



the Hudson rEflecT or

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

HMCC – 101 Years

HET Club – 51 Years SC Chapter - 44 Years

November 2010

VOTE HUDSON!

Then Head for Laughlin



The 2010 Laughlin Economy Run **WILL NOT** be held at the River Palms as previously announced. Below are some facts that you will need in order to make reservations at the host hotel and remember - ***if you've made reservations at the River Palms, you will want to cancel them.***

Date: 6 November 2010

Avi Resort & Casino - 10000 Aha Macav Parkway, Laughlin, NV 89029

(800) 284-2946 - reservations

When making reservations, please refer to the group name "**Hudson Car Club of Southern California**" and group code "**GHUDSON**", to ensure that you get the preferred rate.

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See the flyer for the details

Be sure to check and road test your car. Your Survival Kit should include a spare fan belt, and perhaps a spare water pump or other "harder to procure" or "known to be vulnerable" parts. Also include extra fluids: brake and transmission plus whatever oil is right for you, and of course, tools, a first-aid kit, emergency lights and an A-B-C fire extinguisher.

Geoff Clark has an excellent article on Hudson travel problems and recommendations in the M/A 2001 WTN issue.

Mark your calendar for the SCC Christmas Party

Sunday, Dec 12, 1:00 to 4:00 pm – We are gathering at **The Old Spaghetti Factory Restaurant** – 1431 Buena Vista Street, Duarte for our annual party. This year our guest speaker is **Elliot Myerson, charter SCC member**. He has several excellent articles about his quest for the one and only **X-161 prototype Hudson** in the N/D '91 issue of the WTN. More details next month. The X-161 is now in the care of Ed Souers. We are looking forward to meeting a veteran HudNut.



We will gather at 1 pm and eat at 1:30. **Menu Choices** – Spinach Ravioli & Spaghetti with Meat Balls; Chicken Marsala & Lasagna; or Spaghetti w/cheese sauce (Vegetarian), plus garden salad, fresh sourdough bread, spumoni, coffee, tea or soft drinks. \$20.00

We'll do the **gift exchange** thing, too: **Red wrap** for the ladies; **Green wrap** for the guys. \$20 maximum.

This is a **reservation-required** event. Need your responses and checks by **Dec. 5th**.

See the enclosed form. Please mail them to: **Ruth Hay, HET SoCal Chapter Treasurer, 508 Ruberta St., Glendale, CA 91201-2792**

Be sure to send in the Party Reservation form by Dec. 5th – Enclosed.

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Mark Your Calendar

Nov 6-7 – **Laughlin Economy Run**

New location - check the SCC Web page

Nov 20 – Deadline for Director Petitions

Dec 12 – **Chapter Christmas Party**

April 14-16 – **Western Region 2011**

Meet – San Diego

July 18-22 (*New Date*) – **HET 2011**

National Meet

Oklahoma City, OK (See WTN)

Sept 2011 – **All-California Meet** (SCC Host)

Nov 2011 – **Laughlin Economy Run** (SCC Host)

Spring 2012 - **Western Region Meet**

(SCC Host)

July 24-28 – **HET 2012 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

Your board of officers has been planning, planning, planning and we have a full schedule of activities lined up for this coming year. Keep a close eye on the Calendar section of the **Hudson Reflector** so you can see what's ahead.

Sadly, our chapter lost another pioneer member in late September. **Pat Meehan** joined the chapter when he lived in Los Angeles in the 60's, working as a State mechanic. He and his family

moved to the Ventura area in 1975. Pat had quite a number of Hudsons but reportedly was most fond of 33 Terraplane 8s. Our sympathies go out to his wife, Wilma, and his 5 children and their families.

Heads up! The economy run is earlier this year so you don't have much time left for car prep. **See you in Baker, California on Nov 6!**

Jon Cronk

Next Year

Recently the SCC Board got together to talk about next year for the SCC. This is preliminary but the first step.

Jan	Local Air Show
Feb	Valentines Day Breakfast
Mar	Irish Theme
Apr	Western Region Meet
May	Old Folks Home Visit
Jun	Poker Run – Annual Business Meeting
Jul	National Meet - Oklahoma
Aug	Museum
Sep	All Cal Meet – San Simeon
Oct	Festival/Oktoberfest
Nov	Laughlin Economy Run
Dec	Party

Watch Twitter or the SCC newsletter for updates. Also contact the SCC Tour Co-Chairmen with your ideas.

