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Newsletter of the Southern California Chapter H-E-T Club

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SoCal Chapter Holiday Party Coming Soon!

By Jon Cronk, Chapter President

The big annual Holiday Party for the SoCal Chapter of HET is scheduled for 3 p.m. PST on Sunday, December 5. It will be held at the Coral Cafe, 3321 W. Burbank Blvd., Burbank.

You can get to the restaurant either by taking the Burbank Blvd. exit from I-5 or take the Hollywood Way exit northbound from the Ventura Freeway, and turn right at Burbank Blvd. (See the adjacent map.)

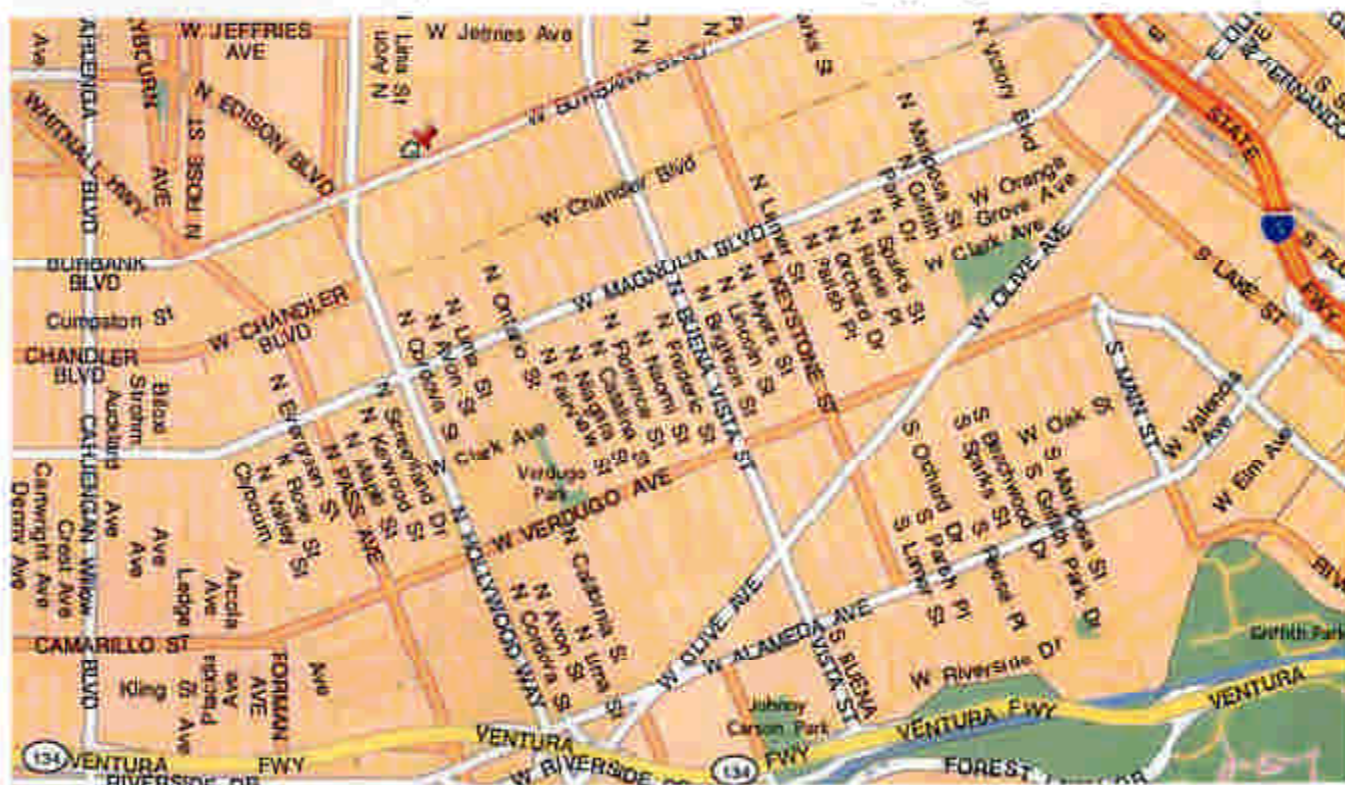
This will be December a great event for us HET'ers! Not only will we have our Christmas dinner with a speaker and gift exchange, we will be collecting donations for gift packs for our soldiers overseas. So bring your checkbooks, because the Chapter will match all donations received, up to \$500.

Our donations will go to support the outstanding work of an organization called Soldiers' Angels. Founded in Pasadena last year, this organization coordinates giving to Americans who are serving in combat areas in Iraq, Afghanistan, and elsewhere. For more information, see their web site at <http://www.soldiersangels.com>.

The Hudson Motor Car Company has a long history in supporting America's war efforts – during WWII, the Jefferson Avenue plant churned out wings for B-29 bombers, P-38 Lightnings and Helldivers, fuselage sections for B-26 Mauraders and B-29s, not to mention Invader marine engines, and other items.

We'll have a guest speaker, Mr. Ed Harden, who will discuss insurance for our beloved, classic automobiles.

And don't forget your gift for the gift exchange!





The parking lot of the River Palms Hotel in Laughlin, NV witness a gathering of 34 HET vehicles during the annual Economy Run event, November 13 and 14. Thirty two HETs completed the run successfully.

Laughlin Economy Run Once Again A Big Success

This year's Laughlin Economy Run was once again a big success.

Entrants gathered at Ludlow, CA on a beautiful, sunny morning for a scheduled 8:30 - 9:30 departure. Although the Arizona bunch agreed to leave from Ludlow, too, they had all departed at 7:30 a.m. (they were still on Arizona time), so they were long gone by the time the SoCal'ers and CIC members arrived. Meet originator Norm Blackmer was handing out the route maps and registering cars for the run.

All in all, 32 HETs competed in the economy run; and there were 34 Hudsons in the parking lot at the destination. SoCal Chapter members spotted in and around Laughlin included Bill Albright, Warren and

Marlene Bachtel, Jon and Sue Cronk, Press and Janet Kale, Craig and Moonyean Kistler, Bob and MaryEllen Mortorano, Fred and Ruth Newton, Bob and Susan Ross, Peter and Suzan Smith, Buzz Stahl, Gary Stewart (who entered 3 cars!), Sam Tribble and Vic Zamora.

Craig and Moonyean had the best story to tell — they were pulled over for going 85 in their '46 Hudson on I-10. You can hear all the details at the upcoming Holiday dinner.

Peter and Susan Smith had worked all week preparing new T-shirts for our club store; the shirts were enthusiastically pitched to all passers-by. Thanks very much to the Smiths for this dedicated effort!





Thanks to Bob Ross for the excellent photographic coverage of this event.