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

HMCC – 99 Years

HET Club – 49 Years

SC Chapter - 42 Years

August 2008

SCC & CIC Visit the Nethercutt Collection and Museum



Date: **Aug 16**

Tour Time: **1:00 pm**

Meet Up at **12:00** in parking area for socializing, tirekicking, etc

Tour: **lasts 2 hrs.**

Dress Code in effect: **no shorts or jeans.**

Website: - www.classics.com/nthct.html

Call me with any questions!: **Jon Cronk**
805-987-8187

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On **August 16**, SCC & CIC are traveling to the **J. B. Nethercutt Collection** at San Sylmar in **Sylmar**. The museum is an outstanding display of dedication and passion for "functional fine art". Beyond the

realm of the automobile, the collection houses superb examples of original antique furniture, and a colossal display of automatic and reproducing musical instruments.

J. B. Nethercutt is the man who built up the Merle Norman Cosmetics empire. For the past 45 years or so he has devoted an astonishing amount of time, interest and cold hard cash to the collection and restoration of classic motorcars and automated mechanical musical instruments. The best part is he loves to show it off. The museum complex has two primary buildings: The museum proper and across the street a restricted access multi-story exhibition building he named San Sylmar.

The focus of the tour is the automotive collection which spans over 200 cars, although currently, only 30 incredible cars are displayed at a time.

The Mascot Collection includes more than 1,100 hood ornaments, many of Lalique crystal. Assembled by J. B. Nethercutt and his wife Dorothy, the collection is a result of a lifetime dedicated to a love of beauty in design. <http://classics.com/nthct.html>

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Upcoming SCC Events

Aug. 16 – **The Nethercutt Collection**

Aug. 16 - SCC Board Meeting* 11:00 am

Sept. 26-28 – **All-Cal Meet** – See Flyer

Nov. 8-9 – **Laughlin Economy Run**

Dec. – **Christmas Party**

April 16-18, 2009 - **Western Region Meet** –
See Flyer

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)

September On The Coast

The **2008 All California Hudson Meet** is once again at the **San Simeon Lodge** in San Simeon. It will be on **September 26-27**. There will be much to see and do. There will be the usual swap meet to find that missing part and unload those surplus items.

Check the flyer on the following page. Plan on joining your fellow HET'ers in San Simeon for a weekend of scenic beauty – the gorgeous Central Coast and our favorite brand of automobiles.

Enjoy the cool coastal breezes; bring your chairs for the Friday Night fire pit.

From the President's Garage

On Cars: REMINDER – You don't need to have a drivable Hudson to participate in our activities. Heck, you don't even need to **own** a Hudson to participate in our activities. You'll have plenty to talk about if you like Hudsons and come to an activity (and maybe even *more* to talk about if you don't like HETs). But the key words above are "participate in activities". There you'll find info on parts sources, cars for sale, restoration tips, etc just in conversation with your fellow chapter-activists.

On Car Shows: Frankly, I always feel a little inadequate when parked next to a '70 Camaro with chameleon paint and a

mirrored firewall, but that's my problem. By keeping my HET ride at home, I am depriving a good number of spectators the opportunity to relive their memories of riding on that armrest booster seat, or curled up under the rear window, or just recalling that special relative's HET. So I pledge to get my ride into a car show prior to year's end. What about the \$20-\$50 entry fee? Hey, it's typically for a charitable cause anyway, and you get these neat T-shirts! Are you with me? Get going and shine up the chrome!

Jon Cronk

46 Pickup + 54 Hornet = 4th of July Parade



Lance Baroldi with his beautifully restored '46 pickup and Bob & Susan Ross with their '54 Hornet led the Sierra Madre annual holiday parade on the 4th. Lance transported the **Sierra Madre Citizen of the Year** and the Ross' gave the 80+ year old **Sierra Madre Senior Citizen of the Year** the thrill of a Hudson ride. As usual, there were many admiring comments. During the parade, the Hornet also served as a mobile Ham radio station as a patrol unit for the Sierra Madre Police Dept.

Now they are rerunning the video of the parade on the city cable channel, so people are getting plenty of chances to see the Hudsons leading the parade.

From the 1911 Hudson Owner's Manual about starting the car

Before attempting to start your car, be sure that you have a supply of gasoline, water and oil. Examine the state of the gasoline supply by taking off the cap of the tank which is located under the left-hand front seat cushion. The water is looked into by removing the filler cap on the top of the radiator at the extreme front of the car. The screens may be removed with the fingers to look into both the gasoline tank and radiator. The supply of oil is investigated by opening the little trap door in the dust pan, and seeing that the oil flows out the top pet-cock on the bottom part of the crank case of the motor. If the oil does not come, put more oil in the breather, which is located on the right front leg of the motor. Take off the cap by simply pulling it up with the hands. It does not screw in.

After assuring yourself that you have a sufficient supply for the trip, proceed as follows:

Move the switch on dash to "BAT", which connects the battery.

