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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

July 2010

SCC Visits the New Museum



The Mullin Automotive Museum is a homage to the art deco and the machine age – eras that produced exquisite art and magnificent automobiles. The museum is home to examples of the finest of historic French automobiles from the Bugatti to the Voisin as well as significant and representative decorative art from this same period. Sixty permanent Italian / French exotics / classics on display, plus 40 that get rotated in & out; Art Deco artwork; 46,000 sq ft bldg of cars and art.

SCC members will meet in the parking lot at 9:30 am on Saturday, July 24th. The tour will begin at 10 and it lasts 2 hrs. The tour fee is \$10 **CASH**. Lunch following.

Mullin Automotive Museum
1421 Emerson Ave
Oxnard, CA
805-385-5400
mullinautomotivemuseum.com



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Hudson Caravan to the Sea – The 2010 All-California Meet
San Simeon, CA - Sept. 17-18

We are organizing a Caravan to the 2010 All-California Meet. Starting from Calabasas on Friday, Sept. 17, we will stop for lunch on the way, gas up in San Louis Obispo and arrive at the [San Simeon Lodge](#) at early afternoon. We will start with breakfast and a short drivers meeting at a restaurant in Calabasas. We will get on the road around 9:00 am.

Benefits: Attract Attention/Show Off the Cars - Safety in Numbers/Roadside aid - Fellow Hudnuts/Conversation and Tire Kicking - 200 Mile Rolling Hudson Meet - Easy Pace - Multiple Opportunities to Join the Caravan along the Way

All are welcome - Hudsons, Terraplanes, classics, SOB's (some other brand). If this is the first time you are making the trip, this is the way to do it. If you have been there before, this will be something new. We have a choice of lunch at [Anderson's Pea Soup Kitchen](#) in Buellton or [In-&-Out](#) in Santa Maria.

If you would like to sign up for the **Hudson Caravan to the Sea**, just email us caravan@elkay.org and vote for your lunch choice. We will send you the details on the trip.

http://socalhet.org/all_cal_caravan/caravan.htm

51ST Annual H.E.T. Club International Meet
Spokane, Washington, August 2-6, 2010
Spokane Goes Hollywood

The Meet is being held at the **Red Lion Inn at the Park**

Reservations: 800-733-5466 or 509-326-8000

Room Rate: \$95 good three days before and three days after

<http://socalhet.org>

For guaranteed reservations at the host hotel, book your reservation before July 15, 2010.

YOUR TO DO LIST:

- **Make your hotel reservations**
- **Sign up for tours**
- **Bring your Hudson**
- **Purchase your Raffle Tickets from your Chapter President**

Albright Award....

There is still enough time to enter a car for the Bill Albright Award for this coming National Meet. Please request the forms from Lew Bird, 1513 Treehouse Ln. S., Roanoke, TX 76262 or Email: wtnad@live.com

For more information, call Gene McKay 509-993-1877, or Paul Johnson 208-687-3759, or Charlie Nau 406-240-1953

Registration forms & event schedule can be found at: www.2010hetnational.com or WTN

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Upcoming Busy SCC Season

- July 23 – Park City BBQ Reservation
Due
- July 30 – Mike’s Park City BBQ
(See flyer)
- Aug 2 – **Western Region Meet**,
Spokane, WA (See WTN)
- Aug 2-6 – **2010 HET National Meet**
Spokane, WA (See WTN)
- Sept 1 – All Calif Meet Reservation Due
- Sept 17 – **Hudson Caravan to the Sea**
- Sept 16-18 – **All California Meet**
San Simeon
- Oct – **Apple Run** to Oak Glen
- Nov 6-7 – **Laughlin Economy Run**
New location - check the SCC Web page
- Dec 6 – **Chapter Christmas Party**

- April 14-16 – **Western Region 2011 Meet** – San Diego
- July 15-23 – **HET 2011 National Meet**
Oklahoma City, OK (See WTN)
- July 24-28 - **2012 HET National Meet**
Gettysburg, PA (See WTN)
<http://www.gatewaygettysburg.com/>

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

I’m pleased to welcome two ex-officers back on our leadership team. **Jack Scott and Noah Blough** will be coordinating tours and activities for the next twelve months. If you have some locations in mind for car gatherings, please pass them along to Jack, Noah or me. Ideally, our activity will be high visibility (lots of people to see lots of Hudsons) and of interest to our membership.

It’s not too late (but almost!) to make arrangements for the 2010 International Meet in Spokane. See your newsletter or WTN for more details.

