



Ponti-Yakkin

Vol 7, Issue 7

Official Newsletter of the South Central Texas Chapter of the Pontiac-Oakland Club International

May 07

Upcoming Events

May 07

***8th - Club Monthly Meeting at Mama's Cafe**

north of Bitters on 281N access road - 7 pm

12th - World Car Show and Shine- New Braunfels

19th - SA Military Appreciation Car Show/Blood Drive car show, Texas Cowboy Hall

19th - Blanco Classic Car Show, Blanco State Park

20th - Club Picnic - Blanco State Park - 11:30

28th - Audie Murphy 5th Annual Car Show - VA Hospital parking lot - contact 210-219-0986

June 07

***12th - Club Monthly Meeting at Mama's Cafe** north of Bitters on 281N access road - 7 pm

Club Officers

President : Alfred Flores (210)435-6333

V. Pres: Raymond Clay (830)980-2939

V. Pres: Thomas Rauschuber

Treasurer : Jeff Butz

Secretary: Candace Rauschuber (210)499-4868

Editor: Tri-Star Communications (830) 980-3090

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:

SCTC Pontiac-Oakland Club

PO Box 34654

San Antonio, TX 78265-4654

www.classicpontiac.org

Garage Fever at its height

By Pres. Alfred Flores

Are you like me and tired of all the recent rains? Fortunately, it hasn't affected many club or car related activities. If many of you know me, I can't stand to be inside for long periods of time. I really hope that me mentioning this in our news letter doesn't jinx plans for some of our upcoming events.

Speaking of events, there are plenty coming for the month of May. Our club picnic will be on Sunday May 20 at Blanco state park. Gary Zinda and Dave Pelzel have organized a club "Tech Day" at Gary's place of business on Saturday May 26. This Saturday on May the 5 is another AACOG cruise scheduled. Ralph Gaines sent out some info earlier in the week on the times and places that will be toured on the cruise. John Medieros is also in the process of organizing our annual show and shine at the World Car Center in New Braunfels. World Car is a great sponsor for our club car show and I hope to have plenty of participation at this show.

We are about 30 days away from our club organized "All Pontiac Shoot-out" at San Antonio Raceway. I hope everyone has gotten the word out. I will be posting invites on several of the Pontiac forums and message boards this weekend. I encourage you to do the same. Also, let others know that we encourage everyone to bring out their Pontiacs even if they don't plan to race. We will have plenty of parking to show off some Pontiacs.

I look forward to seeing everyone's Pontiac at all the many upcoming events. I hope you will do your part and support our club functions. Our next meeting is Tuesday May 8. Hope to see you there!

It's a Shootout!

All Pontiac Shootout at San Antonio Raceway on 8 June 2007. You need to meet at least 1 of the 2 following criteria to enter: (1) your Pontiac car is Pontiac powered or (2) your Pontiac car came from the factory with a "corporate" GM or BOP engine...LT1, LS1, LS2, Olds, or Buick.

See pg 2 - Shootout

Car show season has arrived

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. There was no Treasurer's Report given. There was a guest – Chris Armstrong who has a 1963 Tempest.

Old Business

The Club Picnic will be Sunday May 20th at Blanco State Park. It is being organized by Thomas R. again this year, so if a member would like to help/ have ideas for food, please contact him. Penny is looking for a co-chair for the annual club car show committee, please contact her if interested.

Friday June 8th is the All Pontiac Shootout at the San Antonio Raceway. Raul P, Dave P, and Gary Z are coordinators. The club will provide 3 awards in addition to the 2 given by the racetrack, and the club will provide refreshments again as well. They need a portable grill, preferably propane. If you have one, please let Dave P. know. Gates open at 6:30pm and the track opens at 7pm. Spread the word – but be sure it is a Pontiac or Pontiac-powered cars only!

Another reminder: the POCI convention in Tulsa, OK is July 10-14th. If you plan to attend, book your hotel now! The main hotel/convention site is already booked up and you will need to try the secondary hotels.

New Business

Penny petitioned the club to have all members vote for Steve Fleury for POCI board member. To do so, please send back the ballot in the current issue of *Smoke Signals*.

