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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 President

Submitted by: Alfred Flores

Another club car show has come & gone and the feeling of another job well done replaces all of the anxiety that comes with making sure everything gets done on the big day. And it was a big day. Our attendance was on average with past shows and our members came through and represented our club so well that our hard work was not only noticed by show participants, but some of the local businesses that benefited from our show that day.

Many surrounding businesses saw heavy foot traffic at the show area. Frank, Penny, Jim, my dad, and I had lunch at the newly opened sports bar across the town square and I know that several other members ate at other restaurants in the area. While we were at the sports bar, Frank may have unknowingly secured sponsorship for next years show. The owner of the restaurant spent time talking with Frank and said he may be open to help with what he could next year. I know that Frank & Penny will definitely pursue this for next year.

With our show behind us, we can now look forward to wrap up the year and start thinking about member of the year nominees. Any current member may be nominated with some examples of their commitment to our club. Jim Boring was our 2008 member of the year and their have been many others that are just as deserving as Jim. I will be printing out nominee ballots if you would like to submit and/or vote for a member.

The end of the year also brings our club Christmas party. Start to give some thought to a new location (centrally located) and preferably with a party room available. Thomas indicated that our past location, The Hungry Horse is under new management and that menu items have changed. If you have a suggestion, contact me or Dave Pelzel so that we can look into December dates

One more club event that we will be host to before the end of the year is our fall Buick/Olds/Pontiac shoot-out at San Antonio Raceway. That is this Friday Night so I urge you to talk with Thomas Rauschuber for more details.

Our next meeting is this Tuesday October 13 at Blanco Café. I look forward to seeing everyone there. We will have a complete Car show wrap up report and begin discussions for end of year activities. See you Tuesday night!

September Minutes

Submitted by: Penny San Marco

President Alfred Flores called the meeting to order at 7 PM. There were 23 members and 2 guests present. Alfred started the meeting by calling on all members to step up and be active in the upcoming Chapter Car Show in Seguin on Sept 19. This is the last meeting before the show. Mike Prescher gave the Treasurer's report and it was accepted as presented. There were no minutes to approve although in the last Newsletter Candace did a good job summing up the meeting in July that the Secretary missed.

This time the Secretary lost her notes and again there will be a summary by memory of the meeting. (Nominations for a new Secretary will be coming up soon and my feelings won't be hurt if nomination from the floor seems appropriate.)

The main topic of the meeting was the Show. All the final details were covered. New sponsors were mentioned and Chuck Duffin donated \$50 sponsorship for Duffin Engine Service. There will be a report at the next meeting covering all the sponsors we ended up with. Ralph reported the shirts and awards to be under control and very good looking. Thomas reported on the places the flyers had been handed out and the places still to be covered. Set up time as usual is set for 7 AM with registration starting at 8 AM, an hour earlier than previous years. Mike covered the monies received and expenses to date paid out for the show. Mark Jackley went over the sponsors to date and what remained to be collected.

The new members were introduced and they told us about their Pontiacs.

Upcoming events included the Castroville Cruise Nite, Helotes Car Show, AACOG Cruise, and Mustang Car Show.

Thomas reported that the San Antonio Raceway had contacted him and gave us a date of October 16 for the BOP Shootout. Although he had requested another date, or at least a choice of dates, they did not offer any other date. So October 16 is the date for the BOP Shootout. The meeting was adjourned.

