with a brief history of a brand's wagon. Chapters end with an overview of models, wheelbases, engines, and prices.

The book is available for \$22.95 + \$3.99 shipping from www.newalbanybooks.com.



Ypsilanti's Miller Motors to become National Hudson Motor Car Museum

By Kurt Earnst.

<http://blog.hemmings.com/index.php/2014/06/09/national-hudson-motor-car-museum-coming-to-ypsilanti-michigan/?refer=news#sthash.7fjKskQ4.dpuf>

Ypsilanti, Michigan's Miller Motors continued to represent the Hudson brand long after the company closed its doors, earning it the title of "the world's last Hudson dealership." Now, 58 years after the American

automotive brand's demise, Miller Motors will fittingly serve as the home to the National Hudson Motor Car Museum, the nation's first institution devoted entirely to the Hudson brand.

The building at 100 East Cross Street in Ypsilanti has an automotive dealership history that dates back to 1916, when Dodge automobiles were sold at the location. By the end of the 1920s, the shop had phased out Dodge in favor of Hudson-Terraplane and Willys-Overland, although this latter franchise lasted only from 1928-1929. Until the Wall Street crash, 1929 turned out to be a record year for Hudson sales in Ypsilanti, with the dealership moving 212 new cars through its doors.

In 1932, Carl Miller bought into the dealership with partner Alex Longnecker. The pair had experience in car sales and considered several higher-traffic locations for their Ypsilanti Hudson dealership before settling on the store's existing location. Though located blocks off the city's main street, the East Cross Street location had the advantage of cheap rent, and in the frugal post-Great Depression years, a penny saved was truly a penny earned. Roughly a decade later, Miller was able to buy out his partner, and his Hudson Sales and Service business managed to sell between 30 and 60 cars annually, a reasonable volume in the postwar years. The announcement of Hudson's "step down" models for 1948 was big news, and Carl Miller's son Jack remembers the showroom windows being whitewashed, with only a few portholes cleared for outward visibility, in order to create added buzz. As Jack Miller related in the [April 1984 issue of Special Interest Autos](#), his job was to count the spectators gathered outside the showroom windows, hoping to catch a glimpse of the new Commodore Eight sedan; though he made an effort to count every head, he stopped counting when the total reached into the hundreds.

When American Motors was formed by the merger of Nash-Kelvinator and Hudson in 1954, the dealership picked up additional product lines. By 1956, it no longer made sense to refer to the shop as Hudson Sales & Service, so the name was changed to Miller Motors to encompass more than just a single brand. The Hudson brand received its final curtain call in 1957, and American Motors began ramping up pressure on Miller Motors to modernize and relocate to a higher-traffic location; Carl Miller refused, and in 1959 the automaker pulled his franchise. Without new cars to sell, the Millers refocused their efforts on selling used cars and repairing cars already sold to customers, always with an emphasis on the Hudson brand. As the years progressed, Jack took over the business from his father and eventually refocused his efforts on selling Hudson parts and restoring Hudson automobiles for sale. Selling at least one restored Hudson each year was a point of pride for Miller, who took his title of "Mr. Hudson" and his shop's reputation as the last Hudson dealer very seriously.

In 1996, Miller sold off his spare parts business and turned his attention to opening a museum that honored Ypsilanti's automotive past (as well as the Hudson brand), and the result was the Ypsilanti Automotive Heritage Museum. The dealership-turned-museum features displays honoring Tucker (specifically, a movie prop car from the 1988 film), Kaiser-Frazer, the Chevrolet Corvair, the Chevrolet Nova, and even the Hydra-Matic transmission, all of which have ties to Ypsilanti. Over the years, the museum has grown beyond the boundaries of the dealership to encompass numerous buildings, including an adjacent former post office that now houses the Tucker and Kaiser-Frazer displays.

