

# ROCKY MOUNTAIN CHAPTER H-E-T CLUB

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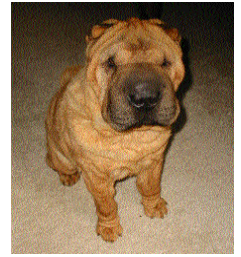
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## **. 2009 Hilton Head Island Concours d'Elegance & Motoring Festival to Honor Hudsons**

Dates for this year's events will be October 30th and 31st and November 1st, 2009. Theme of this eighth consecutive Motoring Festival and Concours will be "Four Glorious Events - One Incredible Destination." Kick-off will be held at the two-mile Savannah Grand Prize of America Track on Hutchinson Island across the river from Savannah's famed River Street, where historic performance vehicles will be in motion on Friday and Saturday at the Savannah/Hilton Head Speed Classic. On Saturday at the Coastal Discovery Museum at Honey Horn, a historic Southern plantation located on Hilton Head Island, we will feature a display of nearly 200 automobiles selected by fifteen participating car clubs. Also at Honey Horn on Saturday and Sunday, one may visit our Motoring Midway, featuring vintage motorcycles and wood boats plus an enormous display of camping and motorized vehicles typical of how America coped on the road before motels and hotels.

On Sunday the Concours d'Elegance will be held under the spreading oaks and cascading Spanish moss at Honey Horn with fifteen classes of preselected automobiles which will be judged, leading to the presentation of awards. At this year's Concours, Mercedes Benz is our featured marque, but we will also have a special class for Hudsons, pre and post WWII, as we celebrate Hudson's 100th Anniversary. We hope to attract ten to twelve fine Hudson-built automobiles that will showcase Hudson's styling and engineering over the forty-eight year history of their production. We have asked HET Eastern Region Senior Director Park Waldrop to assist in the screening and selection process for these automobiles. Owners or those knowing of Hudson-built cars that may fit the selection criteria are invited to contact Mr. Waldrop with their nominations. Phone (803) 327-3929; e-mail [pwald@comporium.net](mailto:pwald@comporium.net). We will extend invitations and registration materials to owners of the automobiles selected for this special Hudson class.

We invite all Hudson enthusiasts to visit our Web Site, [www.HHICconcours.com](http://www.HHICconcours.com). For additional information, contact Paul Doerring at (843) 384-3868. Exhibitors and visitors alike view our Concours and Motoring Festival as a friendly environment held at this Island of natural beauty during the time of the year when the Island is at its best. Please join us!

Paul L. Doerring,  
Event Chairman

## **JULY TOUR INFORMATION**

**DATE CHANGE; DATE CHANGE, , AND IT IS A SATURDAY FUNCTION;  
SATURDAY, SATURDAY** (this should help me remember!!)

**DATE: Saturday, July 25**

**WHERE:** The starting place will be a late breakfast in Longmont, actually in Prospect (just South of Longmont, all of the colorful and interestingly built buildings) by meeting at the Two Dog Diner. **TURN WEST OFF 287 ONTO TENACITY DRIVE** (no traffic light) and proceed 1 block. It is on the corner of Tenacity drive and Ionosphere Court, South side of the street. If the parking is filled on the streets, there is plenty of parking just South of the restaurant, close to the highway. It is a small restaurant and we will have to seat ourselves where ever we can, but I am sure that you will enjoy the breakfast.

**NEXT:** From breakfast, we will proceed N through Longmont on Hwy 287 to Berthoud. We will start there with a place called Northern Water. It is located about 1 mile past the curve as you head N on 287. It is something different. If any of you have wondered about alternative grasses for lawns, low maintenance plants, you name it, you can see them there. The buildings will be closed but we have free access to the experimental plots which cover a large area. **BRING SOMETHING TO PROTECT YOU FROM THE SUN, HAT, UMBRELLA, ETC.** You may even use your cell phone to get more info about the different things that you see. Pamphlets are there with more info also. I know that some of you will be looking for at least an hour. For those of you less interested, there are places to sit and relax. That is going to be the theme of this day anyway. **NO POTTY ACCESS THERE.**

**NEXT:** Next stop will be at a restoration shop where some mega buck autos are re-stored; High Mountain Classics, just about 3/4 mile S of Northern Waters on 287.

**NEXT:** A little museum just around the corner back W from the restoration shop.

**LAST:** A and W drive in for some refreshment and more Hudson and Packard lies. This event is a joint venture also with Hudson's and Packard's. Plan on warming up the vehicles with this short tour. The weather will be dry and 76 degrees (at least sometime during the day!!!) Marcene will have a cell phone on the day of the tour if you need to contact us (970-630-5561) Any other info, call us at 970-867-6589. ....Linden

**Subject:** Sad News

Hi, all. It is with great regret that I have to report the passing of my long time friend and past HET member, Allan Johnson. in Pueblo this morning. He had hit his head, resulting in a couple of surgeries, which lead to heart problems and, finally, pneumonia. Services will be in Pueblo this coming week. His wife, Pat's address is 165B Kingsley Ave, Pueblo, Co 81005. Besides Pat, He leaves two daughters (in Fort Morgan and Florida) and his Grandson, Aaron, in Cheyenne. He had owned a number of Hudsons, the last being a '39 sedan that he sold a few years ago. It was like one that his family had in the forties. The last Hudson event he attended was the National meet in Kearney, with my daughter Lynne and myself. Allan had spent his entire career in the teaching profession and had written a number of articles and self-published books on collector automobiles. We will miss him greatly.

