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Jan 07

Upcoming Events

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6-7th Live Oak Custom Car Show,
admission \$7, Sat 10-7, Sun 10-4

***9th - Club Monthly Meeting at Mama's Cafe**
north of Bitters on 281N access road - 7 pm

19 - 21st Autorama at the Alamodome

25-28 Kruse Auction, Scottsdale AZ

Info: 800-968-4444

28th - Swap Meet, I35 and Walzem

Feb 07

**9 - 10th - Alamo City Shootout, car show on the
9th and racing on the 10th**

***13th - Club Monthly Meeting at Mama's
Cafe** north of Bitters on 281N access road - 7 pm

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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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He is back on the front page!

Great news, lots to do

By the Prez

I hope everyone had a great holiday season. I'm looking forward to our club having another great year. This year's events will start off very early. Our club is once again participating in the Autorama indoor car show at the Alamodome on January 19 thru the 21. We will have 10 members participating this year and anticipate another successful display. Discount tickets will be available O'Reilly Auto parts. Come out and show of support for our club. You can see the schedule of the AutoRama car show at www.autorama.com. There are many star attractions, feature cars, and children attractions scheduled for the weekend.

Our Christmas party was another huge hit and the gift exchange was lots of fun. This year's member of the year was announced and after a close vote Penny SanMarco was victorious with Servando Ramirez as the runner up. Thomas Rauschuber will be handling the Vice President duties as well as formatting our new web site.

You may remember my announcing the closing of the Pig Stand Restaurant. The downtown location was a hot spot for Friday night cruise-ins as well as a once a month swap meet. I have been informed that the swap meet organizer, Mark Rodriguez, has relocated the swap meet. It is still scheduled for the last Sunday of every month and is much roomier at a small shopping center off of I-H 35 N and Walzem Rd just before approaching Austin Hwy. I attended the December swap meet and have to say it was well attended by both vendors and shoppers. I did pick up some flyers from other swap meets in the area that are scheduled for this month as well.

I also came across a good Pontiac deal at the relocated swap meet: '68 Firebird race car, tubbed, race chassis minus engine and trans, race car red \$5000 obo. I'm really glad area swap meets are continuing to thrive. I will announce the other two swap meets scheduled for January at our next club meeting. Also, just so members know, Penny SanMarco can help with securing a space at the New Braunfels Swap meet in April.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday January 9 at Mama's Café at 7:00 pm and look forward to seeing you there!

GM basks with the stars and you can watch

Detroit — The whole online world can watch Saturday, January 6, as Jimmy Kimmel, host of ABC-TV's "Jimmy Kimmel Live," emcees the GM Style red carpet event via streaming video through GM's web site, <http://www.gm.com>. The event begins at 7:00 p.m. Eastern Time. Those who miss the live presentation can click and view on-demand replays any time.

GM Style is one of the largest gatherings of stars and cars Detroit has ever seen. Kimmel will be providing interviews and commentary as many of today's most popular celebrities walk through the door.

This first-ever, invitation-only gala precedes the 100th Annual North American International Auto Show. Celebrities dressed in the latest fashions will be paired with 17 GM vehicles including the first time showing of the

Camaro convertible concept. GM Style is staged in a pavilion on the Detroit Riverfront just east of GM Global Headquarters at the Renaissance Center. The pavilion, the first of its kind, is longer than a football field, climate controlled and fitted with a classic style-show runway for the cars and stars.

Stars confirmed for the event include:

- Carmen Electra • Mario Lopez • Cheryl Hines
- Jennifer Hudson • Christian Slater
- Vivica A. Fox • Petra Nemcova • Danny Masterson
- Kristen Bell • Nick Cannon • CariDee
- Laird Hamilton • Minka Kelly • Rosie Perez
- Gabrielle Reese • Ashley Scott • Rachel Zoe

GM Wins First Place in Blue Sky Concept Design

LOS ANGELES – GM Advanced Design has won the Los Angeles Auto Show's Design Challenge for the second year in a row. This year's winning entry is a two-dimensional rendering of a 2015 Blue Sky Concept that addresses environmental sustainability. Called the HUMMER 02, this design proves that daily use of a vehicle could result in a net gain for the environment.

Contest guidelines also required that vehicle entries be 100-percent recyclable and have a maximum lifespan of just 60 months.



Editor: 60 months? Not much here for the car collector.

Alamo City Shootout is coming in Feb.



www.alamocityshootout.com

The fifth annual *Alamo City Shootout* in San Antonio, Texas is the ultimate Pontiac Event in the South. If you own a Pontiac, join us for the car show on Friday, February 9th and for the drag race held at [San Antonio Raceway](http://www.sanantonioraceway.com) on Saturday, February 10th. We will have this IHRA track all to ourselves. Gates open at 10:00am. With your help, what began as the premier Grand Prix event in the South will grow into the premier Pontiac event in the South.

