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

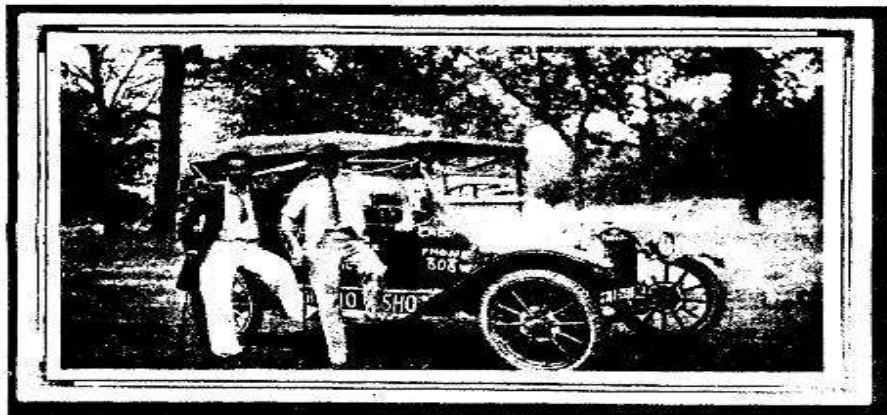
HMCC – 101 Years

HET Club – 51 Years                      SC Chapter - 44 Years

April 2010

The Coastal Valleys Contemporary Historical Vehicle Association car club presents the  
21st Annual

## SPRING "FUN" CAR SHOW



**Sunday, April 11, 2010**

A benefit for the Guide Dogs of America

All profits will be donated to support their work in raising puppies and training the blind.



Second Year at this Location,

Boys Town / Rancho San Antonio, 21000 Plummer St., Chatsworth  
CA 91311

**Entry Fee \$15.00** No Pre Registration

(please arrive by 10:00 AM, gates open at 8)

**Spectators FREE**

**Show time: 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM**

Door Prizes and 50/50 Raffle Goodie Bags to first 150 entrants

Food available for purchase on the premises

Park on grass



**Vendors welcome:** Selling space 20'x20' \$25.00 (No Food Vendors)

For more information contact:

Larry Bauman 818 767-1857 or Tom Thornton 818 340-0392 or Bob Boynton 818 889-1087

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#### DIRECTIONS

FROM 118 FREEWAY TAKE DE SOTO SOUTH TO PLUMMER, THEN RIGHT  
FROM 101 FREEWAY TAKE DE SOTO NORTH TO PLUMMER, THEN LEFT

**See the "President's Garage" for Meet Details**

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## Upcoming SCC Events

- April 11 – **CHVA Spring “FUN” Car Show** – Chatsworth (See flyer)
- May 15-16 - **Muckenthaler Motor Car Show** – Fullerton (See flyer)
- June – **Annual Chapter Picnic**
- Aug 1 – **Western Region Meet**,  
Spokane, WA (See WTN)
- Aug 2-6 – **2010 HET National Meet**  
Spokane, WA (See WTN)
- Sept 17-19 – **All California Meet**  
San Simeon
- Nov – **Laughlin Economy Run**
- Dec – **Chapter Christmas Party**
- July 15-23 – **2011 HET National Meet**  
Oklahoma City, OK (See WTN)
- July 24-28 - **2012 HET National Meet**  
Gettysburg, PA (See WTN)

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 Jon a call (805/987-8187).

## From the President’s Garage

One show down, two to go – that’s right, April brings us back to the **CHVA / Guide Dog benefit show** in Chatsworth and I hope to see quite a number of you there. Remember, **your chapter pays** the nominal entry fee for this meet, so charge up the battery and bring out your car.

**We will meet in the Walgreens parking lot at the NW corner of Devonshire & DeSoto.** We’ll gather from 0800 to 0845 for coffee & snacks, then drive 1/2 mi down DeSoto to the school at Plummer & Desoto.

May brings another joint meet with CIC at the highly regarded **Muckenthaler**

**Concours** in Fullerton. Our favorite car manufacturer is one of the featured brands for this meet, so we can bring our cars without having to pay the judging fees (unless you want to). This also is a charity event. See the enclosed flyer for details.

