

South Texas HET News

A BIG COUNTRY REGIONAL CHAPTER OF THE HUDSON ESSEX TERRAPLANE CLUB

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I am looking forward with great anticipation to [the joint chapter meet with the North Texas Hudson Dealers on the 11th of May.](#) The average temperature spread on that date is usually from the 60s to the 80s, so this will be our last moderate temperature meet before summer. Come to this meet & enjoy it while it is still pleasant.

Coming up the very next weekend, May 18-19, is the KATO Meet in Guthrie, OK. <http://www.ntxhd.org/files/KATOFLYER.pdf>

Then, there is the 42nd Annual Big Country Regional Meet in Wichita in June. <http://www.ntxhd.org/files/KATOFLYER.pdf> So, Hudsonwise, it will be pretty busy for the next few months.

The 54th HET International Meet will be in San Mateo, CA, July 24th to 27th.

Since we are likely to be tasked with hosting the regional meeting in 2015, I am going to try to make it to the 2013 regional, since I've never been to a regional or national meet, and I will be taking notes.

I'll have to put in for vacation that week from work.

Our 2nd annual April business meeting (date changed from November) was in Elgin, and we were successful in electing a new slate of chapter officers. Thanks to all who stepped up. Looking forward to doing this again next year in April, with even more Hudsons in attendance.

I hope that everyone has a safe trip to & from the upcoming joint meeting in Waco, at the Quaker Steak & Lube.

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President Rick's Notes



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06 April 2013 Meeting Notes

South Texas Chapter – Hudson Essex Terraplane Club, meeting minutes

On April 6 2013 members of the South Texas Chapter of the Hudson Essex Terraplane Club held their monthly meeting at South Side Market in Elgin, Texas. Three of our members drove Hudson automobiles. Dave Nault – 54 Hornet Coupe, Rodney Lemmon – 54 Hornet Sedan, Paul McNamara – 51 Pace-maker Coupe and Mark Brians arrived in a pristine AMC SST station wagon. Twelve members and one guest, enjoyed barbeque dinners offered in the family style dining area of this huge restaurant. After lunch and some time for catching up on each other's lives, President Rick Heeke called the meeting to order at 1 pm. After calling the meeting to order a motion to dispense with the last month's meeting minutes and accept the minutes as published in last month's newsletter was requested. Joe Clark made the motion and Paul McNamara seconded the motion with all present accepting the motion. Our treasurer, Steve Brookins was unable to attend and emailed his report. The treasury balance as of 5 April 2013 is: \$2162.39. A current membership is 45. Bob Lemmon, Rodney's brother attended his second STC meeting as a guest. A California resident he attended our April 2012 meeting too! Glad to see you again Bob.

**06 April 2013
Chapter
Meeting
Elgin, TX**

Old Business:

- **Joe Clark meeting dates:** After examining meeting dates for the Studebaker Club, North and South Texas Chapters of the HET Club, he recommended that the regular meeting date for the South Texas Chapter be moved to the first Saturday of each month. A motion was called for by Rick and Rodney made the motion. Dave Nault seconded the motion and all present signified acceptances. **(item closed) Regularly scheduled meeting for the South Texas Chapter will move to the first Saturday of the month starting 1 August 2013.**
- **Hosting the 2016 Big Country Regional meeting.** Rick asked the membership if a consensus for hosting this meeting existed. Polling those present found that all were willing to assist in this endeavor. Several have experience in hosting this type of meeting and voiced questions to Rick. After discussion it was determined that Rick would contact the senior Big Country Director and seek specific guidance for hosting a regional meeting. He also asked that if members planning to attend the 2012 Big Country Regional in Wichita, KS , please seek information from that chapter's hosting committee. **(item open – revisit after July Big Country regional)**

New Business:

- **Mike Harrell – North Texas Chapter** attempting to determine if there is sufficient interest in having a group of Hudsons at the State Fair in Dallas. (Mike has since reported this offer is no longer available as State Fair committee has closed the offer)
- **Discussion on how to contact local movie (AUSTIN TEXAS) companies** for use of your Hudson in movies. Several members voiced their knowledge. Paul McNamara noted he was previously

employed in the movie industry and knows an Austin Texas based person who obtains vehicles. Paul will collect current information and make it available to those interested. (item closed)

