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Upcoming Events

January

***10th - Club Monthly Meeting at Mama's Cafe**

north of Bitters on 281N access road . 7 pm

2nd Sat of the month - Castroville Cruise

Night - next one is February!

14th - Memorial Car Show - Hondo, contact Chamber of Commerce

February

10th -12th San Antonio Autorama - Alamodome times vary, discount tickets at O'Reilly Auto Parts

25th - 14th Annual All Pontiac Car Show, Kissimmee, FL. www.pontiacwtw.com or email: wtwcarshow@cfl.rr.com

APRIL

21-23rd Southern Trans Am Regionals

Okaloosa Island, Fort Walton Beach, Fl. email: starsshowinFL@hotmail.com, www.starsFL.org

2006 = Great activities

By Prez Alfred Flores

This year it seems car related shows and activities will start as early as February. The Autorama car show in the Alamodome is scheduled for February 10-12. I have already been approached by some members about participating this year. Right now I have approximately 6 members in mind and several that would like to participate again. I was told that the coordinator for this show would be attending our January meeting ready to fill us in on show details. I will begin with planning for this show and hope to have an even better display of Pontiacs this year.

I also was informed of a car show and race put on by the Alamo City Grand Prix club. They have scheduled a show on February 3 at the Holiday Inn on Broadway and 410 with a full day of racing at San Antonio Raceway on Sunday the 4. This is something that has really caught my attention and I will definitely be attending this show and race. This club is made up of mostly newer Grand Prix's and emphasis for performance. With all the new GTO's being the talk of the streets these days, there will certainly be fierce competition at the show as well as the track. I will try and have more details

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The purpose of the South Central Texas Chapter (SCTC) of the Pontiac-Oakland Club International (POCI) is assist Pontiac and Oakland Car owners with the restoration, and enjoyment of these great cars through sharing of knowledge, and promotion of social activities. Membership in the international body is a prerequisite for chapter membership. Local chapter dues are \$12.00 per year. Membership entitles you to receive our monthly newsletter "Ponti-Yakkin", free personal car/parts for sale/wanted ads, inclusion in club sponsored events and voting rights on chapter issues. Members are encouraged to submit articles for use in the newsletter. All materials are subject to approval, editing, and space limitations. Articles used are the opinions of their author and not SCTC or POCI.

To submit ads, articles, or request information please call one of the above listed club members or contact us at:

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Long time supporter passes

Clara Duffy passed away just after the Christmas Holiday. Her lively chatter will be missed at our monthly meetings, along with her bubbling personality as she ran the raffle.

Clara seldom missed club activities and could be counted on to do more than her share. She will be remembered fondly.

Our sincerest condolences go out to John and his family.

Thanks for the memories**Good Reasons why not PSN in 2006**

Editors Note: *The following excerpts were taken from DAPA's monthly newsletter. I don't know who wrote it but I think they provide excellent insight into the demise of the Pontiac Southern Nationals for 2006. Remember this is an individual's thought not the position of DAPA.*

"It always amazes me when I read someone stating that the event went downhill because of this or that. There are only a handful of events put on like the PSN was across the country and very few to the same standards. In reality those who complain have no idea what it takes to put on an event of this size not to mention doing it year after year."

"...read one of the forums that the event could not reach an agreement with the existing hotel. This was not exactly the case, but the question did come up as to how hard could it be to find a hotel in the Dallas area as a replacement. The bigger issue is finding a hotel to meet certain criteria. The North Texas area is known for severe storms in the spring and early summer months. This means we need to have some sort of covered parking."

"Price is always a consideration, as hotels want room pick up in exchange for use of their banquet rooms. Do you think we would get much of a draw if people had to pay \$129.00 per night . . ."

"This event started because we had nothing in this region. Since the first PSN many events have sprung up across the region to compete with our event and others like it. People have to make a choice and most can't afford to attend every event they would like. If you have been to our event the past few years it may not be a stretch to check out another event. Also, keep in mind that outside of the DFW area Oklahoma City and Austin are the closest major metropolitan areas. These are still three hours away. Houston is five hours, with San Antonio four hours at least. People have to travel and with fuel prices double what they were just a few years ago it makes a difference on how far reaching your event draw will go."

