



# the Hudson rEflexT or

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

HMCC – 99 Years

HET Club – 49 Years

SC Chapter - 42 Years

October 2008

## October at the Twin-H Ranch

**Saturday, Oct. 25<sup>th</sup>** SCC has the opportunity to visit **Bill Albright's Twin-H Ranch**. Learn those special tips for servicing your Hudson. Get those questions answered. See **Bill's restoration projects** and a **Hudson resource** like no other place in the world. **Buy that part** or accessory that you have needed or even add a **Hudson** to your garage.

What - **Tech Session**

Where - **Bill Albright's Hudson Ranch – 16953 Arrow Blvd, Fontana 909/823-9168**

When - **Oct 25 – Saturday**



Start - **10:00 am to ???**

What to Bring - **lawn chair, list of parts needed, parts to install, questions, etc.**

**Focus to be on tech questions** raised at the meet; discussion about **economy run preparations**; how to check **timing**; how to adjust **brakes**; how to **adjust doors, hinges, etc.**

**Chapter to provide snacks & coffee; lunch, too** - hot dogs, burgers, drinks, etc \$5 donation appreciated.

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### Upcoming SCC Events

- Oct. 25 - **Tech Session** at Twin H Ranch
- Oct. 25 - SCC Board Meeting\*
- Nov. 8-9 – **Laughlin Economy Run**
- Dec.14 – **Christmas Party – 1:00 pm**

- April 16-18, 2009 - **Western Region Meet** – See Flyer
- July 13 – 17, 2009 – **HET 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Meet**

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)

## November Means Laughlin



The River Palms Hotel & Casino will again be our host hotel in Laughlin for the Hudson Economy Run.

Room rates \$62.95 plus tax for Friday and Saturday. Thursday and Sunday will be \$22.95 plus tax. For reservations call 1-800-835-7904 ask for HUDSN16 rate. Reservations must be made by October 24<sup>th</sup>.

Trophies awarded for best mileage in the following classes:

1909-1939	1940-1947
1948-1954	Jets (all years)
Metropolitans (all years)	
All Modifieds	Brand X 1982 or older
Oldest Driver	Hard Luck.

## From the President's Garage

Hope you are already planning on the upcoming **Economy Run** and its preceding activity, **October's Tech Session**. We'll be at Bill **Albright's Hudson Ranch**, and can check plugs, tires, wheel drag, etc to get ready for the trip to Laughlin. Bill will just be returning from the annual **Hershey, PA swap meet**, so we'll get an early shot at any treasures he brings back. Should be a fun, informative time – hope to see you there.

I'm going to make the switch to receiving this **newsletter by email** – my copy alone

will save my chapter over **\$10/yr in printing and postage**. The mailman helped me to this conclusion – for the first time in 15 yrs, my copy got mangled in the delivery process and I only received the cover. So that incident led me to our sharp club website, so ably edited by Bob Ross. Please consider joining me in this switch – you can save some money, too, as next we year we introduce a **two-tiered dues program**, contingent upon how you wish to receive the newsletter. But no need to wait – just drop our editor & webmaster Bob Ross, a note. Thanks!  
*Jon Cronk*

## Whoops

*from Mike Cherry*

When you receive your new 2008-2010 HET Club Roster you will receive a supplement as well. In the supplement you will notice that the dates for the 2009 National Meet are incorrect. **The correct dates of the July 2009 meet are July 13-17, 2009.**

If you are planning on attending and have not made your room reservations, please do



so at your earliest opportunity. There are already **175 HET member reservations, for the host hotel.**

The telephone number for the Marriott at Center Point is **(248) 253-9800**. The correct dates for the 2009 national meet are Monday, **July 13 through Friday, July 17.**

Please accept my apologies for this mistake.

## The Fry Report

*by Frank Fry*

Here is a look back for those of you who couldn't make the **National in Marlborough** this year. It was really well planned and all went smoothly. The motel was spacious and so was the parking lot.

The cars and swap meet spaces were just a few steps out the door. Rain held things up a few times but it cleared up by the end of the week. I think gas prices had some effect on attendance but we still had a good crowd and many nice cars. The Saturday night banquet was a full house and the food was first class. Many thanks to Carl Weber, Jim DiGiorgio and the New England chapter for a memorable event.

At Saturday's business meeting Mike Cherry announced the new Officers and Directors. Ed Souers has moved up to Vice- President while our own Western Region member Bob Ross replaces Ed as Treasurer. Bob is newsletter editor of the SoCal chapter and is the WTN classifieds editor. Tom Conner is our new Western Regional Director replacing Janet Kale. Craig Kistler and Frank Fry are the other two from our region. Glen Johnson is the alternate. The club will miss Janet's involvement, but I'll bet she and Press still make all the meets!

Congratulations to outgoing Vice-President Lew Bird on receiving the Doc Daugherty Award for 2008.

The new rosters are in the mail, however the dates for the 2009 National are incorrect.

