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Newsletter of the Southern California Chapter of the H-E-T Club

HMCC – 99 Years

HET Club – 49 Years

SC Chapter - 42 Years

May 2008

2008 Western Region Meet

The **2008 Meet** will be held in **San Jose**, hosted by the **Northern California Chapter**. It is scheduled for **May 22-24** and a **car factory tour** and **Saturday night banquet** are planned. Be sure to send in your registration and make your hotel reservation. Flyer included. See you there.....



Upcoming SCC Events

May 18 – SCC Board Meeting*

May 22-24 – **Western Region Meet** in

San Jose, CA

June 8 – **Annual Picnic & Elections**, Ernest E.

Debs Regional Park

June 21 – Sierra Madre Car Show

(Not a SCC event)

July 22-28 – **National HET Meet**

<http://www.freewebs.com/neceditor05/>

→ Sept. 26-28 – **All-Cal Meet** *(Date change)*

Nov. 8-9 – **Laughlin Economy Run**

April 2009 - **Western Region Meet** in

Oakhurst, CA

Board Meetings are normally scheduled for 2 PM on the third Sunday of each month, and are **open to all members**. Phone 805/987-8187 for directions.

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Want an SCC Meet close to your home? Just find a park or other attraction with parking and facilities. Then give Noah a call (626/799-6107)

SCC Annual Picnic Is Coming Soon

June 8th - The Annual SCC Picnic is in planning stage. This is a chance to:

- exchange ideas,
- make suggestions,
- meet old friends,
- kick tires,
- pay next year's dues (save a stamp)
- and help out our hard working Board.

Mark your calendar! **Contact Jon** (805/987-8187) to help out and be included on the ballot.

All offices are open!!

From the President's Garage

"Looking Over the Hood" – Hey chapter members, we have some important activities coming our way in about a month. In **June**, most of our **memberships will expire**, so be sure and send your renewals in **now** to Susan Ross, our Membership chair. The renewal slip is on the back of this newsletter and your expiration date is on your **mailing label**,

Also in **June (on 8th)** we'll have our **Annual General Meeting and Elections**. We'll be gathering again at **Debs Regional Park**, so bring your favorite side dish to share, beverages and a chair. Our business meeting will be short, so you'll have plenty of time to tire kick and socialize. We'll be electing a slate of officers to lead us into 2009 - and we've got some openings on the ballot. Please call me at 805-987-8187 for a rundown on officer duties and responsibilities.

Hope to see you in **San Jose** later this month (as opposed to 'on the way', which might have a connotation of one of us being broke down on the side of US101!).

CHVA Car Show *by Gordon Hay*

On Sunday April 27, 08, four great Hudsons from the Southern California Chapter of the H-E-T Club met at the Pavilion's parking lot for coffee and refreshments.

Steve Marshall came all of the way from Lancaster and was the first to show with his elegant **1949 Commodore 6**. Then came **Niels Pedersen** with his **Bali Blue 1951 Hornet Coupe**, and **Mark Matsumoto** with his **Cream over Blue 1952 Hornet four door** and **John and Carolann Papariello** in their newly freshened **1953 Hudson Super Jet, Green over Green**.

After an hour of discussion and admiring the four Hudsons, we all caravanned to the top floor of the Sherman Oaks Galleria parking structure to attend the annual CHVA Car Show.

There were approximately 100 cars there including our four Hudsons and since the temperature was close to 100 degrees, the visitors would take a quick look and go to the shade.

All seemed to enjoy the meet even with the heat and the CHVA encouraged us to bring more Hudsons next year.

SCC Hornet in Hemmings

“Just to let you know, that the **1953 Hornet Hollywood** featured in May 2008 **Hemmings Classic Car** was formerly owned by the late **Dave Hulka, one of the charter members of the Southern California chapter**. Dave owned this Hudson from 1956 to his sudden passing in 2000. Dave brought this car to many Southern California meets over the years until he moved to Utah in the mid '80's, until finally settling in Nevada in the early '90's. **Dave had this Hudson way over 100 mph on the Southern California freeways !** (I know, as I rode shotgun!) After Dave's untimely passing, his stepdaughter sold it to Mr. Miller in New Jersey. Mr. Miller has spent well over \$200,000 on its restoration. (The car was a high number 3 when Dave had it). The car was displayed at the **Pittsburgh National**, and it looks better than factory new! It is at least a 100 point car, perfect in every respect! It would most likely win any judged car show ! It may be at the **Boston area H.E.T. National** this summer.