If you’re in the middle of a Hudson-related repair like me, don’t forget to check the WTN Classifieds for parts & service sources, as well as the Resources page. There are many club members with a passion for helping you finish your project or smoothing out that rough idle.
Jon Cronk

Annual Picnic Report

A horde of hungry Hudsoner's helped themselves to heaps of hot beans and meat at host Hudman51's home for this year's Election Meet. Well, there were 11 of us, and there was lots of food. First to arrive at the Cronk's was Herman Bedin, Ruth Hay and Jack Scott, followed soon by guests Jose Perez and daughter Marissa, in his beautiful 53 Club Coupe. Bill Zappen next arrived in his sharp 53 Wasp. Noah Blough drove his red/black Pacemaker, so that made 5 Hudsons for the neighbors to enjoy. Brad Forbush soon arrived, and Steve Marshall made the trip from Palmdale without (gasp) his 49 Commodore.

After we loaded up on Tri-tip, Sue's beans, salad and dessert, we settled into the business side of the afternoon.

Old Business – The chapter has saved over \$300 annually by only mailing a newsletter bimonthly and sending an e-mail version monthly, negating the need for a dues increase.

New Business –

- **Elections** - The following were elected as your chapter officers for 2010-2011:

Pres – Jon Cronk
Vice Pres – Stephen Marshall
Treasurer – Ruth Hay
Sec/Membership – Susan Ross
Tour Co-Chairs – Jack Scott &
Noah Blough
Newsletter/Website – Bob Ross

- **Activities** – 2011 and 2012 will be busy years for the chapter, as we host the **All California Meet** and **Economy Run** in 2011 and the **Western Region Meet** in 2012. We welcome your suggestions for

activities through the year and specifically for these events.

Jon Cronk

Quote of the Month

When Smoky Yunick joined the GM Racing Team, on the office wall was "The price of progress is trouble". (Just ask BP)

Jay Leno's Pick

The August issue of Hemmings Classic Car has Jay's **Top Ten Most Collectable Cars** and of course the **Hudson Hornet** was included.

Twitter

Check out SCC on **Twitter**. It is used to keep members informed of **upcoming events** as well as letting the public know about the Hudson – Essex – Terraplane phenomena in Southern California.

To access the SCC twitter message:

- Go to "**twitter.com**" on the internet
- Type "**SCCHudson**" in the search box

If you want to be notified of new messages, join 'twitter' and 'follow' SCCHudson.

Last Chance Until You Get To Spokane

The drawing at the Spokane Meet is getting near and you don't need to be present to win the raffle. 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).

And the **odds are a lot better** than the California lottery, so buy a book or two now!

CLICK...online

- **SCC Twitter**
<http://twitter.com/scchudson>
- **1947 Hudson**
<http://socalhet.org/sidebar/salesroom.htm>
- **Hudson Related Items for Sale**
<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>

SCC Officers

President: Jon Cronk 805/987-8187
Vice President: Stephen Marshall 661/946-9027
Secretary: Susan Ross 626/355-8747
Treasurer: Ruth Hay 818/247-0753
Co –Tour Chairman: Noah Blough 626/799-6107
Co-Tour Chairman: Jack Scott 323/259-8448
Communications: Bob Ross 626/355-8747
Membership: Susan Ross 626/355-8747
Club Store Manager: Jon Cronk 805/987-8187
Region Director: Craig Kistler 714/256-2558
HET President: Mike Cherry 435/657-0443



*The First, Last & Only Annual Cookout
On The Way To The 2010 National*

**Friday, July 30, 2010, 5:30 PM, 230 West Airport Road #A, Heber City,
Utah 84032**

Hello to all! It is that exciting time of the year, when we begin to plan our Hudson travels. Well, if you are driving to the 2010 International HET Club meet in Spokane, and travel on I-15 or I-80, or any road nearby, think about swinging up to Park City and Heber City, Utah for a HET cook out. All you need to bring is your drinks. Hamburgers and things that go with them will be served. Soda pop and water will be provided. If you want beer, wine or anything else, please bring your own. **The only charge for the cook out is \$1 per person which enters you in the Gem State Chapter Fundraiser raffle in which you could win a set of 4, Wide White Wall Tires, Your choice on size!**

This will be an opportunity to view *the Garage*, in Heber City, full of old car stuff, visit with your fellow HET Club member travelers and then caravan on Saturday, July 31, to Missoula, Montana. On Sunday, August 1 we will head into Spokane!

If you are planning on attending, I can help you with lodging. Park City is a beautiful area so you may want to get here early and check out the mountains and the old mining town, full of ways to help you part with your money.

This is a definite RSVP event.....as we will have to prepare the grits! If you don't RSVP and just show up, BRUNO will make hamburger out of you and you will be served to our guests! Please fill out the information below and either mail it or email it to us.

Mike Cherry and Kathy Kahn

3 Silver Queen Court
Park City, Utah 84060
fairmontw@fiber.net

Your Information:

Name _____

Number of People in Your Group _____

Address _____

Best Telephone Number to Reach You _____

Email Address _____

I will be driving a Hudson Yes No

I would like help with lodging arrangements Yes No

The number of nights and dates I will be in the Park City area are

I will caravan with the HET Group and need lodging in Missoula

Yes No

**RSVP MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN
FRIDAY, JULY 23**

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CCC-HET Hosts All-Cal Meet at San Simeon Lodge Thurs-Fri-Sat Sept. 16-17-18!