**The correct dates are July 13-17.** The roster says July 13-19. There are already 175 reservations at the host hotel so don't hold off on making reservations!

Remember that this is your club and the directors are here for you. If you have any concerns let us know, contact info is below.

Thanks, Frank Fry, Senior Director  
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## The Hat Specification

When the Hudson Jet was being designed, A. E. Barit, the HMCC president insisted that there be enough headroom in the car for a man to wear his hat.



Jay Leno reports in the Sept 2008 issue of Popular Mechanics that K. T. Keller, chairman of Chrysler in 1954 "said that no car would be designed such that he couldn't wear a hat while riding inside."

The Chrysler plant was right next door to the Hudson factory. Wonder if K. T. and A. E. had lunch together.

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## All-California Meet



It is just a memory now but oh, what a memory. Of the many meets and gatherings in this area, the **All-California Meet** continues to be one of the most **educational** for Hudsonites, thanks to the enthusiastic Walt Mordenti and his many knowledgeable assistants. Twenty plus Hudsons were present along with a Rolls-Royce and a 50's Buick station wagon.

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## Hudson Related Items for Sale

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

## Restoration Resources & Suppliers

- <http://socalhet.org/suppliers.htm>
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## 2009 Events

The SCC board has **started planning** next year's programs. If there is an event, car show, or place that the chapter members might be interested in, just call Jon or Noah to get the suggestion into the hat.

## SCC Officers

**President:** Jon Cronk 805/987-8187

**Vice President:** Stephen Marshall 661-946-9027

**Secretary:** Brad Forbush 818/840-8979

**Treasurer:** Gordon Hay 818/247-0753

**Tour Chairman:** Noah Blough 626/799-6107

**Communications:** Bob Ross 626/355-8747

**Membership:** Susan Ross 626/355-8747

**Club Store Manager:** Jon Cronk 805/987-8187

**Local Region Director:** Craig Kistler 714/256-2558

**HET President:** Mike Cherry 435/657-0443

## 50TH NATIONAL MEET, JULY 13-17, 2009

HAUL, TOW OR DRIVE YOUR HUDSON TO DETROIT



### Vote for a Hudson!

Please help vote for Ed Firestone's 1949 Brougham on the *Texaco Car of the Decades* Contest. It's a contest in which contestants submit their car and real people perform the judging. His Hudson is the **ONLY** Hudson in the whole contest. Ed's sons Matt and Greg posted the car without telling their dad as a surprise. They need everyone's vote to help him win the 1940's class.

The process does require a very simple registration. No personal info asked for. There is even a button to click that says "Don't put me on your mailing list".

Simply register your email address, go to the 1940's section, and rate his Hudson a 10!

Voting ends October 3, 2008 @ 7:00PM ET. <http://www.texacocarofthedecades.com>



# CENTRAL CALIFORNIA CHAPTER

## 2009 Western Regional Meet Hudsons @ Yosemite

### a Centennial Celebration April 16-18, 2009 Oakhurst, California

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_  
 Total number in party \_\_\_\_\_

Registration: Family.....\$20.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
 After March 15,2009..... 25.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
 BBQ Dinner.....@ \$25.00 each \_\_\_\_\_  
 BBQ- Chicken..... X \$25.00 \_\_\_\_\_=  
 BBQ- Steak..... X \$25.00 \_\_\_\_\_=  
**TOTAL REGISTRATION DUE**..... \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Make checks out to Central California Chapter HET.)

Meet Headquarters: Shilo Inn, Highway 41, Oakhurst, California. Ph. 800-222-2244  
 Rooms @ \$75.00+tax per night until March 15<sup>th</sup>. 2009  
 \*\*\*\*\* Ask for Hudson Discount Rate. \*\*\*\*\*

Yosemite Tour, (Gate fee and Lunch of your choice at your own expense.) (Several Lunch venues from Hamburgers to a full Buffet at the Lodge.

**SPECIAL PRE-ORDER TEE-SHIRTS (in limited supply) (circle size ordering)**

Special HET Meet Tee-Shirts: Size S-M-L-XL @ \$18.00 each. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Size XXL @ \$20.00 each \_\_\_\_\_  
 Total can be added to your registration order. Sub Total \_\_\_\_\_  
 Grand Total plus Tee-shirts = \_\_\_\_\_

Send Registration to: DAVE DITURI 5701 HARRIS CUTOFF, MARIPOSA, CA. 95338

Contact information: Rich Smithen 805-467-2966, Richard Borough 559-433-3427,  
 Dave Dituri 209-966-2282

# SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA HET CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP Code \_\_\_\_\_

HET Membership No. \_\_\_\_\_ (Found on the WTN Label)  
*(National HET membership is required for local chapter membership)*

New  Renewal

Hudson-built cars owned:

Year	Make	Model	S/N	Engine No.
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Mail \$15 check payable to "So. Cal. HET. Club" to:  
Membership Chairman, 150 South Michillinda Avenue, Sierra Madre, CA 91024



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**First Class**