

## Red River Chapter

Hudson -Essex-  
Terraplane Club

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The Hudson Essex-Terraplane Club, Inc. is an organization dedicated to preserving the products of the Hudson Motor Car Company of Detroit Michigan which produced vehicles for 45 years from 1909 until March 1, 1954, and American Motors Corporation who produced Hudsons from 1955 to 1957. Founded in 1959 by Meritt Marks, the Hudson-Essex-Terraplane Club is a world wide organization and is incorporated under the laws of

## NEXT MEET: “NEW MEETING SCHEDULES”

As you enjoy the 50th National Meet in Pontiac, be aware that the first meetings of the proposed North and South groups of the Red River Chapter were held in June! The approach, proposed at the April meeting in Lafayette, is off and running.

Because of the Fourth of July holiday weekend and National Meet beginning on the 12th, the next meeting of the northern group is set for August second in conjunction with the *Mopar Magic Unlimited Auto Club* in Shreveport. Unless changed, it is set for 2:30 PM at the Best Western Richmond Suites, 5101 Monkhouse Drive. Check with Ford, for last minute changes.

In the south. Vice-president Hartie Spence is setting up a meeting for August, which should fall on the “second Saturday of the month” as usual. For updates contact Hartie or your editor. In so far as possible, meetings will be scheduled to correspond with local events, short outings, or solving problems that crop-up on member’s cars.

## REPORT ON THE JUNE MEETING OF THE NORTHERN GROUP

Members attending: Ford Bevens, Sandy Bevens, Erwin Sanchez-Flores, Wendell Spreadbury, and Harry Gibson.

The northern group of our chapter met with the *Mopar Magic Unlimited Auto Club, Inc.* on June 7th at the Best Western Hotel on Monkhouse Rd. in Shreveport. President elect Heather Klienner-Hathcock welcomed our members, after which Ford introduced those in attendance and made a short presentation of how the two clubs have an intermingled history.

Heather discussed the follow-up comments from a recent car show which they sponsored. Items in the plus column included the friendliness of club members, the location of the show, and ease of parking for the cars. Areas of improvement included locating sponsors for these events, as well as contributing items to the “goodie bags,” further in advance of a show.

The next club event was proposed for June 13, at Watertown St. in Shreveport. Proceeds from that event go to the Gingerbread House, a Caddo/Bossier Parish advocacy center for children.

Other officers made their reports following the president, at which time a general discussion of club plans was begun, including announcement of cruise night in Marshall, Texas on June 13th that was to begin at 5:30 P.M.

The Mopar Club will also hold a barbecue at the Lake of the Pines on July 11. This will be a family event including outdoor cooking, swimming, and boating.

It is the intent of the RRC-HET northern group to meet with the Mopar group every other month. RRC-HET members present were given applications to join the Mopar Club.

Sandy Bevens

## **REPORT ON THE JUNE MEETING OF THE SOUTHERN GROUP**

Members attending: Barbara and Wayne Babin, Lila and Bruce Gold, Pat and Steve Gureasko, Pat and Frank Gurley, Linda and Walter Mason, Will Sanders, Hartie Spence, and Doug Wells . Guests included: Antoine Brady of LaPlace, Jack Singleton and Luther Arnette, Baton Rouge.

The southern group met at Middendorf's Restaurant in Manchac at 11:30 A.M. on June 11th. Located on the edge of Lake Maurapas, the 75 year old restaurant has just reopened one (the newer) of its two dining rooms following Hurricane Katrina's visit in 2005. Middendorf's specializes in catfish, and other seafood dishes.

Following a somewhat lengthy lunch, the group moved to their outdoor facility by the docks for the business session which included sharing of technical tips and introduction of the guests present.

Adjourned at two P. M. to try to beat the afternoon thunder showers (without much luck).

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**Note: Dues of the Red River Chapter will come due in September. Please send them now to Brenda Lewis our acting treasurer at: 753 Winfield Road, Princeton, LA 70167 Brenda may be reached at (318) 949-9744. Please remember membership in the national HET Club is required to join the Red River Chapter.**

Vintage cars and drivers included:

Will Sanders  
Pat & Steve Gureasko  
Linda and Walter Mason

'54 Studebaker pick-up  
'59? Edsel station wagon  
'51 Hornet sedan

## Pictures from the June 11th Meeting at Middendorf's



A good time and a 'nice plate' was had by all! Part of the group at Middendorf's. Left to right: Pat & Steve Gureasko, Barbara and Wayne Babin, Luther Arnette, and Hartie Spence.



Left to right: Doug Wells takes a well earned break after a full lunch as Bruce Gold considers the need for a nap!



Left to right: Will Sanders holds forth with Wayne Babin while guests Steve Gureasko and Jack Singleton exchange info at the tech session following lunch. Your bemused editor holds down his briefcase.



Left to right: Barbara Babin, Pat and Frank Gurley chat as Will Sanders and Wayne Babin solve an overheating problem. Now how do you put a pusher fan in front of the A/C condenser in a '54?