The National Hudson Motor Car Company Museum, the result of a partnership between the Ypsilanti Automotive Heritage Museum and the Hudson Essex Terraplane Historical Society, opened in September occupying the former Miller Motors dealership, and will be organized in such a way as to relate as much of the Hudson brand's story as possible. In addition to the Hudson models that once formed the backbone of Jack

Miller's collection, other historic Hudson models will be exhibited on loan from collectors. Per museum manager Ed Souers, that list will include everything from a 1910 Hudson Model 20 two-seat roadster to the final 1957 Hudson model built, a Hudson Hornet Hollywood that rolled off the assembly line in Kenosha, Wisconsin, on June 25, 1957. It will also include a vehicle to be added to the National Historic Vehicle Register, the number 92 "Fabulous Hudson Hornet" of NASCAR racer Herb Thomas. It was Jack Miller who tracked down Thomas's badly-neglected racer, arranged its purchase (after a decade of negotiation) and restored the car to its as-raced state; last November, Miller sold the car to Souers, who will proudly display it in the museum he manages.

Plans call for regular display updates to the dealership's single-car showroom, and each rotating display will feature period-correct artifacts and memorabilia to tell the story of more than just the Hudson brand. As Souers explained, the primary purpose of the National Hudson Motor Car Company Museum will be to tell the brand's story in a clear and comprehensive manner, and Souers hopes that the museum can foster longterm cooperative relationships with other U.S. automotive museums. It already has a relationship with The Henry Ford, which has placed a Derham-bodied 1951 Hudson Hornet used by Hudson's last president, A.E. Barit, on longterm loan.

The National Hudson Motor Company Museum opened on September 21, which corresponds with the weekend of the annual Orphan Car Show in Ypsilanti.

Meet Sheet 2015

March 14, 2015: 2015 Winter Banquet - Deerfield, MA

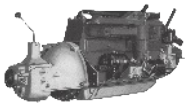
The 2015 Winter Banquet will be held March 14th at the (in)famous Whately Inn. We'll meet around 2:00 PM at the Pool side area of the Red Roof Inn in So. Deerfield, MA. Bring snacks and beverages to share. We will then head over to the Whately Inn for Dinner at 6:00PM. Please see registration form for meal choices. Once again the Club is subsidizing \$10.00 each member and spouse.

Reservations for the Red Roof must be made by February 14th to get the club rate. You need to call 413-665-7161 and mention the Hudson Car Club. That will get you a Regular room, 2 Queen beds for \$66.99. They also have rooms with Refrigerators (Deluxe) for \$69.99. Those that stay at Red Roof will most likely go to Grays Sugar House Sunday AM for Breakfast.

For complete details, see page 9 in this newsletter.

May 2-3, 2015: 56th Annual S.S.A.A.C. Trading Bee - Mansfield, MA

The 2015 Trading Bee will be located at Xfinity Center (883 South Main St.) in Mansfield, MA. Spaces are available for sale beginning January 2015. If interested, please call 508-947-6600. New England's oldest and largest auto flea market. Sold over 1500 15x30 vender spaces in 2014. Spaces \$60.00 (advance), \$70.00 at gate. Admission \$10.00 per person each day.



Classifieds



ADVERTISING INFO: 1) Ads for NEC/HET members have priority; others on a space available basis. 2) For sale ads run for three months and must have prices. 3) Advertiser must give notice of renewal or cancellation. 4) Send ads to Greg Firestone, 32 Warren Street, Stoneham, MA or e-mail to newenglandhetchclub@gmail.com .

Cars for Sale

* 1928 Essex Super Six Sedan with 29k original miles. Four suicide doors with original blue/black paint and like new, always covered, interior. Excellent nickel plating and glass. No rust or dents ever. Runs great \$12,500. (Agawam, MA) Call Bob 413-478-9415 or bobhager4@netzero.net. Pic on club website. [10/14]

* 1927 Hudson 4 door sedan. Barn stored since the 1950's. 45k miles, not running. Needs roof, believe to be complete. Needs interior, wood is good. Stored in Woodstock, VT. Asking \$6,000. Tom Murray - 781-272-8253 [10/13]

Miscellaneous

* 1934-36 Fender Lamp Lenses, Hudson #BO109800; HALL #14249. Exact fit, high quality, USA made, original-type glass replacements. Satisfaction guaranteed - these can not be told from the originals! Price: \$50.00 each plus shipping. Email: 1934hudson@charter.net, Jim DiGiorgio, 101 Elm Street, Pepperell, MA 01463, PH: 978-433-1919 [11/11]

