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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 of 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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From the Prez

Submitted by: Alfred Flores

Hello my fellow club members, remember me? It's your club President sending out the newsletter for August. I know you probably have been without any updates or news about the Pontiac club. Well a lot has happened with the club as well as with me the last few weeks. The month of July has been a busy one for me personally.

I have served as your club president for about 5 years now and last July's meeting was the first meeting I was not able to attend for several personal reasons. One of the main reasons I couldn't make the meeting was car trouble. I would like to say it was one of my Pontiacs that were the cause of my car trouble but it was not. If it was Pontiac trouble, it would be an easy fix. There would be plenty of parts and help from my fellow Pontiac club members. My wife's Explorer had some major engine problems and suffice it to say we are disappointed with Ford quality right now. I will have pictures of the problems I had with it at our August meeting.

I know that I am not the only one that has had some busy weeks. Some of you have moved into new homes, others are remodeling their homes, and some are just busy with family and regular house chores. Well, hopefully all of the craziness is behind us all.

On the brighter side of things, Frank and Penny returned from the annual POCI national convention and show with some great news for our club. Our club was recognized with a wonderful award. It was for The POCI Chapter of the year award! I have to say it is great for the club to be recognized. This makes all of our hard work the last few years all worth while. We should be very proud of this award and Penny will have it at our next meeting for all to enjoy. Penny has more details in her article in this month's newsletter.

I know I have lots to catch up on and our club show is fast approaching.

Reminders: we will need sponsors for our show and September is right around the corner. If you have any sponsorship money, please bring it to our next meeting. It is important that we have a good turnout for our meeting since this will be our last meeting before the show. Also, our volunteer sheet still has plenty of room for your help. Penny will have the sign up sheet at the meeting.

Our August meeting will be on Tuesday the 12 at 7:00 pm. I really hope to see you there!

Report on the POCI 2008 Convention at Spearfish, So Dakota

Submitted by: Penny San Marco

Frank & I had a terrific vacation that centered around the POCI Convention. We managed to do some sightseeing along the way and Mt. Rushmore really is as big as it looks on TV. Because of our strong interest in the Bias Ply/Radial tire controversy, we arrived in time to attend our first ever POCI Board meeting. Really very boring but we had to sit through 4 hours to wait for the tire issue to come up. Unfortunately a new and important item came to the Board's attention just about the time we were to have the tire presentation and the tire item was dropped from the agenda. (Wayne - quit laughing!) Ron Panzer will proceed on with the cause and still has hopes to initiate changes in the judging rules before 2009 show.

Every year there is a "Chapter Banquet" and the emphasis is concentrated on Chapter business & happenings. There are local Chapters, Specialty Chapters and International Chapters. Recognition is always given to the Newsletter Editors, the Chapter Display that you can have at the National Convention, Chapter with the most members in attendance at the Convention, one with the highest percentage of members to attend, best website and most improved Chapter. All of these awards were being handed out and the Grand Prix Chapter was awarded the Most Members in Attendance award. Cont'd.

There were 18 of us there because we were doing the publicity and reservations for the 2009 Convention in Dayton, OH next year. Then more awards were given out and frankly we were doing more visiting than listening. Until I heard a list of activates being read for one of the awards and I thought to myself "**that Chapter does all the things that we do!**". The next thing I heard was Alfred's name and **South Central Texas Chapter**. Since she had a plaque in her hand I jumped up and walked quickly to the podium and accepted the

CHAPTER OF THE YEAR SENIOR DIVISION AWARD.

It is a beautiful award and very prestigious. There are 92 Chapters and only five major awards each year. Best Website, Most improved Chapter, Chapter of the Year Junior, Chapter of the Year Senior (under 50 members), Chapter of the Year Senior (50+ members). The following is the way President Dave Bennett made the presentation.

CHAPTER OF THE YEAR SENIOR DIVISION (under 50 Members) SOUTH CENTRAL TEXAS CHAPTER

This chapter had a 45% increase in membership over the last year. They had 3 caravans, 4 cruises, 2 picnics, 12 chapter meetings, 2 car shows and a Christmas Party. And to top it off they also had a "Test & Tune" at the Drag Strip and a B.O.P. shoot out at the Drag Strip. Congratulations to Alfred Flores and all 42 Members of the SOUTH CENTRAL TEXAS CHAPTER on earning the 2008 Chapter of the year Senior Division under 50 Members Award! You all have a lot to be proud of and the Officers and worker bees are to be congratulated on a job well done. The information that is used to determine all these winners is the Treasurer's Report that is due each year. That's the main reason Jeff Butz keeps hounding us to get our dues in by the designated date. He has a form to fill out with all this information to be included about our activities. Thanks Jeff for a job well done.

We will have the Award at the August meeting as well as some pictures from the Convention. As well as information about next year's Blow-out Best Ever Convention. You don't want to miss this meeting.

July Minutes

Submitted by:
Candace Rauschuber

None submitted

Important Business:

Anyone interested in becoming the club Newsletter Editor, please contact any current club officer.

Castroville Crusie night: Friday Aug 9 down town Castroville, Tx

Friday Night Cruisin: Biff Buzby's every Friday night

Pig Stand Swap Meet: Last Sunday of each month. Aug 31

Annual club car show: Saturday Sept 6 in the city of Seguin, Tx POCI open car show 8am-4pm

For Sale/Wanted

1951 Pontiac 4 – door sedan complete body. No motor or transmission. Very good shape overall and lots of chrome & many extras. \$900. Contact Alfred Flores @ 435-6333

Wanted: car hauler/trailer flat bed. Contact Thomas Raushuber

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

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