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Watch out for the Fuzz!

This Hornet police car can be found in Lakeville, MN at Hot Sam's Antiques Collectibles & Furniture. In it's heyday, it was probably the last type of car you wanted to see behind you with its lights and sirens blaring. I'm sure it could keep up if not surpass the best of them.

President's Message

Dear NEC Members,

As I write this month's President's Message on April 1st, I have to tell you how wonderful it is to look forward to our upcoming meet season. Your officers met in March to discuss this year's chapter events, club finances, membership renewals and our plans to offer club shirts. VP Kelly has been working hard to finalize one of the best meet seasons ever with lots of opportunities each month to confabulate with fellow Hudson enthusiasts. This meet season we will again be enjoying the traditional "sometimes" annual meets at fellow member's homes as well as a couple new meets hosted by the Hoffman's and Matt Firestone. Additionally, we have a wonderful opportunity to showcase our Hudson automobiles (one of the featured marques!) at this year's Hemmings Concour's d'Elegance at Saratoga Springs, New York. Ted Wilming is negotiating a discounted rate for a block of hotel rooms – more details to follow.

I'm pleased to report that your Chapter continues to be financially healthy – however, as we say every April – Dues are Due! Please send your 2015 dues along with any phone number, mailing address, email address or vehicle updates to Diane. It costs our chapter time and money to send-out dues reminders so, please renew your membership on time (and, remember that you MUST be a paid National HET Club member to be a NEC member). I challenge you to find a better deal for \$12.00!

We are starting the process of gathering quotes for collared jersey shirts with a goal of having them available for member's to purchase by mid-late summer. Our goal is to be able to offer a high quality jersey - with our NEC logo, at an affordable price. Your officers agreed that we all have plenty of Tee shirts from attending Regional and National meets so, feel a bit more formal golf or sport shirt would be appreciated by members. Carl will be spearheading the effort so, expect to hear more in the next couple months as we start taking your shirt orders.

I received an email a few days ago from the daughter of a deceased HET Club member asking if we might be able to help in locating a Hudson to be part of her daughter's wedding. In honor of the bride's grandfather, the newlyweds wish to travel from their ceremony to the reception in a Hudson. The wedding date is June 20th and the church is in Darien CT, reception 4 miles away in Stamford CT. Please feel free to call or email me if you can help this family and I will provide you their contact information – of course, terms of the arrangement will be up to you to negotiate.

Finally, after much consideration and deliberation, I have made the unilateral decision to merge the New England Chapter of the Hudson Essex Terraplane club with the local chapters of the Nash, Studebaker and Oldsmobile clubs. Each of these "orphan" marques has suffered the same fate as our Hudson Motor Car Company and it only seems fitting that we come together as a single organization dedicated to preserving the heritage of each of our favorite automobiles together. As your representative, I did approach the New England Packard, Pontiac and Plymouth clubs however, they are in talks with the Peerless and Pierce-Arrow clubs to form the "PPPPP Club" so, not interested in merging with us at this time. We will approach them again on April 1st next year.

Hence forth, our club will be known as the "H.O.N.E.S.T. Club" (short for Hudson-Olds-Nash-Essex-Studebaker-Terraplane Club).

Hudsonly,
Jim

April 1st 2015

Editor's Message

Greetings Members,

I don't know about you but I can't wait for the weather to finally warm up. To any of the NEC members who spend your summers in New England and winters in Florida - you have the right idea. Or you can move to Tennessee like Alex Burr :-).

It's interesting because I grew up in New England and have always lived in a 4-season state. I have always wondered what it would be like to live in a state where you could drive your car year round and attend shows and meets 52 weeks out of the year. Part of growing up in New England is the excitement that Spring brings. Both my dad and brother have sent me video clips of our families' Hudsons starting and running in the garage. Only a car guy would get a kick out of watching a video of an engine bay. I've watched them a few times now and every time I begin thinking about meet season and going to shows. Would I lose that feeling living in Florida or California? Either way, I'm glad Spring is here and look forward to seeing everyone soon.

Regards,
Greg

Membership Update

Dues are due by April 30th. A big thank you to all the early birds who have already sent their dues in, it is greatly appreciated.

Diane

New England Chapter Winter Banquet

March 14, 2015 Whately, MA

Meet Report & Photos by: Carmen LaFlamme



Carmen LaFlamme and the Hoffmans - Jessica, Zack, Patti, & Jerre

Doris and Bruce Smith

This first meet of the season was filled with congratulations and celebrations!

Zack and Jess Hoffman announced that they are expecting their first child in September, which means that Jerre and Patti are going to be Grandparents. Congratulations to all of the Hoffmans. Carmen presented Zack and Jess with her childhood wooden wagon to put in the nursery. It's an antique for sure!

