

South Texas HET News

A BIG COUNTRY REGIONAL CHAPTER OF THE HUDSON ESSEX TERRAPLANE CLUB

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The Buda chapter meeting that Dave Nault set up at the Cracker Barrel restaurant was an outstanding success. We had five Hudsons show up, Dave Nault's '54 Hornet Coupe, Jim Petersen's '54 Hollywood, Joe Clark's '54 Jet, Steve Brookins' 51 Commodore, Rodney Lemmon's '54 Sedan, and Mark Brians' Matador. There were signs of whiplash, as passersby would suddenly twist around to look at the solid collection of early 50's Detroit Hudson iron, that had been lined up.

I've never gotten sunburned this early in the year, before, certainly not in winter.

One of the things we discussed, was South Texas hosting the regional meeting in a few years. I think that this is doable, but scheduling a regional in South Texas during the months of June, July & August makes as much sense as scheduling a regional in the mountains of Colorado in January. One is uncomfortably and dangerously hot, and the other is uncomfortably and dangerously cold. In 2011, Waco had ninety 100 degree+ days, and 44 of those were consecutive. If we do host it, I think it would be best to hold it in the Spring or Fall. Just food for thought.

After the meeting ended, around 4:30, Barbara & I strolled around Cabela's for a while. Not wanting to drive through Austin on a Saturday evening, during SXSW, we went North on the 130 toll road, where the speed limit is 80 mph. It is a pretty nice highway, and it was nice not having to drive through Austin traffic. Still took about 2 hours plus, to get back to the homestead.

The Elgin meet, scheduled for next month, was discussed. We voted on having it on the 6th, to avoid conflicting with other club and chapter meetings. See details elsewhere in this newsletter. I urge everyone to attend this meet, and participate in the election of a slate of officers for the chapter, for the coming year.

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13 March 2013 Meeting Notes

South Texas Chapter – Hudson Essex Terraplane Club, meeting minutes, 13 March 2013 meeting

On 11 March 2013 the South Texas Chapter of the HET club held our meeting at the Cracker Barrel Restaurant in Buda, Texas, eleven members and one guest were attendance. Our meet host was Dave Nault. He, Rodney Lemmon, Joe Clark and Jim Petersen each drove their 1954 model year Hudsons. Steve Brookings drove his 1951 Super 6 and Mark Brians drove his AMC Matador. The day of the meet was bright and the temperatures comfortable. Member cars were parked in a row at the side of the restaurant. This row of classic cars attracted many of the diners to view them and talk with their owners. After an hour in the parking lot our group retired to the restaurant for lunch and more sharing. After lunch the members moved to the “front porch rockers” where at 2 pm, President Rick called the March meeting of our chapter to order. A motion to approve the previous meetings minutes (Feb 2013) as published in the newsletter was asked for by Rick, made by Dave and seconded by Steve Brookins and approved. Rick then asked for a treasurer’s report. Steve Brookins responded, noting there was \$2112.39 and that 19 members had paid their 2013 dues. Membership Chairperson was not in attendance.

Old business –

Meetings - President Heeke commended Dave Nault on the selection of a great venue and location for our meeting and thanked him orchestrating a very successful meeting.

Meet Scheduling – Joe Clark has obtained the information from the Studebaker club meetings and the North Texas meetings. He reports that if the South Texas chapter held meets on the first Saturday of the month all other club meetings would be on different days. President Rick asked Joe to place the meeting on a 2013 calendar to be viewed at our 6 April meeting. Any change to the meet scheduling will be presented to members to vote on changes recommended.

Membership - President Heeke asked that Steve provide him with a copy of the chapter membership roster showing members who have paid 2013 dues

Membership – Steve Brookings reported that two new members had joined our chapter.

New Business - The following new business was discussed

April 2013 meeting and election of officers- President Heeke- informed the membership that our next meeting will be held in Elgin Texas at the South Side Market. He reminded those present that the Secretary position was in need of a candidate. Our primary agenda will be to select and elect a slate of officers for the next year.

HET CLUB Regional meeting: Ken Cates noted the senior director of the Big Country Region had asked him to present to South Texas Chapter members a request to consider hosting the 2015 Big Country Regional. A general conversation ensued and several members indicated hosting such a meeting would require careful planning but they would be willing to assist and support hosting the meeting. President Rick noted review and acceptance of this request would require a full review of the requirements for hosting such a meet and an acceptance vote from the membership. A reply to the senior director will be held until the requirements can be presented and a vote of the membership is taken. This will be reviewed again at the April meeting.

Membership – Rick asked all members to pay their 2013 Dues, Ken Cates shared he had met a potential chapter member at the Waco Cruise. Rodney Lemmon has been speaking with two fellows who purchased a 48 Hudson sedan to restore who are also promising member candidates.

