



# South Texas HET News

A BIG COUNTRY REGIONAL CHAPTER OF THE HUDSON ESSEX TERRAPLANE CLUB

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Hello;

November started out great with cooler temperatures making my garage time pleasant. I have been working on the Hornet as was noted in last month's newsletter. My goal was to finish the maintenance and updates to the Hornet in time for the November meeting held in Caldwell. Although it took the better part of a month, I did complete my goal and the Hornet has a newly installed set of headers and a personally formed, welded and installed dual exhaust system. Texas members know that the weather is unpredictable and with that said, off again, on again rain storms have been the norm for several weeks. Just before our last scheduled meeting we experienced heavy rains and flooding. During one of those storms my HVAC system expired. I suspected it might be due to the storms, but after checking breakers my expertise with all things electrical ended. Calling upon my electrical technician, he said the earliest he could come to our rescue was Saturday 7 Nov. Which unfortunately was the same day as our HET chapter meeting. So, for the first time in several years, I would not be able to attend a meeting. Darn! Fortunately, the problem was discovered to be a transformer inside the HVAC and all is well again in the Lemmon abode. Elsewhere in this issue, Mark Brians files his report of the chapter meeting held in Caldwell. Also this month we get to welcome a new member, Ken Fulton of Belton, Texas. Ken owns a 39 Hudson. The Big Country Regional meet is a now five months away. If you have not done so, please call the hotel and make reservations and complete your meet registration. A big thanks to Mark for honchoing this task! **Drive your Hudson, see you all at the next meeting.**

*President Rodney*

## President Rodney's Notes



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South Texas Chapter Officers

# Caldwell TX Meeting Notes

Attending our Caldwell Texas meeting were Joe Clark, Steve Brookins, Paul & Elizabeth Thomas and Mark Brians. After drying off and a good lunch we started the meeting at 12:30 pm

**There was no old business.**

**Treasure's report:** Steve Brookins -we have \$1559.67

**Big Country regional** — We have \$2181 in our account

**New Business:** A motion was made to Double the salary of attending officers and was passed by all attending. But as Steve pointed out two times Zero is still Zero.



Mark Brians reported on **2016 Big Country meet**. We have nine registrations so far. I made a motion to Donate 25% of our Auction Proceeds from the sale of Quilts, clocks and other donated items to the Hudson Historical Foundation. Motion was passed 100% approval. I have contacted Calvin Buchanan the president of the Foundation and Lew Bird and they like the idea and pledged their support. Paul and Elizabeth Thomas volunteered to help make a flyer to be in our newsletter, for the WTN and to registered meet Hudson folks. When our meet is all done we can add to the 25% if we desire. I reported that the Hudson Patch Quilt has been completed except the rod that I have to make for it to hang on a wall. Meeting was adjourned at 12:45pm

Paul Thomas reported that they had just come from Waco to deliver his Hornet engine to the machine shop for a rebuild. He is working on the engine compartment cleaning now. Everyone was glad to hear of his progress. The rain was still coming down when we left although not as hard. By the time I got home it had stopped and the sun was trying to come out. I needed oars in a couple of places on hwy 36 going down. The meeting was closed at 1 PM.

November  
7th 2105  
Caldwell,  
Texas



Respectfully Submitted by  
Mark Brians Vice president

Approved By,  
Rodney Lemmon, President

# Chapter Chatter:

South Texas Chapter on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/STHETCLUB>



37 Views  
 South Texas Chapter Hudson Essex Terraplane Club  
 November 3 at 9:34pm  
 President Rodney Lemmon added Headers and Dual exhaust to his 54 Hornet. All the work including fabrication of the exhaust was done by Rodney in his home shop.

**Rodney Lemmon** - The Hornet is now back together with headers and newly formed dual exhaust constructed from raw pipe and installed by Rod in his home garage. True Hudson spirit in this task completion. Rodney shared a couple of videos that allow us to enjoy the exhaust report from those headers and new pipes. The videos have enjoyed a plenty of views ( over 1500!) on our South Texas Chapter and the HET CLUB Facebook pages.

**Elizabeth and Paul Thomas** are hard at the task of returning their 1954 Hudson Hornet to the road. They recently brought their engine to the LEDFORD Machine shop in Waco to be overhauled.



**Mark Campbell**— recently purchased a 1954 Hornet Hollywood and a 1953 Coupe from Jim Guinn. (See For Sale and Wanted this issue)



New member **Ken Fulton** is a car guy who makes his living restoring cars. Ken told me his 1939 Hudson is a work in progress. It is also featured on his Facebook page where it is obvious from the video posted there that the car is very roadworthy

**Joe Clark** has taken his 1950 Hudson Brougham to a central Texas upholstery shop to complete the installation of the interior.