Dale Brintnall and girlfriend, Kathy Shea, became engaged on March 11th! Kathy was flashing her diamond ring. Congratulations to the happy couple. No wedding date has been set.

Doris Smith celebrated her birthday on the 14th and her sister-in-law, Nancie, also shared her upcoming special day with us. Our banquet dessert was cake and ice cream. They even got to blow out the candles! Happy Birthday ladies.

Forty five New England Chapter members gathered at the Red Roof Inn Saturday afternoon for a social time which included plenty of snacks to graze on. The room was buzzing with all kinds of chatter. One of the "HOT" topics was comparing the amounts of snow received this last winter. Grace McWalter made a book of pictures she had taken after each storm. The book was quite thick! Mark Robinson shared pictures he had taken on his

cell phone. I don't know who won the contest but it looked pretty close. It felt so good to come out of hibernation and have the opportunity to catch up with old friends.



Dave McWalter and Jim DiGiorgio



Dave McWalter, Carmen LaFlamme, and Jim DiGiorgio

Saturday evening we drove to Whatley for our annual banquet at the Whately Inn. As always, the meal was excellent. The only complaint I heard was: "I'm too full." There was a brief business meeting after the dinner. Dave Tuttle reminded us of the upcoming Manchester, Vermont meet on the weekend of June 6th. There is a possibility of having 16 or more HET products at the meet this year. He also talked about the Hemming's Concourse Event on the weekend of September 25th in Saratoga. He is in hopes of arranging for Doc Hudson to be there. Ted Wilming will look into a host hotel. More information on both meets will be published in the newsletters. NEC Chapter President, Jim DiGiorgio, applauded the appearance of the latest WTN which is now being published in full color. He recognized Dave Tuttle for his efforts in finding a new print vendor which proved to be beneficial to the Club both financially and in a new improved magazine.

- The 50/50 raffle was won by Mark Robinson. The other half will be donated to a charity.
- Sunday morning some of us went to Williams Sugar House for breakfast before heading home.
- The Chapter sends sympathy wishes to The Weber family for the recent loss of Carl's sister, Peg and also for the loss of a nephew.

We thank Jerre and Patti Hoffman for organizing this great event. Everybody had a wonderful time! It seems to be getting more popular every year!



Evelyn Tuttle, Patti and Zack Hoffman, and some new guy :-) Carl



Kathy Shea and Dale Brintnall happily engaged

Middlesex Community College Foundation Receives Largest Donation

By Shawn Beals, Hartford Courant

MIDDLETOWN — The Middlesex Community College Foundation has received its largest donation, a bequest from the estate of a Portland woman who attended the college.

The donation from Hazel Robinson will establish a new scholarship endowment which will help students with education expenses that can often include child care or transportation.

Mary Ann Cox, chairwoman of the foundation's board, said the donation was for nearly \$100,000,

"It was wonderful news and it was a big surprise," Cox said. "But we don't know a lot about Mrs. Robinson."

Cox said Robinson died more than a year ago, and that the college does not know much more about Robinson or her time at Middlesex Community College.

Robinson's donation was made in honor of her brother, Raymond Robinson, who also attended the college, but the school doesn't know much about him, either, Cox said.

About 80 percent of the students at Middlesex receive financial aid, and the endowment will provide assistance to allow more students to pursue a college degree, officials said.

College President Anna Wasescha said additional sources of aid to students is crucial.

"There are students for whom we can't meet the full need, and the scholarships that come from the foundation are critical," Wasescha said Thursday.

"The goal of community colleges is to make higher education affordable and accessible to students," Cox said. "Many [community college students] have financial obstacles that can prohibit them from going into higher education."

The Middlesex Community College Foundation raises money for scholarships, new program development, technology purchases and professional development for faculty.

Wasescha called the generous gift "a validation of how many people's lives we touch and have touched since 1966."

[After this article was published, Lynn Firestone reached out to the Reporter and provided her with the names of some long time friends of Hazel]

Driving My Hudson in Winter

By Mike Cook

Your remarks in the February newsletter brought up memories I would like to share with you and our other Hudson drivers.

I grew up in a household of Chevrolet and Ford cars and trucks in the 40s and 50s when tires were 6.00 or narrower. When it snowed the plows didn't come out until there were 6 inches or more accumulated. Aggressive stone treads and/or tire chains were needed for driving during and after a serious snowstorm and narrow tires were best for cutting through most snow. A snow shovel in the trunk was wise insurance for when all else failed.

