

South Texas HET News

A BIG COUNTRY REGIONAL CHAPTER OF THE HUDSON ESSEX TERRAPLANE CLUB

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PAY YOUR DUES TODAY



The meeting in Cameron was a great success, and a good time was had by all, in spite of a little rain, and being mostly cloudy.

See Secretary Kens' minutes, if you were unable to make it to the meeting. Ken is also our chapter Newsletter Editor, and webmaster. I would like to see someone step up and offer to take over the SOTEX HET chapter secretary position, so Ken only has to cover the Newsletter Editor/webmaster position. If anyone's willing to do this, just send me an email, and I'll add it to the next meeting's agenda, so everyone can vote on it.

I finally got to see Rodney's '54 Hornet, a magnificent work in progress, and that thing really goes. Kudos to Rodney for checking on how our membership secretary, Paul MacNamara, is doing. We haven't seen Paul for a while, except for the emails sent from his computer by some virus. If anyone is pc savvy enough to help Paul with an anti-virus and firewall for his pc, let him know.

Joe Clark drove his Jet to the meeting. After the meeting had been adjourned, we all followed Joe & Karen Clark back to their place, and they graciously showed everyone around. I finally got to see Joe Clark's Brougham.

A reminder to all, to check the calendar at <http://www.south-texas-hudson.org> often, so that you know what's coming up, and you can make plans to participate.

The Sweethearts & Orphans meet is next weekend in Denton, February 22-24, and I plan on attending at least the car show, assuming my work allows me to. We also have upcoming, the chapter meet in March, at the Cracker Barrel in Buda (thanks, Dave).

The April meet will be in Elgin. I encourage everyone to make this meet, as it will be our most important meeting of the year. In May, we will have our big joint chapter meeting with the North Texas Hudson Dealers, in Waco, June, the Big Country Regional will be in Wichita, KS, June 13-15. I hope to make this one, July, The HET National meeting will be in San Mateo, CA, just south of San Francisco, from the 23rd to the 27. As of February 17, gas prices in that area ranged from \$3.89 to \$5.03, for a gallon of regular unleaded. If you are planning to go, prices will likely be higher by July.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at S&H, and at our next meet in Buda.

Regards, RICK

President Rick's Notes



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South Texas Chapter Officers

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News and Meet Information

9 February 2013 Meeting Notes

South Texas Chapter – Hudson Essex Terraplane Club, meeting minutes, 09 February 2013 meeting.

On 09 February 2013 the South Texas Chapter of the HET club held our meeting at the Taqueria Los Comales Restaurant in Cameron, Texas, eight members in attendance. Rodney and Joe both drove their 1954 model year Hudsons. First to arrive were Ken and Yolanda closely followed by Rodney Lemmon. Within the next few minutes all of the remaining attendees were seated. Our hosts, Karen and Joe Clark arranged for an area of the restaurant to be set aside for our meeting which allowed all of us semi private dining and a place for our meeting, thanks Joe and Karen. The menu offered a wide selection of Mexican entries which all agreed were very tasty. After lunch our Chapter president Rick Heeke called the meeting to order at 1PM. A motion to approve the previous meetings minutes (Jan 2013) as published in the newsletter was asked for by Rick, made by Joe and seconded by Steve Brookins and approved. Rick then asked for a treasurer's report. Steve Brookins responded, noting there was \$2069.16 in the chapter treasury. Membership Chairperson was not in attendance.

Old business –

Meetings - President Heeke noted the Sweet Hearts and Orphans meeting will be hosted by the North Texas Chapter in Denton Texas. A flyer showing the details of the meet is part of the February STC newsletter.

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

Membership – Ken Cates reported on a membership letter he mailed out. Using a current roster provided by Charlotte Sargent, National HET Membership, he created a mailing list. Each member on that list received a request to renew or join the South Texas Chapter of the HET Club. A copy of the letter is attached to this report.

