



Gateway Chapter @ the 2023 International Meet in Branson Missouri

The week of July 9-15 Hudson owners and their cars descended on Branson Missouri, and it was no different for the Gateway Chapter. In fact, this year we had about 18 to 20 members at the International meet. Dave Carroll brought his 1954 Hornet Club Coupe, Vic Valdez brought his 1939 Hudson Six Touring Sedan, and Brain Letford brought his 1937 Terraplane Utility Coupe. These three cars represented the Gateway Chapter. There were quite a few wonderful Hudson, Essex and Terraplane cars on display. The local weather was a mix of sun and rain at times but the heat was a constant. Many took refuge in the shade and others indoors.

President Roger sold parts at the swap meet. With the heat in Branson it was nice to have the swap meet in the parking garage and under cover. Gateway Members had some good finds at the swap meet too, just about anything you wanted could be found. On Wednesday night of the event the Gateway Chapter had a dinner at Pasghetti's in Branson. 18 of the 20 chapter members who came to Branson showed up as well as two guests, and all had a good meal and chatted with friends. A small chapter meeting was held as well.

As with the Central Region Meet we sponsored where we gained five new members, the same can be said for the International Meet as we gained three new members. Our Chapter is growing. Some took part in the activities offered by the host chapter while others branched out on their own, but all had a good time in Branson. It was unfortunate to see so many place markers with no car parked in the spot but the cars that did show up were all nice ones.



Above is the group photo from the dinner party. Members who attended the event but were not present for dinner were Bill and Jacob Kirkwood and Aaron and Rhonda Ford.



Vic Valdez was interviewed by John Fromm about his 1939 Hudson and asked to speak a little about it. It will be featured on the 2023 meet video. The picture above is from the interview in progress. John mentioned that you never see 39's at these meets. Vic said he was glad to have his car there for people to admire and enjoy. And because of this meet I believe Vic has found a supplier for the cat walk grilles on his 39.

I appreciate John not only for the interview but for taking all the pictures and taking the time to make the video for the 2023 International meet.



Above is a shot of Gateway member Dave Carroll's beautiful 1954 Hornet Club Coupe at Branson. Love that color combination!

Those are two of the three cars that represented the Gateway Chapter at Branson. Unfortunately Brian's 1937 Utility Coupe is not pictured but was present. Below are some pictures of other cars at the event.



1934 Hudson Compartment Victoria owned by Aaron and Kathryn Cooper.



1954 Super Wasp convertible owned by Larry and Sue Kennedy, Indianapolis, IN.



In this picture we have four 1954 Hornets. You can't see it in this photo but the maroon one with the hood up is a convertible. It is owned by Noel and Cynda Renner, Troy, OH. This car was also displayed at the Central Region Meet.



This 1950 Commodore 8 has the Super-Matic Drive. Owned by Brian and Jane Van Buskirk, Indianapolis, IN. This car was also displayed at the Central Region Meet.



A 1954 Super Wasp parked with the rarely seen 1957 Hornet V8.



This nicely done 37 competed for the Albright Award.



Here is one you don't see every day, a 1927 Essex Super Six. Owned by Dorian and Jacque McCleary, Fletcher, OH.



Another rare site is seeing a 1941, 1940, 1939 and 1938 all parked together!

Vic would like to thank Dwight and Vicki Sutterfield for hauling his car to Branson and back. It was greatly appreciated!

Gateway Chapter upcoming events

The gateway chapter will host the annual picnic on August 19, 2023 @ 11AM to 3PM, same place as last year: O'Fallon, Illinois City Park, 1308 East 5th Street, O'Fallon, Illinois 62269.

As before the club will furnish hamburgers and hot dogs. Everyone please bring a dessert or side dish of your choice and your favorite beverage.

We plan on eating around noon, please let Roger or Vic know how many you are bringing so we have enough meat to cook.

Call or text to: Roger: 636-448-3878 Vic: 618-616-2318

Our next event after the picnic is the Orphan Car Display, Saturday, September 16, 2023 from 9AM to 1PM. This year the event will be held at Gateway Classic Cars, 1237 Central Park Drive #1, O'Fallon, Illinois 62269.

This is the first time at this location but the Transportation Museum is not working out, so to maintain a free event we have moved to Gateway.



1932 Hudson Special. Six of these vehicles were built for the Japanese Government for military use in Manchuria. Only the rearmost wheels were driven. The spares were idler/support wheels.

Bonus Item

New member Justin Porter and his 4-year-old son Hudson have created a YouTube channel called "Hotrod Hudson" to document their efforts to resurrect his '49 Hudson coupe. They recently posted a couple of very nice videos of the Central Region Meet and the International Meet. If you are interested in watching their videos, the link to their YouTube channel is available on the What's New page of the Gateway Chapter website. Don't forget to like and subscribe!

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