**Ken Cates** sold his 1954 SW Hollywood to Mike Madden of Knoxville TN, Mike and his friend were in Waco on 7 November to pickup the car. Mike has already begun to task of resurrecting this worthy Hudson to it's

## Balanced Thermostat

*1948-1954 Hudson engines*

**Harry "Rudy" Bennett** and the merry band of Hudsonites located in the El Paso Texas area seek to improve the reliability of their Hudson engines on a regular basis. One area this group has focused is the efficiency of the cooling system. As part of their investigations a review of how thermostats effect engine water circulation was conducted. *Rudy said;* we test everything we change in our Hudson. We also are fortunate to have a nearby mountain road to do testing up to 6000 ft as well as a place to do wide open on level ground runs. We couple those tests with lots of in town stops-starts.

***Rudy related the results of their thermostat testing as follows...***

...We did a lot of testing with Stant and Mr. Gasket brand thermostats. As a result of our testing, Mr. Gasket (MG) brand thermostat allowed more coolant flow than the Stant (S) brand. Comparing the 2 different thermostats we found the center orifice in the MG is much larger than S. Inserting both brands in a hot water bath you will observe the MG thermostat mechanical movement opens wider to allow more coolant flow to the Radiator. Using the MG brand in the 1948-54 Hudson engine will necessitate the use of a spacer. (We use the spacer Walt Mordenti sells, it allows the MG to fully open. Otherwise, if the spacer is not used, the rib in the Hudson head used to support the thermostat will inhibit full opening. Also, we observed this rib may be higher in some heads) Effects of the thermostat change were monitored by placing temperature probes directly on the engine head. Temperature readings with and without the spacer were taken. We discovered the spacer and its thickness have another effect on coolant temperature. The spacer allows for improved coolant circulation which in turn created an even temperature front to back in the cylinder head.

As a result of Rudy's testing, an 8 degree drop in coolant temperature was achieved.

***Thermostat Part Number:***

Mr. Gasket #4366 is a 160 degree and #4367 is a 180 degree. ***Application:*** MOPAR engines

Hudsonly,  
Rudy

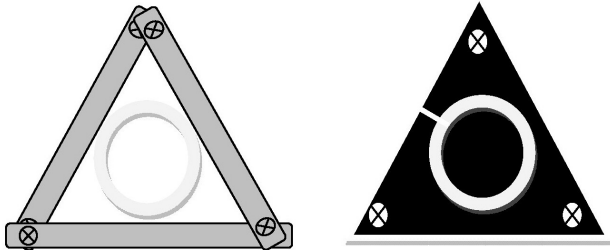


**PARTS INTERCHANGES**

Wasp/pacemaker and all model years 53-54 for the drive shaft carrier bearing #FS 88107  
 Standards Trans 53-54 Front Seal --national 473436  
 Standard Trans rear seal with overdrive --national 8160S  
 Drive shaft u -joints --NAPA 369  
 OD kick down switch--NAPA OD6287 (need 9/16 18 jam nuts to use)  
 Front hydro seal-- Victor 49721  
 Tie rod 39-47 -- NAPA 269-2018/ 269-2009-2480 (fits 69 Jeep Commando)



**Creating a replacement gasket for a Stepdown Gas filler tube**



The gas tank filler tube in a Stepdown Hudson is sealed with a combination of rubber gasket cut to the shape of a triangle with holes punched to allow the metal hold down straps and pins at the corners to keep it tight against the filler neck.



To repair... remove the existing metal straps and pins. Do not lose the push nuts that keep these pins and straps in place. Clean up and retain the pins and straps. Make a new gasket obtain a piece of flat rubber. Passenger car inner tubes are a great source. Create a triangular shaped replacement gasket with holes punched to accept the pins and allow the filler neck to be tightly sealed. Seal the new rubber to the trunk metal with good quality weather strip cement and tighten the pin push clips from the bottom of the car. (See accompanying following picture)

