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Upcoming Events

July

2nd Saturday of the month

Castroville Cruise Night - next one is the 8th!

Cruise Every Friday Night At

Biff Buzby's restaurant has cruise night

*11th - Club Monthly Meeting at Mama's Cafe

north of Bitters on 281N access road . 7 pm

16th - Buzzies 12th Annual Open Car Show

Comfort, TX contact 830-634-2698

29th - THE SAMUELS SUMMER SIZZLE

SHOW & SHINE SHINDIG, Dripping Springs,

contact, lou.menendez@smjw.com

29th-31st 29th Annual Hill Co. Swap Meet &

Craft Show, Fredericksburg 325-388-2233

30th - Pig Stand Swap Meet, Last Sunday of the

month

Show in just two months

By Prez Alfred Flores

We are less than two months away from our car show date of September 16. Our show organizers are doing a fine job and most items seem to be falling into place. As with anything that takes planning and organizing there will be some minor hick-ups but hopefully we can address and solve them as soon as we can. I would like to encourage as many club members as possible to attend our next two club meetings so we can make sure our volunteer list is up to date and accurate and fill any areas that still need help.

I'm looking forward to hearing feedback on the POCI national convention held on July 1-3. I know that Frank and Penny were driving their Grand Prix up to the show. Jay and Josie were planning on attending as well and some other members. This year's convention was held in California and featured a swap meet, points judged car show, and race. The convention is schedule to come to Oklahoma in 2007 and would be great to have a group of members plan on attending. I spoke briefly on the subject some months back and I hope to get members excited about at least driving up and experiencing a National Pontiac convention.

At our next meeting, I will have some member update sheets for our current active members to fill out. You may have noticed we added some great pictures of recent events on our club web site. Along with these pictures, I would like to have some current info on club members to add to the member's page. I have some great pictures of our members Pontiacs but need details on each member. I will have a brief questionnaire for members to complete and return to me for inclusion to our web site. As always, if you have a short story or outline of you and your Pontiac to include in our members page we would love to include it on the club web site. (*Editors Note:* and for the newsletter)

I will be compiling all pictures and writing some short entries about all club members and their Pontiacs. I hope to have our web site revamped and up to date with current members. I hope to see everyone at our next meeting on Tuesday July 11. See you there!

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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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Nothing but good news at the June meeting

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 club car show is scheduled for Sept 16th and flyers are now available for everyone to take. Sponsor letters are likewise available; we need to start getting sponsors on board for classes as well as goodie bags! Sign-up sheet for volunteering at the show was also available for updating. Penny got the list of participants for the Sequin Wheels Around the Square show – about 150 names and addresses to include in our distribution list for our show. Alfred announced he was able to give Servando our club gratitude of service gift at the Pontiac night at the San Antonio Raceway.

New Business

And speaking of the Pontiac night at the San Antonio Raceway, it was a huge success! Thanks to everyone who participated and contributed to the event. Alfred gave Bertha a “Best Club Participant” plaque for getting the furthest in standings of anyone in our club. At last minute, providing snacks was a huge bonus that was completely covered by donations during the night. Dave Pelzel would like to do another race day in the Oct/Nov timeframe. The club motioned and approved another race day during that time period. More to come!

Recent Past Events

- Saturday May 20 – Around the Square car show in Sequin by New Braunfels car club – about 100 entries at the show
- Sunday, May 21 - our Club Picnic at Blanco State Park.

- Saturday, May 27 show and shine at World Car in New Braunfels. 10 club cars participated.
- Monday May 29 - Audi Murphy Open car show – Jay attended and passed out flyers.
- June 2-4 Boerne swap meet at the Kendall Co Fairgrounds – Jay attended and passed out flyers.
- Saturday June 3 - Bandera Car/Motorcycle show
- Friday June 9 - Pontiac night at the San Antonio Raceway
- Saturday June 10 - Castroville Cruise night

Progress Report

Raymond's 1965 GTO convertible is almost all together thanks to several club members! They made a Saturday of it and almost pulled off their own “Overhauled” Ray thanked all who helped.