13 March

2013

Chapter

Meeting

Buda, TX

April meeting: A no host meeting will be held on 6 April 2013 at the South Side Market and BBQ in Elgin, Texas. See the newsletter and website for details.

Club Meeting Attendance – Rick thanked all members who attended the meeting and gave special praise to those who drove their Hudsons. Jim Petersen’s Hornet was at its first South Texas Chapter meet.

Announcements – Glad to share Dave and Germaine Nault’s son is on the way to a full recovery. Great news!

Next Chapter meeting: South Side Market and BBQ, Elgin Texas. This is our Election of officers and annual business meeting.

At 3 pm, President Heeke asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting, Jim Petersen made and *Joe Clark* seconded the motion, motion was approved. After the meeting we retired to the parking lot for some Hudson talk and sharing out Hudson lore with Cracker Barrel patrons. By 4:30 Pm all were on their way home from a successful fun filled Hudson meet.

Respectfully submitted by Ken Cates, Secretary

Approved by Rick Heeke, President South Texas Chapter HET CLUB



WANTED AND FOR SALE

Seals– Hard to find OEM seals call Ed: 207 669 5669 Only deals in Seals

HUDSON MACHINE WORK - Rodney Lemmon and Ken Cates have used the services of Ledford Performance Machine located at 1810 Austin Ave, Waco, Texas 76701. 254-756-3982 ask for Gary

HARD TO FIND STEPDOWN PARTS: Connect with Lance Walker who specializes in quality used parts for Stepdown Hudsons. Lance has recently recreated Hudson Stepdown Rocker panels for the 1948-53 Hudsons. These replacement items are made from Fiberglass. Address: 999 Stafford Farm Road, Concord, NC 28025, Phone: 704-792-9110, email: hornetlw@yahoo.com

John Sonoff - Estate liquidation - Hudson Cars from this estate will be auctioned. Check these links

<http://soneffs.com/details.asp?VID=24059>

<http://www.auctionsamerica.com/events/all-lots.cfm?SaleCode=AS13&grouping=John%20Soneff%20Collection>



RENEWING THE MOUNTS in a Stepdown



2013 CHAPTER DUES DUE—Please Renew Now

SOUTH TEXAS HET CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name _____ Spouse _____

Street Address _____ Phone _____

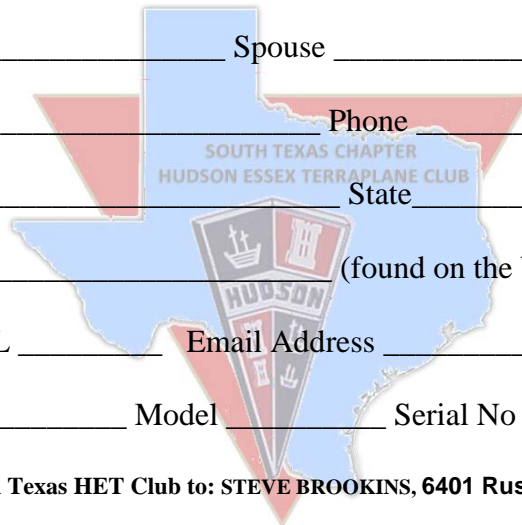
City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

HET Membership No. _____ (found on the White Triangle News Label)

NEW _____ RENEWAL _____ Email Address _____

Hudson Cars Owned: Year _____ Model _____ Serial No _____ Engine No. _____

Mail check for \$15 Payable to South Texas HET Club to: STEVE BROOKINS, 6401 Rusty Ridge Drive, Austin, Texas 78731-3927



Calendar of Upcoming Events

**NEXT
MEETING**

April 6, 2013



NOTICE

CHAPTER , REGIONAL and NATIONAL MEET INFORMATION

Meet Flyers are available on our Website www.south-texas-hudson.org

NEXT MEETING

06 April, 2013 South Side Market & BBQ, 1212 E. Hiway 190, Elgin, Texas

CHAPTER BUSINESS MEETING AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

20 April 2013 Bluebonnet Trails Festival Antique American Independent Auto Show

Saturday April 20th Ennis Texas 10am - 3pm, followed by bluebonnet tour and dinner at hosts home

MAY 11, 2013 - North & South Texas Hudson Joint Chapter Meet in WACO, TEXAS

- held at the QUAKER STEAK and LUBE restaurant, 12:00 Noon, 2805 W Loop 340, Waco, Texas 76712, phone (254) 420-3777 contact Ken Cates, Hothudsons@gmail.com (two_five_four) 744-0985 Please mark your calendars and plan to drive a Hudson to this meeting.