**SOUTH TEXAS HET CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP FORM**

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

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

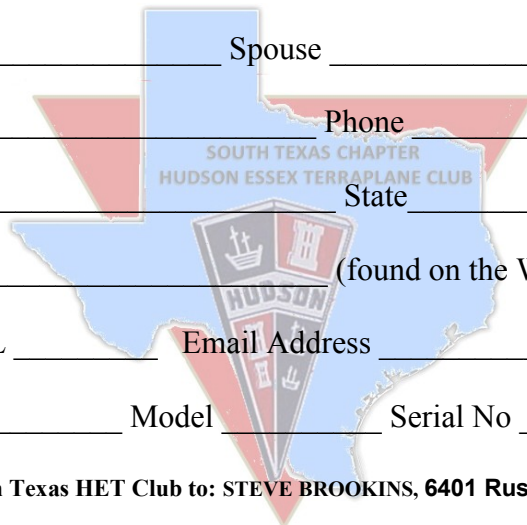
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

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



# WANTED AND FOR SALE

Send your ad submissions to the editor @ [hothudsons@gmail.com](mailto:hothudsons@gmail.com)

- **Wanted:** for 1946 Hudson Pickup, tail lamp, seat, seat tracks & associated hardware. **Contact Rick,** [308hornet@gmail.com](mailto:308hornet@gmail.com)

FOR SALE

HUDSON and Special Interest Autos

For many years Jim operated a single trailer door to door Classic Car transport service. During those years he accumulated Hudson and other marquee cars and stored them on his North Texas property. He has retired from the transport business and the following cars are now FOR SALE **Contact Jim Guinn** for more information on any or all of the vehicles. All vehicles are sold as is where is without warranty. Buyers are responsible from removal and shipping from the storage location as negotiated at the time of purchase.

Contact Jim for more information— 940-366-6365



1951 hornet 4dr Has engine, surface rust only, title



1954 Hornet Coupe. Has engine block, trans, front clip. Rusty \$500.



55 hornet Coupe 308 automatic, complete rusty, no title



1954 hornet Hollywood 308 w/ Twin-11 Auto, rebuilt before parked. No interior no dash good floors doors hood. Rusty frame



1947 Hudson Commodore Coupe. Mostly complete. No title \$500



1946 Hudson Commodore Coupe rusty but complete no title \$500

- **For Sale: 1954 WASP Hudson Club Sedan (2 door Sedan)** a very rare vehicle equipped with its original L head flat head six cylinder engine and 3 speed overdrive transmission. Installed on the engine are the optional dual carburetors (Hudson called this option Twin H). New Radial tires all around. Recently restored parts include Front and rear brakes, (New: brake and master cylinders, hoses, linings, drums on front new 11" backing plates and seals), gas tank removed cleaned and sealed, electronic fuel pump installed, mechanical fuel pump rebuilt and both carburetors rebuilt. The engine does not run. The car is complete to include trim, retainers and unique parts. \$3500 **Ken Cates**— [KDCATES@hot.rr.com](mailto:KDCATES@hot.rr.com) or 254-744-0985



- **FOR SALE** - Many Hudson and Special Interest Autos. Jim Guinn Nocona Texas is selling off his collection of cars. See the flyers on FACEBOOK @ <https://www.facebook.com/STHETCLUB/> or 940-366-6365 email [jjimsresto@aol.com](mailto:jjimsresto@aol.com)



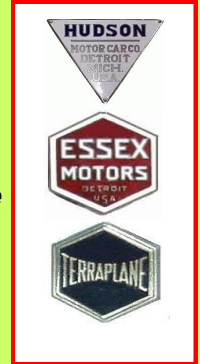
## 1937 Hudson Terraplane pickup for sale

This PU was pictured in the Nov/Dec 2014 issue of the WTN. Several years were spent restoring it from one end to the other. The owner has been diagnosed with stage 4 cancer, and would like to see someone else purchase it that can appreciate this restored Hudson. Owner Diane Frock - 954-695-6814

