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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

July 2008

The New England Chapter, Hudson-Essex-Terraplane Club, Inc.



presents the 49th Annual National Meet for The Hudson-Essex-Terraplane Club

2008 National Meet

Only a few weeks away

Send your registrations in.

The \$20.00 registration fee deadline was May 27. No advanced registrations after July 4th.

Join the fun! Register now ☺

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Renew your SCC membership now!

Upcoming SCC Events

July 20 - SCC Board Meeting*

July 22-28 – **National HET Meet**

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

Aug. 16 – **The Nethercutt Collection**

Sept. 26-28 – **All-Cal Meet** – See Flyer

Nov. 8-9 – **Laughlin Economy Run**

April 16-18, 2009 - **Western Region Meet** –
See Flyer

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.

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)

Second Chance

There is still time to **renew your SCC membership** for another year. July 1st starts a new year for our Chapter and we need your support. Local Chapter membership provides you with good friends, resource and parts information, a monthly newsletter with the latest information, opportunities to enjoy your Hudson and a chapter web page.

If your mailing label shows 6-08, it is time to renew for another year. A **renewal form** is included in this Newsletter for your updated SCC HET information. **Be sure to include a suggestion for future chapter activities.**

Just drop it in the mail along with **\$15** dues to **Susan Ross**, Membership. Help make this chapter worthy of the vehicles that we admire.

It is also important (and required) that you keep your National membership renewed since they provide the necessary insurance for the chapter.

If your mailing label shows 6-09 or later, thanks and we will see you at the next event.

The Nethercutt Collection and Museum

On **August 16**, SCC is traveling to the **J.B. Nethercutt Collection** at San Sylmar in Sylmar. The museum is an outstanding display of dedication and passion for "functional fine art". Beyond the realm of the automobile, the collection houses superb examples of original antique furniture, and a colossal display of automatic and reproducing musical instruments.

The focus of the tour is the automotive collection which spans over 200 cars, although currently, only 30 incredible cars are displayed at a time.

The Mascot Collection includes more than 1,100 hood ornaments, many of Lalique crystal. Assembled by J.B. Nethercutt and his wife Dorothy, the collection is a result of a lifetime dedicated to a love of beauty in design. <http://classics.com/nthct.html>

SCC Annual Picnic

by Gordon Hay



June 8th was another beautiful Southern California day, with temperatures in the low 80's, an occasional breeze, and a clear, blue sky. Thirteen of us enjoyed submarine sandwiches from Santoro's in Burbank, and various desserts brought by members at the Annual Meeting and Picnic of the Southern California Chapter of HET.

Six Hudsons made the steep drive to Ernest E. Debs Regional Park. **Noah Blough's** 1950 Pacemaker, **Bob Ross's** 1954 Hornet, **Susan Ross's** 1954 Jet Liner, **Steve Marshall's** 1949 Commodore 6, **John Papariello's** 1953 Super Jet and **Bill Zappen's** 1951 Super 6.

Officers elected for next year are:

Jon Cronk	President
Steve Marshall	Vice President
Brad Forbush	Secretary
Gordon Hay	Treasurer
Noah Blough	Tour Chairman
Bob Ross	Communications
Susan Ross	Membership

We discussed our cars, had dessert and left looking forward to our tour of the Nethercutt Auto Collection on August 16, 2008.

Reid and the Car

Reid Anthony Railton was born in Alderley Edge, England June 24th, 1895. His father was a stock broker which didn't lend itself to Reid's activities in motordom. He received his degree and joined Leyland Motors and Godfrey Parry Thomas - the two became close friends. Around 1920 Leyland directed the two to design and build a most perfect 8 cylinder chassis. In 1930 Railton designed and built Bluebird for Malcolm Campbell who drove it at Bonneville at a

record speed of 272 mph. This car was officially called a Railton. The Railton Terraplane was announced in England July 14, 1933. At that time Railton was on the engineering advisory staff of Hudson Motor Car Company.

The Railton has a Hudson straight 8 power plant and chassis and the bodies were built by Ranaiah, Carlton and others of England. In the early models, 4 wheel mechanical brakes were used, but by 1936 hydraulics were substituted and the wheel base increased. Actually Sir Noel Macklin designed the Railton combination but Railton was a consultant and his name had greater sales potential so thus the car was named. The Railton engine is really unique. There is a shaft driven double opposed twin stream oil pump that forces oil to the front and rear crankshaft bearings. The excess oil is channeled to the engine sump, where scoops on the rod ends pick up the oil and feed it to the crank bearings. There is also the good old splash system lubricating; the entire insides of the engine and pistons.

The first Railton was built at Cobham, England in the old Invicta plant. Total production seems to be 1500 units spanning six years. In 1938 a baby Railton was built on 4 cylinder 10 hp Standard chassis.

The typical Railton featured a true sports design with a long hood and extra seats behind the buckets. The top folds flat with the spare tire angle in perfect harmony with the body. Foot strips on the running boards presented a good finishing touch. Wire wheels with large chrome hub caps have the initials R T (Railton Terraplane). This was in 1933 only. The Railton became Hudson based in 1934 and wheels and hub caps varied in later years. Average price when new \$2600. The car cost \$7.25 for delivery at home.

Top speed 92 mph, gas mileage 12-19 mpg and 0 to 60 in 10 seconds. Standing 1/4 mile

was 18.5 seconds. Compression ratio 7 to 1, Horsepower 113 at 3800. Electrical - Lucas 6 volt (12 volt by 1936) tire size 6.25-16.

from "The Hornet's Nest" Sept '75

Hudson Related Items for Sale

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

Restoration Resources & Suppliers

- <http://socalhet.org/suppliers.htm>
- New windshields for '48 - '53. Clear - either side - \$200.00. Tinted - either side - \$210.00. (Windshield rubber available through K-Gap). Installation available through Bill Albright

Twin-H Power decals. (peel-offs, not water transfers) \$10.00. 1953 - '54 pork chops \$300.00/pr. (Re-produced).

Stainless steel heat shields for Twin H set-ups. Mirror finish. \$15 per pair plus shipping. Also '37-'47 2-barrel anodized steel heat shields \$8 each plus shipping.

Glove box inserts for H.E.T. cars 30's to 1954. \$35.00 each.

Contact **Bill Albright, Vintage Coach**, 16593 Arrow Blvd., Fontana, CA (909)823-9168

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BY THE SOUTHWESTERN BORDERS
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MEET RESERVATION FORM

NAME _____

MAIL BY: SEPTEMBER 1, TO:

ADDRESS _____

Dave Deyoe, President, SWB Chapter HET

CITY/STATE _____

10102 Kibler Dr., San Diego, CA 92126

PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

REGISTRATION: \$12 _____

Total Enclosed: \$ _____ (check payable to Southwestern Borders HET)
(Includes Saturday night dinner and a meet dash plaque. Dinner by Kay Spring.)



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