Lee and Betty Conner

## **HUDSON DEALER LITERATURE - Postwar**

**Ask for list of other Hudson books & much other literature**

**LEE CONNER 303-794-5951 (Colorado) Noon to 8pm MTN. [memoryln77@aol.com](mailto:memoryln77@aol.com) Prices do not include shipping.**

### **Hudson Service Merchandisers**

**One complete set of the Hudson Service Merchandisers from the Stepdown era (from Hudson Motor Car Company). Total of 61 issues (12 Mint, 28 Excellent, 6 very good, 6 good, 3 fair, 1 poor and 6 reproductions. These are from July 1949 through July 1954. Also includes indexes for 1950, 1952 and 1953. Complete set for \$600. I will not sell individual issues at this time.**

**Hudson Newsletter** dated September 1953 with Hudson dealer in Park Rapids, Minnesota in header. Includes **Hudson Newsletter Supplement** which covers the **Hudson Service School**, some AAA stock car race results and 20 year Hudson owner info request. Four pages each, red, white & black (newsletter) and red, white, black & pink (suppl). All in very good condition. \$25.

**Additional items such as spare issues of Hudson Service Merchandisers (which I have temporarily misplaced) and misc technical bulletins will be added later.**

## **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

Bill and Denise Spelic, 1151 Clubhouse Drive, Broomfield, CO 80020

Keith Fullmer, 2844 Stuart ST. Denver, CO 80212  
36 Terraplane Coupe

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51 and 54 Hornet

## **BIG COUNTRY MEET IN HUTCHINSON**

Several from our club attended the Big Country meet I Hutchinson June 10-12. It was good to see all the members from all the other clubs. It was typical Kansas weather consisting of wind and rain at the same time followed quickly by sunshine, and then more rain and wind. It did not affect the good time that everyone was having. Many nice Hudson's were there including the Colorado Hudson's of Bobby Fernandez, John and Mary Fernandez, Zeke and Millie Fernandez, Ed Wright, along with Richard and Eileen Swatsley. Everyone from Colorado drove a Hudson except for your editor who drove a brand X.



# RECAP OF THE JUNE 13-14 RUN OUT ON THE EASTERN PLAINS

Saturday, June 13 started out damp for some of the participants, but nothing heavy. We met as a group at McDonalds Restaurant in Limon. After a potty break there and some food, we were off to the points of interest.

The first area was the Limon Museum. We could have spent a half day there. There was a lot to see, such as a collection of saddles, the restored rail road depot, antique machinery, and a very good museum of early life in and around Limon. It was a very well done area. From there we went to the Lincoln County Museum in Hugo. It was an early house with furnishings from the era, all very well preserved and interesting. They even had a '40 fire truck, Hugo's first fire truck. Very low mileage!!

Lunch was had at Jean's Family Kitchen in Hugo. They had us all seated at one large table, and treated us very nicely. The food was great. We even learned of a Hudson owner (we talked to him) and a Packard owner. After lunch we looked at the roundhouse that the railroad used (from a distance). It is in the process of being restored. It burned!! It will be an interesting addition in the future. From Hugo we kept going East, slowing down in Wild Horse to view an early school building that is being used for some other purpose now, but nicely maintained.

Kit Carson was the next stop. They have quite a museum there. It is a restored railroad depot also. There were many, many artifacts in it--something for everyone. Next stop, Cheyenne Wells. The first stop there was the restored telephone office, one of the first. Tommy gave us a lesson on how the telephone operators handled the calls. The original equipment was still in the building. From there it was to the restored jail (now a museum). Again, loaded with memorabilia, and the living quarters for the sheriff were adjoined to the jail itself.

Then it was on to Burlington for our overnight stay. We had a leisurely dinner at a steak house and then watched a down pour!!

The next morning, it was off to breakfast at the VFW where we had our own room and service. After breakfast it was off to Old Village. What a place. It is so well done. All of the buildings are restored with a good variety of different businesses represented. We took a wagon ride across town to the carousel that was originally purchased in 1905 by Elitch Gardens in Denver. It is totally functional right down to the Wurlitzer Monster Military Band Organ. It cost a staggering \$.25 for a ride!! What a deal!!

No one seemed to want lunch after our large breakfast, so we headed West for the next stop, Arriba, a need for the rest area, and then over to a man's collection of Clowns!! I would not venture a guess as to how many clown items were there. Something quite different!!

Last stop, Wendy's in Limon for drinks and goodies. Then each headed for home. All of us hit rain on the way home at some spot, but no damaging hail or the likes. Both days weather was cool and great for driving, may be a little windy as some woman (I won't mention any names) was complaining to her husband about the wind noise in the convertible--wind noise in a convertible????? Hard to believe!!???

We were a small group, but we had a good time. Those in attendance were the Graubergers and friend Zo in their '53 Mayfair Packard, Heinz's in their '53 Packard sedan, Lentz's in their '49 Hudson Convert, John and Ed Soneff in a brand X, Thompson's in a brand X, and the Welle's in their '49 Hudson Convert. We were 15 people total.

Thanks to those who made it out to our little tour of the plains. I think that all would agree that there is a lot to see on the Great Plains of Colorado, plus some open spaces to enjoy driving the oldies!.....Linden



Does this look like a person worried about the weather?