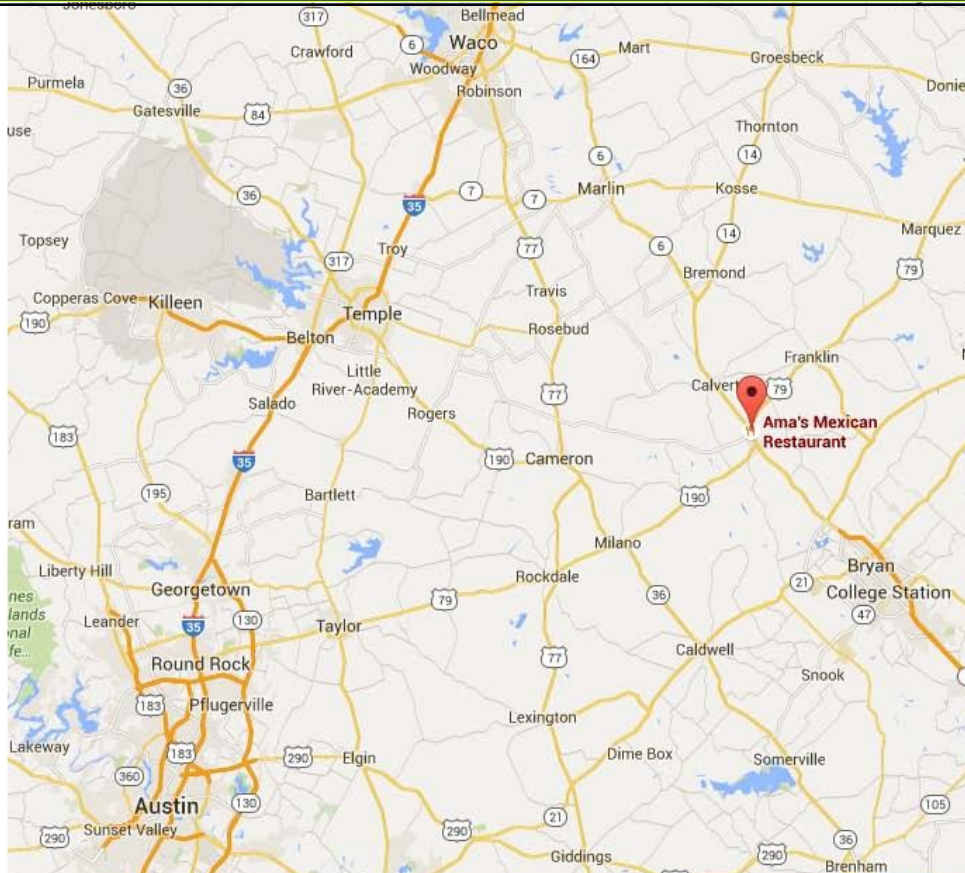
Diane is asking \$55,000.00 or best offer. The truck is located near Fort Lauderdale Florida. Links to many pictures are available on our FACEBOOK Page- <https://www.facebook.com/STHETCLUB/>

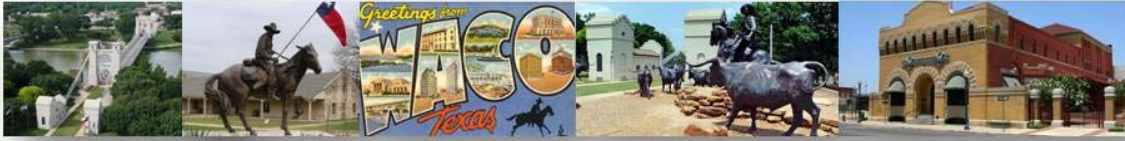
# CHAPTER , REGIONAL and NATIONAL MEET INFORMATION

The South Texas Chapter of the HET CLUB will hold all it's **monthly meetings** on the **1st Saturday of each month**. All meetings are planned to begin **AFTER Lunch**. We will start lunch at 12 Noon. Arrive early and share yourself and car with those less fortunate (those who do not own an HUDSON!) Joe Clark Chapter Meet Coordinator... please contact him about our current schedule



- Dec 5 Ama's Mexican Restaurant
- Address: 1643 N Market St, Hearne, TX 77859
- Phone:(979) 279-3708





## 2016 Big Country Regional Meeting

**April 21-23 – WACO TEXAS**

*The South Texas Chapter of the Hudson Essex Terraplane Club welcomes you to the 2016 Big Country Regional information page. Our chapter is already working on making this Big Country Regional a great HET experience for all who will attend. Your destination is WACO TEXAS. Our organizers are keenly aware of the need to make your visit memorable and have selected a host hotel that is both comfortable and affordable. The hotel amenities will contribute to a great opportunity to reconnect with HET friends. The parking lot has ample space for the display of our fine automobiles, have a flea market and join together to share HET camaraderie.*



*Waco, Texas is a city with a wealth of history which is captured in unique museums. Our meet organizers have begun the task of identifying how to best offer you the attendee the opportunity to experience this history though tours or self guided visits. Expect that there will be plenty to do during your time in Waco.*





## Highlights-2016 HET Big Country Regional Meet

Waco, Texas-- April 21-22-23 2016

### Hotel:

Our host hotel will be the Holiday Inn North located right off I-35 at 1801 Development Blvd Waco, Texas 76705. The rates are \$89 for a King, \$99 for 2 Queen Beds, \$119 for a King Suite, and \$129 for a Family Suite (all plus tax). These rates apply only for April 21-22-23 2016.

