



# 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

December/January 2011

## The X-161 Prototype Hudson for the SCC Christmas

**Sunday, Dec 12, 1:00 to 4:00 pm** – We are very fortunate to have **Elliot L Myerson** as our dinner guest and speaker. He is a **SCC charter member**, one of the original gang.



Elliot started collecting Hudson experiences as a small boy, prompting him to buy his first Hudson in 1953 (a '46) upon graduating High School. When he moved to LA in '64, he spotted a classified ad for Pete Booz' '53 convertible. He fell in with the LA Hudson crowd and the rest is history.

He is a former owner of the **X-161** and rescued it from a weed patch. He authored two fine articles about the car in the '91 N/D WTN

Mr. Myerson is a professional vocalist/folk Singer and has performed under the name Lee Elliot. He has lived all over the US and has lots of Hudson stories to tell, like how he and Kenny Perkins came up with the slogan, "**The Genesis Chapter**". He will be speaking

on "**The Hudson Heritage**". Don't miss this entertaining program!

We are gathering at **The Old Spaghetti Factory Restaurant – 1431 Buena Vista Street, Duarte** for our party. 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**. **Space is limited so get your reservation in early.**

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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### Cable Air Show - January 9th, 2011

This will be an extra fun meet. It's the 36th Anniversary of the **Cable Air Show and Car Show** and the 66th Anniversary of the Cable Airport founding.

**Afternoon airshow 2 pm to 3:45. Skydiving** extravaganza "Fight of Colors" at 2 pm. **Pancake breakfast** at Manic Mikes near the air tower starting at 8 am. **Car show & drive by** at 12:30 pm (approx) **Plane Rides** are available before and after the air shows. Just think, get a birds eye view of **Vintage Coach** in Fontana.



We will meet **around 11 am for lunch** and then caravan to the airfield. More info on that later. **We'll all go to the afternoon 2 pm air and skydiving show.** Gates open 8am. Free Parking. Adults \$7, Kids 5-12 \$5. Under free. Cable Airport 1749 W. 13th Street, Upland Ca. <http://www.cableairport.com/airfair/index.html>

### For the Ladies, SCC is Celebrating Valentine's Day

Meet on **Sunday Feb. 13**, for the **Valentine's Day Sweetheart's Luncheon** at the **DISH Restaurant** in La Canada-Flintridge. We will gather at the restaurant at 11:00 AM for seating by 11:30 AM. This will allow for menu selections from both the breakfast and lunch menus. The Dish Restaurant is located at **734 Foothill Blvd, La Canada** 818/790-5355. <http://dishbreakfastlunchanddinner.com/>



Be sure to notify the Tour Chairman no later than Feb. 10th if you plan to attend and how many. There are several interesting activities nearby: **Rose Bowl Flea Market** – Early bird entry starts at 7:00 AM - Closes at 4:30 PM. & **Descanso Gardens** - Open Sundays 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

#### Mark Your Calendar

Dec 12 – **Chapter Christmas Party**

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Jan 9 - **Cable Air Show**, Upland

Feb 13 - **Valentine's Day Lunch** at the **Dish Restaurant**, La Canada

Mar - Irish Theme

April 14-16 – **Western Region 2011 Meet** – San Diego

May - Old Folks Home Visit

Jun - Poker Run – Annual Business Meeting

July 18-22 – **HET 2011 National Meet**  
Oklahoma City, OK (See WTN)

Aug - Museum Visit

Sept 16-17, 2011 – **All-California Meet**  
(SCC Host)

Oct - Festival/Oktoberfest

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

Dec - Holiday Party

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Spring 2012 - **Western Region Meet**  
(SCC Host)

July 24-28 – **HET 2012 National Meet**

Gettysburg, PA (See WTN)  
<http://www.gatewaygettysburg.com/>

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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).

