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

HMCC – 100 Years

HET Club – 50 Years

SC Chapter - 43 Years

April 2009

## 2009 Western Region Meet in the Sierras

*See the flyers*



The **2009 Western Region Meet** starts with the **swap meet** on the 16<sup>th</sup>. The tour into the **Yosemite Valley** will be on the 17<sup>th</sup> and should be **spectacular** with the **waterfalls** at their height. The **tech sessions** with Walt and Vic will be on the 18<sup>th</sup>. Before the **BBQ**, the **Business meeting** is scheduled where you can vote for your favorite candidate for Director. Be sure to bring your **camera** and **join us** for another special HET event.

### IF.....

because of other obligations, you cannot join us in the **Oakhurst/Yosemite Meet**, there is another event that same weekend that should be a lot of fun and requires less driving; the **CHVA Spring Fun Car Show** at Boy's Town in Chatsworth. There will be raffles and goodie bags. It is for a good cause and you don't need to run 5k. **SCC will pay the entrance fee**, but you **must call Jon** (805/987-8187) for a **reservation**. *See the flyer*

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### Upcoming SCC Events

April 16-18 - **Western Region Meet**

*See the flyer*

April 19 – **CHVA Spring Fun Car Show**

*See the flyer*

May 16 – **Car Shows at Huntington Beach & Stanton**

June 14 – **Election Picnic** - Ernest E. Debs  
Regional Park

July 13 – 17, – **HET 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Meet**  
[http://socalhet.org/2009\\_natl/09\\_index.htm](http://socalhet.org/2009_natl/09_index.htm)

September 17-19 – **All California Meet**

Nov – **Laughlin Economy Run**

Board Meetings are normally scheduled for 2 PM on the third Sunday of each month, and are **open to all members**. Phone 805/987-8187 for directions.

**Want an SCC Meet close to your home?** Just find a park or other attraction with parking and facilities. Then give Noah a call (626/799-6107)

### From the President's Garage

We had **6 guests** at the El Segundo meet. Our club keeps a list of e-mail addresses of SoCal Hudson enthusiasts that we use to publicize our chapter's events. This is a very special year for Hudson, so be sure to **invite some friends** to our activities.

We have some **commemorative signs** for your vehicles, publicizing our brand and club anniversary. We will have them at all our events – be sure and **get yours!**

Before we know it, we will be **electing officers** for the next business year. Be sure and

contact a club officer if you are interested in serving. Believe me – we can use your **talents and ideas** if you want to help out. You will definitely be welcomed if you'll volunteer.

Remember – if you can't travel to Oakhurst for the Western Regional Meet, we have a local alternate in the **CHVA's Guide Dog Benefit Car Show** at Boy's Town in Chatsworth. Date is **Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup>**. Your chapter will gladly pay the entry fee for your Hudson – just let me know if you're planning to participate.

See you on the highway!

*Jon Cronk*

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### ***From the Yankee Chapter Newsletter***

*Elma Marks was the guest speaker at the 2006 Eastern Regional in North Carolina*

"I am here to express my appreciation of **Hudson Club wives**. For years I have seen you selling parts at the Flea Market, polishing cars at the Meets, providing for hungry HET men, serving well as officers of the Club, hosting Club Meets. Thanks

I asked several Hudson wives if they knew their husband collected cars before they were married and they said "Yes," but they married them anyway.

My daughter really thought her father was the only Hudson defender so you can imagine her surprise at that Meet at Natural Bridge where there were lots of men who spoke Hudson and wives who supported them.

One great thing about this hobby. You know where your husband is — in the garage with his head under the hood or under the car with just his feet showing.

Other quotes from Hudson husbands. "Hon, will you watch the booth while I take a quick look around the Flea Market?" There is no such a thing as a quick look around the Flea Market. They have to visit with the vendors and buy a few parts. If your husband asks you to watch the booth while he takes a quick look around the flea market, just say, "No."

Before KGAP there were junk yards. Wives

spent a lot of time outside junk yards. While husbands searched for parts—and sometimes bought a car—which had to be towed home---- and no matter if we were the tower or the towee, we never seemed to get it right. "Too far to the left". Watch that fender (which was already pretty dinged by the previous owner).

I never thought I would be happy to have teenage boys with driver's licenses but it was an opportunity to say, "Why don't you help your father bring home that Hudson? You'll enjoy it. Great male bonding, and what did I get? One son who owns 9 Hudsons and one that hasn't driven a Hudson since high school.

Once I asked Meritt why he spent so much time working on the Essex, he said, "It's my hobby" and I said, "Why don't you make me your hobby?" and he looked at me and said, "You could stand a restoration."