Summer's over and it's never too late to get in one more road trip! If you want to rub elbows with Hudson drivers from all over California, this is your big chance!

9520 Castillo Dr., San Simeon, CA 93452 (866) 990- 8990 www.sansimeonrestaurant.com

We have 60 rooms reserved at a special rate, from \$80 Kings to \$90 Ocean Views

You should reserve more than a month ahead to be sure rooms are still held on reserve for our club. Mention you are with the Hudson Club to get the discount.

Activities include: Wine, Cheese & Weenie Social / Campfire Every Night! / Possible Car Cruise!

Saturday Morning Tech Session(s) / **FREE** Hearst Castle Tour / Possible Winery Tour

Glen Johnson Annual Parking Lot Race / Parts Swap & Sale encouraged!

Ladies' Ugly Hat Contest- bring your craft supplies, glue guns & old hats!

Saturday Night Banquet – Menu: 1) NY Steak / Baked Potato

2) Salmon / Rice/ Veggies

Cost per Plate: \$30

3) Mediterranean Chicken / Rice / Veggies

4) Pasta Rivera / Salad Italiano

Dessert: Carrot Cake

Questions about the meet: Mike Thurber (209) 201-4458 / michaelthurber@ymail.com

Send Pre-registration (\$10) plus dinner reservations using form to:

Richard Borough 641 E. Pintail Circle, Fresno CA 93730

Be sure to bring Hudson parts, tall tales & your partners! And a cork puller...

Central California Chapter Hosted ALL-CAL HET MEET REGISTRATION & RESERVATION FORM

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____

REGISTRATION \$10 Please mail this (completed) form with check by **September 1**

DINNERS (incl. tax & tip) \$30 each:

1) NY Steak / Baked Potato _____

2) Salmon / Rice/ Veggies _____

3) Mediterranean Chicken / Rice / Veggies _____

4) Pasta Rivera / Salad Italiano _____ all dinners include carrot cake dessert

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Make your room reservations through the San Simeon Lodge at (1-866) 990- 8990

www.sansimeonrestaurant.com

How much do you know about Traffic lights?

Even during the horse and buggy days, traffic in big cities was often heavy. Police officers had to be stationed full time directing traffic at busy intersections.

The world's first traffic light came into being before the automobile was in use, and traffic consisted only of pedestrians, buggies, and wagons. Installed at an intersection in London in 1868, it was a revolving lantern with red and green signals. Red meant "stop" and green meant "caution." The lantern, illuminated by gas, was turned by means of a lever at its base so that the appropriate light faced traffic. On January 2, 1869, this crude traffic light exploded, injuring the policeman who was operating it.



With the coming of automobiles, the situation got even worse. Police Officer William L. Potts of Detroit, Michigan, decided to do something about the problem. What he had in mind was figuring out a way to adapt railroad signals for street use. The railroads were already utilizing automatic controls. But railroad traffic traveled along parallel lines. Street traffic traveled at right angles. Potts used red, amber, and green railroad lights and about thirty-seven dollars worth of wire and electrical controls to make the world's first 4-way three color traffic light. It was installed in 1920 on the corner of Woodward and Michigan Avenues in Detroit. Within a year, Detroit had installed a total of fifteen of the new automatic lights.

At about the same time, Garrett Morgan of Cleveland, Ohio realized the need to control the flow of traffic. A gifted inventor and reportedly the first African American to own an automobile in Cleveland, Ohio, he invented the electric automatic traffic light. Though it looked more like the semaphore signals you see at train crossings today.

Many others had obtained US Patents for Traffic Signals, some as early as 1918.

But Morgan's Patent was purchased by General Electric Corporation and provided the protection they needed to begin building a monopoly on traffic light manufacture.

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The first practical pneumatic tire was made by John Boyd Dunlop, a Scot, in 1887 for his son's bicycle, in an effort to prevent the headaches his son had while riding on rough roads (Dunlop's patent was later declared invalid because of prior art by fellow Scot Robert William Thomson). Dunlop is credited with "realizing rubber could withstand the wear and tear of being a tire while retaining its resilience".

Pneumatic tires are made of a flexible elastomer material, such as rubber, with reinforcing materials such as fabric and wire. Tire companies were first started in the early 20th century, and grew in tandem with the auto industry. Today, over 1 billion tires are produced annually, in over 400 tire factories, with the three top tire makers commanding a 60% global market share.

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



*Hudson-Essex-Terraplane Club
Southern California Chapter
150 South Michillinda Avenue
Sierra Madre, CA 91024*



First Class