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## From the President's Garage

It's a long way to **Laughlin/Needles** and back, but not so long in a Hudson, and even shorter when driving in caravan. **Lee & Bettie O'Dell** and I drove each way in tandem, most of the way with a pretty heavy foot on the gas – and it was a blast seeing people's faces as they recognized the brand while we flew down I-15 & I-40. The cars ran well enough to make the entire trip without serious incident, but I'm still making repairs to a leaky cooling system and inoperative brake lights (both occurred on the way back).

**Our 2011 activity schedule** will provide lots of opportunity to get out with your Hudson or with your Hudson friends – we're seeking to maximize club/car visibility this year, and I hope you'll have the chance to **answer folk's questions** about the cars while we're out & about at various Southland venues.

**Merry Christmas** – and have a joyous and safe holiday season!

*Jon Cronk*

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## Meet Report – 2010 Economy Run

On the heels of LA's latest heat wave, we had delightful moderate weather in the desert seeking incredible fuel efficiencies from our Hudsons. Lee &

Bettie O'Dell (new 52 Hornet) & Jon Cronk (51 Hornet) caravanned to Baker via Barstow; other chapter members spotted along the route were Steve Marshall (Chevy), Bill Zappen (51 Pacemaker), Press Kale (49 Super 6) and Craig Kistler (41 Coupe). SoCal & CIC members departed from **Baker**; SWC Chapter departed from **29 Palms**; Grand Canyon chapter from **Seligman, AZ**. In all 24 vehicles ran for mileage, **18 being Hudson products**.

Greeting us at the AVI Hotel/Casino were members Gary Klann, Vic Zamora and new member Dave Howe (still shopping for a Hudson!). It was great to visit with all the other regional members there – Walt Mordenti (San Francisco), Brownie Peterson (Salt Lake City), "local boy" Matt Royer (Las Vegas), just to name a few, and lots of others. There were over **30 Hudsons** displayed on the lawn at the hotel, overlooking the **Colorado River**, with room for lots more. Accommodations were very nice, as were the hotel staff.

On Sunday, mileages were announced – expert Gaylen Moon blew the doors off everyone with his 79 mpg, 3 cylinder Geo convertible; Clovis Burrow's Metropolitan made 49.8 mpg; Jim Osborn's 202 made 45.2 mpg; but most of the more conventional stepdowns were in the 18 – 24 mpg range. The complete results are shown below. Wish we did that well during our more typical driving! **Next year, SoCal sponsors the event, so plan on participating.**

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## How do Other Car Clubs Schedule Meets?

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 Meet schedules. Questions are raised about problems like **school conflicts, vacation schedules and IRS reporting regulations**. Apparently other car clubs have solved those problems. Certainly members of one of the **great car clubs** (HET) can successfully deal with those problems.

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

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## Battery Replacement

*by Bruce Burmaster*

Last Spring when I took my 2002 Ford to a Smog Station, I was asked if I had to disconnect my car battery recently. My answer was no. I was informed that had the battery had been disconnected recently; my car would not pass the smog test.

This month I read an article in the newspaper about battery replacement. A woman asked Ray and Tom, should her husband replace their car battery or have it done? The answer was when you disconnect the car battery, you lose all your stored settings, including the navigation system, also you lose the memory in your engine monitors. To avoid this, you can go to an auto parts store and buy a little device that takes a 9 volt battery, plugs into your cigarette lighter and provides enough power to maintain your battery settings while you swap the batteries.

I went to my local Auto Zone Store and I asked the clerk if they carried the

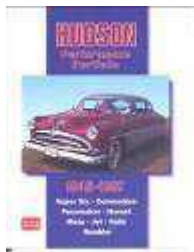
device? He said that they don't carry it anymore but he had an accessory plug & cord that would do the job. All I would have to do is fasten the wires to a 9 volt battery. The price was \$6.99 and I bought it.