Restoration vs. conservation seminar

By Richard Lentinello, *Courtesy of Hemming News*

When it comes to preserving old cars, there are two schools of thought: either restore them to the way they rolled off the assembly line, or maintain as much of their originality as possible.

This restoration vs. conservation debate has been picking up steam lately as more and more owners and collectors are realizing the significance of well-kept, unrestored automobiles, and how rare they truly are.

The bottom line is, anyone can restore a car and make it new again, but cars that still sport their factory-applied paint, upholstery and matching mechanical components are getting harder and harder to come by.

To learn more about this subject, the LeMay Museum in Tacoma, Washington will be hosting a seminar on this very subject. Called the Smart Collecting seminar, it will take place at the Kirkland Concours d'Elegance in

Carillon Point, Washington, on September 8. Unfortunately this seminar is not cheap; \$425 for museum members, \$475 for non-members; but dinner and admission to the concours are included.

For more details contact Valerie O'Shea at 877-902-8490, or visit www.lemaymuseum.org

Pontiac Shootout Results

By David Pelzel,

The Club 9 June Pontiac Shootout was a big hit!

This is the first racing event the Club has sponsored in probably 7-8 years. San Antonio Raceway (SAR) personnel were very helpful and presented two awards after the final race. SCTC POCI provided six awards, food and refreshments to racing participants.

Thirty four cars participated in the three classes. SCTC POCI members who raced cars included Justin Rowland, Gary Zinda, Mike Prescher, Jeff Butz, Dan Tingey, David Pelzel, Ralph Gaines, Bertha Pena, Frank San Marco, and Bruce Johnson...no mechanical breakdowns or damage to anyones car! We had a lot of 2005 & 2006 GTO's race.

Several really fast cars (12.99 seconds or faster) from Boerne, Austin, and San Antonio. Bertha Pena advanced in the races higher than any other club member. Way to go Bertha!

We are beginning the preliminary planning stages for another Shootout this Fall, pending a date and approval by San Antonio Raceway. Once a date is approved we will announce the next event via email, web forums, SAR web site, and the club website. We would like to thank all the participants, sponsors, and club members who helped make this race a success and most importantly lots of FUN!"

<u>Class</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Car#</u>	<u>Model</u>	<u>Dial</u>	<u>ET</u>
Top Eliminator	Charlie Goff	24	2002 TA	13.30	13.3017
Runner Up	Jeff Makela	1	2005 GTO	12.91	12.9788
Best Dial	Charlie Goff	24	2005 TA	13.30	13.3017
Best Reaction	John Zigmond	6367	1971 Firebird.5028 reaction		
15 Second	Frank Edwards	48	2005 GTO	15.0	15.73
13-14.99	Charlie Goff	24	2002 TA	13.30	13.3017
12.99	Jeff Makala	1	2005 GTO	12.91	12.9788
Broken Arrow	Charlie Goff	24	2002 TA		

It is my Dads fault!

By Dave Ewing

I blame it all on my father. We would visit all the car dealerships when the new models arrived. In the sixties this was a big deal. My dad loved Impalas. My mother saw this as a harmless pastime, until he brought home the 1959 Buick Invicta 4-door hardtop. Mother put her foot down I think she was afraid we would kill someone if we backed into them with one of the big tailfins. In 1962 Dad brought home a new Impala. Just a 283 CI motor but as long as I kept it clean I drove it. My love for Impalas remained as I became old enough to enter the classic car hobby.

My son and I found a 1963 Impala Super Sport red convertible with glass pack mufflers for \$7200 this was in 1989—not a bad buy even though it needed a new top. Next came a turquoise 1964 Impala Super Sport! Now Sara, my wife, had a car to drive to the local cruise nite.

It was about this time a friend of mine bought a 1967 GTO— He took me for a ride and I had the fever! After

finding a 1968 GTO, in need of restoring, for a negotiated \$2700! A year later and \$3500 in restoration it went for \$6500.