New Business -

Meet Scheduling - Joe Clarke asked the chapter to consider a change to the scheduling of the STC monthly meetings. Joe's request was based on same day meet scheduling. The Central Texas Chapter of the Studebaker club schedules its monthly meeting on the same day as the STC meetings. This conflict assures that Mark Briens the president of the Studebaker club will not attend STC meetings. Further he and Don Davenport are also Studebaker club members and would like to attend both meets. After discussion, all agreed adjustment to our meeting dates could be made. Ken Cates will provide Joe with a copy of the current NTC schedule. Joe will create a de-conflicted schedule and report his findings and recommendations at the March or April meeting. Our plan is to implement any change in meeting schedule after May 2013.

2013 Chapter business meeting and election of officers – President Rick noted to the members present that our chapter by-laws state our annual business meeting and election of officers is to be held in November. Since we did not have a meeting in November, our chapter has not held the business meeting or the election of officers. He also noted that Ken Cates is filling three positions within the chapter and called for a member to take over the Secretary duties and stand for election. After discussion Rick asked for a motion to select an alternated date for the business meeting and election of officers. Ken Cates made the motion that the next business meeting and election of officers be held 06 April 2013 at Elgin Texas, Barbara Heeke seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Membership – Rick asked all members to pay their 2013 Dues

9 Feb 2013
Chapter
Meeting
Cameron, TX

March meeting: Dave Nault had arranged for our March 2013 Meeting to be held at the Cracker Barrel Restaurant in Buda Texas. See the newsletter and website for details.

Club Meeting Attendance - Rick asked the members present if they had recommendations for the location and type of meetings to be held. He, also noted, that over the past year our chapter meetings were purposely scheduled to take in all areas where our members live. Rodney Lemmon noted that he would like to see meetings where members could share their technical talents. Joe Clark agreed there could be meetings where the members helped each other with mechanical or other issues related to keeping our cars operable. Yolanda Cates shared; she enjoyed pot luck type Hudson club events held at members’ homes. During those meetings members have the opportunity to help each other and the family atmosphere was reinforced. Karen Clark also noted the Hudson Club Chapter was a car club and she always thought the point of the club was to be helping each other maintain our cars. Rick thanked all for the comments and suggested we needed to focus more on helping our membership with our cars. Those present unanimously want to pursue meetings where we can assist one another maintain our cars.

Restoration parts – Rodney Lemmon brought up that he was having difficulty finding rubber seals to complete the restoration of his 1954 Hornet Sedan. Several comments about potential sources were discussed. Ken Cates noted that Doug Wildrick had purchased “Full Line” products from Dick Bell. It was noted that Wildrick is focused on becoming the provider for most if not all the rubber restoration items needed by Hudson owner.

Announcements – We learned after the meeting that Dave and Germaine Nault’s son suffered a heart attack the day of our meeting. Our prayers for a full recovery go out to Dave’s son.

Next Chapter meeting: Dave Nault will host the March meeting on 9 March at the Cracker Barrel Restaurant in Buda, Texas.

At 2 pm, President Heeke asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting, Rodney Lemmon made and Joe Clark seconded the motion, motion was approved.

After the meeting Joe and Karen Clark invited all attendees to visit their home. We caravanned to the Clark residence and spent another hour enjoying the opportunity to have fellowship and view Joe’s shop and cars.



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



2013 CHAPTER DUES DUE—Please Renew Now

SOUTH TEXAS HET CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name _____ Spouse _____

Street Address _____ Phone _____

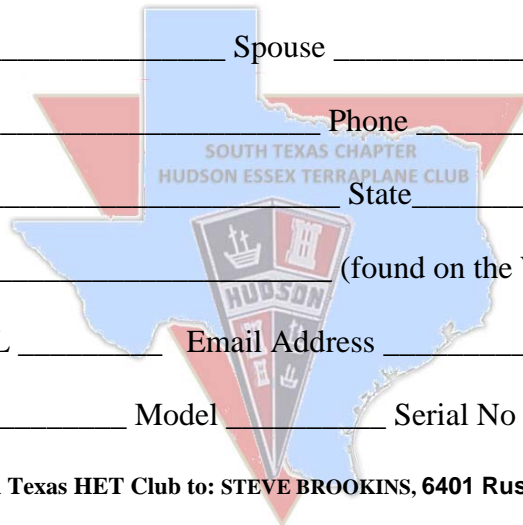
City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