Observations and Musings from the MOY

By Penny San Marco

It's a great honor to be voted Member of the Year by the club members and I do appreciate it very much.

Life is definitely very interesting. I was reflecting back on our involvement with SCTC and realized how several seemingly small circumstances had directed Frank & I down this new road in our life.

One that has lead to new experiences, new friends, and great fun. We've been involved directly or indirectly with several other clubs in the area and the Pontiac Club really is one of the best.

Frank found the 1950 Pontiac Streamliner after a casual conversation with the man that was painting our house . Dave had already painted several houses for us (that's *another* life story) and the subject of old cars had never come up. Dave knew a man in Arkansas that was selling his collection of over 50 old cars and he gave Frank the name & number to contact. The

'50 Pontiac with 4,032 original miles was the most interesting of the 12 he had left and we purchased it in July of 2002. It was time for us to find a retirement hobby and since Frank grew up building hot rods in the good old '50s it seemed a natural thing to do. However, we never would have bought a Pontiac if we had gone out looking for a classic car to buy. So now we had a Pontiac and needed sources of information and help to know how to restore it. We found the POCI website and the link to the SCTC. The rest is history as they say.

We were welcomed as if we were 20 years younger and had a Firebird or a GTO. (WELL, *Almost* !!) The car shows and picnics and cruise nites are such fun events and the members are always supportive of club events and activities. It is one big Pontiac Family.

It didn't take much arm twisting to get Frank to agree that we could try to take up the huge job that Jay

& Josie had done for so long and done so well. (If they had not given us the support and help that they did we would not have tried it!) With their support and know-how and the help of Ken & Rennea Henn, the show was a great success. (Don't think we didn't sweat that out right up to show time!) The other "funny little circumstance" of Wal-Mart canceling the site one day before the flyers went to the printer ended up being another good incident. (Try telling us that then). So we shifted to Seguin town square with its small town atmosphere and lots of shade. What a deal!

Again, thanks to all the members that came through with the help and support that we always can count on. We're already talking about the 2007 show and how to make it bigger and better. Again, I really do appreciate the award. Now I have something to hang on the wall next to those Gold Awards Frank keeps stacking up.

If you want to be consider for MOY don't forget to pay your dues. If you don't want to be MOY (to much work) you still need to pay your dues. No dues - no dazzling display of Pontiac news, rumors and simple ramblings. I.E. NO newsletter! Realize it is only \$12! We have not had a raise in dues since . . .well for at least 14 years.

Pontiac Rumors and News

Researched by The Editor

2010 GTO?

Someone actually read my article last month and queried me about where I got the idea that the GTO will be back in 2010. I first I talked a very reliable source - my brother who works in the auto industry and he said it is the worse secret in Michigan. Actually not taking at his word I searched the web and came up with several articles.

AutoinsiderNews.com reported the "*Chicago Tribune*" printed that General Motors is planning a new Pontiac GTO based on the rear-wheel drive architecture developed by Holden, which will also be used for the forthcoming 2009 Chevy Camaro.

"*Road & Track*" in the November edition that the sigma platform from holden and to be used will used for a GTO. It will use the late 60's Goats for design clues, like the split front grill and hood scopes.

The GTO's body is expected to blocker than the Camaro, giving it more rear-seat head room.

Solstice kicks butt!

Through November, Pontiac sold 18,361 Solstices, compared with 15,873 Miatas. Pontiac padded its lead in November, chalking up sales of 1,305, compared with just 995 Miatas. Then you add in the Sky and GM has a winner car and will only get better when the 260 hp GXP hits the streets. I do get a kick out GM saying the car is \$20,000 car. Having looked I did not find a single on the South Texas area at anything close to \$20K list.

As a side note Consumer Report hates the car - surprise, surprise.

Aussie Grand Prix

Aussie GM engineers are testing prototypes of a new rear-wheel-drive sedan that's being jointly developed with Holden. Pontiac is planning to market its own variant — sort of a four-door companion to the next-generation GTO - that would replace the current Grand Prix - new name - G8.

The first of the new models will hit the U.S. for model year 2010

Little big MIG

By Matthew Litwin, *Hemmings Motor News*

If you're just itching to get started on your new winter project car, but find yourself in need of a decent welder, check out the new line from Lincoln Electric.

The Power MIG 180 is a portable wire welder designed for use with industrial 230-volt input power, so you can weld on thicker material; up to 3/16-inch with MIG and 1/2-inch with flux-cored wire.

Two models of the 180 are available: Simple tapped voltage control on the 180T for basic welding jobs, or continuous voltage control on the 180C for more critical projects where precise adjustment is required.

