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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*

Our club will move forward to the New Year and I sincerely hope to continue with many successful club events in 2009. This year our club will be more identifiable around the many car shows and cruise nights around the San Antonio area. If you missed the club Christmas party in December then you missed the free club shirt give away I handed out to everyone that attended. Don't worry if you didn't get one; just be sure to be at our January meeting to claim yours. I received many positive comments about our new shirts. I wanted to be sure that our members could be identified and be distinctively different from other car clubs.

Just so every one is aware of club business; Dave Pelzel is our new Vice President, Penny San Marco will be our Secretary, Candace Rauschuber will handle the news letter editor duties and Thomas will continue as web site editor. The member of the year was awarded to Jim Boring and none more deserving. Jim has helped many members with their Pontiac problems. Even after all the stories I hear about him putting in long hours at work, Jim always has time to help fellow members. Our new treasurer will be Mike Prescher. I'm happy that all club positions are filled and appreciate everyone that stepped up to help the club.

Some of you may have already heard that this year the Autorama indoor car show that is held every year at the Alamodome was cancelled for 2009. It wasn't for lack of participation or public attendance that's for sure. I read and heard that the dates presented to the Alamodome schedule conflicted with other events in the January and February weekend calendar. I know that our club always looked forward to participate in this annual event. I have to admit I was saddened by the announcement that there would be no Autorama this year in San Antonio. I really enjoyed spending the weekend with fellow members and their Pontiacs at the Dome. There was something about the indoor dome lights that brought out the best in our member's Pontiacs.

We can only move forward and make every event that we as a club attend or organize a successful one. I am asking that everyone try and participate with as many club events as possible. I'm happy to see that nearly every club  
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member now has an e-mail address and that makes contacting each other much easier. I will continue to send out reminders about our meetings and club events. Don't be afraid to reply or let me know of any e-mail address changes.

2008 is gone and I look forward to a great 2009 for our club. Our next meeting is on January 13 at Alamo Café. I look forward to seeing you there and I'll have your shirt waiting!

Our next club is on Tuesday November 11 at Alamo Café at 7:00 pm. Hope to see you there!

## Dec Minutes

*Submitted by:  
Candace Rauscher*

The Annual Christmas Party was held December 7, 2008 at the Hungry Horse café on West Ave. We had a good turn-out and it was a fun time held by all, with lots of good company and laughs. Jim Boring was voted Member of the Year. Our President surprised everyone in attendance with new club shirts! Here are some pictures from the event.



## GTOAA-POCI Co-Vention News

*Submitted by: Penny San Marco*

The news just keeps getting better & better. The first ever joint convention of GTOAA and POCI will happen this July 7-11 in Dayton, Ohio. Before Christmas when we checked with the registrations the cars were about 800 and the motel registrations were around 1200. Now the number of cars is at 1200! Frank & I will be leading a Cruise to Dayton leaving on Monday July 6 and will arrive in Dayton on Wed. afternoon as will the other Cruises that are coming in from all around the country.

Make your vacation plans now - you don't want to miss this. Most likely the first & last Co-Vention due to the enormous amount of work it is requiring. You don't want to miss it. (Did I already say that?!) We are told that there will most likely be the most '61-'63 Super Duty Pontiacs ever assembled in one place as well as the largest Oakland showing.

A few of the things you can look forward to: You will be assigned a parking space when you arrive and it is yours for the week. A replica of the Wright Bros flyer has been hired to buzz the show field. More information in the months to follow. Just get your reservations in and stay tuned.



*Jeff Butz showing off new club shirt (above)*

*Alfred and Ralph pass out new club shirts (left)*

# New Pontiac *truck*?

*Submitted by: Alfred – a press release  
from GM*

STRUGGLING US motoring giant General Motors <<http://www.gm.com/>> (GM) has axed the Australian-made Pontiac G8 ST sports truck, a vehicle based on the popular Holden ute.

The car was to be built at GM's plant at Elizabeth, South Australia, and shipped to the American market but with GM's survival relying on a multi-billion dollar US government bailout, the company confirmed on Tuesday the Pontiac ute was one of the casualties of its financial problems.

The Pontiac ute was a re-badged version of Holden's VE ute.

Pontiac <<http://www.pontiac.com/>> spokesman Jim Hopson said GM would continue to produce Pontiac sedans for the US market from the Elizabeth plant after impressive sales in the US.

"It's just the ute model," Hopson confirmed to AAP <<http://aap.com.au/>> on Wednesday.

"Not the remainder of the G8 family."

Hopson also said the decision would not impact the rollout of Holden <<http://www.holden.com.au/www-holden/>> models to the Australian market.

The Pontiac G8 ST sports truck was originally designed to offer American motorists a sleeker, smaller alternative to the larger work vehicles and trucks on the US market.

With GM seeking \$US13.4 billion (\$A18.68 billion) in bailout funds from the US government and the company reporting a 31 per cent drop in sales for December earlier this week, the once mighty motoring giant was forced to make some tough decisions.

The Pontiac ute was never intended to be a big volume seller.

"We're taking a look at all of our vehicles and making certain that they still fit into our revised plan for the future of GM and its brands," Hopson said.

"With Pontiac focusing on being a sporty car brand, the decision was made the G8 ST just didn't fit into what Pontiac was going to be at this point.

"So that was the reason for the decision."

The Elizabeth plant-produced Pontiac base sedan and GT arrived in US auto dealers in March, 2008, and the company was pleased with the sales "given the economic conditions".

More than 15,000 of the vehicles were bought by Americans.

"Of course the Elizabeth plant in Australia will continue building the G8 sedan, G8 GT and the G8 GXP which is just coming on the market right now," Hopson said.

"The only vehicle impacted by this decision is the ST, the sport truck."



## Upcoming Texas events

Jan 24-Feb 1	<a href="#">Houston Auto Show</a>	Reliant Center	Houston
Jan 29-Feb 1	<a href="#">Greater Tarrant County Auto Show</a>	Fort Worth Convention Center	Fort Worth
Feb 13-15	<a href="#">O'Reilly Autorama</a>	Dallas Market Center, 2100 Stemmons Fwy	Dallas
Feb 18-22	<a href="#">Dallas Auto Show</a>	Dallas Convention Center	Dallas

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<http://www.carshownews.com/national/TX.htm>

## New Braunfels Car Club Swap Meet

April 24-26 are the dates for this year's Swap Meet. As you know, it keeps getting bigger each year and if you would like to reserve a space please contact Barney or Louise Calvert, 100 Bear Creek Dr, New Braunfels, TX 78132. 830-620-5950. Each 12 x 25 space is \$30.

## Recurring Events:

**Friday Night Cruisin':** Biff Buzby's every Friday night

**Pig Stand Swap Meet:** Last Sunday of each month. – Next one Jan 30

## For Sale/Wanted

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

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