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June 07

Upcoming Events

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- 30th - 6th Annual Open Car Show Llano River Park Llano** - Randy Farnsworth 325 423 4183

July 07

- *10th - 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.

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Better late than never

By The Prez

I guess all Pontiac people are alike. It seems when planned events come up, we all wait until the last minute to prepare our Pontiacs. I am no different. I just got around to replacing my ailing water pump that has needed replacing since I noticed trouble at the Autorama indoor car show back in January. We (Pontiac people) all make last minute repairs, adjustments, or normal maintenance when our Pontiacs are most needed.

Well, I got mine done late Thursday evening just in time for our all Pontiac shootout. I hear it all the time, finishing our car repairs or adjustments with barely time to spare. Yes, I am no different. Is it me or daylight savings time or not, days just seem shorter and shorter. Here I am, one day away from our club event with plenty to do as well as finishing this article.

I would like to thank everyone that attended our club Picnic in May. Thomas once again pulled off another great picnic this year. Weather was a little questionable that morning with some showers in the area, but we were fortunate the clouds stayed away at the park for members to enjoy the picnic. Frank & Penny brought out some great activity games that I as well as my kids enjoyed. Barbeque was great and spending time with fellow members was enjoyable. I even learned that our newest member Richard Zuniga and his wife Gina gave up Spurs play-off tickets and instead joined us at the club picnic. They even brought out their gorgeous red '67 GTO convertible. Thanks to all that participated and helped out with the picnic.

We will have a complete wrap up of winners and participants of the Second annual All Pontiac Shoot-out at San Antonio Raceway. We had club members that went above and beyond the call of duty organizing a great race. Many Pontiacs from the surrounding area came out to participate and we'll let you know how they did. There were some great performances and many Pontiacs I had never seen from as far away as Houston, Katy, and Laredo.

Our club meeting is this Tuesday. I hope to have good turnout since we should be ready to plan more summertime events. If you have event that you would like to organize, get with me and we can see about getting it done. Hope to see you on Tuesday!

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. The Treasurer's Report was e-mailed as Jeff was unable to attend the meeting.

Old Business

The Club Picnic will be Sunday May 20th at Blanco State Park. We need a final headcount by Wednesday the 16th. The main food will be fajitas along with all side dishes and desserts provided by the club members. On the annual club car show - thanks to Mike P. for volunteering for goodie-bag duty and Alfred as head judge. Penny still needs volunteers to make direction signs and to head-up registration.

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 refreshments, but a portable grill is still needed, 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!

New Business

Our treasurer, Jeff Butz, can no longer make the club meetings due to work conflicts. The question was raised if the membership had an issue with him not attending meetings and still being treasurer – it was voted as a non-issue.

Gary suggested a tech day in Dave P.'s auto shop where lifts are available. No date was decided.

Recent Past Events

New Braunfels Swap Meet was on April 20-22nd at the Comal County Fairgrounds and was a good one this year.

There was another AACOG cruise which had a 16 cars (3 Pontiac). April 15th was the Randolph car show – it was a bad turn-out.

Thomas and family drove with Jim B. to Corpus and met up with Houston and Corpus 1st gen Firebird owners for BBQ and cruising. Good time.

May 5th - Seguin Open Car Show -

Around the Square (Downtown Central Park) had around 60 cars – but was totally disorganized according to Frank S.

Upcoming events

June:

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

Friday June 8th is the All Pontiac Shootout at the San Antonio Raceway.

June 23 - Luckenbach Rod, Custom & Classic Car & Motorcycle Show - Luckenbach, Tx

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June 24 - St. John's Catholic Church Open Car Show City Park #1 Hondo Tx. - Roy Ortega 210 779 6947

June 24 - 7th Annual Thump Car Show Downtown Luling - Luling, Tx 830 875 3214

June 24 - Texas Fords Statewide Car Show Car Coral Wal-Mart Parking Lot 1515 N. Loop 1604 E. @ 281 N. San Antonio, Tx.

June 30 - 1st Annual Leon Springs Baptist Church Kids & Kars Open Car Show 24113 Boerne Stage Rd Leon Springs, Tx 210 882 6629

June 30 - 6th Annual Open Car Show Llano 5th Annual Rock'n Riverfest Llano River Park Llano, Tx - Randy Farnsworth 325 423 4183 M-F

July:

July 14 - 5th Annual Mason Round Up Open Car Show Heritage Park 1 Block So. of the Square - Jim Boies 325 347 5443 or Rick Smith 325 347 0202

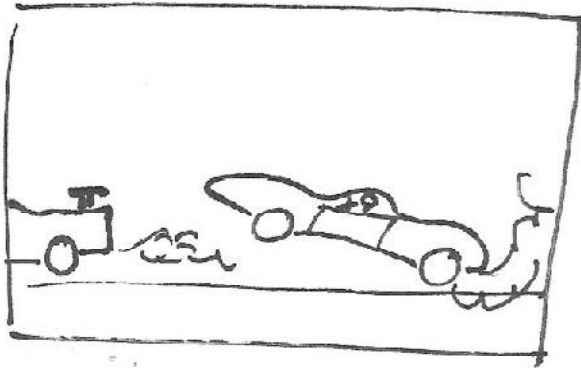
Simple?