# CARS and PARTS

## **Hudson cars, parts and related for sale**

Dick Nelson—Shreveport, LA—Ph.(318) 636-2564. Approximately 300 cars all makes.

John McGuire—Bossier City, LA—Ph. (318) 742-8732. Parts for Hudson jets.

Erwin Sanchez — Shreveport, LA. Erwin has a 1946 2 dr. sedan for \$800.00, and 1946 Hudson coupe (with hydramatic transmission) for \$400. Erwin also has several parts cars, and Bendix starter units for Hudsons: \$55 for A/T, \$ 45.00 for std (Ph.(318) 686-0328).

Will Sanders—Baton Rouge, LA. 1954 Hornet sedan for parts, including: trunk (deck), back glass, front and rear springs, stainless trim and some chrome. Miscellaneous frame parts including drive shaft hanger bracket. Ph.(225) 928-7821.

Wendall Spreadbury--Nagadoches, TX. Approximately 100 parts cars. Ph.(936) 564-0620.

Lance Walker (a.k.a. *Hudzilla*) - Concord, NC rebuilds Ranco heaters valve using your core. Contact Walker Ranco Repair, 999 Stafford Farm Road, Concord, NC, 28025-9133, tel. (704) 792-9110. Rebuilds fuel pumps, generators, clocks. Has many step-down parts!

Wayne Pierson (225) 752-4141 has a 1953 Hornet Club Coupe for sale. Car is mostly disassembled . Needs complete restoration. Asking \$6,800.00. See photo's below.



TEAM UPHOLSTERY, Airplanes, cars, trucks, boats and more! 4605 St. Vincent Ave, Shreveport, LA. Tel. (318) 6178264 (cell). New Members, Tim and Matilda Clark, RRC-HET

John Anderson (225) 573-6314 has a Buick powered '51 Pacemaker Club Coupe and '51 Hornet four door for sale. Asking \$4,500 for the Coupe and \$2,500 for the Hornet. See photos following page.



### **Literature for sale.**

Walt's tech tip books, Volume one, 1995 to 2003 has been reprinted along with the new Volume two, 2004 to 2007. Volume one is \$20.00 and volume two is \$15.00. If only one book is ordered, S&H PRIORITY MAIL IS \$6.00. If both volumes are ordered, S&H is still only \$6.00, because both will fit into the domestic use only envelope.

### **Reproduction parts for sale.**

Oil filter spin on kits for 1948 to 1956 Hudsons, 232-262-308 engines. Kit comes complete with all parts needed. You supply the oil filter which is a FRAM PH8A or the equivalent. Instructions come with the kit. Cost is \$ 175.00 plus S&H \$ 15.00. Walt Mordenti 45 Skyview Way San Francisco, CA. 94131-1248 Cell phone 415-939-1202 till 9pm Ca. Time. E-mail <waltmordenti@aol.com>.

## **Upcoming Local Meets:**

**“Lee’s Cruise In”** at Lee’s Drive In, 401 Thomas Street, Hammond, LA. Third Sunday of the month, 3 to 6 PM. For further information call (985) 345-3091.

**Open Car and Truck Show**, Saturday, July 18, at the Swamp Pop Music Festival, Lamar-Dixon Expo Center, Gonzalez, LA. All Makes and Models Welcome. Registration 10:00 A.M. to 12 N. Awards presented at 4:00 P.M.. Registration \$25.00 which includes two tickets to the Swamp Pop Festival. Checks payable to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation , Baton Rouge Branch. For more information call the Cystic Fibrosis Office (225) 769-9994.

**Cruisin’ for a Cure!** Open Car, Truck and Bike Show. Saturday, August 1 at the Syngenta (formerly Ciba-Giegy) Pavilion, 3905 Highway 75 (River Road), St. Gabriel, LA. Registration \$25.00. Checks Payable to the American Cancer Society (A.C.S.). Registration 9:00 A.M. to 12 Noon. Awards at 2:00 P.M. Food, Drinks, and Door Prizes. For more information contact Jay Horton, (225) 622-1037.



**Classic Car Cruise In**” Saturday, October 10. “Where the Classics of the Water Meet the Classics of the Road.” In conjunction with the Madisonville Wooden Boat Festival at the Lake Pontchartrain Basin Maritime Museum. Saturday 10 Oct from 10 Am to 6 PM. Pre-registration for one day \$20.00, Day of Show \$25.00. For two day registration add \$10.00. Door prizes and a wonderful collection of wooden boats in the museum and on the river.

**21st Annual Antique and Classic Car Show**, Saturday October 17. Benefiting the Ronald McDonald House and St. Bernard Project. Village Square Shopping Center, 8751 W. Judge Perez Drive, Chalmette, LA Sponsored by the Antique Automobile Club of America (A.A.C. A.) of St. Bernard. Early registration \$25.00, day of show \$30.00. Registration 8:00 A.M. to 11:00 A. M. Judging begins promptly at 11:00 A.M.. Thirteen Classes including pre and post-War cars., cars of the fifties and sixties. For further information contact Arlette Nunez, (504) 874-0458.