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

March 9, 2013

From the north going south on IH35 you will pass the 1325 Creed moor exit. The next exit is main st. Take that exit, stay on the access until you get to the light on 4. Go right get in the left hand lane to the 1st light which is Old San Antonio Rd. Turn left, go about a half mile to Cracker Barrel. Coming from the south take exit 4. Stay left go under IH35 westbound to 1st light. Turn left a half mile to Cracker Barrel.



ALL FUTURE MEETINGS OF THE SOUTH -TEXAS CHAPTER OF THE HET CLUB WILL BE HELD ON THE 2ND SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH, UNLESS NOTED IN THE NEWSLETTER!

NOTICE

CHAPTER , REGIONAL and NATIONAL MEET INFORMATION

NEXT MEETING— March 9, 2013 Meeting - Buda, Texas 12:00 @ the Cracker Barrel Restaurant, Dave Nault is our host See Page 6 for information and a letter from Dave.

06 April, 2013 Elgin, Texas - CHAPTER BUSINESS MEETING AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

MAY 11, 2013 - North & South Texas Hudson Joint Chapter Meet in WACO, TEXAS - Details forthcoming, Ken Cates, Hothudsons@gmail.com (two_five_four) 744-0985 Please mark your calendars and plan to drive a Hudson to this meeting. More information to follow

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

Chapter Chatter: Dave Nault - We all extend our prayers for a speedy recovery for Germaine and Dave's son who recently suffered a heart attack. Rodney Lemon Again drove his 1954 Hudson to our monthly meeting in Cameron. He reports that he had the car performed very well on his trip to and from the meeting. Not one to be idle, Rod has begun the task of polishing and reinstalling the sill plates in his Hornet sedan. Rick and Barbara Heeke have recovered from the flu. Both got to attend out Cameron Meeting. Rick and Barbara are hoping the spring will bring a reprieve from the long hours he has been putting in at work.. Joe Clark showed off his newly acquired inner and outer seals for his 54 Jet. Having "fixed" his original seals, he is saving this "hens teeth" scarce set to use when needed.



CHAPTER NAME TAGS

Get your name tag from Steve Brookins at the next meeting

South Texas Chapter
Hudson Essex Terraplane Club



RICK HEEKE
President

To Our Fellow Hudsonites:

On the 9th of March, the Central Texas Hudson Car Club will hold their meeting at the Cracker Barrel Restaurant in Buda, TX. My reason for writing you as a Member myself, is that we would like to see as many Hudson owners that we have ever seen before attend this meeting. We fully understand that Central Texas is quite vast, and is hard to accommodate most enthusiasts, but having the meeting in Buda gives us sort of a central meeting area for all interested.

The Cracker Barrel is easy to get to from the north and the south. The menu is diverse, and plentiful. The parking is very adequate. I plan on driving my Hudson there, along with another Hudson from Austin.

From the north going south on IH35 you will pass the 1325 Creedmoor exit. The next exit is main st. Take that exit, stay on the access until you get to the light on 4. Go right get in the left hand lane to the 1st light which is Old San Antonio Rd. Turn left, go about a half mile to Cracker Barrel. Coming from the south take exit 4. Stay left go under IH35 westbound to 1st light.

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This area hosts Cabelas, Walmart, 4 Hotels. A must see is Dick's Antique Auto Museum in San Marcos. A 2 hour tour, extremely interesting.

If you need more info you can contact me, or if you want info on the Cracker Barrel you can contact the General Manager there. She is very gracious, and will be happy to see us there. Lets see some Hudsons!!

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