

Smoky Mountain Heartland Chapter, Hudson-Essex-Terraplane Club



Hudson Happenings

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First Meet of 2008

March 29, 2008: Our first meet of 2008 will be held Saturday, March 29, at Austin's Steakhouse on Broadway in Knoxville. Take I-40 to I-640. Take I-640 to the Broadway exit. Turn north on Broadway. Austin's is on the left, next to Fazzoli's. Meet time is 11:30 a.m., Lunch at Noon. I hope to see you there. Don't Forget, drive that H-E-T. We will be planning our meet calendar for 2008. If you wish to host a meet this year, let us know.

Dues Are Due

It's that time again. Membership Dues are due in March. Don't miss out on all of the fun and excitement that is the Smoky Mountain Heartland Chapter. Dues are \$10 for the entire family. Make checks payable to the Smoky Mountain Heartland Chapter, and mail to me at the address above. If you have paid Dues since June 30, 2007, you are in good standing until March 2009.

In Memoriam

Former SMHC Member Ray Oakes passed away at his home in Knoxville, on December 11, 2007, after a battle with Alzheimer's Disease. He was 67. Ray retired from the Y-12 Plant in Oak Ridge, and had worked at Pratt & Whitney Aircraft in West Palm Beach, FL after graduating from UT with a degree in Engineering Physics. He is survived by his wife, Ann, his sons Jeff and Daniel, his daughter Teresa, Mother, Sister and Grandchildren. At Ray's request, no funeral services were held, and his body was donated to Medical Science. A Sympathy card was signed at the SMHC Christmas Meet, and sent to the family with our deepest condolences.

Hudsons In The Heartland XIX

October 23 - 26, 2008: The Smoky Mountain Heartland and Mid-South Chapters invite one and all to the 19th Annual Hudsons In The Heartland multi-chapter meet. By popular demand, the meet has been expanded to a four-day event, and will again be held in the heart of the Great Smoky Mountains, action packed Pigeon Forge, Tennessee. Our host motel is the Vacation Lodge, located on US Hwy. 441 at Traffic Light #7. H-E-T'ers will receive special group rates of \$60 for single Queen, \$70 for double Double and \$75 for double Queen. Upgraded rooms are available at an additional cost. The entire Lodge has been blocked for the H-E-T Club. All reservations must be made by October 1 in order to guarantee the group rate. Rooms not reserved by that date will be released to the public. To make reservations, call 1-800-468-1998 (865-453-2640, In Tennessee), ask for Kathy, and specify you are with the Hudson Club (a one night deposit is required, and there is a 10% Cancellation Fee). There will be a Hospitality Suite, Swap Meet area in back, the fabulous Low Country Boil on Friday evening, with Banquet nearby on Saturday. Door Prize drawings and a 50/50 Raffle will be held, as well as Awards for the Oldest H-E-T and Longest Distance Driven. The Sevierville/Pigeon Forge/Gatlinburg area offers a variety of shopping, dining, shows and attractions sure to please everyone. You can walk, drive, or catch the Pigeon Forge Trolley, which stops in front of the Lodge. There's so much to see and do, we encourage you to come early and stay late.

Hudsons In The Heartland XVII – Pigeon Forge, TN, October 26–28, 2007



(Bill Cox Photo)

Good times, great weather and those fabulous Hudsons; the perfect ingredients for a fantastic weekend in Pigeon Forge. Registered attendance was 192, representing 15 chapters, with a hand count of 53 cars. The Friday night Low Country Boil again proved popular. There was lots tire kicking and swap meet activity, and the tourists poured in by car and foot to get a better look at all the H-E-T's. Trips to the local outlet malls and shops, as well as the numerous theaters and shows along the Parkway were also on the agenda for many.

By popular demand, there are several changes in store for the 2008 edition. Less than 2 weeks after the 2007 meet wrapped-up, more than 1/3 of the Vacation Lodge had already been booked. If you have not made your reservations for 2008, please do so as soon as possible. UT will be playing Alabama in Knoxville that same weekend, so motel rooms will be at a premium. Stay tuned to this newsletter, the chapter website and the *WTN* for updates.

New Members

The Smoky Mountain Heartland Chapter is proud to welcome the following new members:

Birg & Lana Sergent
Pennington Gap, VA

The Sergents are friends of Ron Borkhuis. They purchased a nice original 1950 Commodore 8 Sedan from an Estate Sale in Kingsport a couple of years ago, and are the second owners. They attended the 2007 Hudsons In The Heartland Meet in Pigeon Forge, and joined the Chapter in November. They plan to attend as many meets as is possible for them, and we look forward to seeing them soon.

A Message From H-E-T Club President Mike Cherry

Hello to all in Hudson Land:

We are not far from the 2008 national meet which is shaping up to be a great get together! Hopefully you have made your plans and are registered. It will be a meet you don't want to miss.

