

South Texas HET News

A BIG COUNTRY REGIONAL CHAPTER OF THE HUDSON ESSEX TERRAPLANE CLUB

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GOD BLESS AMERICA

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

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Great December meeting! My thanks as well as all those present goes to our hosts Mark & Lorraine Brians for our "Best meeting yet!!!!!!" Great fun with our members and those of the Studebaker club

I was able to meet many Studebaker club members who gave me a run down on some interesting Studebaker cars. I am very impressed with the level of commitment our fellow orphan car collectors have to the Studebaker marquee. They are a very strong club with many members attending each meeting.

News from the email inbox, yet another member, Paul Thomas, is getting ready to pull his 1954 Hornet engine and rebuild it. After discussing machinist options he is considering using Ledford's machine shop in Waco, Texas. But, Paul lives in Houston and says ...finding a shop is difficult down there. If any of our members know of a good machine shop in the Houston area please let me or Paul know. Joe Clark recently picked up his Jet engine from Ledford's. He told me the price was fair and he is pleased, with the level of professional engine work. This is the same shop I used to rebuild my Hornet engine and I echo Joe's sentiments. With all the recent experience, Ledford's should be getting even better at working on Hudson engines. The shop is starting to be the go to place for our engine needs. I do recommend Ledford's shop. Good workmanship and I also feel the prices are reasonable. Good work takes time, so be prepared to wait a bit to get -err-done.

Even though this meeting was a party we were able to bring to order a meeting. Several actions were decided. We proposed and approved a change to dues payment schedule. Our new members' dues will now be pro-rated to each April. This will allow each member to re-new at the same time each year and hopefully make our treasurer's task easier. We also considered a question concerning an area of Texas currently not part of any chapter's charter. Our vote was to keep our boundaries as shown in our charter.



We are pleased to have two new members joining the club this last month. Our new members will be adding a 1934 Terraplane (Robert Bigham) and several Stepdowns (Mark Campbell). Like many chapters we have more Hudsons than Terraplans. Adding a Terraplane to our roster is a welcome surprise. (cont. Pg. 3)

President Rodney's Notes



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South Texas Chapter Officers

December 2013 Meeting Notes

December
2013 Meeting
Joint Hudson/
Studebaker
Club
Christmas
Party
Texas

On 14 December our members were treated to a wonderful Christmas party hosted by Lorraine and Mark Brians at their place in Bryan, Texas. Always great hosts, the Brians rolled out a Mexican Christmas feast that was enjoyed by the members of the South Texas Hudson Club and the Central Texas Studebaker Club. With outside temperatures on the chilly side we all congregated in one part of Mark's large garage complex to enjoy camaraderie and share our meal. After lunch Mark MC'ed and presided over a lively two times you keep it gift exchange. Several of our members are actually members of both clubs and there was lively interaction during the meeting. Those who chose to drive their ORPHAN to the meeting had the opportunity to display them on the grassy infield of Mark's extensive facilities.



After the gift exchange, President Lemmon called those present to a short chapter business meeting. During the meeting the following topics were presented, reviewed and voted upon by members.

1. Dues in our chapter are due in April of each year. Previous to this meeting our chapter had no policy on pro-rating dues for new members. A motion to add a provision to allow for pro-rated dues for new members was presented and seconded and approved.
2. The national club is creating a chapter coverage map of the USA. It was brought to the attention of the Senior Big Country Director that part of Texas is NOT covered by existing chapter's boundaries. Chapters bounding this area were asked to poll membership on annexing this area. The South Texas chapter was polled and the members voted to not annex this area.
3. Meetings for 2014 were discussed and Joe Clark informed the members that he and Mark Brians made a 350 mile circuit drive to identify places for future meetings. Their findings along with a review of the scheduled meetings of the North Texas Hudson Dealers and Central Texas Studebaker Club will be used to create the 2014 South Texas Chapter meet schedule. This meet schedule will be published in an upcoming newsletter and on our website. June 2014 has been selected as the month that the North and South Texas Hudson Club Chapters will have a joint meeting in Waco, Texas. Members were also asked if there was interest in having a January 2014 meeting and after review there will be **NO meeting of SOUTH TEXAS CHAPTER in January 2014.**

South Texas Chapter members who drove cars were Rodney Lemmon in his 54 Hornet accompanied by Dave Nault. Of course Mark and Lorraine Brians' Studebakers and Hudsons were available for all to view. South Texas members who attended without their Hudsons included Joe and Karen Clark, Steve Brookins, Mark and Sandy Campbell and his mom and Ken and Yolanda Cates.