At home I had a dead 9 volt battery (taken from a smoke alarm) and I used a hacksaw to cut the top off the 9 volt battery. The battery connectors were fastened to a small circuit board. I soldered the wires of the accessory plug onto the back of the battery connectors. The 9 volt battery has a male connector which is positive and a female connector that is negative. You must remember to solder the positive wire to the female connector so that the positive male battery's connector will connect to the female connector that is wired to the positive wire.

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## The Bookshelf

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



**“Hudson Performance Portfolio 1946-1957”** – Articles by experts from three continents cover Hudsons progress from 1946 up to 1957. Soft cover, 128 pages

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- **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/>

### SCC Officers

**President:** Jon Cronk 805/987-8187  
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The Southwestern Borders Chapter of  
the Hudson-Essex-Terraplane Club  
presents the:



**2011 Western Regional**  
April 14th-16th  
San Diego

## Hudsons By the Bay



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

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Swap Meet

## 2010 Laughlin Economy Run Results

<b>Metropolitan</b>	<b>Clovis Burrow</b>	<b>49.839</b>
<b>Hudson 202</b>	<b>Jim Osborn</b>	<b>45.255</b>
	<b>Jerry Crater</b>	<b>34.043</b>
<b>Hudson 262</b>	<b>Dave Deyoe</b>	<b>24.314</b>
	<b>Perry Spring</b>	<b>20.552</b>
	<b>Ed Burton</b>	<b>18.449</b>
<b>Hudson 308 Automatic</b>	<b>Bill Lentz</b>	<b>21.279</b>
	<b>Walt Mordenti</b>	<b>21.199</b>
	<b>Lee O'Dell</b>	<b>19.040</b>
<b>Hudson 308 Manual</b>	<b>Warren Bachtel</b>	<b>23.612</b>
	<b>Bill Zappen</b>	<b>22.690</b>
	<b>Jon Cronk</b>	<b>21.029</b>
	<b>Norm Blackmer</b>	<b>19.692</b>
	<b>Tom Conner</b>	<b>18.999</b>
<b>Hudson – Modified Eng.</b>	<b>Joyce Burrow</b>	<b>36.308</b>
	<b>Press Kale</b>	<b>26.108</b>
	<b>Sam / Mark Tribble</b>	<b>18.598</b>
	<b>Craig Kistler</b>	<b>18.249</b>
<b>Other Brands</b>	<b>Galen Moon</b>	<b>79.041</b>
	<b>Vivian Crater</b>	<b>69.2</b>
	<b>Chet Graves</b>	<b>52.144</b>
	<b>Steve Marshall</b>	<b>38.835</b>
	<b>Chris Smith</b>	<b>36.062</b>
	<b>Robert Wood</b>	<b>34.776</b>
	<b>Kelly Lincoln</b>	<b>19.992</b>
	<b>Michael Christensen</b>	<b>16.590</b>

# Southern California HET

## Chapter Christmas Party Reservation

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

Names Attending \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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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

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### 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:

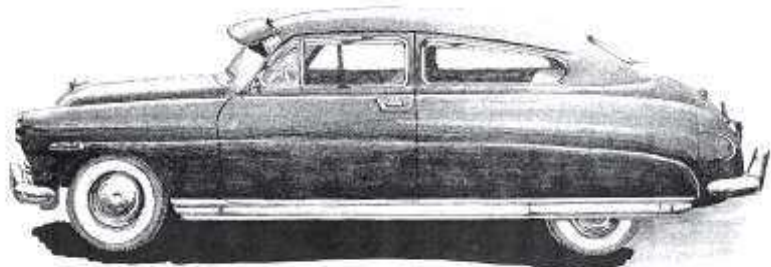
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Mail \$15 check payable to "So. Cal. HET. Club" to: Membership Chairman, 150 South Michillinda Avenue, Sierra Madre, CA 91024

**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 Albright Fund and the HETHS.

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 fairmontw@fiber.net.

*Remember quantities are limited so order now!*



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