"Throughout the years we always tried to keep the event fresh while maintaining a loyalty to the Pontiac public and the sponsors of the event." "After years of handling the event many of the people involved could not devote their time and resources any longer. Without enough new people willing or able to step up there was no other recourse but to shut the event down."

Editors Note: Well said! As a member of DAPA I agree with the writer and I want to thank all those who worked so hard, for long to bring us PSN for so many years. There wasn't a better show.

Minnesota offers narrow definition of classic

By David B. Traver Adolphus

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www.hemmings.com

Chapter 168.10 of the Minnesota Statutes 2005 makes for surprisingly good reading. This section on the registration of "collector vehicles" contains language we haven't seen anywhere else—aside from the Classic Car Club of America.

To get a "Classic Car" license plate, your car must have been built between 1925 and 1948 and be "designated by the registrar of motor vehicles as a classic car because of its

fine design, high engineering standards, and superior workmanship."

To uphold those standards, the state seems to have created its own list of Full Classics, similar but not identical to the CCCA list. Of course, even if your REO Royale Custom 8 is granted such a license by the state, they still consider it an eyesore and require that it be stored indoors or "screened from ordinary public view by means of a fence, shrubbery, rapidly growing trees or other appropriate means."

We're glad to hear that Minnesota is taking the lead in the fight against the plague of unsightly La Salles, Duesenbergs and Marmons rotting in people's front yards.

Read the list for yourself at www.revisor.leg.state.mn.us

Editor's Note: *Remember Politicians are not very bright as a rule and copy alot "laws" form other states. Just ask all those states that are using California smog laws. Keep your eyes open! It can happen to us.*

Minutes - submitted from memory - again**Secretary has great memory -
except for where she put the minutes****By Sec. Candace Rauschuber**

Our President, Alfred Flores, called the meeting/Holiday party to order. The secretary's report was approved and accepted as printed in the newsletter. John Duffy was unavailable, but Alfred gave an estimate to the group of the current funds.

Meeting Notes

Since this was our Annual Holiday Party, the meeting was kept short. Thanks to our VP, Thomas, for the quick rescheduling of the Christmas party to Hungry Horse restaurant. They were very accommodating. Ballots were taken and counted for treasurer, and Jeff was the winner! Also, the "Member of the Year" was voted and counted, and it was close, but Raymond took home the plaque! (*Editor's note: I hope she meant plaque?*) Congratulations to our newest officer, Jeff, and our Member of the Year (and VP) Raymond!

A reminder to all was given of the AutoRama being held February 11 and 12 (Sat and Sun), (cars are driven in on the 10th). Alfred reconfirmed with the club members that we would like to have 10 cars there again this year, however our President would prefer we have the newer member cars, or recently completed cars first before calling on cars that have shown before. It should be a good time as always!

The official meeting was adjourned, and the Christmas gift exchange (steal) began! There was a nice variety of gifts, the most stolen ones being tools or Pontiac merchandise (shirts, car models). Christina made another delicious cake in the Pontiac arrowhead logo shape. Thanks to all that attended, and I hope you had a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Note: Headline is in jest, thanks for your hard work CR.

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come meeting time.

I hope that some of you have given some thought about our club show for this year. We will need volunteers to help with organization and planning as well as visiting potential sites and speaking with charities for our yearly donation. Some of you should have received

an e-mail from Jay Lord about these duties. Fortunately Jay will be available to help with questions about all show activities he and Josie handled in the past.

With a new year comes the update of our roster and membership dues for the year. As you may know, Jeff Butz is our new treasurer

and he will be ready to take dues for membership at our next meeting. Don't forget to congratulate Raymond Clay as our member of the year as he was announced at our Christmas party. Our meeting is scheduled for Tuesday January 10. Hope to see you there!

Classic Car Caravan of Classics

If you own a Classic and love to drive, then the Texas CARavan 2006 is for you. Each year the Classic Car Club of America conducts several car shows, but by far the most enjoyable for active car owners are the CARavans.