Suggested retail prices range from \$824 to \$900, and each arrives with a vast list of standard equipment such as a Magnum 100L welding gun, six spare contact tips, an adjustable gas regulator and hose, and a how to DVD.

For detailed information, visit www.lincolnelectric.com.

Fire extinguisher time?

If your garage doesn't have an extinguisher, now would be a good time to get one.

We've all seen the reports: A fire breaks out in the garage with the contents being written off as a total loss. The fact is that most garage fires can be quickly handled with a fire extinguisher. Combustible fumes from all those chemicals become more hazardous during the winter, when garages are sealed from outdoor elements.

Before you start working on your new winter project, consider the expanded line of HalGuard "clean agent" fire extinguishers from H3R Performance.

The HalGuard extinguishers do not leave a messy residue (perfect for protecting your classic or muscle car), do not conduct electricity and are effective against flammable liquid fires. For detailed information, visit www.h3rperformance.com or call 800-249-4289.

FOR SALE -Remember Christmas is coming!

Rear-end for either '67 or '68 Firebird. Believe it's is a 2.93 gear ratio open (not posi). Set up for a 400 engine and has the mounting tabs for the extra links on both sides. Any reasonable offer - needs to be out of the garage. Jay Lord @ 210/394-9438 or email

radmo@gvtc.com

1964 Bonnyville Convertible - Ron Coke @ (210) 659-2945 rcoke@satx.rr.com

4 tires and rims. P215/70R14 Nitto Performance radials mounted on rims. Lots of tread. Reasonable offer. Jay Lord @ 210/394-9438 or email radmo@gvtc.com

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

4 American Racing 15x8 Rims. Looks like a CL200S 402 Series rim. 2 with centerline of 4" and 2 with centerline of 4 1/2". Backspacing approx 3 3/4 on 2 and a little less on other 2. Can email photo of rims. Rims were not on the car for over year/700 miles. Nice shape! Asking \$550. 210/394-9438 or email radmo@gvtc.com.

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

"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. Great gift!

Jay Lord @ 210/394-9438 or email radmo@gvtc.com

77-78 TA parts - Fenders, hood, taillights, dash pieces, etc. Wayne @ 385-8000

2004 GTO \$24,000.00. 16,200 miles. Has Flow Master Cat Back System with Super 40's, K & N air filter, 6 spd, and not raced. Rex Barnes, Waco - (254) 722-3643

1955 Pontiac 2 DR Chieftain parts car for sale. Not driveable. Motor runs, the body in good shape. I will sell for \$ 175.00 OBO. Must move car out of shop in San Antonio, ASPA. Still have some shop equipment for sale. I am at my shop on Thurs & Sundays mornings. If anyone is interested and wants to take a look please call me. Morris Roos @ 1-210-416-2060

ROOSMJR@AOL.COM

PARTS WANTED

Bent or damaged Pontiac Rally wheels for club project
Alfred @ 823-2674

The hijinks continue

By George Mattar, *Hemmings Motor News*

We recently heard about someone going to a Pontiac show and copying down the VIN of a real GTO Judge. He then sent this VIN to Pontiac Historical Services and, for \$35, he received a legitimate build sheet for a Judge. The scoundrel then altered the document to match the VIN of a Judge clone and sold the car for \$30,000, using the forged PHS document as proof of the car's "authenticity." PHS can't be held liable, and Jim Mattison, the company owner, has no way of knowing who is sending in a VIN.

It gets better. A man in New York is selling an Oldsmobile engine and even tells you how to make it into a much more valuable W-30 engine. How? The seller wisely won't do it, but tells you how so he cannot be held liable. Simply grind the bottom line off the "E" on the block and turn it into an "F." That two-second operation with a grinder makes the engine a W-30. To further sweeten the pot, he will sell you a reproduction W-30 intake for an additional \$400. Let the buyer beware.

8-lugs are back!

By Richard Lentinello, *Hemmings Motor News*

Arrowhead Components sells the pieces you'll need to put 8-lug wheels on your Pontiac
photo courtesy Jeff Koch

Without question one of the most distinctively styled wheels ever bolted on an American production car was Pontiac's 8-lug aluminum wheel. This stylish wheel, with its unique 8-bolt pattern around its outer perimeter, was not only designed to look good but it did double-duty acting as the drum housing for the drum-brake assembly.

It remains one of the most sought-after options on any 1960s-era, full-size Pontiac, but now you can purchase brand new 8-lug drums to enhance the look of your old Bonneville, Catalina or Ventura. New chrome lug nuts, inner hubcap and outer trim ring are also available from a variety of Pontiac parts suppliers. For more information, contact Arrowhead Components at 708-206-3906; or visit their Web site: www.arrowheadcomponentsinc.com