**Phone number: 254-799-9997.** A block of rooms have been reserved and will be held until **March 24, 2016**. Reference South Texas HET Club. You may be able to also make reservations online at [www.holidayinnwaco.com](http://www.holidayinnwaco.com) and use code **STH** for the club rate. Cancellations can be made until **April 19, 2016** without penalty.

The Hotel has a restaurant that serves breakfast, lunch and dinner. Sorry no free breakfast. There are many other choices for eating and shopping close by. Walmart, Auto parts and Emergency Clinics are also nearby. A map will be in your "goody bag".

**Hospitality Room** There will be a Hospitality Suite in the Hotel that will be stocked with goodies and lots of Texas hospitality. The hotel lobby is large with seating for visiting with old friends also.

**Directions:** Take exit 339 off I-35 and get on the northbound access road just past Loop 340 turning right on Research Blvd. by Discount Tires.

**Registration:** Family Registration is **\$20 postmarked** before March 31 2016 and **\$30 postmarked 4/1/16 to 4/10/16** and at meet. Goody bags will be given out (one per registration) when you register. They will have a host of information including maps and lots of other "goodies" in them. Two hands may be required to carry them!

**Meet T –Shirts** can be ordered on your registration form to be assured we have your size. Meet T-shirts are \$15. Each. They come in S, M, L, XL, 2XL, and 3XL They have a pocket with Hudson on the front and the meet design on the back all on a premium tan cotton shirt. We will also have meet shirts for sale at registration on site. We will also have a limited supply of **Hudson** logo hats for sale at registration for \$10 each.

**Parking.** We will have a reserved Hudson parking area, We will have on pavement Truck trailer parking at the rear of the Hotel. There will be plenty of brand X parking also.

**Vendor Spaces:** We will have only outside vendor spaces for current HET members at no charge for assigned spaces. For larger vendors, please contact Mark Brians at 254-939-3011 to discuss your needs.

**Tours:** If you arrive early before the meet there are many attractions in Waco such as the Dr Pepper museum, Texas Ranger Museum, Waco Zoo, Waco Mammoth site or the Waco Historic Suspension Bridge that you can do a self guided tour. You can also visit these attractions as you have time during your stay.

**Friday -April 22, 2016--** we have arranged a short Driving Tour arranged from the Hotel to the Homestead Heritage Traditional Crafts Village for a guided tour and shopping. Lunch is at the Café Homestead where you can order off the menu. We will leave the hotel about 9:45 am. It takes about 4 hours to see the village and do lunch. Cost is **\$5 per person for the guided tour** The Village is about 5 miles on back roads from the hotel allowing you to comeback when you like. There is also shopping for parts in our swap meet area, swapping stories and catching up with other Hudson folks. There are also many attractions in Waco within a short drive.

**Saturday- April 23, 2016** -we have arranged a tour for the ladies called“Ladies Day Out” which will include shopping and culture. The chartered bus will leave the hotel about 9:30am. The tour will start at the Armstrong Browning Library on the Baylor Campus. Enjoy a guided tour of the world’s largest collection of personal effects of the great British poets Robert and Elizabeth Barrett Browning. The Library includes 62 breathtaking stained glass windows. Then there will be shopping at Spice village. Following this we will browse antique stores, galleries and other shops. Enjoy lunch at Jakes (50’s car themed décor) or the Waco Hippodrome. Moving on up Austin Avenue to the shops at Sironia (where you can enjoy coffee and desert in their charming tea room). The tour will last 4 to 5 hours. **Tour cost is \$20 per person and does not include food or drinks.** If this is not your cup of tea there will more shopping at the swap meet and tire kicking. Or you can visit any of the attractions in Waco as a self guided tour. Then it’s back to the Hotel for a nap before the Banquet in the hotel ball room.

**The Banquet** Saturday evening starts at **6:00pm** with a cash bar and we will eat about 6:30pm. We will have a BBQ Buffett with 3 meats, Baked beans, corn on the cob, fresh Biscuits and corn bread plus fixing’s. Chef’s desert and Tea and water. Then we will have our meeting with awards, 2017 meet information and lots of hot air. The price of the Banquet is **\$25** per person.

**Sunday- April 24, 2016-** It is time to pack up and say our good bye to all our Hudson friends and head for home. Hope you enjoyed your stay in Waco and The Big Country meet.

**Thanks for joining us! Your Meet team.**