These on-the-road events allow

owners lots of quality time behind the wheel of their Classic automobiles as they tour particular areas of the country with their fellow club members. The Heart of Texas CARavan begins and ends in Waxahachie, which is just south of Dallas. Overnight stops include the Barton Creek Resort near

Austin, the YO Ranch Hotel in Kerrville, the Horseshoe Bay Marriott near Marble Falls and the Stagecoach Inn in Salado.

The dates are April 20-28. For more information contact the Chapman's at 972-938-2726, or visit the CCCA's Web site at www.classiccarclub.org

FOR SALE

1964 Bonnyville Convertible - Ron Coke

Pontiac 455 Intake setup - Reduced! includes: Edelbrock Performer PRM airgap intake manifold, Holley 850 cfm double -pumper, Holley chrome air cleaner, \$450. All parts have about 350 miles of use. Dave Staggs @ 512-791-4481 or email : cmmdrzap@aol.com

73 Grandville & 77 Trans Am - Ron @ 967-5484

51 Pontiac 4 – door complete body. No motor or transmission. Very good shape overall and lots of chrome & many extras. \$1500. Contact Alfred Flores @ 435-6333

69 Firebird parts - Thomas Rauscher @ 499-4868. **Club name tags:** \$6.00 and club Polo shirts \$10.00 for first shirt. 494-9291 Ralph Gaines

“Pontiac Musclicar Performance” Pete McCarthy’s book that gives you everything you need to know about performance Pontiacs from 1955 to 1979. Normally a \$30 - \$35 book, club member price \$20. Don’t hit the swap meets with out it! Call Jay Lord 830/438-2878.

76 Catalina station wagon - good glass and the power tailgate works fine. No motor only \$600.00. Reg Cranford @ 432/263-2532 (W) or 432/263-3338 rsc@rcrom.net.

Shop equipment and lots of stuff - Morris J. Roos (210) 416-2060, ROOSMJR@aol.com

95 Pontiac TA - 167K miles, 5.7 LT1, Borla exhaust, manual, Rims & Tires new last May, 17x9.5 front 17x11 rear, Sumitomo 275/40/ZR17 front 315/35/ZR17 rear, good car...no major problems. Interior is in good shape and it still runs Good & Strong. Alfred A. Cortez, acortez95ta@yahoo.com

All sorts of tools and car stuff - Morris Roos (210) 416-2060

PARTS WANTED

Wire Wheel Covers -67 GTO Baron Clark @ 822-4688
Bent or damaged Pontiac Rally wheels for club project 823-2674 Alfred

1970-1972 LeMans or GTO. Desire car in driver condition or better, rust free, AC. Prefer buckets and black interior. Call Bruce 771-6673 or email at bruce@mpjonline.com

Discount

Duragloss Car Care Products has sent a 10% discount to all our club members when ordering their products. No minimum order. Just go on line to www.duragloss.com. Use code #10-25 when ordering and 10% will be deducted from the bill.

If my Body was a Car - Boy would I be in trouble!

If my body was a car; this is the times i would be about trading it in for a newer model.

I've got bumps and dents and scratches in my finish and my paint job is getting a little dull, but that's not the worst of it.

My fenders are too wide to be considered stylish. They were once as sleek as a little M.G., now they look more like a old Buick.

My seat cushions have split open at the seams. My seats are sagging.

Seat belts? I gave up all belts when Krispy Kream opened a shop in my neighborhood!

Air bags? Forget it. The only bags i have these days are under my eyes. Not counting the saddlebags, of course. I have soooooo many miles on my odometer. Sure, I've been many places and seen many things, but when's the last time and appraiser factored out life experiences against depreciation?

My headlights are out of focus and it's especially hard to see things up close.

My traction is not as graceful as it once was. I slip and

slide and skid and bump into things even in the best of weather.

My whitewall are stained with various veins.

It takes me hours to reach my maximum speed.

My fuel rate burns inefficiently.

But here's the worst of it, almost every time i sneeze, cough or sputter.... either my radiator leaks or my exhaust back-fires.

Are you wondering why there are no photos of cars? Wonder no more it's cuz no one has sent any in month! Are you ashamed of you ride?