The National GTO convention was in St. Louis at this time. I found a concourse restored Meridian Turquoise 1968 convertible. The same color as the 1968 LeMans Sport hardtop we had on our wedding day. I left a business card on his windshield asking him to call me when the car was for sale. Almost a year later to the day he called. A price was agreed to and the car was delivered to us in Bloomington Il. Our home at the time. We sold this car when we moved here in 1998

Our car club there is still having a Cruise Nite, which regularly draws 200 cars. The 1966 GTO we have now use to belong to a former club member— Gus Irani—who was moving to California and had advertised it in the Express News ad. Gus moved and Sara and I have enjoyed the '66 convertible so much that this was the car we kept longer than all the others.

HOW I SPENT MY 4TH of JULY WEEK-END AT THE POCI CONVENTION

By Jay Lord

It's been about 15 years since POCI held their annual convention in California. It was right after that last convention that Josie and I moved from California, so when we found out the '06 convention was going to be in Ontario, California, we quickly booked our flight and room reservations.

Although there was an abundant supply of tours and guest speakers throughout the week, Josie and I opted to catch up with old friends and family. One of the first guys I wanted to see was Scott Nesheim. Scott is very knowledgeable on early 2nd generation Firebirds/TAs, owning many 70-72 TAs over the years. His baby for over 20 years is a 1970 ½ Lucerne Blue TA (California car). Although he showed the '70, his real surprise came in the form of a 1969 Orbit Orange Judge he had just finished. It is all original except for the Ram Air IV motor and 3" exhausts. This was its first show and it was entered in the points judged Pontiacs.

Another friend and top TA and GTO enthusiast in California is Mike Pohl. Mike was very busy the entire week doing tech inspections and resolving issues with entrants. Still he made time to bring out his 1974 TA 455 Super Duty, as well as his black 1970 Judge.

Raymond Clay and I had an opportunity to hit a couple of parts places (OEM & Classic Industry) on Friday. Raymond almost filled an extra suitcase he had brought along with new parts for his GTOs and I found a new starter solenoid for my '70 TA. Both OEM and Classic Industry were less than an hour from Ontario, so it was a no brainer to hit both and save shipping charges.

From the parts run, we hit the Ontario Convention Center where the point judged cars were located. There were over 65 POCI members' cars in the points judged categories. These cars were the top ones and were judged instead of a popular vote like Pontiacs outside the convention center. There were at least eight '67-'69 Firebirds including three very nice '69 TAs, and half a dozen 70-73 TAs. Also, there was a very nice Brewster Green 1973 TA Super Duty. My favorite non-F Body car was a 1958 Bonneville convertible. This car was almost perfect, loaded with options and had fuel injection! A very rare car.

There were also GM cars on display including the Banshee, a 1962 Catalina Super Duty, 1969 Trans Am, 1979 Trans Am station

wagon, a new G6 retractable hardtop, and a GTO from the Triple X movie.

As Josie and I were looking at all these top Pontiacs, we came across a very sharp 1966 Grand Prix with Texas tags. It belongs to Frank and Penny San Marco. Frank had finished it just in time for them to drive it to the convention. It looked great and it took a gold award at the Saturday awards banquet!

On Friday night, the Southern California Chapter threw a pizza

party in the hotel parking lot. We ran into several folks we had not seen in 15 years and caught up with what everyone was doing and what cars they were restoring. After stuffing ourselves with pizza we began roaming the hotel parking lots and struck up conversations with a bunch of



Pontiac owners who were out getting their cars ready for the show on Saturday. Everyone had great stories about their cars.

By Saturday it was time to see the popular vote Pontiacs in the parking lot. I forgot to ask how many cars were registered but it looked to be about 200-225. As I walked around the show area, I noticed there was a lack of '67-'69 Firebirds. I only saw five for all three classes. I did see a very original '69 Firebird 400 and naturally made notes and took photos of its engine compartment.