As in years past Mark asked all who attended donate a toy Stuffed Bear or a monetary amount to purchase a bear. The collected bears are presented to the local Texas State Police. (See accompanying picture and program explanation.)

Respectfully submitted Ken Cates, Secretary, South Texas Chapter HET

Approved by Rodney Lemmon, President, South Texas Chapter HET



(cont. page 1) The newly added Terraplane began its trip to Texas in England, was shipped to Florida and then driven to Texas!!!!!! Hopefully Robert will write an article for a future newsletter chronicling this road trip and his commitment to a driving this car. The Hudson Stepdowns added to our chapter belong to Mark Campbell, he is a professional automobile restorer with a shop in Taylor, Texas.

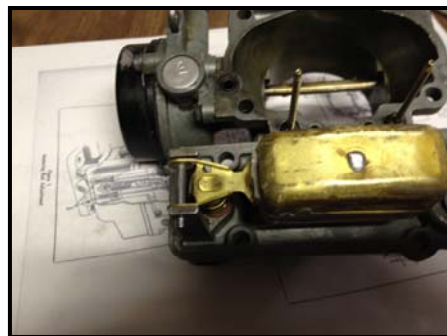
Hope to see you at our February Meeting... Rodney



Sergeant Standfield with the Region 6 Department of public safety (Texas Highway Patrol) accepting 55 bears and two blankets from Mark Brians, VP of the South Texas Chapter, HET CLUB. The Bears were provided by our joint Christmas Party meeting between the Central Texas Studebaker Club and the South Texas Het Club. We collected Bears and cash for our meeting meal and then purchased more bears bringing the total to 55. Texas Highway Patrolmen carry the Bears in their patrol cars. They will be given to small children who are victims of accidents by the responding officer to aid in calming the children. Thank you to everyone that made this a success.

Chapter Chatter:

Don Brown is in the home stretch in readying his Hudson Stepdown for roadworthy travel. He recently completed some clutch work. During that task he discovered he needed a clutch alignment tool and shared a picture of the tool he made to complete that task.



Dave Nault's Hornet carburetor was again the victim of the "CORN GAS" formulation and to solve the problem went to Al Saffrahn for a replacement carburetor and Dayton for an ethanol friendly carburetor kit. After rebuilding the replacement carburetor Dave is back on the road driving his Hornet.

Mark Campbell a new member of the South Texas Chapte restores classic cars for a living. He has a 1952 Hornet Coupe which is his daily driver. Mark also owns two other Stepdown Hudsons. A 1949 Super 6 Coupe and a 1949 Super 6 convertible. The two 1949 Stepdowns are For Sale and more pictures of each can be viewed at his website. http://www.classicstreet.com/40_s.htm



Rodney Lemmon is adding custom gauges to his Hornet to monitor the engine. While waiting for them to be delivered, he has started the process of creating their mounting.

WANTED AND FOR SALE

Send your ad submissions to the editor @ hothudsons@gmail.com

- **Source for good used Hudson parts: Roger Tallent** - tallentcc@aol.com
- **Used and rebuilt Hudson parts**—primary focus 1946-54 Hudsons— *Rebuilds Hudson Ranco heater valves, fuel pumps and water pumps* - **Lance Walker** 704-792-9110 hornetllw@yahoo.com
- **NOS, and excellent used Hudson parts, Don Crane** purchased all the parts stock from the Sonoff Garage estate. He is still inventorying his stock. Great HET'er who will work hard to get and keep your business. 303-902-2532 ski4life65@hotmail.com
- **New Manufacture Fuel Pump Kits for Hudsons.** Made with materials that stand up to the current gas formulas. **Hal Houghton** - The Classic Preservation Coalition 518-374-5078 <http://www.classicpreservation.com>
- **Damper Doctor:** Repair existing Hudson damper / create two pulley Hudson damper. http://www.damperdoctor.com/Merchant2/merchant.mvc?Screen=CTGY&Store_Code=DD&Category_Code=OTH
- **1949 Hudson Convertible / 1949 Hudson Coupe** - For Sale contact Mark Campbell 512-255-4556
- **1950 Hudson 262 Engine w/3spd OD transmission** - For Sale contact Joe Clark 254-697-6822
- **47 Hudson Super 6 Sedan**— Mark Brians a parts car/selling parts 254-939-3011
- **Randy Mass renown Hudson Racing engine builder** is planning a run of **Hudson Stroker Cranks**. If you are interested contact him at maasfh@centurylink.net
- **Wanted:** Pinned rings .060 over for Hudson 262 engine, 1954 SUPERWASP NAME PLATES R&L.
For Sale: (202 Hudson Engine) 6 ea Intake, 6 ea Exhaust Valves, NOS OEM Hudson in the original boxes \$180 free shipping within the USA. **Ken Cates** 254-744-0985

