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

HMCC – 100 Years

HET Club – 50 Years

SC Chapter - 43 Years

June 2009

SCC Annual June Picnic & Business Meet

It's time for the **Southern California Chapter Annual Picnic**. On **Sunday, June 14** at **12 noon**, we will be gathering at the **Ernest E. Debs Regional Park** at 4235 Monterey Road in Los Angeles for our **Spring Picnic** and a short business meeting.

- What to Bring - **\$6.00** per adult; **Chairs**, Special **Beverages**, your favorite **dessert**, a **HET** (if possible). And next years **dues**.
- Chapter will **provide** - eats; tableware; soft drinks, water.



Here is a chance to meet other members, check out the Hudson products, renew your SCC Membership for another year, and help out our hard working Board. **All offices are open!!** **RSVP to Jon at 805/987-8187 or Hudman51@aol.com** to help out and be included on the ballot.

Renew your membership now!

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Upcoming SCC Events

June 14 – **Election Picnic** - Ernest E. Debs Regional Park

July 13 – 17, – **HET 50th Anniversary Meet**

http://socalhet.org/2009_natl/09_index.htm

September 17-19 – **All California Meet**

Nov – **Laughlin Economy Run**

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)

From the President's Garage

At this close of the club year, I'd like to thank our chapter officers who faithfully attend our events and board meetings and keep our chapter moving ahead by working behind the scenes. We've had another year of great outings checking out points of interest here in SoCal – and already have most of next year planned, too! We do have some **officer vacancies** for the next year, so we'd appreciate you stepping up and filling our board. If you have any questions about offices & duties, please don't hesitate to call me.

Hope to see you all at our **Election/Picnic meet at Debs Park**. The park overlooks a good part of the LA Basin and is centrally located for our membership. We're planning on another **"no hassle" giant sub sandwich event**, so you can spend more time getting your Hudson ready for the drive up the park's long hill. We have some important decisions concerning our **dues** structure to discuss and vote upon. AND we'll be handing out **100th Anniversary commemorative posters** to those in attendance, so there's one more reason to attend. Be there!

Jon Cronk

Start Your Campaign

The **annual chapter elections** are here and will be held at the Ernest E. Debs Regional Park in June. Here is your chance to participate in the chapter activities with your ideas, suggestions and comments. There are 2 opening; **Treasurer and Secretary**, and **all offices are available**. So order your yard signs, contact the media and call Jon to put your name in the hat.

2009 Western Regional in Oakhurst, CA

by Frank Fry

The scenery in Yosemite almost outshined the nearly 40 Hudsons parked around the Shiloh Inn. The weather was sunny with temps in the 70s every day. Richard Smithen and crew did an outstanding job with accommodations, banquet facilities and the weather!

The Yosemite tours were breathtaking to someone like me who has only seen the Ansel Adams version. Weather in the park was warm and crowds were very light. The drive from Oakhurst to Yosemite valley was 90 minutes of gorgeous scenery on winding roads leading to a tunnel that opens up to a view of the entire valley. Once in the valley the tours get you up close to the many landmarks. It was spectacular and well worth the long drive from Tucson.

During the business meeting Saturday, Director Craig Kistler gave an outline of the Road to Detroit; then Director Tom Conner talked about retaining membership. Both subjects involved much discussion from the floor. I was glad to see the members participate. After all, it is your club and your annual meeting.

We were honored to have National Treasurer Bob Ross and wife Susan in attendance. I was quite fortunate to be re-elected as a Western Region Director, while my worthy opponent Matt Royer was elected Alternate Director.

The meet was well attended; there were 81 registrations and 161 Hudsonites at the banquet Saturday night

Next year the Western Regional will be Monday, August 2nd from 3.00-5.00 p.m. in Spokane, WA. The 2010 National will take up the rest of that week.

See you in Pontiac

Forney Transportation Museum

In Denver, the Forney Transportation Museum has trains, carriages, bicycles, motorcycles and 70+ automobiles including a 1921 Essex Cabriolet and a 1911 Model 33 Hudson.



The Essex contains a 4-cylinder engine with 55 horsepower, a sliding gear transmission and mechanical brakes on two wheels.

