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Upcoming Events

February

***7th - 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 the 11th!

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

March

Sometime in the month there will be an ACOG cruise that will end in a picnic

APRIL

9th - Annual Randolph Car Show

21-23rd Southern Trans Am Regionals

Okaloosa Island, Fort Walton Beach, Fl. email:

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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.

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Step up and Lead!

By Prez Alfred Flores

I hope everyone has been giving some thought about this year club car show. I am a little disappointed that we haven't had someone step up to take control of planning coordinator. It takes help from all members to make this club a success and seeing as how we have roughly fifty members, we should have plenty of help. Planning things like this does not take much time and if you need help there are plenty of members willing to lend a hand.

At our February meeting, I will have a calendar of events for the year. Dates and weekends are beginning to fill for car related activities and Art Rawlings will once again be sending out e-mail reminders for weekend events. Art started this last year and serves as a reminder for things to do if you happen to have a free weekend. If you have any activities or car happenings to include, please bring dates and all info so I can add them. You can also e-mail them to me.

Cruise nights will start to bring more and more people and their rides out and come early spring, be ready for an official club cruise night to a designated cruise-in spot. A "tech day" will also be planned very soon and is always lots of fun for club members. Helping each other with minor problems or doing those projects that have been put off for too long and getting to know fellow members promises to be loads of fun. We have plenty of very knowledgeable and helpful club members and most can figure out just about anything Pontiac related.

I have the Alamodome show planning in full swing and this year we will again have 12 club cars represented and again it looks to be a good variety. I have been told that the dome should be filled with some quality show cars this year. Participants this year will be: Bruce Johnson, Jim Boring, Frank SanMarco, Ken Henn, Thomas Rauschuber, Lupe Gomez, Servando Ramirez, Raymond Clay, Raul Pena, Mike Prescher, Jeff Butz, and Alfred Flores. There will be plenty of entertainment and lots to see there February 10-12. Come by and check out the club display if you have some time that weekend.

Remember, this months meeting has been moved up one week and is on Tuesday February 7. It will still be at Mama's Café 7:00pm as usual. Our normally scheduled meeting date coincided with Valentine's Day and Mama's could not host the meeting on our usual Tuesday. Hope to see you there!

January club meeting a huge success

By Sec. Candace Rauschuber

Our President, Alfred Flores, called the meeting to order at 7 PM. The secretary's report was approved and accepted as printed in the newsletter. Jeff Butz gave the Treasurer's Report.

Old Business

The Company Picnic for this year has not been set yet, however our VP, Thomas Rauschuber, as planning chairman has made the suggestion that the club have two events this year. One will be the picnic, in the April time frame, and one will be a cruise in July. Members are encouraged to contact Thomas for suggestions for the picnic site and/or date. More to come.

Though it was decided that we would have a car club show this year, a date and location still needs to be set, preferably by the next meeting. Suggestions for places have included Ray Russell Park, the Bass Pro Shop, and downtown Seguin. Please send Alfred any ideas as well on which charity to sponsor. We also need a volunteer to be the show coordinator. Jay and Josie will lend a hand to whomever would like to take on this task this year.

Frank and Penny were published in Smoke Signals, once with a grandson, and with the Grand Prix club at the Nationals.

The Alamodome AutoRama (Feb 10-12) is coming up! We are going to enter as many cars as we can, 10 at least. It was motioned and accepted that the club will pay \$200 towards entry fees, the rest will be equally divided up among all participants. We will try to get the same location (middle back) as last year. Prepare to drive in the cars Thursday evening or Friday afternoon and they must be removed by Sunday night.

New Business

Since the next meeting would fall on Valentine's Day, it

was agreed that the meeting be moved up one week to Feb 7th. See you there!

For those who like to watch shows on cars, there is a muscle car show on Spike TV on Sunday's at 10am.

A note from the Editor: please send pictures/article to Wayne to keep the newsletter fun and informative!

Recent Events

The Club Christmas party was a fun success at Hungry Horse.

There was an organized club cruise night at Biff's Friday Dec 31st. Alfred reminds everyone that anyone can organize a cruise night, just give the members a call and we'll be there!

The Live Oak Custom Car Show was Jan 7 and 8th. Ray got first in his class, Jay got first in his. There were about 90 cars there.

