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Not your typical stock Hudson but an example of what is possible with a 308 engine of the 7X variety. I don't know who owns this one but I am sure he is proud of what it can do if you unleash its massive power. The 308 was a good motor as designed and shortly after it was introduced the dual carburetor setup was added as an option and

added quite a bit of performance. The 7X option came next and included things like bigger valves, radical cam, dual exhaust adapter on the manifold and high compression head with half inch studs instead of bolts. The factory also had many what they called "Severe Usage parts". Most of these were for the axle and rear end to handle the extra torque. The standard engine in most Hudson cars could twist off a rear axle if abused so I suppose the severe parts were necessary. I bought a 51 Hudson once that had twisted off the rear axle shaft and it was a 232 motor.



Here above is a vintage racing part for the 254 straight 8 engine a little bit of proof that the 308 was not the only capable engine Hudson had. Matter of fact there was a gallant effort to make the 8 cylinder into a powerhouse like the or rather instead of the 308. Several prototypes were made with full pressure oiling and dual carburetor manifold but the decision was made to build up the 262 to 308 size instead and the rest is history.

2022 ANNUAL PICNIC



August 28 2022 The Gateway Chapter held their annual picnic at the O'Fallon City Park in O'Fallon Illinois. A beautiful summer day for a picnic. A simple back yard BBQ with Hot dogs and Hamburgers with plenty of side dishes. This day we welcomed new member Jack Bragg to the group. Jack has told the story of his first Hudson and this will be featured in a future issue. Four members brought their Hudson's to the picnic. Phil brought his 1937 Terraplane four door sedan, Dwight and Vicky brought their 1937 Terraplane 2 door sedan, Vic and Joann brought their 1939 Hudson Six Touring sedan and Brian brought a very cool 1937 Terraplane utility coupe. Cars are pictured below.



GATEWAY FOLKS AT YIPSILANTI



Friday July 29 2022, pictured above are some of the Gateway members who attended the HET International meet held the last week of July 2022 at the Marriott at Eagles Crest Ypsilanti Michigan. They are pictured around a 1909 Hudson. As we know 1909 was the first year Hudson went into production. Many Hudson Essex and Terraplane cars were on display, and an area was available for a swap meet that was held for the week as well. The National HET club in conjunction with the home chapter provided tours of the original Hudson factory in Detroit, as well as nearby Greenfield Village. And we all went to the Hudson Museum for an Ice cream social and to tour the museum. They were kind enough to let us in free of charge. Members could also tour the local area (on their own) as was done by some. Many shopped the swap meet and strolled the parking lot looking over the many Hudson cars. It is here that we were approached by the Central region director about us hosting the next Central region meet. A good discussion was had and it was agreed we would present it to our chapter again.



**If anyone knows who owns this car on this plate let me know
(editor)**

**Our 2022 Christmas party is going to be at the home of
Dwight & Vicki Sutterfield**

Gateway Chapter Christmas Party Saturday, December 10, 2022 at 5:00 PM Hosted by: Dwight and Vicki Sutterfield 8567 East Kirsch Road Troy, IL 62294 Cost: \$10.00 per person Mail check to Dwight and Vicki at the above address before November 30th (your check will be your RSVP) If you wish to participate in a gift exchange, bring a gift to get a gift, nothing over \$20.00.

Update on planning for the Central Region Meet

We will be having a planning meeting next year somewhat earlier than normal due to the fact that the Central Region meet will require a lot of various tasks and we need to work it all out. Currently still in the search for a host hotel but I expect to settle on one soon. We have been looking around the metro east area of Saint Louis. Vic Valdez and myself have been calling and meeting with various places.



Here is what you would see in 1936 if you were shopping for a new Hudson. I think the flowers are a bit much but do add some class to the place. What car in the showroom would you choose?

2022 ORPHAN CAR SHOW

Saturday June 18 2022 The Gateway Chapter sponsored its annual Orphan car show. On display were Packard, Moon, Star, AMC, Desoto, Plymouth and 3 Hudson and Terraplane cars. It was held at the National Museum of Transportation at 2933 Barrett Station Road St Louis MO. A food truck was on site to provide lunch.



Visible here is the Star (blue) and Moon (Red) as well as a Tan AMC Concord and Vic's Green Hudson. An interesting note about the moon Car Company. They were manufactured in St Louis MO.

**This event is a yearly thing the Gateway Chapter sponsors every year
at the Transportation Museum**

ROUTE 66 TOUR



Saturday Oct 1st 2022, The Gateway Chapter of the HET Club was joined by members from the Mississippi Valley Packard Club, the Horseless Carriage Club of MO, the Cadillac LaSalle club and the Nash Car club of America on the Gateway Chapter sponsored Route 66 car cruise. It was a beautiful sunny day with temps in the low 70s. Great day for a cruise. The group started out on the Illinois side of the old chain of rocks bridge and crossed into Missouri turning around and crossing back into Illinois and proceeding east on old Hwy 66. This took us thru Mitchell, Edwardsville, Hamel and to Staunton where we made the 1st and Second of our 3 stops.

The first stop was Henry's Rabbit Ranch and the second being Country Classic Cars. At Henry's the group got to see some Route 66 memorabilia and of course at Country Classic was the cars! Continuing east on 66 we headed into Mt Olive for our third stop at Soulsby Station where members could tour the old 1926 style Shell station and have pictures taken of their cars by the gas pumps. Continuing east we passed thru Litchfield and then on to Carlinville as the ending point and parked around the Court house. Members then had lunch at one of the many restaurants there in town. For those of you that may not know Carlinville is on Illinois 4. But Illinois 4 is original route 66. It once ran the north south route of the state. The cruise was a great success and lots of positive feedback was received. This is something we can consider doing again in the future.

This trip was almost a year in planning. Contacting the businesses and researching and reaching out to the other car clubs to see if they would be onboard with joining us on

the cruise. It was a lot of fun getting together with the other car clubs and meeting likeminded people. It is hoped we can get together more next summer and do things. I have heard this from the other car club members.

Pictured on the previous page are the cars coming off the bridge into Illinois. On this page are Dave's 1954 Hornet and Alan's 1950 Pacemaker. Also pictured is a 1936 Cadillac Fleetwood behind them. I do want to make note that the Nash driver came down from Wisconsin for this. I greatly appreciate his enthusiasm and willingness to travel to be part of our event.



The route 66 drive was a first of its kind for our group and was the brain child of Vic Valdez. I was very happy to see so many in attendance especially Hudson products. There was a good variety of other makes too and everyone seemed to have a good time. We plan to make driving tours like this a yearly thing.

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