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From the President

Submitted by: Alfred Flores

2010 will mark the start of a new decade and hopefully the beginning of better things to come for everyone. Our club has reached some prominent milestones recently and we can all be thankful of the many dedicated club officers and loyal members in our organization. In 2008, our Chapter was recognized by POCI as Chapter of the year and we were lucky to have Frank & Penny San Marco along with Thomas Rauschuber and Jim Boring at the convention to accept the award on our behalf.

Our club has grown and matured in ways that have made our own community take notice. With the major announcement last year of General Motors discontinuing the Pontiac brand, our local newspaper saw it fitting to highlight our club and interview some of our members and club officers. Again enter Frank San Marco and Thomas Rauschuber to provide info and pictures of our club for publication. I have this article saved and will have Thomas post it on our web site for all to see very soon. The Pontiac brand was eliminated but us as loyalists will never the name die.

Another significant milestone was our club Chapter reaching its 25th year anniversary. It is hard to believe that our local club chapter has been around 25 years. I still remain in contact with some of our founding club members that have moved on but still appreciate all of the loyal Pontiac followers that continue with the club activities. The South Central Texas Chapter of POCI has grown exponentially and I hope this continues for all the future members yet to join our club.

I look forward to another memorable year as your president as this will be my sixth year as your leader. I find it enjoyable and gratifying leading such a dedicated group of fellow Pontiac enthusiasts.

I have one major note that everyone should

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know, our club meeting place will change for the new year. BJ's American and Seafood will be hosting our club meeting every second Tuesday of the month. This is the same place we had our recent Christmas party and the management wanted us to return to have our meetings there. There is plenty of parking and a good variety of reasonably priced food on the menu. The location is reasonably centralized and accessible off of NW loop 410 and Vance Jackson. Our meeting time will remain the same; 7:00 pm so spread the word of the new location.

Our Christmas Party was very enjoyable at BJ's and club members enjoyed the venue. We had all the usual club activities with the white elephant gift exchange being lots of fun as always. Some of the major announcements at the Christmas party were that our club officers will remain in place for another year with the only change being Thomas Rauschuber as vice president/web site manager. Coincidentally, Thomas was also voted in as member of the year. Congratulations Thomas! A few members will be taking their Pontiacs down to Corpus for the Autorama car show on Jan 8-10. Frank and Penny will be participating and some members will be driving down for the day to take in the show.

Our first meeting of 2010 will be this Tuesday January 12, 7:00 pm at BJ's restaurant located at 2535 NW loop 410. I hope to see you there!

Interesting Bit of Information *Observed by Penny San Marco*

Part of my research pertaining to our latest involvement with POCI included counting the number of Chapters in POCI. That number is 65 with 13 specialty chapters added.

As I was doing the counting from the list of chapters on the inside of the back cover of Smokes something caught my eye. Almost all the chapters had email contact but very few have websites. As a matter of fact, only *eight* of the 78 chapters do. And one of those had the latest info on the site from 2007. You have to reflect on that, given the fact that we have such high expectations of our website. And comparing to others I looked at, Thomas has done a really good job and has a lot on the site. I have to confess to giving him a hard time when things aren't done in *my* timely fashion. But the fact that only 10% of chapters even have websites is a pretty telling statistic.

We all know how hard it must be to keep up, just judging by past experience, and how hard it is to get someone to take on the responsibility and then keep working at it. So, here's a "shout out" to Thomas. Thanks for all your efforts and for taking on the job that very few have the stomach for or desire for. It's just another reason this Alamo Area Chapter is one of the best of POCI.