Special Interest Story from Dayton Co-Vention

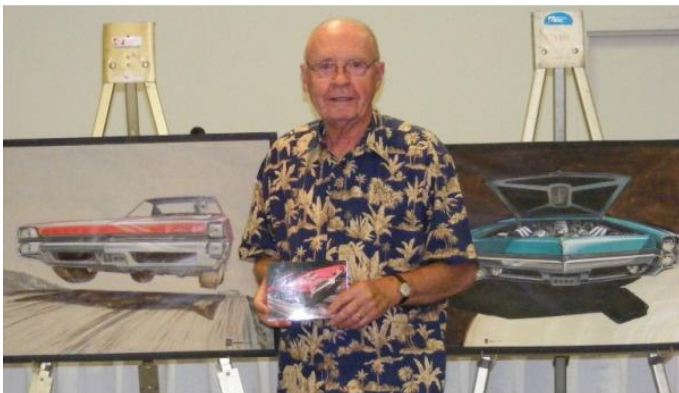
Submitted by: Penny San Marco

The Grand Prix Chapter of POCI has one meeting a year. At the yearly POCI Convention. We have many very good friends as a result of that active and cruisin Chapter. Ever since the second Convention we attended – in our 66 Red Grand Prix – we have “hung out” with that group. This year was very challenging to all of the members as we were about 100% short of enough bodies to do all the jobs required to pull off that size of a show. So this year's meeting was about the only time we saw most of the group.

Naturally we had a lot of business to take care of and reports to be made. (The after-the-meeting party that had been planned was cancelled due to fatigue!)

After all the business was taken care of we found out we had a guest with us that came to give a talk about Pontiacs and his contributions to Pontiac design. He definitely was the highlight of the meeting. A designer for GM Pontiac Division in the 60s, Jim Ewen, was present with us. He gave a very informative, interesting and enjoyable look back at the days of his participation in the Excitement that was Pontiac. His encounters and interactions with the likes of DeLorean and Harley Earl were fascinating to hear. His career lasted 30 years with GM and all of his interpretive drawings ended up in his possession. He brought several of them to the Co-Vention and they were wonderful to see. One of the designs he was most proud of was the chrome grooved rocker panels and grilled tail lights on the 66 Grand Prix. He was at the Co-Vention to hold a Seminar on Thursday. Frank's favorite story was the one he told about the difference between Corporate bosses and Earle & DeLorean. The designers would always have full scale drawings on the walls for the benefit of the Corp. guys. More of the family style, easy to build and inexpensive to produce. But stashed away in their drawers were the smaller scale drawings of styles that they knew DeLorean and Earl would be looking for. That Pontiac Excitement type. Those two would come into their area early in the morning before anyone else came to work and look through their drawers to see what they had been working on. Some of those drawings were the ones he brought to the show.

We were lucky enough to have breakfast a few mornings with the Ewens since we stayed in the same hotel. He was really happy to see our 66 Grand Prix with all that trim package that he had designed so naturally we got him to pose with our wonderful driver. Don't know who was happier, Frank or Jim. The National Convention is always a great event and each year something special happens. It will be held in Charleston, West Virginia next July. Think about cruising to Charleston with us.



September events

- Our Show! Held on September 19, 2009 in Seguin, TX.
- Helotes Annual Classy Chassis Car Show Sunday Sept 27
- San Antonio Rodders Custom Car Show Comanche Park #2 Sept 27

Upcoming events

- October 17, **AACOCC** Ninth Annual Scenic Hills Cruise Hospitality Stops And Pit Stops
- Oct 25, [Charity Open Car Show](#), Bass Pro Shop at the RIM, 17907 IH-10 West (exit 555) - Early Registration \$20.00 (Postmark by 10/17/09) <http://www.samustang.com/>

Recurring Events:

- **Friday Night Cruisin’:** Biff Buzby’s every Friday night
- **Castroville Cruise Night:** 2nd Friday of every month at GM Dealership. (Oct 9th)
- **Pig Stand Swap Meet:** Last Sunday of each month. – Next Oct 25

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Member Bio: John Mederios

John Mederios has another one of those very special stories about his 1974 Pontiac Grandville Convertible. He bought his car in April of 1974 in Chicago for \$6,972. He drove it for one year then put it in the garage to save for special showings and occasional drives. It has 42,000 original miles. Just my guess but I don’t think too many collector cars are still in the possession of their original owner and in show condition.

In 1974 GM decided they would not make any more convertibles. The last ones were made in 1975. It made John so mad he decided then & there to keep his forever.

This car has not been rained on in 30 years. It is co-owned by John and his wife Carol. It is Aqua Mist with white interior. Of the 36,345 Grandvilles made that year 3,000 were convertibles.

John’s grandson Jordan has already laid claim to it. Smart kid.

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