## “Gentlemen, Start your engines!”

Visit Pontiac, MI, July 12-17



## Another Hudson Great Passes

The Dixie Chapter, HET has sent out word of the passing of racing great Frank Mundy on the 14th of May.

From the Dixie Chapter:

“Frank died peacefully at Westminster Commons Home just prior to midnight Thursday. He is survived by his wife Mae, who suffers from advanced dementia. There are no known Funeral plans and no other immediate family members surviving. Our club is sending media packages to the Atlanta paper and major nation-

al auto magazines.

Atlanta 15 May 2009, media release.

Born in Atlanta as Francisco Eduardo Menendez, Frank Mundy turned ninety years old last June. His Hispanic father worked in Atlanta, but died when Frank was quite young. He was sent to an orphanage, and it was there that he learned the strong work ethic and fearlessness which have served him so well. Delivering parcels led to motorcycles, which led to stunt driving. He performed 2,200 shows at the '39 and '40 New York World's Fair. His specialty was the "Slide for Life" in which he was towed at high speeds through fire, wrapped in asbestos – scrub the theory about asbestos shortening your life! As he began his daredevil career he altered his surname to "Mundy" for easier name recognition.

Frank met Bill France at France's Gas Station in Daytona. He and France and others founded NASCAR in 1947. Mundy finished 30th in the first NASCAR race in Charlotte, NC, July 19th 1949. In the second race he came in 3rd at Daytona, FL, and he was rarely "out of the money." After that. He began driving Hudson Hornets regularly in 1953, and won the AAA Grand Championship that year in those cars. In 1955 he switched to the Chrysler 300, sponsored by Kiekhaefer Racing Team with spectacular success. After he retired as a driver in 1956 he worked for Kiekhaefer at Mercury Outboard Motors for 17 years. In later years he was an entrepreneur in real estate, among other things. In one bold venture he bought a fledgling boat operation and turned it into the million dollar Custom Craft Boats Co.

The Mundy's have lived in a world of skiing, yachting, and following the Indy car circuits with his friend Roger Penske and the Penske team. The Mundy's car collection until recently included a Lamborghini - a Caddy Eldorado convertible and a Rolls, but he credited the Hudson Hornet and the Chrysler 300 for much of his success."



Frank "Rebel" Mundy in 1953.



1954 photo courtesy of Park Waldrop.

# Wha Dat?

## *Advertisement*

*Detroit, Michigan:* The Hudson Motor Car Company released word today of numerous sightings of Hudson products in the South Central United States. According to the report several of their Hornet models, as well as, two “Big Boy” pickups have been seen at automobile expositions in the states of Louisiana and Texas. According to one observer, a dark blue 1954 Hornet Hollywood has repeatedly been selected for honors at differing events where it was occasionally accompanied by a tan ‘51 Hornet sedan. Selection by the people attending an event in , Texas, showed the popularity of our ever powerful post-war pickup. According to the new Hudson Motors’ staff, these events, as with racing, point out the “unique value and lasting quality of Hudson engineering.”

Anyone having seen these or other Hudson products (see below) at an event or on the Road is asked to notify our public relations staff in care of the Hudson-Essex-Terraplane office for Louisiana at [Masonw@uab.edu](mailto:Masonw@uab.edu). Remember!

*This Time it's Hudson!*





**Can you identify these mystery cars and their present whereabouts?**



**REMEMBER!**

*“Get your motor runnin', head out on the highway,  
looking for adventure ...”*

**(But be sure to take you car.)**

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## Carry in your Car to Recruit New Members!

<p>Red River Chapter    Date_____</p> <p>Chapter dues \$ 20.00</p> <p>Renewals are in September and are good until the end of August of the following year. Prompt renewal ensures your listing in the roster. Please fill in all blanks completely. Dues provide full membership privileges for both member and <u>spouse</u></p> <p><u>Chapter members must be members of the National HET Club.</u></p> <p>Make checks payable to: Red River Chapter HET and mail to Brenda Lewis, sec/tres, 753 Winfield Rd., Princeton, LA, 70167.</p> <p>Name_____</p> <p>Spouses name_____</p> <p>Street_____</p> <p>City/State_____</p> <p>Zip code_____</p> <p>Phone (        )        -</p> <p>eMail_____</p> <p>I own the following Hudson built cars:</p>	<p>HET National Club    Date_____</p> <p>Please fill in all blanks completely. Dues provide full membership privileges for both member and spouse. One year 1<sup>st</sup> Class US mail (for bi-monthly club magazine) \$30.00. Make check or money order payable to: HET CLUB. Mail to HET Club, Inc. c/o C. Sargent, P.O. Box 8412, Wichita, KS, 672208-0412.</p> <p>Name_____</p> <p>Spouses name_____</p> <p>Street_____</p> <p>CityState_____</p> <p>Zip code_____</p> <p>Phone (        )        -</p> <p>eMail_____</p> <p>I own the following Hudson built cars:</p> <p>New member sponsored by Red River Chapter member_____</p>
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