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. _____

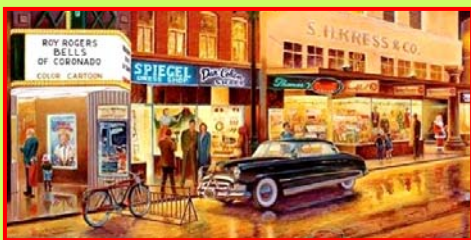
Mail check for \$15 Payable to South Texas HET Club to: STEVE BROOKINS, 6401 Rusty Ridge Drive, Austin, Texas 78731-3927

Christmas Party Pictures



NOTICE

CHAPTER , REGIONAL and NATIONAL MEET INFORMATION



NO MEETING JANUARY 2014

Future meetings for 2014 are being planned — information will be posted on the website and in future newsletters <http://www.south-texas-hudson.org>

2014 Joint North Texas and South Texas Chapter meeting will be held in WACO TX, June 2014. Specific date and place will be announced in future newsletter.

WANTED AND FOR SALE

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- FOR SALE:** 1954 Hudson Hornet Engine, transmission and rear end, Engine equipped with Twin H. Installed in 1954 Hornet Hollywood body. Body is a SHELL, **No glass or interior** / very rusty body. \$1800. **Contact: Jim Guinn, jjimsresto@aol.com / 940-389-8997** (lead from Ken Cates)



New Hudson

PLASTIC-MODEL DEMONSTRATOR

Dramatic Sales Tool for explaining the Importance of the "Step-Down" Zone

A Miniature Hudson

TO INFLUENCE PEOPLE AND WIN FRIENDS FOR YOU

Here is an outstanding device to enable you to tie in with Hudson's nationwide advertising campaign explaining the importance of "stepping down." It is a perfect miniature model of the new Hudson Four-Door Sedan, precision-built to one-sixteenth scale.

IT CAN BE USED IN MANY WAYS, BUT IT IS PRIMARILY BUILT AS A PRACTICAL SELLING TOOL FOR DEMONSTRATING MONOBILT BODY - AND - FRAME* AND OTHER NEW HUDSON FEATURES TO PROSPECTS IN YOUR SHOWROOM, THEIR OFFICES AND HOMES.

As you will notice, this sturdy, miniature model is transparent on one side, and full color on the other. The frame structure is of a different color plastic than the rest of the car. The model can be turned over so the entire under-frame structure can be shown in complete detail.

The model is built in two pieces. The hood and front-end grille can be lifted off as a unit, leaving the entire Monobilt body-and-frame structure . . . the part that is completely welded into one unit. The model was designed in particular for showing this construction (which could not otherwise be done without turning a car on its side or putting it on a hoist); and for showing the importance of "stepping down."

The model demonstrator measures approximately 13 inches in length, and is complete right down to rubber wheels with simulated white sidewall tires, chrome-colored bumpers, hub caps and headlight rims. It has seats and an instrument panel inside.

The half-transparent models are FOR DEMONSTRATORS ONLY. Others, which you will receive later, will be in full color, and will be suitable for window displays, giving away to customers, and other promotion purposes.

* Trade-mark and patent pending

Assembly Line for Baby Hudsons



Plastic seats for plastic cars on Detroit's smallest production line. Hudson's making 20,000 for dealer displays.


The key bodies are polished and painted. One-half is left transparent so that interior can be seen.



Hood and grille like these like the real thing. These plastic models are now being built in a one-sixteenth scale.



Plastic frames are hand-shed, perfect replicas of the actual chassis construction.



HERE'S HOW TO USE THE DEMONSTRATOR

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EMPHASIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF "STEPPING DOWN"



NOTE: Carefully read the booklet, "The Importance of 'Stepping Down,'" which you will receive from Hudson shortly. It will help you use the demonstrator to bring out all of the exclusive Hudson features stepping down makes possible.

You can use the demonstrator model to show people how Hudson has recessed the floor *above* inside the frame to bring vital space—heretofore *under* the floor and unavailable for passenger use—up *inside* the car. The new miniature model shows how, by creating in this space a "step-down" zone, Hudson has been able to produce a truly low-built, streamlined car with a new, lower center of gravity, while still preserving ample head room. Emphasize that such a combination of low-built streamlining and full head room is impossible in other cars because the floors are on *top* of frames.

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DRIVE YOUR HUDSON TO ALL THE 2014
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