The Passing of Pat

Long time SCC charter member **Pat Meehan** passed away Sept 15 at age of 81. He was a Korean War veteran and worked as a mechanic most of his adult life, retiring in 1991. Pat is survived by his wife of **50 years**, Wilma, and 5 children. Cars were always one of his greatest passions, whether it was fixing, racing or collecting, especially **Hudsons**.

When Do Car Clubs Meet?

The present Club bylaws require that the annual National HET Meet must be held in **July, August or September**. Other clubs have a greater flexibility with their National Meets.

- June – Oldsmobile Club – Penn
- June - NMCOA – Illinois
- May/June – Studebaker – Arizona
- June – Kaiser-Fraser – Texas
- May – AACA – North Carolina
- June – Corvair – Iowa
- June – Airflow Club – Kentucky
- June – Plymouth – Oregon
- April – Lincoln/Continental – Florida
- May - Lincoln/Continental – So. Calif
- Feb – HCCA – Nevada
- Oct – AACA Hershey – Penn
- Oct – Kaiser-Fraser – Ohio
- Feb – HCCA – Florida
- June – Checker – Illinois
- June – VMCCA – Michigan
- June – Studebaker – Missouri
- June – Thunderbirds – Ohio

A meet period between **May and October** would give more chapters a better climate for hosting the meet. It is time to give all HET chapters a chance to host the National Meet.

Lee Dodd

Sue Dodd reported that Lee had a heart attack recently. He was in the hospital and has had a stint put in. They are planning a triple by-pass procedure. They would appreciate our prayers. He was in the Galichia Heart Hospital in Wichita.

And Glen Johnson

Is recovering and showing progress. In fact he talks of going to the Laughlin

Meet. Time will tell. We are hoping for the best.

successful of the Anglo-American Hybrids by James Fack. Soft cover, 90 pages (found on ebay)

News Update

Club and Hudson car news continues to flow from other HET chapter newsletters and the internet daily. Once a month, some of the information appears in the SCC newsletter. However if you want the latest and want it **timely**, sign up for the SCC Twitter account: <http://twitter.com/scchudson> and become a 'Follower'.

CLICK...online

- **SCC Twitter**
<http://twitter.com/scchudson>
- **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/>

Jack Miller in the News

The December issue of Hemming's Classic Car has a brief article about Jack's Memorial Bricks project at the Ypsilanti Museum's new entrance.

SCC Officers

President: Jon Cronk 805/987-8187
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Membership: Susan Ross 626/355-8747
Club Store Manager: Jon Cronk 805/987-8187
Region Director: Frank Fry 520/572-1775
HET President: Aaron Cooper 515/278-5235

The Bookshelf

Another book suggestion that might be of interest to Hudnuts.....



"Land Flying - The Terraplane" - The story of the car which formed the basis of the first and most

For Sale *Spectacular 2011 Hudson Calendar*

HUDSON MOTOR CAR COMPANY

1949 Hudson Super Six Brougham

This calendar features renderings of Hudson made automobiles from 1915 to 1956 by Fred Mertlich, line artist of the HMCC Administration building that sold for \$500 at the Detroit national meet. Each month features a large, beautiful drawing of a Hudson made automobile, as well as small color photographs of HET Club members' cars of the same era.

The calendar is 11 1/2" wide by 14" long and printed on high gloss paper. All profits from the calendar will be divided between the Al Wright Fund and the HETUS. Limited quantities have been printed. The calendar is available on a first come first serve basis. The cost is \$15 per calendar and includes first class mailing. To purchase by mail send payment of \$15 to: Mike Cherry, 3 Silver Queen Court, Park City, UT 84060 or on PayPal to email address fairmont@fiber.net. Remember quantities are limited to order now!