Don’t forget you can win a set of **WWW radials via National meet raffle** tickets. I have lots and as they say, you can’t win if you don’t play. Also be sure to check out our [catalog](#) of Hudson parts and literature for sale, courtesy of the Chamberlin estate. Most manuals are hard-to-find **originals**, and all the tune-up parts etc are very reasonable. Several Hudson special tools are available also. Details are seen on our websites **Sales Room** (<http://socalhet.org/sidebar/salesroom.htm#catalog>).  
*Jon Cronk*

## A New HET Chapter



A new chapter has been formed, the first in Canada. The Québec-Nouvelle-France Chapter was organized by Gary Lynch and already has 24 members.

Gary’s family is shown on this WTN cover.

The new chapter officers are:

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All emails to the chapter is to be made  
to the following address;

[QNFC@hotmail.com](mailto:QNFC@hotmail.com)

A QNF chapter website is under  
construction.

[www.quebecnouvellefrance.wordpress.com](http://www.quebecnouvellefrance.wordpress.com)

more to come...

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We welcome fellow HudNuts to a fun  
organization.

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### Studebaker/Hudson Meet Report

For a while the Hudsons out-numbered  
the host Studebakers at the Petersen  
Museum meet. There were at least 12  
Hudsons there, and judging by arrival  
times, HET'ers are earlier risers. All told  
there were nearly 30 Studebakers, a mix  
of cars, trucks and Avanti's.

SoCal & CIC chapter members present  
included Jon Cronk & guest (51 Hornet  
& S-6), Fred & Chris Roth ('54 Conv),  
Niels Pederson (51 Hornet), Joel  
Shapiro (49 Comm, took a break from  
tax prep for an hour or two), Noah  
Blough (50 Pacemaker). Press and  
Terry Kale (49 Conv), Chuck Wendell  
(54 Jet). Tom Thornton came with  
Chuck and Doc Schutte drove his  
Studebaker pick-up. Two Spring  
Families were there with 2 Hudsons  
(Perry & Kay and guests) and Danny,  
Kaylene & daughter). Lee O'Dell  
squeezed in the meet while making the  
SoCal auto show rounds that day (ours

was his third?) My apologies to  
names/cars I have excluded.

After lots of car rubbernecking, most  
folks checked out the museum and its  
current featured display, Fantasy in  
Fiberglass. *Jon Cronk*

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### Most Original

The March 2010 Hemmings Classic Car  
magazine has a fine article about an  
original 1954 Hudson Hornet convertible  
with 15000 miles. This car was seen at  
the 2009 HET National Meet in Pontiac,  
MI.



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### There is still time

There is still time to get your raffle  
tickets. The Gem State Chapter is  
raffling off a **SET of 4 WIDE WHITE  
WALL TIRES** as a International Meet  
fund-raiser. Tickets are \$1 ea or 6 for  
\$5 and Jon Cronk and Bob Ross have  
plenty for you (No Limit).

Drawing will be at the Spokane Meet  
and you don't need to be present to win.  
And the **odds are a lot better** than the  
California lottery, so buy a book or two  
now!

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### Stolen Essex – Part 2

By publicizing the theft of Rich  
Smithen's '28 Essex in various Hudson  
forums, a Riverside resident became  
aware he was in possession of stolen  
property and contacted LA sheriff's

deputies concerning the car. We're pleased to report that the car is now back in Rich's possession, safe and sound.

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## A Note for New Members

In order to reduce costs and maintain our chapter dues structure, it was voted to print the newsletter 6 times a year with an email version on alternate months. Members may receive all newsletters by email upon request.

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## CLICK...online

- **Hudson Mascots**  
<http://socalhet.org/sidebar/tech.htm>
- **SCC 2010 Wall Calendar**  
<http://socalhet.org/sidebar/calendar.htm>
- **New Hudson Related Items for Sale**  
*Many new items!*

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## The Hudson Garage

*from the Orange Blossom Chapter "The Sunflower"*

If someone needs a double pulley.... Here is a solution. Much cheaper than the factory ones that go for ten times the cost of this one. I made a double pulley using a small block Chevy aftermarket crank pulley from an early Chevy with the short water pump. It is reversed. I used a single Hudson pulley that had a chunk broken out of the front flange, so I didn't destroy a good part. I used a small hand grinder to remove the remaining front flange. I didn't worry about balance since it is very close to the crank center. It took a little patience to get the pulley centered, then drilled and tapped three holes for the bolts.