The next year, 2009 is a big year for our club and the Hudson Motor Car Company. It will be the 100th anniversary of the motor car company and the 50th year of the Hudson Essex Terraplane Club.

In anticipation of this important year, a committee has been formed to come up with ideas to make the year one of celebration. Your ideas are welcome. If you have an idea on how to best celebrate this most important year, and want to share it, please contact one of the members of the committee: Carmen LaFlamme, Ed Souers, Sam Jackson, Ken Poynter, Chuck Garrett, John Sherlock, Joe Stinnett or me.

Thank you,
Mike Cherry
President, H-E-T Club, Inc.

Speaking of the 2008 National Meet

We have received a number of raffle tickets to sell for the 2008 National Meet, to be held in Marlborough, MA and hosted by the New England Chapter. There will be 3 cash prizes: \$1,000 for the Grand Prize Winner, and two \$250 Prizes for the Runners-Up. Tickets are \$1.00 each, or 6 for \$5.00, and come in booklets of 6. The drawing will be held at the Banquet on July 26, and you need not be present to win. To purchase Tickets, see me at the chapter meets, or contact me at the address on the 1st page.

Congratulations

The SMHC extends its Congratulations and Best Wishes to Larry Kennedy and Sue Figert-Myer (H-E-T Club Senior Central Region Director), who will be married in a Private Ceremony on March 28. The Southern Indiana Chapter will be hosting a Party in their honor after the chapter's monthly meeting on March 29 at the home of Doug & Terri Wildrick in Shelbyville, IN. Cards can be sent to: 9350 Vandergriff Road, Indianapolis, IN, 46239.

Newsletter Options

Several chapters around the country are now offering their members, who have e-mail access, the option to receive their monthly newsletter electronically instead of via standard mail. The benefits to this include reducing the amount of paper consumed, as well as printing and postage costs. Would this be something that SMHC members who are "connected" would like to consider? Let me know.

Classifieds

FOR SALE: 1954 Hudson Super Jet 4D, Pampered. Condition 1-2. This car has been family owned for most of its life, and has had the luxury of living in its own climate controlled bedroom. Mr. Busch, the owner, a long time HET member, is in his mid 90's and wishes to see his car go to a good home. He claims the only reason he is relinquishing ownership is because he has difficulty "getting down on his knees" to check the tire pressure. The vehicle has a newly rebuilt engine, new brakes, factory color green paint and an immaculate, original interior. All appropriate documentation is available. There are extra parts with the car. Shipping can be arranged. This is one you can place under glass or drive to your heart's content. A wonderful value at \$14,500. Located in Johnson City, TN. Car is owned by Wycliffe Busch. For further details, contact Jerry Hobbs at (865) 428-3123, or e-mail at srheadhunter@bellsouth.net

FOR SALE: 1947 Hudson BigBoy Truck. Has a straight 8 Buick engine with dynaflow transmission. Front fenders are rough, but the rest of the truck is pretty straight. Very complete, only missing tailgate. I have the complete grill and running boards; \$3,500 or trade for '20's -'30's sedan, coupe, or truck project. Kevin at Ooltewah Speed Shop in Ooltewah, TN. Phone: (423) 933-4393. (Posted on the Hudson Forum at www.classicar.com on March 8, 2007 and updated on March 20).

FOR SALE: 1952 Hudson Pacemaker Club Coupe. Hydra-Matic Transmission; 10,000 mi. since Engine Overhauled. Tires almost new, and new master cylinder. Car is a good #3 driver. Asking \$10,000. Lewis Lagrand, 711 N. Roan Street. Elizabethton, TN, 37643-2628. Phone: (423) 542-5643, and leave message.

SMHC Christmas Meet – Home of Lloyd & Joyce Whedbee, Knoxville – December, 15, 2007



(Bill Cox Photo)

Joyce Whedbee, Judy Hickson and Jim Payne talk while putting the finishing touches on the meal.

A great time was had by those who attended the SMHC Christmas Party at the home of Lloyd & Joyce Whedbee on December 15, 2007. Fourteen members were in attendance, and we were glad to meet Jim Payne, from Loudon, attending his first chapter meet. And, it was good to see Mike and Carolyn Weiss from McMinnville. Everyone enjoyed the fellowship and holiday atmosphere, and a great meal.

Possible Joint Meet with Dixie Chapter

The Dixie Chapter will be holding a meet in Chattanooga on August 16. The Dixie Chapter newsletter indicates a possible invitation to the Smoky Mountain Heartland Chapter to join them. Let's discuss at the March meet.

Dedicated To the Preservation and Enjoyment of the Great Cars Built By the Hudson Motor Car Company, and To the Fellowship of Those Who Work On and Enjoy These Automobiles.