

South Texas HET News

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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The May 11 joint chapter meeting with the North Texas Hudson Dealers was an unqualified success. Everyone who showed up seemed to thoroughly enjoy it. The plan is to make the joint chapter meeting an annual event.

We had a pretty good turnout of Hudsons, too, from both chapters, along with Joe Clark's green Studebaker, and Bob Tarpenning peach Ford.

See meet pictures here:

http://south-texas-hudson.org/index_files/Waco%20joint%20meeting%20pictures.pdf

Our next meeting will be June 1, at my place in Speegleville, Texas. **Details elsewhere in this newsletter.**

The regional meet is in Wichita in June, and once again, I am being overcome by events, and won't be able to make it. Maybe next year.

If anyone knows where I can find one, I need a stock bench seat for a 1947 Hudson pickup. Also, I am looking for 4 stock wheels and hubcaps, steering column & wheel, column shifter assembly to transmission, instrument panel, clutch and brake pedal assembly, complete throttle linkage (from pedal to carb), door locks (inside of doors), door handle (pass side), clutch & flywheel (for 212), hood pivot bushings. If anyone can point me to instructions on how to remove the stuck, nonfunctional lock mechanisms from the doors, I'd appreciate it.

Finally, let me welcome all new members. We are widely dispersed around our great state, but it is our hope you will all attend a chapter meeting soon.

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President Rick's Notes



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11 May 2013 Meeting Notes

On May 11 2013 members of the North and South Texas Chapter of the Hudson Essex Teraplane Club converged on the Quaker Steak and Lube restaurant located in Waco, Texas. Nine members drove Hudson automobiles. Mark Brians – 51 Hornet Sedan, Rodney Lemmon – 54 Hornet Sedan, George and Roberta Dennis – 52 Hornet Coupe, Lew and Vicki Bird– 1937 Hudson 8 Sedan, Martin White –1954 Jet Club Sedan, Bob and Bobbie Johnson—1952 Wasp Sedan, Clinton and Diane Webb 42 Hudson Sedan, Linda Sue List—1940 Hudson 8 - 2 door Sedan and Ken and Yolanda Cates 1953 Wasp Sedan. Joe and Karen Clark arrived in their newly finished Studebaker and Bob and Patsy Tarpenning drive their pristine 1954 Ford Hardtop. Thirty-one members and five guests, enjoyed a super day of Hudsoning and fellowship. We are glad to see Bob Davenport after having suffered a severe injury to his shoulder. Although not completely healed Don with his son John and two grandsons were attendees at this meeting. Good to see them all.

At about 1 PM we all retired from the parking lot to the patio and “garage area” of the Quaker Steak and Lube for lunch. Ordering from the menu and beverage list all enjoyed individual feasts. A universal comment heard was Uhmhhh that is good. About 2:15 President Heeke of the South Texas chapter rose to call to order a short , but sweet meeting. He officially thanked the owners of the QS&L for allowing us to stake off the prime part of their parking lot and garage space. Continuing he asked for and received the options to dispense with the reading of minutes and formal reports in deference to the opportunity to continue to share Hudsoning in the parking lot. Before adjourning the meeting, Mike Harrell, VP of the North Texas Chapter rose to ask for a short amount of time to speak on behalf of an upcoming Orphan Car meeting to be held in the Fort Worth area. (Details can be found in a specific news item provided by Mike and published elsewhere in this newsletter) Mike also thanked the South Texas Chapter for sponsoring this joint meeting and suggested that the meet be an annual event. Asking for recognition and receiving same, Vicki Bird asked all present to thank the South Texas chapter again and to express thanks for a great time and asked that all consider returning in 2014. With these comments completed Rick asked for a and received a



**11 May 2013
Chapter
Meeting
Waco, TX**

motion and second to close the meeting and we all retired to the parking lot. South Texas chapter membership is 46 and our treasury balance remains the same as May 2013. We sure missed those members who were unable to attend. (cont. pg3)