Make sure you remove the center before you do the drilling and then use short bolts so they don't interfere with the center that is mounted in rubber. It is a copy of the one I have on my '49 that someone else did several years ago. So it's not my idea but it works great. The end result is a pulley of greater diameter, therefore will spin the water pump and other accessories faster than the factory double. I found this to be an advantage when I had a single wire alternator. The reason I am doing this one is to speed up a water pump on a '54 Hornet with A/C that only overheats at idle. This should fix it.

*By Dave Waddell*

- <http://socalhet.org/salesroom.htm>
- **Restoration Suppliers**  
<http://socalhet.org/suppliers.htm>
- **HET Store**  
<http://socalhet.org/clubstore/>
- **HET Club** <http://hetclub.org/>
- **2010 International Meet**  
<http://www.2010hetnational.com>

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## SCC Officers

**President:** Jon Cronk 805/987-8187  
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**HET President:** Mike Cherry 435/657-0443

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from WTN October 1966

\*\*\*\*\*REMARKS OF MERITT\*\*\*\*\*

I want to comment on Roger Huntington's article in a recent copy of Car Life (mentioned by Doc in the Sept. issue) stating that the HUDSON MOTOR CAR CO. "spent a lot of money" on racing equipment and hiring "a select team of racing drivers." This, of course, was not true as the HUDSON cars were privately sponsored, owned, and driven just as OLDS and all the rest through 1954. As all of you who followed the racing history of that time will remember, the CHEVY-FORD sales battle of 1955-57 saw the beginning of factory teams and sponsorship, and almost ruined stock car racing as a spectator sport. This battle of the giants was also what ruined the "independents" and had congress investigated to see if anti-trust laws were being evaded. Several years later the factories pulled out of racing by mutual agreement, then when the heat was off FORD went back into it again.

From 1951 to '54 HUDSONS were winning "strictly stock" car races in every association then in existence as well as at many independent races all over the country. In 1953 some bending of the rules went into effect and "Air-Lifts" were permitted. This allowed some of the "soggier-handling" cars to corner a lot better so that 1952 was HUDSONS best year, although in 1953 and 1954 it was still point champion. In all those years in all, the articles written by Roger Huntington, I do not recall ever seeing one kind word for HUDSON, he was strictly a "Big-three" man all the way.

Eugene Jaderquist wrote an article HUDSON GOES TO SPEED WEEK which was published in MOTOR TREND in May 1952. The story told in detail of Marshall Teague's success with HORNETS and just how he prepared them for racing. His last paragraph follows: "Nothing was done to number Six (Teague's car) that you couldn't do with your own 1952 Hornet. What it amounts to is simply cleaning up some of the factory's rough work and adjusting the hairline accuracy of Hudson's approximations. If the factory did it for you your Hornet would cost at least \$500 more, not counting the cost of the export kit. Hudson and all the other Detroit companies believe you'd rather save money than race. After all very few of us will ever drive a Hudson to Speed Week."

Someday a book will be written on the history of stock car racing and I have a premonition that many truths will be twisted in the re-telling.

Meritt Marks, % Clerks Box, Pinellas Park, Fla. 33565

CLEANING OLD RUBBER

from WTN December 1966

Here is a tip from Tommy Miller on how to freshen up the appearance of old rubber mats that will make them look far better than a coat of paint. Using a cloth saturated with lacquer thinner, rub the mats thoroughly until the natural rubber appearance is restored. This will also work on spark plug wires and wiper tubing. A dull sheen will be obtained if wax is applied to the cleaned rubber and buffed with a shoe brush. A word of caution! Lacquer thinner is highly inflammable, and will remove paint.