I got my first Hudson, a '53 Wasp, in '57. As winter came on I wondered how the 6.70 tires, low clearance and differing track front to rear, would go in the snow. Come the first major storm I was pleasantly surprised at first. The low-slung front crossmember and suspension tended to bulldoze the tops of the deep spots allowing the rest of the undercarriage clearance. This allowed the snow treads to cut down to solid ground. It turned out that the Hudson did well in snow, or at least in the forward direction! When backing up the big flat gas tank and the spare tire acted like a toboggan. They would lift the rear of the car to the point that the tires lost traction and the car would maroon high and dry!

In the winter of 1960/61, I was driving a Twin H Hornet, which was not a good cold-weather starter. When I got off my third shift job, I sometimes had to hand choke the sleeping beast to get home. To do this I would first remove the two little Chev truck air cleaners. I would then cover the rear carb with my left hand, the front one with my left forearm and then operate the throttle linkage with my right hand and engage the starter solenoid with my right elbow. After return or two of the engine I would roll my hand and arm off the carbs. If the engine fired there was a wild dance with the throttle linkage to keep it running. Often instead of starting, the engine would explode two balls of fire out of the carbs, up the hood and over my shoulder. Such were they "good old days" before electronic ignition and computer-controlled fuel injection!



Photo from <http://duquesnehunky.com/page/24/>

Meet Sheet 2015

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.

May 8-10, 2015: 52nd annual "Doc's Apple Blossom Meet", Front Royal, VA.

Includes traditional Friday evening potluck dinner, now at the outdoor pavilion of the 4-H Educational Center; Saturday AACA car show in Winchester, Va.; Saturday evening banquet at the 4-H Center dining hall; Sunday all-Hudson car show and flea market at Skyline Caverns. For more information call John Horn at (410) 377-5824, e-mail him at Lynnhorn704@gmail.com, or visit the Chesapeake Bay Chapter website at www.cbc.hetclub.org.

June 5-7, 2015: 2015 HET Eastern Regional Meet, Ormond, Beach, FL.

The Orange Blossom chapter of the Hudson Essex Terraplane Club is hosting the 2015 HET Eastern Regional. The theme is "Hudsons At the Beach". Book your hotel reservations at Best Western Castillo Del Sol Hotel: 888-512-0947 or: www.bwcastillodelsol.com 205 South Atlantic Ave, Ormond Beach, FL. No pets or RV parking. Ask for Hudson Group Rate which is: ocean view room - \$89.99, oceanfront efficiency - \$99.99. Rates are good for 3 days prior and 3 days after the meet. Comp. "hot" breakfast daily from 7 am to 10 am. Parking garage for SWAP Meet and Hudson Parking in garage.

Nearest RV : Coral Sands RV Resort (Good Sam Park) 1047 Ocean Shore Blvd. Ormond Beach, FL 32176
Phone: 386-441-0900 or 800-441-1831

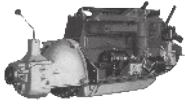
NEC Chapter Jackets

From Carl Weber: I'm planning to order additional NEC jackets. Anyone interested in a RED club jacket, like many members are wearing, please send me an EMAIL with your size and quantity, plus the name you want embroidered on the chest.

The price will be \$35.00 upon delivery. This includes the silk screened back, the embroidered HUDSON emblem on the chest and your first name on the opposite side of the chest.

I need this information ASAP so I may order the jackets and get them finished before JUNE 1ST

SEND ALL INFORMATION TO; HUDSON654@AOL.COM



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]

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]

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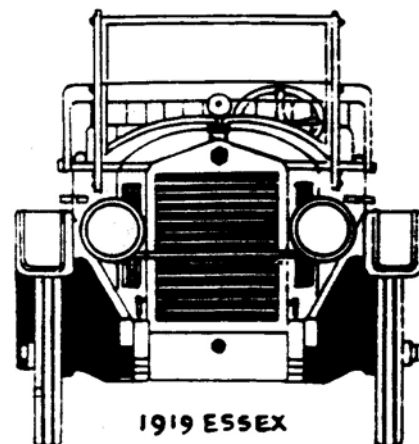
* 1937 Terraplane 4d body. Has doors but otherwise gutted. Frame also cut. Clean MA Title. \$600. 1952 Hornet fender skirts, good trim \$50. Believe 1935 face plate for tire case with hubcap in good shape \$150. Looking for 37 Terraplane parts to trade. Contact Michael Bentinck-Smith, 520 Brook Rd, Milton,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

* 1927 Hudson Parts Car. Low Mileage. Very Rusted. Runs & Largely Complete. Andrew Lemont - 207-439-4977, Kittery Point, ME [4/15]

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. KarlMystic@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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