Also there were more '70-'73 TAs and Formulas in the points judged categories inside than in the popular vote area outside. Outside, there was only one '70 Lucerne Blue TA, Scott Nesheim's car, a 71 Formula, and 74 TA Super Duty. There were no more than a handful of '75-'81 TAs /Firebirds. The GTOs had only half dozen in points judging and about a dozen outside.

Seeing old friends and family made it very special for us and although the number of cars there was a little disappointing, the convention was really great. The trip also reaffirmed my belief that we have some very nice cars right here in our club that could compete very well at any POCI national level show/convention. Next year, it will be held in Oklahoma City. It may be time to go up and test the water. See ya there!



FOR SALE

1964 Bonnyville Convertible - Ron Coke

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. 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 Musclecar 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.

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

Set of Rally II rims- 14 inch with chrome rings. \$100,
Formula Steering Wheel, 1970-73 “fat” design. \$150,
1972 Pontiac LeMans- 2 owner car, original 350 and turbo 350 transmission. It has 85k miles and is rust free. I bought it in California. It has a 4 bbl, HEI ignition, cold AC, PS, PB, KYB shocks, new Ames springs, Rally IIs and AM/FM CD. The car is Revere Silver with matching clean interior. It is solid and dependable. Asking \$8,995. Bruce, 771-6673 or email at bruce@mpjonline.com

Morris Roos has the following for sale:

The Rims are All New !!!!

2 Keystone Chrome Reverse Rims, 15x6, 6 lug, 5 1/2 bolt pattern. \$100.00 pair

4 International Alum Mags, 14x6, 5 lug, will fit 4 1/2, 4 3/4, 5.00 bolt patterns, with center cones and wheel nuts. \$200.00 set

2 Keystone Chrome Reverse Rims, 15x10, 4 3/4 bolt pattern, \$150.00 pair

2 Rocket Chrome Rims, 15x8, Chevy, \$100.00 pair

2 Transamerican Chrome Rims, 14x6, ford, 4.5 bolt pattern. \$100.00 pair

2 Keystone Chrome Reverse Rims, 14x6, 4.5 bolt pattern. \$100.00 pair

1 Set of 13 “Mag Hub Caps Chrome, set of 4. \$50

2 Sets of 4, 15” Mag Hub Caps Chrome, @ set \$ 50

1 used 4 bl. Holley 650 cfm or larger carb, with spacer plates and adapter. Make offer

Set of 4 Keystone K- Rally Chrome Mag Rims, with center caps and chrome nuts, need to check bolt pattern, \$ 250.00

Glass pack mufflers & regular mufflers, hood scoops.
New set of traction bars that I believe fit a Pontiac, I will check app.

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.

Toxic threat in auto interiors

By Jeff Plungis / Detroit News Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — A report by an Ann Arbor environmental group that says toxic chemicals are present in automobile interiors at levels five to 10 times higher than those found in homes and offices has sparked protests from the chemical industry and interest from automakers.

The report, “Toxic at Any Speed,” was released by the Ecology Center on Jan. 11.

The report, based on samples of windshield film and dust samples from randomly selected cars made by 11 leading manufacturers, concludes cars can expose their occupants to worrisome levels of toxic chemicals, emitted from the materials used to make seating, carpets, arm rests and wire coverings.

According to the center’s tests, car air quality is worse than what is typically found in buildings, at least as far as two types of toxic chemicals are concerned.

The pattern of one of the chemicals cited in the report, a flame-retardant named decabrominated diphenyl ether has been accumulating in the environment and is the subject of a growing number of studies. The chemical has been linked to health effects like slowing brain development and causing reproductive problems and cancer in laboratory animals.

But not everyone is convinced the chemicals cited in the study present a problem. The Bromine Science and Environmental Forum, said the Ecology Center was asking manufacturers to abandon a proven chemical for alternatives that may not be as effective.

And automakers have already agreed to phase out two of the three flame retardant chemicals cited in the report, said the Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers. 10 years of studies by the European Union have proven the remaining chemical safe.