Car magazines throw around compression ratio numbers like 9.0:1 and 12.5:1 as though everyone knew what they were talking about. For those who don't understand what compression ratio is, it's simply the

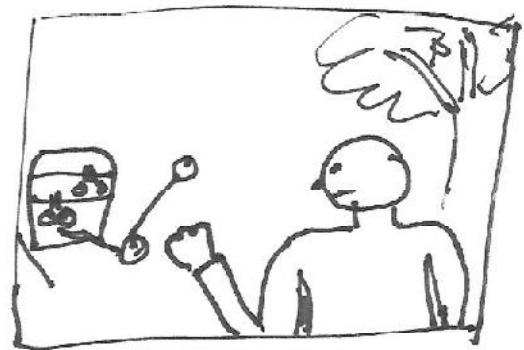
total volume of the cylinder and combustion chamber above the piston at the bottom of its travel (referred to as bottom dead center), divided by the combustion chamber volume above the piston at top dead center.

Some cylinder heads such as small-block Chevys are more tolerant of higher compression ratios than big-block Pontiacs. Anyone now enough to argue this?

Photos of Club Activities



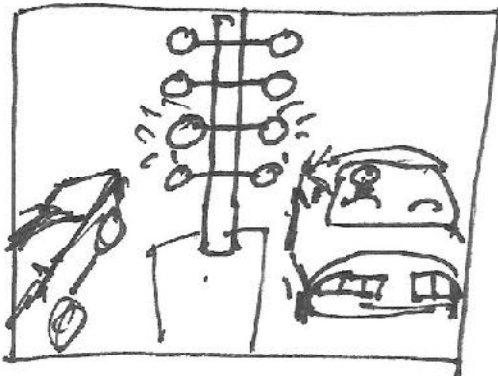
Thomas' late launch cost him the win



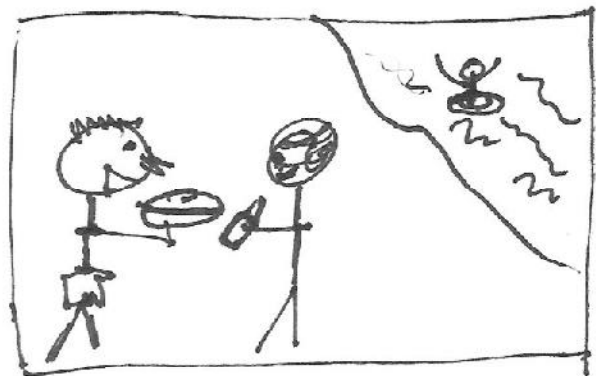
Frank's golf ball toss is a hit!

Friday Nite Shootout

Picnic



Two club members fight it out



Thomas cooked up some taste burgers

Get the hint?

Idle Thoughts

By the Editor

This month things have just seemed to slow to crawl. When that happens my minds wanders more than it normally does. When I voice those thoughts I get really strange looks from my wife and daughter so it is better to subject you to them.

I wonder why we don't have a "Drive your muscle car to work day." Employers would set up special parking and allow employees to spend a little longer for their breaks if they were down at the cars. Maybe even kick in \$25 gas card to participants. I would do that at my company, but wife doesn't allow breaks.

Why do we build muscle cars? I think that would

be neat article if I could get some of you to tell in a paragraph why you do it. Then I could put them together with some pithy remarks and have a neat story to fill some space.

Did you know the Texas Motorcycle Roadriders Association (represents Texas Motorcycle clubs) actually goes to the state capital and lobbies the legislature on issues that effect bikers. Wonder why we don't?

Ever wonder what POCI is going to do with the large reserve fund they maintain? Does all of the dues get spent every year?

Do you every wonder what steps are left out of TV car rebuild shows? And who decides what steps are dropped.

A Guide To Lobbying Your Elected Officials

It is clear from the constant stream of anti-automobile enthusiast legislation across the country that, in order for the automotive hobbies to survive the present, let alone flourish in the future, hobbyists must work toward becoming more politically involved and effective.

To help in this effort, the Specialty Equipment Market Association (SEMA) and the SEMA Action Network (SEMA's car club and individual enthusiast outreach program) offer this guide to becoming a more politically effective auto enthusiast community. Our goals are simple. For our way of life to survive, hobbyists must:

- Adopt a positive attitude **about** politics, politicians and government;
- Build strong relationships with elected officials;
- Educate elected officials and staff on the car hobby: who is involved and why we are important; and
- Become a positive, involved and vibrant part of our communities.