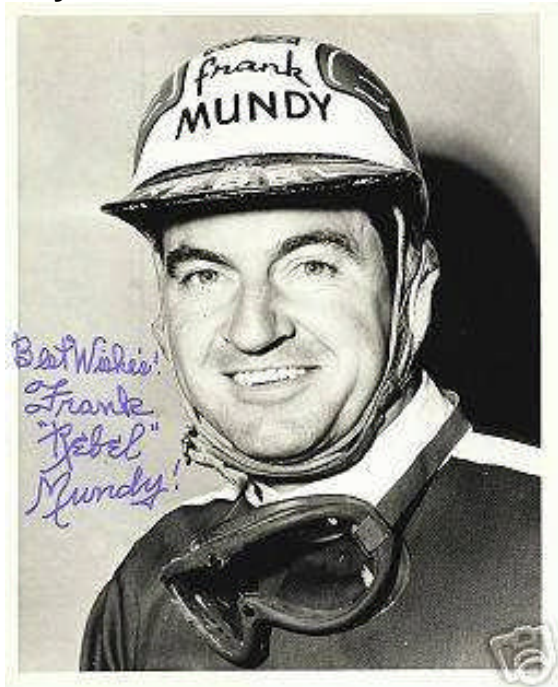


In 1922, the Hudson Motor Car Company produced both Essex and Hudson.

Howard E. Coffin designed the Model 33. The styling was conventional with

high-crowned fenders, exposed controls and suspension components. It had a monobloc 4-cylinder engine with unit-mounted transmission, die-cast bearings and cork-inserted, "wet-fluid-cushioned" clutch engagement. It was the first "real" Hudson. The price range was \$1,000 to \$1,450.

The Death Of Frank Mundy May 14, 2009



He is survived by his wife, Mae, who suffers from advanced dementia. There are no known funeral plans and no other immediate family members surviving. The HET Club did send him a gift basket a few months ago

Atlanta, 15 May 2009, media release;

Born in Atlanta as Francisco Eduardo Menendez, Frank Mundy turned ninety years old last June. His Hispanic father worked in Atlanta, but died when Frank was quite young. He was sent to an orphanage, and it was there that he learned the strong work ethic and

fearlessness which have served him so well. Delivering parcels led to motorcycles, which led to stunt driving. He performed 2,200 shows at the '39 and '40 New York World's Fair. His specialty was the "Slide for Life" in which he was towed at high speeds through fire, wrapped in asbestos – scrub the theory about asbestos shortening your life! As he began his daredevil career he altered his surname to "Mundy" for easier name recognition.

Frank met Bill France at Frances's Gas Station in Daytona. He and France and others founded NASCAR in 1947. Mundy finished 30th in the first NASCAR race in Charlotte, NC, July 19th, 1949. In the second race he came in 3rd at Daytona, FL. and he was rarely "out of the money" after that.

On April 8, 1951, Marshall Teague won the first NASCAR Grand National event on the West Coast. Driving his **Hudson Hornet**, Teague lead all 200 laps at Carrell Speedway in Gardena, Calif. Frank Mundy drove a rental car to an 11th-place finish, winning \$25. Mundy waited until after dark to return the car so the attendant wouldn't notice the bald tires.

He began driving Hudson Hornets regularly in 1953, and won the AAA Grand Championship that year in those cars. In 1955 he switched to the Chrysler 300, sponsored by the Kiekhaefer Racing Team with spectacular success. After he retired as a driver in 1956 he worked for Kiekhaefer at Mercury Outboard motors for 17 years. In later years he was an entrepreneur in real estate, among other things. In one bold venture he bought a fledgling boat operation and turned it

into the million dollar Custom Craft Boats Co.

The Mundys have lived in a world of skiing, yachting and following the Indy car circuits with his friend Roger Penske and the Penske team. The Mundys' car collection until recently included a Lamborghinini V-12, a Lincoln, a Caddy Eldorado convertible and a Rolls but he credited the Hudson Hornet and the Chrysler 300 for much of his success.

http://www.legendsofnascar.com/Frank_Mundy.htm

The Electronic Newsletter

The **SCC Newsletter** is now available by **email** as a pdf file. Just email your request to the editor: SCC@elkay.org.

Hudson Related Items for Sale

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

Restoration Resources & Suppliers

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

SCC Officers

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The National HET Club Page



2009 National Meet: http://socalhet.org/2009_natl/09_index.htm & <http://www.hudsonclub.org/hetevent.htm>

2009 Drive to Detroit: http://socalhet.org/2009_natl/50th_national.htm

A message from Yankee Chapter President, Jerre Hoffman

Yankee Chapter members are pleased to announce that they will raffling off 5 HET 100/50 Logo Banners at the National meet, one Banner each day. These Banners feature John Sherlock's beautiful art work in full color. They are 4 feet wide by 3 feet tall. This is the perfect Garage wall Hanging to show you were there. We will also be donating one Banner to the Hostetler Hudson Museum and one to our host for this year National.

The raffle tickets will be \$1 each or 6 for \$5. I recommend that you put your name and contact information on the stub that goes in the container. Tickets will only be available at the National and a new raffle will be started each Day, Monday July 13th thru Friday July 17th. The Drawings will take place every day between 6 and 7 PM. Proceeds will be used to cover the cost of the Banners and any profit will go to the Yankee Chapter. We will need volunteers to work the table selling tickets each day. Thank you in advance for any help you give on this project.