Recent Past Events

- GoatFest III in Fredericksberg had a good showing – it was a nice event.
- Spring AACOG cruise on March 24th, which started in Sequin, then went to Gruene, and Canyon Lake then Spec's Liquor at the end of the day.

Shootout *cont. from pg 1*

Bracket format with three classes. 12.99 and faster, 13 to 14.99, and 15 slower. Trophies and/or prizes will be given out to winners of each class. No limit on the number of entries. Gates open at 6 PM, time trials at 6:30, and racing at approx. 8-8:30 PM. \$20 entry fee. Footbrake launches only, no electronic—run what you bring—does not have to be street legal. Come out and

- The Bandera Bowl Chevy club had about 8 club members participate. Dave P won 1st place and Frank and Penny won 2nd.

Upcoming events

April:

- April 15th - Randolph car show.
- Sat April 21st - The Texas Corvette Assoc is having their 15th annual car show in Boerne.
- New Braunfels Swap Meet will be April 20-22nd at the Comal County Fairgrounds

May:

- May 5th - Seguin Open Car Show - Around the Square (Downtown Central Park) Seguin, Tx
- May 12th - Hill Country Street Rods Nastalaga Drags & Car Show - Temple Academy Dragway in Temple, Tx
- May 12th World Car Show and Shine
- May 25-27 (Memorial Day weekend) Coastal A's & Rods 15th Annual Fun Run in Corpus Christi
- May 19th - San Antonio Military Appreciation Car Show/Blood Drive car show at the Texas Cowboy Hall from 11-4pm
- May 19th (also) - Blanco Classic Car Show in Blanco State Park
- May 28th - The Audie Murphy Memorial Day car show at the VA Hospital Grounds

June:

- June 1st -3rd - 8th Annual Boerne Swap Meet (Sunday Open Car Show) at the Kendall Co. Fairgrounds in Boerne, Tx

Good site for upcoming events (besides ours of course - <http://www.southtexascc.com/schedule.htm>)

join us. What a great way to spend a Friday nite, see old friends, and make new ones! For map directions and track rules see www.sanantonioraceway.com See the South Central Texas Chapter of Pontiac Oakland Club International (SCTC POCI) web site June calendar at www.classicpontiac.org for additional info. Points of contact are Raul Pena at 210-602-4546, Gary Zinda at 210-601-9029, or Dave Pelzel 210-413-3334.

Synchronicity* in Castroville

By Penny San Marco

On Friday evening April 13, Frank & I responded to Dave Ewing's invitation to attend *Friday Nigh Fever* in Castroville. It is the second Tuesday of the month event to encourage visitors (i.e.: new customers for the fine shops & restaurants of Castroville) to the area one evening a month.

The group of businesses in the part of town a little bit separated from the main attractions invited classic car owners to bring their treasures and park in front of the establishments.

That is a sure fire way to draw a crowd. It didn't hurt that they also had live music and free raffle prizes. What a deal.

It happened that some really bad weather was forecasted but not until 9 PM.

Our plan was to leave the area by 8 PM. After we checked in with Dave, checked out the other cars, and ate some great chicken fajitas we decided to get out of the heat and wander around the antique store.

The biggest attraction for us was the obligatory box of old Texas license plates. Frank gave up after looking through the first half because we really don't need any. But curiosity kept me flipping through and can you believe the one that was still lurking in the box!!! FSM – 389.

All three of Frank's Grand Prix's have 389 engines.

**Synchronicity –
coincidence of events
that seem to be
meaningfully related*



Synchronicity indeed!!

That was the most exciting of the events but there were two others that merit mentioning.

While Frank was more than content to hang out & visit with Dave, Servando, and Raul I went to visit the other antique store down the street.

I found a "Low Calorie Mexican Food Cookbook". Now that got my attention but the synchronicity came when the first recipe I turned to was for Rice Pudding – one of Frank's very favorite – and the second one I looked at was for Green Chili Stew made with Pork Roast. A pork roast had been in my refrigerator

waiting for two days for me to decide what to do with it. My, my.