- Mark Brians noted that he is actively looking for a good Hudson Stepdown that he can buy and immediately begin to drive. **(Note Chapter Chatter—Mark has been successful and purchased a new Hornet)**

Welfare of the membership:

- STC Charter Member and past chapter president Charlie Hudson passed away in March. He had been ill for quite awhile. He is survived by his wife, Martha and his mother, Nola. Condolences can be sent to: Martha Hudson, 5002 Furnace Lane, Manvel, TX 77578 **the chapter sent a condolence card to Martha.**
- Don Davenport is convalescing at home. He suffered a fall from a ladder while accomplishing a home repair. **Get well soon Don.**



After concluding the regular business President Rick turned the meeting over to Dave Nault to conduct the annual election of officers. Dave asked the members present if there were any nominations for the office. Ken Cates provided an email from Steve Brookins noting he could not attend the meeting but would continue as chapter



treasurer if membership agreed. Ken also provided an email from Russell Chilton stating he no longer has time to devote to being an officer of the chapter and has withdrawn his name from that consideration. Finally Ken nominated Rodney Lemmon to the office of chapter Vice President. Not receiving any other nominations, Dave asked if the current officers would continue in office. All agreed. Dave asked Rodney for his acceptance of nomination and Rodney agreed. A request for a motion to accept

the following individuals as nominees for office was requested. **President: Rick Heeke; Vice President: Rodney Lemmon; Treasurer: Steve Brookins; Secretary: Ken Cates; Membership: Paul McNamara.** Joe Clark made the motion and Mark Brians seconded. All present accepted the slate as the **2013 officers for the South Texas Chapter** of the HET CLUB. Dave thanked those accepting office and returned the meeting leadership to reelected president Heeke. Rick immediately asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting which was made by Mark Brians and seconded by Dave Nault. Meeting was adjourned to the parking lot at 2:20pm.

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

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

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 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 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

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

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)

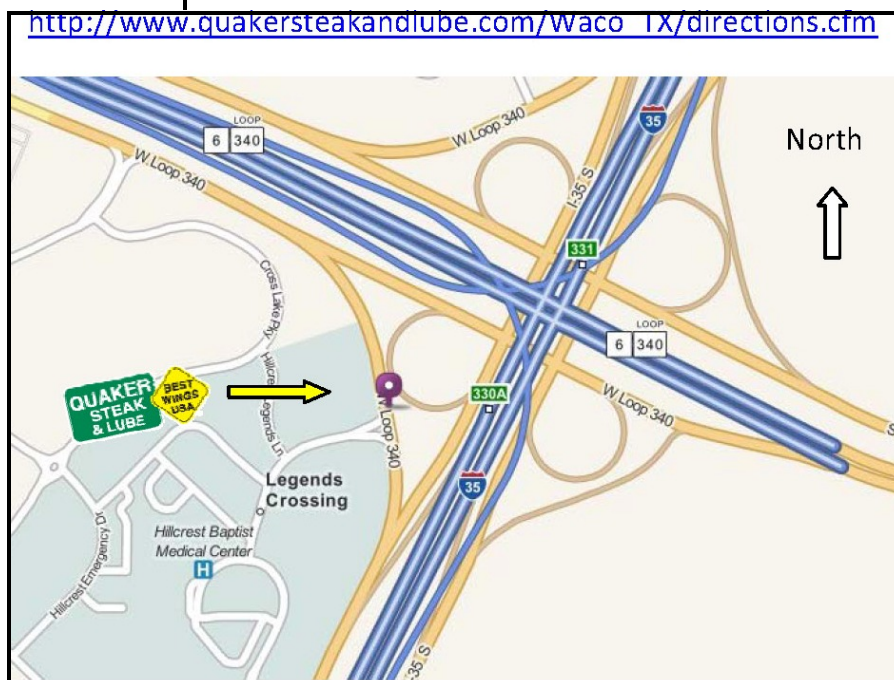
NEW _____ RENEWAL _____ Email Address _____