Respectfully submitted by Ken Cates, Secretary, South Texas Chapter of the HET

Approved by Rick Heeke, President, South Texas Chapter of the HET

Chapter Chatter: Rodney Lemmon Returned from a road trip which took him to Arizona. While there he got to meet and visit with Al Saffrahn at his place of business. To say the least, Rodney was very hyped to meet and share with the guru of Hudson Std. Transmissions and Overdrives. Returning from his trip Rodney found that the fuel pump ordered from Dale Cooper had arrived. After installation, Rodney reports the previously experienced fuel starvation miss is now gone and the Big Hornet continues to pull as he presses the accelerator pedal!



Mark Brians has been busy exploring and finding out what a Hudson Hornet is all about. His recent purchase from Ron Fellows is definitely the road car he was looking to buy. Now he is going about personalizing the car to his tastes. Mark was grinning for ear to ear last Saturday as we pulled into the Quaker Steak and Lube. We thought we would be first... not so as the 51 Hornet and Mark were already in place.



Ken Cates repaired the fuel leak that developed in the fuel tank of his 1953 Wasp. A replacement pickup tube was procured from Roger Tallent. After cleanup and installation the problem was gone. Ken also took delivery of his newly acquired 1954 Super Wasp Hollywood. It made the trip from Indiana via Jim Guinn's door to door auto transport. The Hollywood is now sharing a parking spot with Ken's 1954 Wasp Club Sedan. These two will be joined shortly by a 1954 Wasp 4door sedan that will donate body panels for the restoration of the Hollywood.



Membership - Two potential members Barry Tubb—Owns a 1954 Hudson Hornet and Keith Reed -owns a 54 Buick Sedan— wants to buy a Hudson Sedan, have been invited to attend our meetings. Please take the time to invite those who ask about your Hudson to a meeting. We are all part of this group of fanatics who appreciate Hudson Automobiles. Who knows, you might be the reason that person becomes a member of our GREAT CHAPTER.



Hudson Parts Tip—Mark Brians asked what the part number was for the PINTO fuel pump that fits Hudson engines... OK here is the deal on Pinto fuel pumps. The '74 - '75 2.3 L Pintos use 6445 pumps which have the three connections. The '76 - '80 2.3 L Pintos use 6748 pumps which have only two connections. The advantage of the 6748 pumps is that the outlet comes out the side which means the fuel line does not have to be bent as much. The disadvantage is that the 6748 pumps cost about three dollars more than a AMC pump per NAPA web site.

<http://www.classiccar.com/forum/discussion/39303/amc-fuel-pump/pl>

WANTED AND FOR SALE

- **Source for good used Hudson parts: Roger Tallent** - tallentcc@aol.com
- **Used and rebuilt Hudson parts**—primary focus 1946-54 Hudsons— Rebuilds Hudson Rancho 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 HETer who will work hard to get and keep your business. 303-902-2532 ski4life65@hotmail.com He is also currently **parting our several 54 Hudson Sedans** and wants these parts to go to other Hudson owners who will use them to get cars back on the road.
- **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>

Hudson Cars—For Sale



'50 Pacemaker 2 door needs clutch removed , will exchange for fresh rebuild Gas Tank needs thorough cleaning, you bring a battery. \$6500.