The only shop I hadn't visited was the Country Corner and since Frank & the guys were still telling their tall tales I made my way over there for one last chance at shopping. It was already about 8:30 but all appeared to be OK in the weather department. While scouting out the bargains I heard the

words "hail" and "one hour away". A new arrival at the store was relating the latest weather forecast. It didn't take more than two minutes for Frank to fire up the Grand Prix and hit the highway back to Seguin. We watched that storm approach our position for the entire drive home but, we did beat it by about 10 minutes. Obviously (at least to me) there was some cosmic force at work in all this adventure in Castroville one Hot Friday Night.

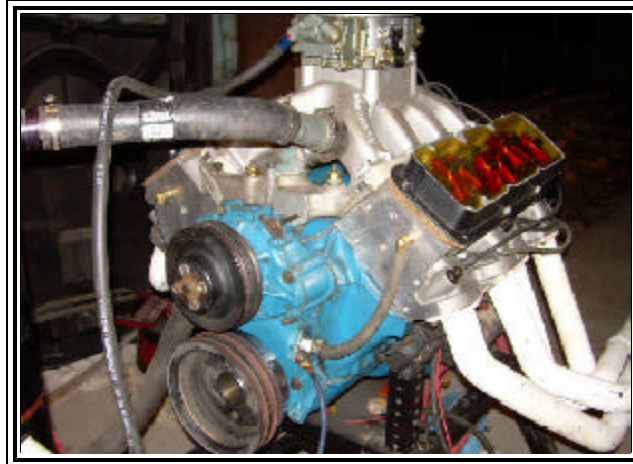
HELP !!!

The guys putting on the MAY 19th BAMC patient car show at Cowboys dance hall need help. They need anybody for all kinds jobs. If you can spare some time to help a good cause give: Greg (day)977- 4017 (eve)595-1913, or Darr (day) 977- 2745 (eve)265-9653 a call.

Steep Price but new heads for Pontic V8s

Roland Racing has developed a clean sheet designed canted valve cylinder head for conventional Pontiac (pre 1980) V8 engines. The heads/intake package gives a dramatic improvement in performance for the traditional Pontiac racer or enthusiast. By utilizing off the shelf valvetrain components, the performance upgrade comes at an affordable price. The valve cover option gives the visual appeal of an operational valvetrain, with underhood heat and oil splash durability.

Unique new valve covers and intake manifolds will soon be available for the new canted valve CV-1 "Spread Port" heads. The intake manifold will be available in 2 versions- 1x4bbl std or dom flange, and



2x4bbl/EFI. Alternately, a set of spacers will be available that allow the use of Edelbrock's #2865 intake manifold with the new Spread Port heads. This new valve cover is the first design of a family of covers implementing a transparent feature which will be expanded to include traditional Pontiac cylinder heads first, then other engine applications thereafter. Moroso model(s) #68040, 68041, 68042 valve covers and gaskets will fit the new CV-1 heads with minor modifications.

Mark at Strelka Built Valve Covers can supply a custom fabricated valve cover for this application. He can be reached at 1-866-446-4146, or at <http://www.rolandracing.com/index.html>

Electrolysis eliminator

By **Matthew Litwin**, *Hemmings Motor News*

Vehicle Enhancement Laboratories has recently released the "Voltage Sponge" to combat the damaging effects of electrolysis in engine cooling systems.

Electrolysis is caused by electricity generated by dissimilar metals or, simply, put, the cooling system acts like a storage battery. In the cooling system, the of residual electricity eats up aluminum. Including aluminum; heads, radiators, timing covers, intake and manifolds. These parts can be destroyed, regardless of the coolant used or flushing frequency.

The "Voltage Sponge" connects to the metal part of the radiator and to a good grounding location. It absorbs electricity from the radiator. Once the voltage reaches a pre-specified level, it "zaps" the current, using it up and burning it off, protecting the cooling system. For more information, contact VE Labs by calling 888-483-5227, or www.ve-labs.com.