In 1958 he wanted to buy a 1929 Essex Roadster because he learned to drive on a 1929 Essex Roadster which evidently is a legitimate reason for purchasing one.

He had other cars; he restored them, enjoyed them, and sold them.

But the Essex was different, he was going to restore it, It had no top, dented fenders, peeling paint, and no upholstery, but not to worry he was going to restore it. I learned a lot about automobile restoration from that decision.

One — there are numerous problems involved.

Two — cars are stored in the garage while the family car is outdoors.

Three — husbands are usually in the garage under the car.

Four — restorations are never completely completed.

When the Hudson Motor Company decided to merge with Nash there was panic among the Hudson owners. Where would they get parts to keep their cars on the road? They decided forming a club would be the ultimate solution.

I learned a lot about car clubs from that decision.

I began a new life as a car club wife. He published the bulletin, I typed it. He planned meets, I made the arrangements. ***He drove in parades, I polished the car.***

I am glad that the Eastern Region has chosen the theme concerning Hudson wives--that's because I understand wives better than I understand cars and I understand Hudson wives best of all.

Just as it takes a certain kind of man to be a Hudson man, it takes a certain kind of woman to be a Hudson man's wife. So let me pay tribute to the wives who made the HET club possible: Come guys face it, you couldn't have done it without us.

Here's to the writer of ads

The signer of checks  
The polisher of chrome  
The remover of specks  
The holder of lights  
The procurer of parts  
The turner of wrenches  
The reader of charts  
The flea market vendor  
The upholstery mender  
The planner of meets  
The preparer of eats  
The tow car driver  
The real survivor  
**THE HET WIFE!"**

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## Automobile Driving Museum Meet

*by Jon Cronk*

Hudsons swarmed the Automobile Driving Museum in El Segundo on March 15 and pretty-much dominated the curbside parking in front of the museum. We had Stephen Marshall's 49 Commodore, John & Carolann Papariello's 53 Jet, Nils Pedersen's 51 Coupe, Vic Zamora's 54 Hornet, Noah Blough's 50 Pacemaker and guest Danny Spadaro's *pristine, better-than-brand-new* 41 short-bed pick-up. Including guests, the chapter brought 15 people to tour the cars on display.

Our group was provided a tour led by a very knowledgeable, enthusiastic docent, himself a classic car owner. The collection features quite a number of Packards of all years and styles, but the majority are 30's through 60's American cars. Additionally, there are a number of classic towncars. The museum prides itself on the number of original, unrestored but drivable cars, all in remarkable (if not perfect condition). Two cars are selected for public rides each Sunday. During our visit, guests had their choice of riding in the museum's 58 Metropolitan or the 57 Lincoln convertible (black with black, white & pink interior).

After the tour, we were able to hang around the snack bar and peruse their large library of automobile books. The store also has quite a collection of original owners manuals for sale. The museum is located just south of LAX, so be sure to swing by if you are in the area!

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## The Electronic Newsletter

The **SCC Newsletter** is now available by **email** as a pdf file. Just email your request to the editor: [SCC@elkay.org](mailto:SCC@elkay.org).

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## Hudson Related Items for Sale

- <http://socalhet.org/salesroom.htm>

## Restoration Resources & Suppliers

- <http://socalhet.org/suppliers.htm>

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## SCC Officers

**President:** Jon Cronk 805/987-8187

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**Club Store Manager:** Jon Cronk 805/987-8187

**Local Region Director:** Craig Kistler 714/256-2558

**HET President:** Mike Cherry 435/657-0443

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## The National HET Club Page

### We will miss you Mary *by Mike Cherry*

Long-time HET Club life member, Mary Souers passed away today in Ft Wayne, IN. Mary was one of the clubs' quiet heroes who worked tirelessly in the formative years to build the foundation for the club we have today.

Mary and her husband Meredith joined the club in 1963 and attended their first meet in February of 1964. To the HET Club membership they were seen as a hardworking team from that time forward. They attended the National in Dearborn, MI in 1964 and in February of 1965 hosted their first Hudson meet, which has been an annual event to this day. Mary was instrumental in the preparation for and running of the 1966 National Meet in Huntington, Indiana which she and Meredith hosted.

At that February 1965 meet, Mary and Meredith were asked to take over the publishing of the White Triangle News. They agreed and the first issue was backdated to January 1965. Mary prepared copy, typed, labeled, and prepared the WTN for mailing. They soon bought a printing press and actually printed the magazine in the family home near Warren, IN. Mary made the WTN a family project each month by enlisting the help of her children William, Edward, Katherine and Halden to manufacture the WTN. They edited and published the WTN until August of 1972. The club grew from 600 members to over 2,000 during those formative years.

