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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*

It is good to see our membership come out and take part in our club meetings. January's meeting had a great turnout with about 25 members that showed up. We also had a visitor from the Corvette club; Ken Reeves and his wife came out to sit in on our meeting and had some entry tickets for their annual raffle. The grand prize is a very nice 1969 Pontiac Firebird convertible in carousel red with a white top. The drawing will be held in April at the annual Corvette open car show in Helotes. Ken Reeves works with me and is a very knowledgeable car guy and built his Corvette that puts out around 500 horsepower. It is a driver and can see it at Biff's on Friday night cruise-ins. Ken and his wife were very impressed with the many members that were friendly and so welcoming to them. The Corvette club is almost 3 times the size of our club but Ken tells me we have a closer group of members. Ken said he may stop by another of our meetings to drop reminders for their April show.

One of our more serious topics at our January meeting was the need for a club car show chairman. Penny and Frank San Marco will continue to be the point of contact in Seguin. They will help with any work necessary with all Seguin area contacts. The show chairman duty can be divided up so if you and other member(s) would like to come fourth with helping in the organizing of our car show it would help to get an early start.

I would like to send out a thank you from our members to Dave Pelzel for the free magazines. Dave was cleaning out his garage and had some older Pontiac magazines that he had me bring to the January meeting to give away to anyone that wanted them. The magazines are gone and everyone is happy.

One point that was also talked about was the importance of every member being up to date with their POCI membership dues. The Pontiac-Oakland Club International provides each chapter with insurance for club shows and activities. POCI is the only club that offers a full color monthly club magazine to its members. A magazine that is distributed world wide. Our membership has done a good job of keeping track, but it was a point brought fourth  
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and deserves mention. Our club chapter depends on POCI and we should do our part to keep members in good standings.

Our meeting is scheduled for this Tuesday February 10. We will keep our meeting place at Alamo Café at 7:00 pm in the Crocket room of the restaurant. I have been contacted by some potential new club members that may come to our meeting; so I ask for another warm welcome for them. I'll see you on Tuesday!

## January Minutes

*Submitted by:  
Penny San Marco*

For reasons that escape me at the moment, I cannot find my notes from the January meeting. However, it was a very good meeting and attendance was very high. We did have a guest. He and his wife came from the Corvette Club to offer our members another opportunity to purchase raffle tickets for the 1969 Pontiac Firebird Convertible. Drawing April 18 at their 17th Annual Car Show in Boerne, TX. That is the car that was on display at our car show.

Alfred brought the really great red Pontiac T-shirts that he ordered for all the club members. If you haven't gotten yours yet, be sure & come to the next meeting and get one. The idea is for all of us to be easily identifiable at cruise nights or car shows or anyplace we all gather. Great idea. Great shirts.

The Member of the Year, Jim Boring, was recognized and presented with his award.

Upcoming events discussed included the New Braunfels Car Club Swap Meet in April and the POCI-GTOAA Co-Venture in July in Dayton, OH. The POCI CO-Venture already has 1200 entries so far, and promises to be the biggest gathering yet!

Any really important information that my memory did not recall will be included in the minutes for February.

## Member of the Year – A Jim Boring Tale

*Submitted by: Penny San Marco*

Frank is finishing up his second total restoration of a Grand Prix. This one is a 1965. It hasn't been as smooth and fast as the 1966 that was done in one year and ended up getting a Gold Award at the California POCI Nationals in 2006. When it became obvious that this one would not be finished before the 2008 convention things sorta took on a slower pace and then when we decided to build another house the car project came to a real stall. When the house sold we were faced with moving the "project" and all Frank's extra parts to the new property which meant the garage/shop had to be built first. Of course.

Just before we were to move the car to the new garage Frank thought it would be smart to have the motor & tranny installed first. He called Jim and asked if he could help. Jim came out to Seguin in his 1972 Land Cruiser FJ40 with Thomas' engine puller crammed in the back seat. It took a certain amount of mechanical genius just to get it loaded. And when they were finished it all went right back in. That procedure went fairly smoothly and fairly fast. Then Frank got caught up in monitoring and coordinating the house building and the car languished on the sidelines. It finally came time to start up that motor for the first time and there was a real hesitation to do so without a partner in that scary moment. Once again, the call to Jim for assistance was answered with a willing offer of help. The first thing they wanted to do was try to pump oil into the motor by turning the oil pump. This was tried with a blade screwdriver bit on the drill. But try as they might, that blade just didn't fit tight enough in the slot at the top of the distributor shaft extension and that high-pressure oil pump wouldn't budge. Not willing to try turning that engine without pre-oiling the parts, Jim got a bright idea as to how to solve the problem and said he would return another day and they would get that engine started!

What he returned with was a special made tool. He had welded a shock-bushing insert onto the end of a 5/16" nut driver. Then he drilled a hole through the bushing near the end. A small bolt was inserted in that hole and when that tool was placed over the top of the distributor shaft that pin fit right in that slot. Because the nut driver fit over the shaft that baby had to turn and turn it did. We were all smiles when that oil was seen squirting into the shaft. Shortly after that that

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engine started up, and it didn't take Jim too many carburetor adjustments to keep it running.

That's a member of the year story and Jim Boring is a Member of the Year Guy. Congratulations Jim.

### Upcoming Texas events

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| Feb 14    | Hill Country Valentine Tour                                 |   | Kerrville  |
| 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     |
| Mar 7     | <a href="#">Mustang Owners Club of Austin Open Car Show</a> | Dell Diamond, Highway 79                | Round Rock |

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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.

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### Recurring Events:

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

**Castroville Cruise Night :** 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of every month.

**Pig Stand Swap Meet:** Last Sunday of each month. – Next one Feb 22

### For Sale/Wanted

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

'61 Catalina Frame

See Ken Reeves of the Corvette Club for '69 Firebird Raffle tickets (*pic of car from our show below*)



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