## MUCKENTHALER MOTOR CAR FESTIVAL

*Featuring Hudson and Nash*

**Saturday and Sunday, May 15 & 16 2010 at the  
Muckenthaler Cultural Center, Fullerton, CA**

The prestigious Muckenthaler Motor Car Festival in Fullerton has chosen Hudson and Nash as its featured marques for the 2010 festival. Normally, this show features upmarket makes such as Packard, Cadillac & Porsche. By recognizing Hudson and Nash, the Muckenthaler is honoring the solid middle class American value that these cars represent. Hudson and Nash/AMC products up to 1972 are all included.

The day for mostly stock vehicles is Sunday, May 16. The normal \$40 per car fee has been waived for display only vehicles. Should you wish to enter into the judged competition, you are welcomed to pay the fee and join in.

Substantially modified cars, hot rods & customs have their own day, Saturday, May 15. The same rules apply but the fee to be judged will be only \$30.

The Muck folks are looking for nice looking completed cars and solid drivers rather than rolling wrecks or rat rods.

Entry forms and further details will soon be up at the CICHET <[www.cichet.com](http://www.cichet.com)> & Muckenthaler websites and in chapter newsletters. Both display only & judged cars will need a mail-in or emailed entrance form sent to the folks at the show. A recent photo of each entry will be needed with each entry form. The show committee will contact each entrant with further details. You are welcomed to bring more than one vehicle.

For official information, please contact: Muckenthaler Cultural Center Motor Car Festival  
1201 West Malvern Ave., Fullerton CA • Tel: (714) 738-3383 • Email: [info@TheMuck.org](mailto:info@TheMuck.org) • Web: [www.TheMuck.org](http://www.TheMuck.org)

See: <http://www.cichet.us/> for the latest information



## Hudson Essex Terraplane Club Gem State Chapter

51<sup>ST</sup> Annual H.E.T. Club International Meet  
**Spokane, Washington, August 2-6, 2010**

***Don't miss your opportunity to participate in one of our planned tours***

**Spokane City Tour and Famous Davenport Hotel Visit – Monday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Enjoy a tour of the rich, historic homes and mansions of Spokane. This tour includes sights on Spokane's south hill, the majestic Saint John's Cathedral, authentic Japanese Gardens and the Crosbyanna Room at Gonzaga University to see Bing Crosby memorabilia.

**Bus Tour to Northern Quest Casino – Monday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Northern Quest Resort & Casino is a full service gaming and destination resort with a casino that offers more than 1,400 slot machines and 37 table games, including a poker room. Enjoy a few hours at the casino playing the slots or gaming tables. Shuttle to the casino is free.

**Bus Tour to the Majestic Grand Coulee Dam & Lunch – Tuesday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> and Wednesday, August 4<sup>th</sup>**

Travel through Eastern Washington's rich farm country on the way to Grand Coulee Dam, the largest electric power-producing facility and the largest concrete structure in the United States. Tour the dam's visitor center and ride down the incline elevator into the third power house. Enjoy lunch at Melody's overlooking the dam.

**Bus Tour to the Silver Valley Mining District and Historic Wallace, Idaho - Tuesday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> and Wednesday, August 4<sup>th</sup>**

Get a realistic glimpse of the old mining days on the way to the world's richest Silver Mining District. The tour will stop at the Cataldo Mission, the oldest building in the State of Idaho and Wallace, Idaho, the Silver Capital of the World. Lunch at the beautifully restored Jameson Hotel then tour the Bordello Museum, an actual old Bordello (no longer operating) to see what really made Wallace famous!

**Cruise and Dinner on Lake Coeur d'Alene, Idaho – Thursday, August 5<sup>th</sup>**

This cruise will take you to the heart of the Idaho Panhandle - Lake Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. Enjoy a relaxing evening cruise with spectacular views while dining on a delicious buffet dinner.

***Raffle tickets available now!*** Win a set of four Kelsey Tire Inc. wide white wall radial tires in the popular sizes of your choice and shipped anywhere in the contiguous United States! Even if you are unable to attend the National Meet, you can still buy your raffle tickets for this fabulous prize from your chapter President. Tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5.

***Attendance numbers are looking good so book your hotel early!***

**Call NOW For hotel reservations: the Red Lion Inn at the Park  
800-733-5466.**

Go to [www.2010hetnational.com](http://www.2010hetnational.com) for registration and more information!

**Don't miss out on the Fun**

# 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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