Western Region Swap Shopping

Hudson Essex Terraplane Club, Inc.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Name _____ Spouse _____

Email Address _____ Phone _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

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

Hudson-built cars owned:

Year	Make	Model	Body Style	# of Cyl.	Condition
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LIST ADDITIONAL CARS ON SEPARATE SHEET OF PAPER

**MAKE CHECKS OR MONEY ORDERS PAYABLE TO "So. Cal. HET. Club" AND
MAIL TO:**

Membership Chairman, 150 South Michillinda Avenue, Sierra Madre, CA 91024

SCC ACTIVITY SURVEY

What Types Of Chapter Activities Do You Enjoy Most And Are Most Important For You?

Suggestions for Future Chapter Activities and Events:

What Things Make It Difficult For You To Participate In Chapter Activities?

PRESS RELEASE

**ATTENTION:
CAR COLLECTORS, CAR RESTORERS,
LITERATURE COLLECTORS, LIBRARIANS**

The Southern California Chapter of the Society of Automotive Historians presents:

27th LITERATURE FAIRE AND EXCHANGE

Sunday June 28, 2009 8AM - 3PM

NHRA Wally Parks Museum

Fairplex, 1101 W. McKinley Ave, Gate #1, Pomona

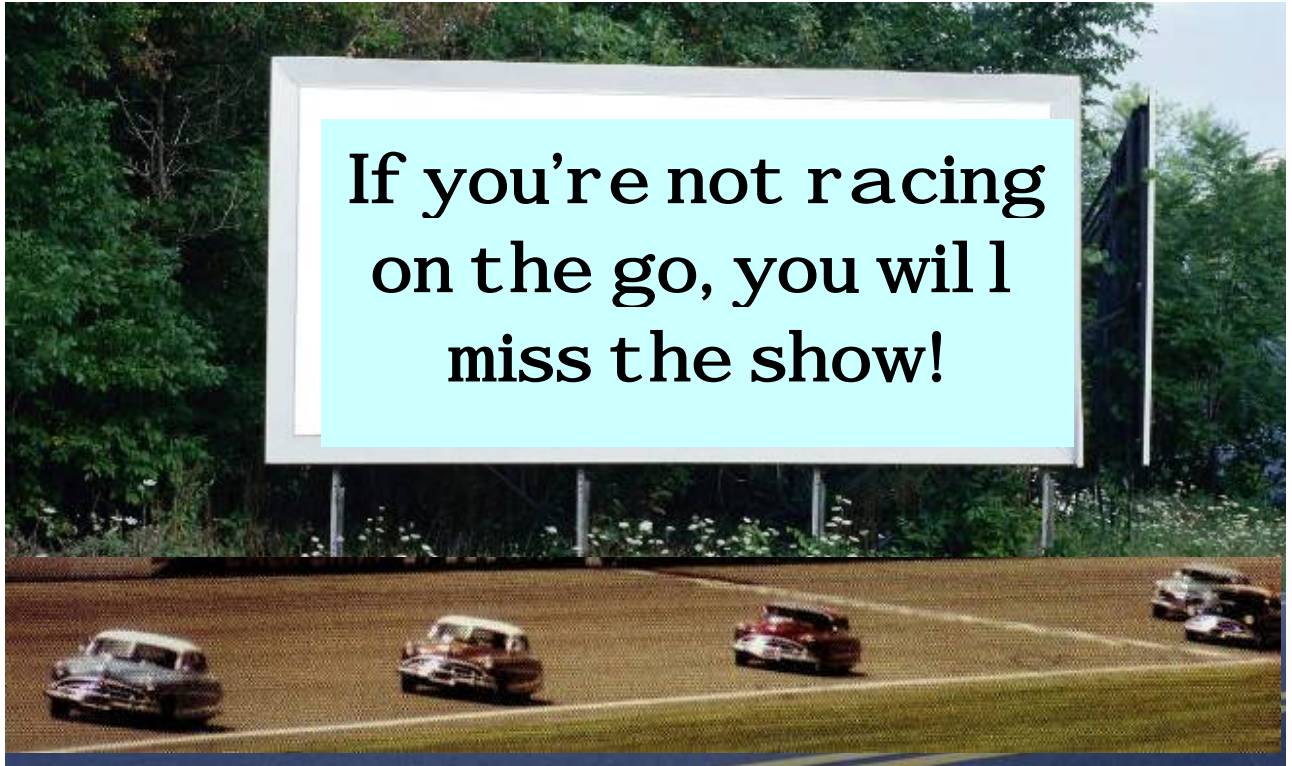
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NO CARS OR CAR PARTS.

Plan on visiting the NHRA Museum while you are there.





50th National Meet

July 13-17, 2009



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