Tech Day Cometh

Club member Gary Zinda is hosting a Tech Day at Schumann Auto Repair where he work's on Saturday 26 May from 10 AM to 3 PM. He races his 65 GTO that and is a very knowledgeable mechanic. For those of you who have not been to some of the Club's previous Tech Days, it's a chance to gather with other Pontiac members, work on your car, have help (if wanted) and generally have a good time. Gary and his boss thought this might be a good opportunity to get your car ready for the 8 June Pontiac Shootout or just take advantage of the lifts in the garage.

Schumann Auto Repair is at 5834 Joiner Street. The garage has several commercial duty hydraulic lifts that you can put your car. Go north (outside Loop 410) on Evers Road approximately ¼ mile and then turn left on Joiner Street...the garage will be on your left. *Please contact Gary Zinda at cellular 210-601-9029 and let him know if you plan to attend.*

FOR SALE -

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 Rauschuber @ 499-4868.

Club name tags: \$6.00 and club Polo shirts \$10.00 for first shirt. Ralph Gaines@494-9291

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

Traction Bars for early Pontiacs. **650 Holley Carb** like new with adaptors, make offer. **1950's Bexar Automotive Alignment Frontend Cabinets**, with bear emblems, would make great display cabinets, \$385 OBO. **Counter Top Alt, starter & Gen tester**, (6v, 12v, 24v systems) \$350 OBO. **Ammco Brake Lathe #3000, 4000**, w/table & adaptors & accessories will turn drums and rotors, \$3,200 OBO **Truck bed tool box**, Alum. H/D box, by Rawson- Koenig - single lid, w/ locks, model # C56PLA. New \$584.00, sell for **\$285** or. BO. Fits a mid sized truck, or bolt in side the bed of a full size truck. This is a heavy duty strong toolbox. Morris Roos @ 1-210-416-2060

ROOSMJR@AOL.COM

PARTS WANTED

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

4sp parts for auto to manual conversion. Raymond Clay @ (830) 980-2939

Dragster only \$69.99

By **Jeff Koch**, *Hemmings Motor News*

So, you're a drag racing fan. You love the old lightweight draggers and early floppers that terrorized audiences, tore up asphalt and drank munitions-depot quantities of nitro. You prefer smoking tires to tobacco and don't bother with earplugs anymore because your hearing's long since been destroyed.

Then your 1:18 scale model collection won't be complete without one or the other (or both!) of Highway 61's Arnie "The Farmer" Beswick's quarter-mile brawlers: the '63 421SD Tempest and the GTO funny car.

The Tempest features all of the correct SD stuff, from the dual-four-barrel "bathtub" intake and aluminum crossover radiator with overflow tank to the heater delete plates and trap-door access to the rear transaxle from the interior. The '66 GTO Funny Car has a fully removable body, steel header pipes, working suspension, an operable driveshaft, rear hinging, door hinging and so many more features.

Just 100 of each model have been autographed by Arnie Beswick himself and come with a certificate of authenticity to prove it. Both models are available separately at www.highway61collectibles.com

GM rear-drive cars in jeopardy

By **George Mattar**, *Hemmings Motor News*

GM's Bob Lutz says the General's future rear-wheel drive program is "on hold," thanks in part to proposed fuel economy standards that may increase to 34.5 mpg within 11 years. President Bush has proposed a four percent increase in average fuel economy until 2017. The current standard is 27.5, mpg and Lutz said the new CAFÉ standards "would make it tough for GM to be compliant."

Lutz made those comments in a recent *Chicago Tribune* article.

GM is not alone. Ford and Chrysler, which have a bunch of vehicles that cannot crack 25 mpg, are on the hot seat, too.

However, Lutz said the new Chevrolet Camaro, which enthusiasts are anxiously awaiting, will proceed as planned. "That project is simply too far along to stop now," he told the *Tribune*. That is good news for Camaro fans, who have been without a new car since 2002. With DaimlerChrysler getting ready to release the stunning new Challenger in 2008, GM better keep it in high gear if it wants to bring out the Camaro, even if gasoline is teetering at \$3 per gallon. The new Pontiac G8, a rear-wheel-drive that some say is a replacement for the GTO, but is still not on sale, is reportedly safe because it is nearly ready to come to market.