Dave would be proud! Hudsonly, Ray Klein”

2008 NATIONAL MEET RAFFLE

The New England Chapter Invites You To Participate In Our Fund Raiser For The 2008 National Meet To Be Held In Marlborough, Mass. July 22-26, 2008

This is your chance to win **\$1,000.00** first prize or 2 chances to win **\$250.00** second and third prize. You get **3 chances** to win a prize!! **Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 tickets for \$5.00** get your tickets from your **chapter president** or send a request to; **Jerre Hoffman, 27 Howard Street, Chicopee, MA. 01013-2618** or email your request to hofhudson@earthlink.net

Consumer Reports Rates '51 Hudsons

The following is digested from the 1952 Consumer Reports 1952 Buying Guide Issue. Cars were rated by price groups and the following includes all groups where Hudson was

rated. How would you like a shot at these prices today?

Group III \$2094-\$2241

Best Buy, Distance Car: Hudson Pacemaker (with overdrive)

Model 4A. \$2145. Overdrive , \$100. Supermatic, self-shifting device plus overdrive, \$158. Excellent road ability, riding qualities and safety features. Somewhat underpowered.

Group IV \$2279 to \$2555

Hudson Super 6, Model 5A. \$2287. Overdrive \$100. Supermatic drive \$158. Gasoline mileage low for the group. Outstandingly safe. It was low to the road, handled precisely, and had good brakes. Rather high depreciation.

Group V \$2568 to \$2981

Best Buy, Distance Car: Hudson Hornet (with overdrive)

Hudson Hornet 6, Model 7A. \$2568. Overdrive \$100. Hydramatic \$159. The combination of powerful engine, excellent handling and riding, and shock resistant body made the Hornet with or without overdrive an outstanding road car.

Hudson Commodore Eight was also rated in this group as follows: Model 8A. \$2568. Overdrive \$100. Hydramatic \$159. The splash-lubricated engine had excellent speed and endurance. Less powerful than the Hornet, the Eight gave better gas mileage and somewhat smoother performance.

In summary, not a bad showing. Strong performance, safety, good riding and excellent handling. No surprises for the Hudson nut!

Hudson Related Items for Sale

<http://socalhet.org/salesroom.htm>

Restoration Resources & Suppliers

<http://socalhet.org/suppliers.htm>

SCC Officers

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HUDSONS KNOW THE WAY TO SAN JOSE

**YOUR INVITED FOR SOME REAL
HUDSON HOSPITALITY
AT THE
2008 WESTERN REGIONAL MEET**

**HOLIDAY INN, 1740 N. FIRST ST.
SAN JOSE, CA 95112
408-993-1234**

**THURSDAY-SATURDAY
MAY 22,23, AND 24TH.**

**ROOM RATES AT \$79.00
(WED. AND SUN. RATES \$99.00)**



2008 HET CLUB WESTERN REGIONAL MEET SAN JOSE, CA MAY 22,23, AND 24TH.

NAME _____ SECOND BADGE _____
ST. ADDRESS _____
CITY, STATE, ZIP _____

FAMILY REGISTRATION, BEFORE MAY 10TH, \$15.00 _____
AFTER MAY 10TH \$20.00 _____

FRIDAY, TOUR OF NUMI CAR FACTORY, \$5.00 EACH _____
THE FACTORY TOUR WILL SELL OUT EARLY
SO SEND IN YOUR REGISTRATION ASAP.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON WINE & CHEESE SOCIAL **FREE**

SATURDAY NIGHT BANQUET, MAY 24TH.
CHICKEN@ \$35.00 EACH #TICKETS _____
BEEF @ \$35.00 EACH #TICKETS _____

MAKE RESERVATION DIRECTLY WITH HOLIDAY INN SAN JOSE
408-993-1234, MENTION HUDSON CLUB FOR \$79.00 ROOM RATE.

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