In thanks for their tireless service, the Board of Directors gave Mary and Meredith life-time membership in the Club. Their team effort was also recognized in 1982 when they were the third recipient of the Club's Daugherty award for outstanding service and promotion of the HET Club.

Although Mary was short in stature, she played a huge supporting role in the advancement of the Club. On her 74<sup>th</sup> birthday last August during a break in her continuing health battle, she was treated to rides in a 54 Hudson convertible and then in a 48 Hudson limousine. She was beaming from ear to ear as she reminisced over her many years of activity with the cars and the Club.

Ed and Kaylene Souers, 17002 Darling Road, Woodburn, Indiana 46797-9664

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**2009 National Meet:** [http://socalhet.org/2009\\_natl/09\\_index.htm](http://socalhet.org/2009_natl/09_index.htm) & <http://www.hudsonclub.org/hetevent.htm>

**2009 Drive to Detroit:** [http://socalhet.org/2009\\_natl/50th\\_national.htm](http://socalhet.org/2009_natl/50th_national.htm)

## Detroit or Bust

**ROAD TO PONTIAC** *by Western Region Director Craig Kistler*



The **Southwest Route** will meet in **Kingman, AZ** on **Monday evening July 6<sup>th</sup>**.

- As Wagon master I am staying at the **Best Western Wayfarer's Inn**, 2815 E. Andy Devine (928) 753-6271 or 1 (800) 548-5695. I-40 to Exit 53. Hotel is 500 feet from the exit on the right hand side. \$84.99 Received a call from manager at Best Western in Kingman that if we have 10 or more bookings we will receive a 15% discount. He will hold rooms until 6/6 but still give us

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the discount if rooms are available after that. The last time we stayed there on the way back from Nebraska they had a breakfast as good as any restaurant with a woman waiting on you and the atmosphere was great. It was more like a small buffet. There are many motels along this street and another Best Western. I know there are those of us that have frequent stay programs or certain places they like to stay.



- On Tuesday July 7<sup>th</sup>, we depart for our following overnight stop in Albuquerque, NM. We are staying at **Super 8**, Albuquerque/West-6030 Liff NW. I-40 EXIT 155 (505) 836-5560. One block south of 1-40 and Coors Blvd, a right turn on to Liff just 200 yards to the left. This will be our longest leg of the trip. \$42.19
- Wednesday, July 8<sup>th</sup> back on I-40 to Amarillo, TX. Stopping point there is another **Super 8**, 2909 I-40 East at Exit 72A, turn left on Nelson St. Property is on the right hand side. (806) 373-3888. \$49.99
- Rolling right along. Thursday morning, July 9<sup>th</sup> head to Tulsa, OK. **Econo Lodge Airport** (OKO81) was our pick. 11620 E. Skelly Dr. Tulsa, OK (918) 437-9200. \$44.96
- Two more days to destination. Head out Friday, July 10<sup>th</sup> to St. Louis, MO and stay at **Best Western Airport Plaza Inn & Conference Center**, 4530 N. Lindbergh Blvd. Bridgeton, MO. (314) 731-3800 \$62.99
- Last stop before Pontiac, MI is Auburn, IN. John Pontias is trying to negotiate a price for **Auburn Inn**

The room prices I have listed are for a King/ Non-smoking room. If I hear from 10 or more that want to stay at these locations I will call and see if we can receive a lesser rate.

This is not a caravan unless you want it to be. You can leave each city and arrive at your own pleasure. We are setting each day's driving time 300 to 400 miles.

Looking forward to seeing everyone on the road. Don't worry about driving those Hudsons. Questions call me 562-652-1453 cell 714 256-2558 home. [mckistler@aol.com](mailto:mckistler@aol.com) Commodore Craig Kistler

The Coastal Valleys Contemporary Historical Vehicles Association car club presents the 20th:

# CHVA Spring Fun Car Show

All profits benefit the Guide Dogs of America  
in their training of the blind and puppy breeding work



## Sunday, April 19, 2009

at a new location

Boys Town/Rancho San Antonio

21000 Plummer Street, Chatsworth CA 91311

8am-2pm

\$15 at the gate, no pre-registration.

Please arrive by 10.