Most importantly, hobbyists must learn to work the system and must learn to lobby.

Specifically included in this guide are guidelines on how to properly prepare for and meet with elected officials, the best and worst ways to contact a legislator on issues of concern and a discussion about how you, as a hobbyist or car club member, can become more politically aware.

We hope you find this guide informative and useful.

For more information, contact the SEMA Action Network at san@sema.org

Texas public servants who support our hobby

Federal

Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison
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Growing Market Shows No Signs of Slowing Down

Hot-Rod Market Update

By Megan McKernan, *Specialty Equipment Market Association*

Whether you are a retailer or manufacturer, the steady and continued growth experienced over the last 10 years is great for anyone involved in the hot-rod market.

There's great news for anyone who works on, manufactures products for and is an enthusiast of the hot-rod market: The market has experienced growth over the last five years. The values of the vehicles continue to rise.

The three segments we generally consider when discussing the hot-rod market are the street-rod and custom, restoration and street-performance niches. Each of these segments experienced growth from 1997 to 2006. Retail sales reached \$1.01 billion, \$1.42 billion and \$2.11 billion, respectively. And manufacturer sales reached \$344 million, \$475 million and \$717 million for each of the three categories.

Growth in the Marketplace

This past January, Barrett-Jackson Auction held its annual four-day auction in Scottsdale, Arizona. This year, 873 pre-'73 vehicles were sold. The highest sale price of all pre-'73 vehicles was \$660,000 (excluding one-of-a-kind vehicles). This was for a '67 Chevy Corvette Coupe, also known as "The Last Sting Ray."

Rick Love, executive vice president of Vintage Air Inc., said that he has seen the growth in the hot-rod market as well. In particular, he noted the continued interest and development in '60s musclecars. He said that owners and builders are starting to apply more of the traditional street-rod techniques to musclecars. Love also said that the '69 Chevrolet Camaro "...is becoming the '32 Ford of musclecars." It seems to be the most sought-after Camaro and one of the most popular of all musclecars. For the complete article go to www.sema.org/main/semaorhome.aspx?id=57513

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 & adapters & 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

'66 GTO Speedo - Jim Boring (I just can't see Jim in a speedo) @ 210-654-4976

'65 GTO "eyebrow". trauschu@yahoo.com

Stop rust

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

KBS Coatings claims its three-part system of RustSeal, KBS AquaKlean and KBS RustBlast is the most effective rust and corrosion prevention system available today.

RustSeal chemically bonds to bare metal to form a permanent, moisture-resistant finish that is flexible yet won't crack, chip or peel. The coating is made stronger by continued exposure to moisture.

For more information, contact KBS Coatings at 800-304-6740, or visit their Web site www.kbs-coatings.com.

Join the Great American Run

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

Muscle car owners who drive their cars can take part in a coast-to-coast race this summer in which the winner takes home a Cannonball Rally 600hp Saleen Mustang and automatic entrance into next year's \$1 million event.

This race, [The Great American Run](#), is a cavalcade of outrageous cars and daredevil drivers and is being touted as the largest motor event in North America. Some 400 drivers will begin at four different points: Miami, Florida; Atlanta, Georgia; Washington D.C. and New York City.

After a cross-country trek through strategic checkpoints in New Orleans, Indianapolis, San Antonio and Las Vegas, all drivers will head to Los Angeles. Before crossing the finish line, all the competitors will be given the chance to spin their wheels at the historic Willow Springs Raceway.

All types of cars will be entered, from Ferraris to Fords. The race starts July 29, 2007. The event is a throwback to the early 1980s when Burt Reynolds' movie *Cannonball Run* inspired a generation of road rallies. The winner will receive the aforementioned Saleen Mustang, a limited production S281 "Extreme" Mustang, which has 550 horsepower, Saleen suspension, six-speed transmission and is one of just 25 built.

Top-down tips

By **David LaChance**, *Hemmings Motor News*

Summer has returned to the Northern Hemisphere, providing lots of opportunities for top-down fun. But even on these lazy, hazy, crazy days, it's good to keep in mind that open-air driving has its hazards. Here are some safety tips for you to consider:

1. Wear sunscreen rated at at least SPF 15.
2. If you have long hair, put it in a ponytail or wear a hat. Those of us who are follically challenged should remember that keeping an extra baseball cap in the car.
3. Wear sunglasses.
4. Don't let papers, Big Mac wrappers, and old lottery tickets blow out and onto America's roadsides.
5. Park away from trees if you plan to leave the top down, to keep birds from decorating your upholstery.
6. Pull over before you raise or lower the top.
7. Drink lots of water. Dehydration are not your friend.