1939 series 92 Needs a Battery, Flat fix, Shifter cable installed. Wash & Wax Has '46 Engine, new front seat, rust free \$6500



Also have **Jet race car body**, firewall set back 5 3/4 inches Room for a Hornet motor \$600. Have Hornet engines \$250-up. 51 pacemaker parts car 38K miles on a 232 for \$250. **51 Hornet parts car** (picked over) still has a good 3.58 rear-end \$50. Several Twin H set-ups from manifold only to complete w/carbs. **'31 complete engine** 90% NOS parts needs assembly \$2,000 All available from **Ron Fellows PO. box 453 Canutillo Tx 79835- 915-877 9025** hudnutz39@sbcglobal.net

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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)

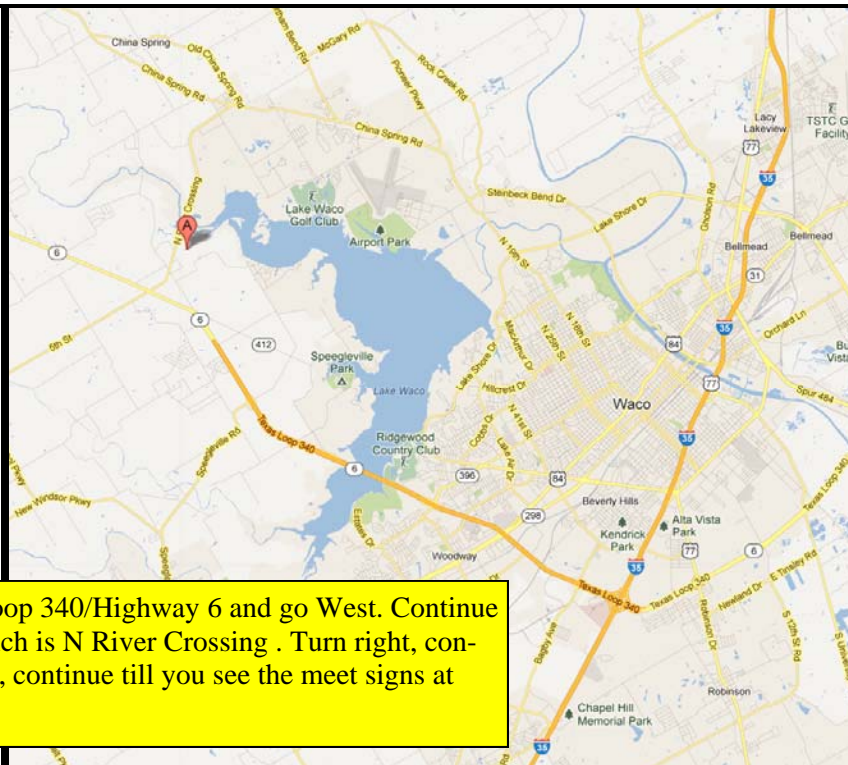
NEW _____ RENEWAL _____ Email Address _____

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

NEXT MEETING
Speegleville TEXAS

June 1, 2013



From I35, North or South Exit at Texas loop 340/Highway 6 and go West. Continue on hi-way 6 until the first traffic light which is N River Crossing . Turn right, continue to Wandering Oaks Road, turn right, continue till you see the meet signs at Rick and Barbara’s driveway.

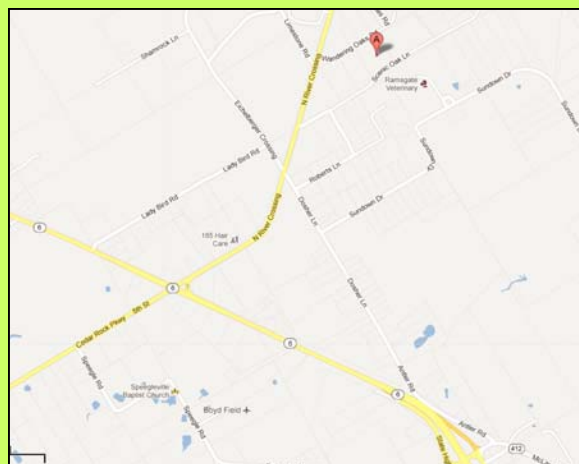


CHAPTER , REGIONAL and NATIONAL MEET INFORMATION

Meet Flyers are available on our Website www.south-texas-hudson.org
 Also, you can “click-on” a meet title when reading this newsletter—on line