LAUGLIN ECONOMY RUN

**to Avi Resort & Casino
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THERE WILL BE NO FREE BUFFET TICKETS THIS YEAR!

www.avicasino.com

THE ECONOMY RUN IS AN ANNUAL RUN WITH THE CALIFORNIA INLAND, SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, SOUTHWESTERN BORDERS AND GRAND CANYON CHAPTERS. THE PREMISE IS TO FILL GAS TANKS AT AN APPOINTED LOCATION, MAKE A "RUN" TO LAUGHLIN ON A PRE-ARRANGED ROUTE, TO BE HANDED OUT AT THE STARTING POINT, AND THEN HAVE THE TANK TOPPED OFF IN LAUGHLIN BY AN APPOINTED PERSON WHO WILL LIST THE AMOUNT OF GASOLINE ON YOUR CARD. TROPHIES WILL BE AWARDED IN VARIOUS CATEGORIES ON SUNDAY MORNING AT THE HOTEL. ALL MEMBERS ARE URGED TO JOIN IN THE FUN WHETHER THEY MAKE THE RUN OR NOT.



The Southwestern Borders Chapter of
the Hudson-Essex-Terraplane Club
presents the

2011 Western Regional
April 14th-16th
San Diego



Hudsons By the Bay

COURTYARD SAN DIEGO
Mission Valley

595 Hotel Circle South
San Diego, CA 92108
888-236-2427



\$89.00 per night plus tax

Ask for the
Hudson Essex Terraplane rate

Trailer and RV parking
for paid hotel guests

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

Friday Afternoon	Deer Park Winery and Auto Museum
Friday Evening	Cruise Night Escondido Featured Marque: Hudsons
Saturday Morning	Balboa Park Auto Museum
Saturday Afternoon	Tech Sessions
Saturday Evening	Banquet

Swap Meet

For more information,
see our website at
www.hetswb.org
or contact

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9717 Thorn Lane
Escondido, CA 92029
(760) 213-5293
jakespeare@cox.net



We may not
get you on
the beach
like Herb
and Marshall
at Daytona,
but we'll get
you close!



Make your hotel reservations now

The History of Roads and Asphalt by: Mary Bellis

The first indications of constructed roads date from about 4000 BC and consist of stone paved streets at Ur in modern-day Iraq and timber roads preserved in a swamp in Glastonbury, England.

Late 1800 Road Builders

The road builders of the late 1800s depended solely on stone, gravel and sand for construction. Water would be used as a binder to give some unity to the road surface.

John Metcalfe, a Scot born in 1717, built about 180 miles of roads in Yorkshire, England (even though he was blind). His well drained roads were built with three layers: large stones; excavated road material; and a layer of gravel.

Modern tarred roads were the result of the work of two Scottish engineers, Thomas Telford and John Loudon McAdam. Telford designed the system of raising the foundation of the road in the center to act as a drain for water. Thomas Telford (born 1757) improved the method of building roads with broken stones by analyzing stone thickness, road traffic, road alignment and gradient slopes. Eventually his design became the norm for all roads everywhere. John Loudon McAdam (born 1756) designed roads using broken stones laid in symmetrical, tight patterns and covered with small stones to create a hard surface. McAdam's design, called "macadam roads," provided the greatest advancement in road construction.

Asphalt Roads

Today, 96% of all paved roads and streets in the U.S. - almost two million miles – are surfaced with asphalt. Almost all paving asphalt used today is obtained by processing crude oils. After everything of value is removed, the leftovers are made into asphalt cement for pavement. Man-made asphalt consists of compounds of hydrogen and carbon with minor proportions of nitrogen, sulfur and oxygen. Natural forming asphalt, or brea, also contains mineral deposits.

The first road use of asphalt occurred in 1824, when asphalt blocks were placed on the Champs-Élysées in Paris. Modern road asphalt was the work of Belgian immigrant Edward de Smedt at Columbia University in New York City. By 1872, De Smedt had engineered a modern, "well-graded," maximum-density asphalt. The first uses of this road asphalt were in Battery Park and on Fifth Avenue in New York City in 1872 and on Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington D.C., in 1877.

Southern California HET Chapter Christmas Party Reservation

>>>> **Required by Dec. 5th** <<<<

Names Attending _____

Meal Choices: _____ Spinach Ravioli & Spaghetti with Meat Balls;
_____ Chicken Marsala & Lasagna
_____ Spaghetti w/cheese sauce (Vegetarian)

Number Attending _____ x \$20 = \$ _____

Mail Reservation Form & check payable to "So. Cal. HET. Club" to:
Ruth Hay, HET SoCal Chapter Treasurer, 508 Ruberta St., Glendale, CA 91201-2792

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

Oak Glen Apple Run



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



First Class