* 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 per cent with the by pass opened. 1948 to 1956, all Hudson model six cylinder engines, no splashers, no Jets. Total cost is \$99.00 and includes S&H Priority Mail. – All year Hudson carburetors from 1932 to 1956 rebuilt, cost depends on year and model of Carter carburetor. Modern spin on oil filter kit, complete with all parts needed, including a modern filter, FRAM PH8A. Kit is \$195.00 and includes S&H priority mail. 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 \$67.00 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 Walt Mordenti 45 Skyview Way San Francisco, CA 94131-1248 [5/14]

* Original design Hudson 3 piece air conditioning brackets \$200.00, Stainless steel roof antennas for 48 thru 57 Hudsons \$65.00, Universal 12 volt electronic ignition conversion kits by Crane Cams for Hudson Distributors \$110.00, 6 and 12 volt battery tenders \$16.00 each. All prices plus shipping. Joe Stinnett, 7953 Stone Rd., Apopka, FL 32703-8970 Ph 407-222-0524, jastinnett@earthlink.net [11/11]

* Our Own manufacture: mechanical fuel pump rebuilding kits and rebuilding services for Carter and AC fuel pumps. Made in USA, Modern materials. Please provide the pump number, located on the

side of the fuel pump mounting flange. Re-vulcanizing services for Obsolete mounts 1934 + ,center support cushions 1948-1954 .Keep us in mind for all your mechanical needs 1909-today. Then And Now Automotive, 447 Washington St. Weymouth, Ma 02188 781-335-8860 www.then-now.com [2/14]

* 1937 Terraplane 4d body. Has doors but otherwise gutted. Frame also cut. Clean MA Title. \$600. 1952 Hornet fender skirts, good trim \$50. Believe 1935 face plate for tire case with hubcap in good shape \$150. Looking for 37 Terraplane parts to trade. Contact Michael Bentinck-Smith, 520 Brook Rd, Milton, MA 02186. Call 617-698-7471 between 6-8 pm. [3/14]

Wanted

* Wanted for 1937 Terraplane Utility Coupe:

(2) Front Fenders (No rust out)

(1) Grille assembly, complete or partial

(1) LH trunk latch assembly and inside door handles

(1) Head light switch (1) LH Tail light assembly

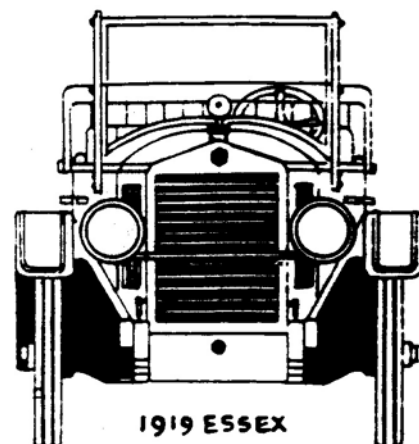
(1) Optional complete RH tail light assembly with fender mount

(1) Trunk lid medallion

(1) Rear valance that bolts between rear fenders under trunk lid

Any leads appreciated. Sedan parts might fit. Karlmythic@aol.com or 860-460-9606 - Karl Vucich

* For 1932 Essex 5W Coupe: Glove boxes, seat frame, hub caps for wood wheels, radiator cap, hood ornament, complete tail light, wire harness. Contact Tracy Vera, 163 Allstow St, Cambridge, MA 02139. Tel: 617-799-0845. [10/13]



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Meal choices at the Whately Inn are Baked Stuffed Lobster \$40:00, Filet Mignon \$43.00 and Chicken Cordon Bleu \$25.00.

This price is all inclusive and includes tax and tip. Remember to deduct \$10.00 for each member and spouse meal for Chapter Members!

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Member _____	Baked Stuff Lobster \$40.00 X _____	=	_____
Guest _____	Filet Mignon \$43.00 X _____	=	_____
	Chicken Cordon Bleu \$25.00 X _____	=	_____
	Total		_____
	Less \$10.00 each Chapter Member (\$20.00 Max)		_____
	Grand Total		_____
This is all inclusive and includes tax and tip.			
Check here if coming to Red Roof Inn around 2:00 PM _____			
Send Check to			
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