May 18-19 2013 - KATO (Kansas-Texas-Oklahoma) Hudson meeting

- Joint meeting of the Hudson Chapters of the three states

Holiday Inn, 2227 E. Oklahoma Ave., Guthrie, OK 316-204-8416 Special room rate till 29 April

June 13-15 2013 Big Country Regional Meeting, Wichita, KS - Host Hotel, LaQuinta Inns and Suites, 5500 W. Kellogg Dr (US54) Wichita, Ks. Reservations 316-943-2181, Host Hudsonite Family Chapter, Kevin Moler @ 316-706-6521

July 23-27 2013 HET National Meeting San Mateo, California Contact Richard Griffin

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Chapter Chatter: Over the past few months, your editor has been diligently attempting to prepare his 1953 Hudson Wasp for the rigors of the open road. Alas it seems gremlins are loose in my Hudson world. First it was a crossed ignition wires that perplexed my mind until I saw fit to remove each one at a time to find #2 and #6 placed in the wrong cap location. Follow that by an obstinate overdrive which seems to do all the right electrical and mechanical actions, but still fails to engage. Monday next, will find me taking the harness out and ohm checking the wires once again. While out and about earlier this month, I spied what I thought to be a Hudson toy, sure enough, the toy was a red 1948 Fire chief Step-down. After some haggling over price the toy Hudson was mine. It has a temporary home in my office as I plan to sell this to recapture my investment and a profit? Around our chapter there is lots of other car activity.



Joe Clark has decided that he will garage his 54 Jet Club Sedan in favor of driving his 50 Super 6 Brougham. The Brougham suffered from some of the same gremlins who have attacked my Wasp. But after sorting out the wiring from the kick down switch to the relay the Joe reports the overdrive works just fine. New tires will soon to be installed and the Brougham will be ready for motoring to Elgin and Waco.



Phil Aldridge responded to a recent email from me with a question, Can you ID this car? Wow, can I, although I got the year wrong by one the make was spot on... a Hudson "Cousin" by absorption, a Nash Healy Leman Coupe... a Black Beauty I hope to see at a future meet? Unfortunately, Phil shared that DOC his 51 Hornet Coupe was damaged during a high wind storm. According to Phil the roof and



several other panels were damaged when a portable basketball goal blew over on the car. Insurance was in force and the coupe is being repaired.



Dave Nault is busy sorting out and obtaining the parts needed to install back-up lights into his Hornet coupe, seems the housings which hold the bulbs are a bit hard to procure. Using the magic of the INTERNET and the Hudson Forum he now in possession of the required parts. Dave is also in need of a good 54 Hornet wheel. He would prefer to have a non cracked ivory wheel. Being well aware that these wheels are scarce as "hens-teeth" does not stop his desire to find a proper replacement. When Ron Fayette masters the ivory wheel reconstruction technique for 54 wheels Dave plans to obtain a wheel from Ron. In the mean time the cracked wheel in Dave's Hornet has deteriorated and a replacement is desired (needed now) ... keep Dave in mind.



Recently, **Rick Heeke** was able to obtain a replacement McCord Radiator for his 52 Hornet. The re-cored radiator was listed at a very favorable price on Craigslist.

Rodney Lemmon has been a faithful Hudson driver since getting his 54 Hornet back on the road. He is working through all the remaining tasks to finish his car. While in Buda he noted that he is in the hunt for a set of seat covers for the front and rear seats. Rodney also has been spreading the Hudson story. Recently he took the time to personally contact a potential member who has a 48 Hudson sedan. Great to hear about Rodney's recruiting efforts. Maybe you know someone too?

Retaining and gaining new members is a central theme of our chapter. **Steve Brookins** notes our chapter has two new members who were not previously chapter members. Welcome to all new members!

Speaking of new members, we all need to talk with those who show interest in our cars. Locally, (Waco and other places in Texas) groups are sponsoring cruise nights / events which attract all manner of car enthusiasts. It is not unheard of to find new Hudson chapter members among those who attend. Earlier this month a prospective member (**Kevin Reed**) spoke to me at the Waco Cruise night. Kevin shared his appreciation for Stepdown Hudsons and shared that when he purchased his 1954 Buick sedan that a Hudson Stepdown was also offered. We shared our Hudson enthusiasm and I put Kevin in touch with Kolton Warner who has a 54 Hornet sedan for sale. I am keeping in touch with Kevin with the desire to gain his membership in our chapter as well as the opportunity to help Kevin return a Hudson to the road.



Remember our **JOINT HUDSON MEETING IN WACO, May 11, 2013**. The meet flyer is on our website. In addition to the North Texas chapter, I sent an invitation to all chapters in TX and bordering states. Drive a Hudson and come to Waco.

Sure would like to report on your recent Hudson experiences. Share them with me at hothudsons@gmail.com
Ken