50/50 & prize raffles - goodie bags - park on grass  
food available for purchase on site

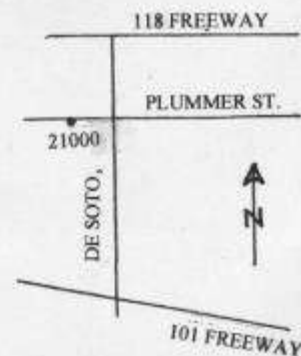
**Contacts for vendors and general information:**

Larry Bauman 818-767-1857 kalab@earthlink.net

Tom Thornton 818-340-0392

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**CENTRAL CALIFORNIA  
CHAPTER**

**2009 Western Regional Meet  
Hudsons @ Yosemite**

**A Centennial Celebration  
April 16-18, 2009 Oakhurst, California**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_  
Total number in party \_\_\_\_\_

Registration: Family ..... \$20.00  
After March 15, 2009 ..... \$25.00  
BBQ Dinner ..... @ \$25.00 each  
BBQ - Chicken ..... X \$25.00  
BBQ - Steak ..... X \$25.00  
TOTAL REGISTRATION DUE.....  
(Make checks out to Central California Chapter HET.)

Meet Headquarters: Shilo Inn, Highway 41, Oakhurst, California Ph. 800-222-2244  
Rooms @ \$75.00+tax per night until March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2009  
\*\*\*\* Ask for Hudson Discount Rate\*\*\*\*\*  
Yosemite Tour (Gate fee and Lunch of your choice at your own expense.) (Several Lunch venues from Hamburgers to a full Buffet at the Lodge.)

SPECIAL PRE-ORDER TEE-SHIRTS (in limited supply) (circle size ordering)  
Special HET Meet Tee-Shirts: Size S-M-L-XL @ \$18.00 each  
Size XXL @ \$20.00 each  
Total can be added to your registration order. Sub Total \_\_\_\_\_  
Grand Total including Tee-shirts = \_\_\_\_\_

Send Registration to: DAVE DITURI, 5701 HARRIS CUTOFF, MARIPOSA, CA 95338  
Contact information: Rich Smithen 805-467-2966, Richard Borough 559-433-3427,  
Dave Dituri 209-966-2282

**WESTERN REGIONAL MEET  
EVENTS SCHEDULE**

**Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

Registration open 12 noon until 5 PM. Inside of Lobby.  
Swap Meet, Open 12 noon. Swap Spaces in the Bus Parking spaces at rear of Inn.  
Please, only ONE parking space per person, unless prior arrangements are made with Central Calif. Chapter HET staff. (One bus parking space= 2 parking spaces)  
Parking of HET cars are encourage around the entire Inn. Parking area near the Kettle Restaurant is for their customers. Parking of Pickups and car trailers will be across Highway 41. Please ask for directions at Sign-in.

**April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

Registration Open 9-5 in Lobby.  
Swap Meet Open. Sun-up to Sun-set. Or by flashlight, your choice.  
**THE BIG TOUR TO YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK**  
Estimate Driving Time into the park is 90 minutes. (with stops)  
First Yosemite Sightseeing Tour is at 9AM. Recommend Valley Floor Tour as best choice to see the Valley in comfort.  
Per California Highway Patrol, No more than 5 cars in a group at a time. This is for Safety and congestion. No restriction inside the Park as the speed limit is 35 mph. Stay as long as you wish to see all the sites in the Valley. Stop and see Yosemite Lodge, even if you don't eat there. A must see stop on your tour.

Glacier Point will be closed at this time of the year because of snow.  
Big Trees Tram might be open depending on snow or you can walk into the trees if you can find parking. This is near the entrance to the Park.

**April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

Registration Open 9-2 in the Lobby.  
Swap Meet Open 9-2  
Tech Session, 11 AM, Walt Mordenti, Adjusting dual carbs, Location Rear Parking Lot  
Tech Session, 1 PM, Vic Zamora, Window channelling Kits and installations.  
Program Guide has many venues to see in the area if you want to tour on your own.

**WESTERN REGIONAL BUSINESS MEETING 4 PM**

Location will be at the Elks Club, (same place as our BBQ Dinner) Time 4 PM. Just prior to our Dinner.

**WESTERN REGIONAL MEET BBQ DINNER 5:30 - 10 PM**

Located at the Elks Club, approximately 2 miles up Highway 41 at the junction to Bass Lake Rd. You will be making a left turn into the Elks Club driveway.  
A BBQ steak or chicken of your choice and a special desert will be served.  
Each Chapter representative will give a short report on their respective chapter.  
A, 50/50 drawing, raffle drawing, and special awards from the CCC HET Chapter.

Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup>, Special Open house at John Cook's residence in Mariposa, Ca. ask for directions.  
We hope that you enjoyed this meet and have a great time in Yosemite National Park.

# SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA HET CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP Code \_\_\_\_\_

HET Membership No. \_\_\_\_\_ (Found on the WTN Label)

*(National HET membership is required for local chapter membership)*

New

Renewal

Hudson-built cars owned:

Year	Make	Model	S/N	Engine No.
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Mail \$15 check payable to "So. Cal. HET. Club" to: Membership Chairman, 150 South Michillinda Avenue, Sierra Madre, CA 91024



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