Upcoming Events

- The Hondo car show is Jan 14th, only \$5 entry fee.
- Sat Jan 28th is an annual swap meet at the Race Track in Marion.
- Feb 4-5 is the Alamo City Grand Prix Club Show at the Marriott at Broadway @410, the Race at the SA Raceway in Marion.
- Feb 10-12 is the AutoRama car show at the Alamodome.
- April 9th is the Annual Randolph Car Show – and they'll need judges, so please help.
- Sometime in March will be an ACOG cruise that will end in a picnic – more to come.
- Super Chevy will be in September, but may be open to all GM cars this year! Stay tuned.
- 2nd Saturday night Castorville cruise nights will be starting up again in February.



Working with what you got

Yes it is not a Pontiac but then I don't have a lot club cars photos to work with (hint). When the AC goes you do what you have to!

Car Industry News

G6 Factory laying off

Poor sales of the G6 sedan, means a 10% cut production of the car in April.

This is a bad sign for one of GM's most-touted new cars, a major part in a makeover of its Pontiac brand.

While GM blames the decision on intense competition, analysts say GM has made missteps with the vehicle that have stunted sales.

One we all know of was introducing a four-door sedan before a coupe version was available.

"When they didn't offer that coupe initially, they lost a lot of momentum ...," said Rebecca Lindland, analyst for Global Insight.

The cuts come as a surprise since GM added a second 900-

worker shift at the G6 plant last spring to support better sales of the G6. The automaker is also preparing to build a new convertible. GM said the production cuts should not be viewed as a trouble sign for the G6. (No but it is for Pontiac and GM)

GM sold nearly 125,000 G6s last year. But at year end about 35,000 G6s were on dealer lots. The Pontiac G6 was introduced last year amid a blast of publicity. The G6 posted more than a 50 percent sales increase over the aging Grand AM it replaced and cleared about \$5,000 more per vehicle. It is the 11th-best selling car in the U.S.

However, "There are a group of people out there who really like Pontiac . . .," said Daniel Gorrell, with Strategic Vision. "They're

just aren't very many of them."

In part, that's due to negative associations with Pontiac, which has been starved for new products in recent years that consumers won't consider one of its models, he said.

The G6 is expected to get a help from the launch of the new convertible. Unless of course GM screws up yet again.

In the race from the bear all you have to do is beat your partner.

In 2005 Buick and Pontiac, have mixed sales results. Buick sold 282,288, losing about 27,000 units. None of its new models are a hit. Pontiac on the other hand seems to have a winner in its G6. Overall Pontiac sales of 437,806 for the year still lag last year by about 36,000 units

Fiero Store finds GM Toolings Reintroduce Tail Lamp Lenses

Good news for Fiero owners! When they get rearended no need to hit the junk yard for the hard to find tail lamp lenses. The Fiero Store recently added 1986-1988 Pontiac Fiero GT tail lamp lenses to its catalog of licensed GM Restoration Parts.

With the help of General Motors, The Fiero Store was able to locate the original tooling that GM used to produce the lenses when they were still in production. "Finding tooling that old in excellent condition is very rare," said Matthew Hartzog, president of

The Fiero Store. "Given the number of parts on the car, it is even more unusual that the tooling we found was for such a popular and identifiable part of the Fiero."

Since tail lamp lenses are integral for the survival of a car that is no longer in production, excitement over the new lenses grew quickly as soon as it was announced that the original GM tooling had been found. "This is the first time that we have produced an aftermarket part using original GM tooling," said Hartzog. "As a result, our customers feel that they have a better idea of what to

expect with regard to quality and ease of installation." By the time the tail lamp lenses were delivered to The Fiero Store, 10 percent of the new parts had already been sold.

The introduction of the tail lamp lenses comes on the heels of several other new parts that have been recently developed by The Fiero Store. Within the past year, The Fiero Store has reproduced heavy-duty V6 EGR tubes, V6 alternator brackets, 4-cyl exhaust headpipes, third brake light housings, and many other hard-to-find parts needed to keep Fieros on the road.

FOR SALE

1964 Bonnyville Convertible - Ron Coke

Pontiac 455 Intake setup - Reduced! includes:

Edlelbrock 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 Rauschuber @ 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.

Editor’a Note: I can’t believe everyone that needs one has one yet. If you don’t have one You need one!

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@crcom.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

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.



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