NEXT MEETING

June 1, 2013 Chapter meeting hosted by Rick and Barbra Heeke at the Heeke Ranch 288 Wandering Oaks Dr., Waco, TX 76712 Starting time is 12 noon. This meet will include a **POT LUCK Lunch**, Rick and Barbara are providing the meat and beverages. Please bring your favorite side dish to share. After a day of Hudsoning at the Heeke digs we are planning to join the Corridor Cruisers at the Church of the Open Door Cruise night. Rick will lead us to the location which is a few miles to the east of the our meet location. Contact Rick for any further information. See the Maps above for directions to Rick and Barbara’s Home. Email - 308hornet@gmail.com Phone - 254-424-4915



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 rag356s@yahoo.com

August—December to be scheduled

Some information on harmful material when working on older cars

We all work on our vehicles from time to time, however, as a reminder, let's discuss the hazards of asbestos that is certainly part of older vehicles and repairs. Asbestos fibers can be spread into the air by vacuums and when working on your car. Actually, they can spread up to 75 feet by vacuuming. Obviously, as you operate your vehicle, the brake linings wear down through friction, releasing brake dust/asbestos and this dust is trapped in the brake housing and is released when you open the housing. Naturally, when you're working on vehicles, your hands get greasy and asbestos can easily transfer to your hands, clothing, etc. There are many other parts that contain asbestos, such as clutch linings, electrical wiring (changing from 6 V to 12 volt systems), gasket material, heat seals, valve rings and packing. Prior to 1970, exhaust systems contained asbestos gaskets either at flanges along the exhaust pipe or at the exhaust manifolds of the engines.

If you use a shop vac, compressed air hose to clean drum brakes/clutch, wiping with a dry rag or brushing dust, wiping with a wet rag or brush, using liquid squirt bottles, solvent sprays or a water hose, you're exposing yourself to asbestos fibers.

The recommended procedure for small shops or home mechanics is to use a spray bottle that can deliver a fine mist of water or water with a detergent, at low pressure to wet all brake and clutch parts. These parts can then be wiped with a cloth. When finished with the cloth, wrap it in a sealed plastic bag and dispose of it properly. Remember that if asbestos fibers get on your clothes, these fibers can be transferred to family members and whomever washes your clothes. Removing the outer covering of electrical wiring should be bagged and tagged, as they may contain asbestos. ***Provided for the good of all members, by South Texas Chapter Member Don Butler. Previously the training director for Pep Boys Don has been a safety professional for over 50 years. Thanks Don for this valuable information.***

Cru sin' for a Cure show

For those of you South Texas members who weren't at the joint meeting with the North Texas chapter in Waco last week--you missed a really good meet. The camaraderie was great. We all got to know each other a bit better.

You also missed my impassioned, lol, speech about the AAIAA--Antique American Independent Automobile Association. This is a new group that seeks to combine our rather small independent clubs so that we can have a greater presence at local events.

One of these events is the Cru sin' for a Cure show <http://www.cruisinfocure.com/>, in Ft. Worth 28 Sept. This is big show with a lot of exposure for our cars. Space is allotted by the number of cars. If we have enough cars, we can have our own block with nothing but independents. If not, we may have the dreaded Fords and Chevys in with us. Dale Truitt, and the AAIAA, is working with the Studebaker, Hudson, Nash, AMC, Packard, Kaiser and Graham clubs, and anyone else that is interested.

Bottom line is that Dale needs commitments so we can reserve space for our independents. Please let me know if you are willing to participate. Again, this is a good exposure so I hope you will help show our Hudsons to the public--and Ft Worth is not too far. Of course, this won't be an iron clad commitment and the Gestapo won't come for you if you can't make it. But if you have a reasonable expectation of making it, please let me know. I hope we can have at least 15 cars. Also, if you know of people that have independents not listed, please invite them as well. The more the merrier.

Thanks, **Mike Harrel** mharrel2009@yahoo.com