Move the spark lever (the smaller one on top of the steering wheel) to the position of 5 o'clock and the larger one (which is the gas lever or throttle) to the position of about 4 o'clock. Next, go to the right side of the car and be sure the gear shifting lever is in the central or neutral position on the quadrant. Now pass to the front of the car and push in the crank, hooking the starting crank pin into the crank shaft ratchet of the motor. Crank the motor in the direction a clock runs, after pulling out the little button which projects through the radiator and holding it out for about three or four seconds to prime the carburetor. **DO NOT PUSH DOWN ON THE CRANK**, for if the motor kicks back, owing to improper position of the spark lever, you will

probably injure your arm. Always **LIFT UP ON THE CRANK**.

If everything is right, the motor will start with a few lifts of this crank. As soon as the motor starts, let go of the crank and step into the car, taking your seat behind the steering wheel. If the motor is racing too fast, you can slow it down by a downward movement of the gas lever or throttle.

Move the switch to "MAG", which connects the magneto. Advance the spark lever to about 3 o'clock position and press out the clutch with the left foot. Now hold out the clutch while you move the gear shifting lever into the position of first speed, which is marked on the quadrant and is the back position on the inside. Gently let in the clutch, giving the motor a sufficient advance of the throttle lever to prevent stopping of motor as the clutch takes hold. Keep the car in this speed until you have learned the art of steering. It is more difficult to steer at this speed than it is faster; but you should be very cautious about faster speed until you are familiar with the steps you have just gone through. A little carefulness will save you perhaps a smashed car, and it pays to go slowly at first.

After you have repeated this process a few times and feel confidence in yourself, you may shift to second or intermediate speed after you have first gotten the car under way on the first.

NEVER CHANGE SPEEDS WITHOUT HOLDING OUT THE CLUTCH.

The reason for this is that the gears in the transmission would probably be destroyed if shifter from one to the other without first releasing the clutch. **ALWAYS LET THE CLUTCH IN GENTLY** after shifting in the gears, as there is nothing so hard on the car as violent action in this regard. Tires and all suffer exceedingly with this neglected.

The expert driver always handles his car without fuss and with great gentleness. Do not try to make "grand stand" plays with the car. Nothing shows the driver to poorer advantage than this sort of thing. When preparing to stop, release the clutch, shut down your power, and coast gently up to the curb as quietly as possible. That shows the experienced driver. The same rule applies when getting started and you will save much money and tire wear if you follow this method. Putting the brakes on or letting in the clutch violently is very hard on tires as well as all parts of the machine.

It is well to remember that the car is nothing but a machine, and a delicate one at that, so for long service and satisfaction care in operation is required.

DO NOT DRIVE FAST UNTIL THOROUGHLY FAMILIAR WITH THE CAR.

from THE HORNET'S NEST - FEB 1976

Hudson Related Items for Sale

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

Restoration Resources & Suppliers

- <http://socalhet.org/suppliers.htm>
- New windshields for '48 - '53. Clear - either side - \$200.00. Tinted - either side



Lance Baroldi's Restored '46 Pickup

- \$210.00. (Windshield rubber available through K-Gap). Installation available through Bill Albright

Twin-H Power decals. (peel-offs, not water transfers) \$10.00. 1953 - '54 pork chops \$300.00/pr. (Re-produced). Stainless steel heat shields for Twin H set-ups. Mirror finish. \$15 per pair plus shipping. Also '37-'47 2-barrel anodized steel heat shields \$8 each plus shipping. Glove box inserts for H.E.T. cars 30's to 1954. \$35.00 each.

Contact **Bill Albright, Vintage Coach**, 16593 Arrow Blvd., Fontana, CA (909)823-9168

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2008 ALL CALIFORNIA MEET
BY THE SOUTHWESTERN BORDERS
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HUDSON ESSEX TERRAPLANE CLUB, INC.
SEPTEMBER 26 & 27, 2008
SAN SIMEON LODGE, SAN SIMEON, CALIFORNIA

Once again, we have reserved the whole place Friday and Saturday, so make your reservations today!
Join all of your fellow Hudson Club members and bring those Hudson automobiles!

WOOD BURNING CAMPFIRE * PARTS SWAPPING * EATING * GAMES

Make your reservations NOW - there are only 60 rooms at the lodge

QUESTIONS? CALL DAVE DEYOE (858) 271-4614

ACCOMMODATIONS

Make your room reservations directly with the Lodge by **August 25:**

Tell them you are with the **Hudson Club**.

San Simeon Lodge	One standard King (1 – 2 persons)	\$80
9520 Castillo Drive	Two beds (2 – 4 persons)	\$85
San Simeon, CA 93452	Ocean view King (1 – 2 persons)	\$90
Phone: (805) 927-4601 Fax: (805) 927-2374		

MEET RESERVATION FORM

NAME _____

MAIL BY: SEPTEMBER 1, TO:

ADDRESS _____

Dave Deyoe, President, SWB Chapter HET

CITY/STATE _____

10102 Kibler Dr., San Diego, CA 92126

PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

REGISTRATION: \$12 _____

Total Enclosed: \$ _____ (check payable to Southwestern Borders HET)
(Includes Saturday night dinner and a meet dash plaque. Dinner by Kay Spring.)