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
Waco TEXAS**

May 11 2013



NOTICE

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

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. **Check our website for meet flyer and interactive directions to meet.**

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
rag356s@yahoo.com

August—December to be scheduled

Chapter Chatter: Mark Brians' hunt for a Hudson has come to and end. After extensive searching he and Ron Fel-



lows came to a deal on a 51 Hornet Sedan. Mark hooked up his car trailer and made a whirl wind trip to the far western tip of Texas to retrieve his prize. We Hudson folk go to great lengths to find and fetch our cars! Congratulations to Mark and thanks to Ron for providing a great car.

Jim Petersen is back on the road again, a trip to the west coast took him away coincident with the date of our last meeting. Unfortunately, Jim will be unable to attend our May meeting too, as that is the week of finals at the university where he teaches. Hope we get to see you at a later meet this year Jim.

Joe & Karen Clark and Mark & Loraine Brians were in Waco earlier this month. Mark is the president of the area Studebaker Drivers Club and presided over a weekend club event. Yolanda and I got to see a pleasing group of Studebakers and their owners when we shared lunch with the group at Rudy's BBQ.

Dave Nault has completed the installation of factory back up lights in his 1954 Hornet Coupe. Correspondence with a Canadian Hudsonite sorted out the mystery of the Hudson OEM wiring and with this the lights were lit!



On April 13th, **Rick & Barbara Heeke and Ken & Yolanda Cates** were in attendance at the North Texas Hudson Dealers meet at the home of Clint Webb in Gainesville, Texas. NTHD members drove their Hudsons in a parade honoring Medal of Honor Winners. After the meeting **Ken and Yolanda**, accompanied by two of our grandchildren, visited with avid Hudsonites and friends **Mark and Sandi Huffman** in Whitesboro TX.

Rodney Lemmon reported he would be taking a road trip; west Texas and AZ were destinations.



Paul McNamara is back on the road with his super nice Pacemaker coupe. We got to see this car as the Elgin meet. Thanks for bringing it Paul as we know the LSR was beckoning.



Joe Clark's is planning a full engine overhaul for his 54 Jet this winter. His goal is to couple the overhauled engine with an OD trans. After putting out the message with the JET SET, multiple offers of transmissions returned. Rumor is Joe is having Roger Tallent provide the tranny.

Ken Cates replaced the fuel pump and filter in his 53 Wasp. All seemed well until he filled the tank... you guessed it the tank was leaking. Fortunately the leak is a cracked pickup solder joint. Removed the gas and now fixing the pickup tube. Gremlins go away!



John Preston is back to work on his 1936 Long wheelbase 8 Sedan. Currently having

the King Pins replaced and looking for a source for windshield and rear window gaskets can you help John?





JOINT MEETING OF THE NORTH @ SOUTH TEXAS HUDSON CLUB CHAPTERS

The North and South Texas Chapters of the Hudson Essex Terraplane Club will hold a joint meet on 11 May 2013 @ 12 noon in Waco, Texas. Ken and Yolanda Cates and Rick and Barbara Heeke are coordinators for this meet. The meeting will be held at the Quaker Steak and Lube Restaurant, which had an auto service station motif. A Map of the location and an INTERNET links for this restaurant is elsewhere on announcement.



Quaker Steak & Lube Waco

Address: 2805 W Loop 340,
Waco, TX 76712

Phone:(254) 420-3777



Website: http://www.quakersteakandlube.com/Waco_TX/

On line menu: <http://www.quakersteakandlube.com/pdf/menu.pdf>

We encourage you to make a weekend of this meet. **Waco has a wide variety of family friendly attractions.** Lodging and restaurants are plentiful with a wide array to suit your palate and wallet. You can find maps and information which provides you with details on attractions, lodging and eating establishments on the INTERNET at www.wacocvb.com.

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