The San Marcos Stir the Pot at POCI

Submitted by: Penny San Marco

When the December issue of Smoke Signals came out one of the first things I read was Don Keefe's editorial. The main thrust of the piece was the necessity/desire to find a way to encourage participation of more members. More coming out to meetings, cruises, and also to the National Conventions. The main point was to include all Pontiacs, Oaklands, & GMC in whatever activity is happening in their area - meaning cars in any stage of restoration or any condition. If they run and the owners like to drive them they should be encouraged to participate and join in. Well, I did have a thought or two on that subject and will lay it out for you at the meeting on Tuesday the 12th. Let me just say, Frank was not too enthusiastic, was very surprised when we (I) got a call from Dave Bennett, the President of POCI, and has reluctantly agreed that the idea has merit and might actually work. I will lay it all out for all at the meeting. Very interesting to get involved in the workings of the National Club.

November Minutes

Submitted by: Penny San Marco

Our President Alfred Flores called the meeting to order. The minutes were approved as printed in the newsletter. Mike Prescher gave the Treasurer's Report. The total in the bank account included the money to be given to Fisher House BAMC. That check will be written and Jeff Butz will get it to Fisher House.

New Business

Alfred asked for show of hands if any member had not received their Newsletter. Several members had not. There was a discussion concerning issues with the delivery of Newsletter and Thomas will address those concerns. The Newsletter needs to be ready in order for a few to be mailed USPS.

Jeff brought a sample of the Certificate of Appreciation for sponsors of our annual car show. He asked for any suggestions or changes or improvements. The members were supportive of the certificates and several suggestions were made. Jeff will also get a time to meet with Fisher House to deliver the proceeds of the car show.

Christmas Party Location: Alfred does not have a location as yet and will be making some calls immediately to line up a place. It will be the first or second Sunday in December. Look for an email regarding time and place

Thomas brought up an idea regarding the SCTC Google email. Maybe consider one that is a formal, business only email that would go out to all members. Then a second one that is more informal for those that are interested in more Pontiac chit chat, incidental, interesting or unusual topics related to Pontiacs. He will do some research on that proposal.

The roster of members is not complete on the website. Mike will be in touch with Thomas and get him the complete roster.

Newest Member: Bill Eaton with an '05 GTO

Old Business

Penny gave a report on the issue of contributions to our car show being tax deductible. After several attempts and more than one incorrect response, the final word from the POCI Treasurer is: POCI is a Not for Profit organization. Each Chapter must file papers in their state to become a non profit organization. While the chapter may have filed such papers in the past, we are not in possession of them now. We should reapply and it needs to be checked out through the State Comptroller's Office.

Change of Chapter Name

There was discussion and suggestions for the actual name that the chapter should be changed to. The suggestions were: Alamo Area Chapter, Alamo Area Pontiac Club, Alamo Chapter.

As the complete name will end in "Chapter of Pontiac Oakland Club International" and as the chapter represents many surrounding towns and areas, the Alamo Area Chapter was the final name that was accepted. Penny will correspond with the Secretary of POCI and start the process of the name change.

BOP Shootout

All members who were present at the drags agreed it was another great time for all. Brad Miller took top honors. Congratulations Brad!! The hospitality area had plenty of hot dogs cooked up and available for all. Unfortunately Thomas was ill that day and unable to attend this event he had worked so hard setting up.

Recent Car Shows

VA Car Show at the Veteran's Hospital in Kerrville: There were 137 cars and a really neat patriotic parade. Mark Jackley got a 2nd Place and Frank San Marco a 3rd.

Mustang Car Show at the Bass Pro Shop had to stop registrations at 398 cars. Second year in a row for such a super turnout.

December events

- Club Christmas Party

Upcoming events

- ISCA Show Jan 5, 6, 7 in Corpus Christi

Recurring Events:

- **Friday Night Cruisin':** Biff Buzby's every Friday night
- **Castroville Cruise Night:** 2nd Friday of every month at GM Dealership. (Nov 13th)
- **Pig Stand Swap Meet:** Last Sunday of each month. – Next Nov 29

Cars/Parts wanted/for sale

- Thomas needs a roof for his 2nd gen firebird – Also, he bought a 51 Pontiac from a really good friend
- San Marco friend needs a 65 GTO radio delete plate
- Wayne Crist has 69 Firebird parts and 3rd gen leather seats for sale

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