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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

March marks the beginning of spring and all the outdoor activities that come with it. If you are like me, I am ready to put winter and the rainy days behind me and start cruising. I have been told some local cruise nights are already busy with activity and others are preparing. Our club has usually planned some great cruise nights and I am looking forward to catching up with members at one of our events.

It seems many of our members have been quite busy with family, work, and other sideline activities. I have seen firsthand how the economy has affected our livelihood as well as our hobby. As some may or may not know, I have started working for a new company and I was fortunate to have used my past experience to land my new position. The nightly news had gotten so depressing that I limited my TV viewing for a while. Fortunately gas prices have held steady for some time and we can only hope it continues.

Just last week I got to thinking of my Pontiacs and our '94 Firehawk. 1994, that means it is 16 years old. I remember when my GTO was 16 years old; heck, I was 16 years old. Yes, that's right, I am as old as my GTO. If you haven't read my Bio on our club web site, you can read all about me and my Pontiac. Which reminds me that my bio could use a little updating. This is also a reminder for all club members to submit or update any information about you or your Pontiac. Unfortunately Pontiacs come and go and life changing events happen. Projects sometimes get finished, halted, or rekindled for one reason or another so don't forget to keep our members clued in to what's happening with you.

I want to apologize for missing February's meeting. It turns out I was scheduled to be in Houston for software training and could not make the

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meeting. I will definitely be there Tuesday night March 9. Keep in mind we will still be meeting at BJ's American & seafood restaurant at loop 410 and Vance Jackson Rd.

ANNOUNCING A NEW POCI SHOW VENUE

To be introduced at the 38th Annual POCI Convention
Charleston, West Virginia
July 6-10, 2010

ROAD WARRIORS SHOW

This show has been added as a third option for any member that drives their car and loves to meet up with other enthusiasts and wants to share in the fun and excitement of the National Convention.

Participants in this show would be Members who drive their cars and:

- would like to show their cars but don't want to be judged or are just unsure about the judging process
- have a car that is in some stage of restoration
- think their car is not up to judging standards
- have a car that is an original and road worn or has an older restoration that has "lost it's luster"
- have a super great looking car but just don't want to be judged

In other words: if you have a Pontiac, Oakland, or GMC that you take to cruise nights, show at your local car shows or cruise ins, and would like to participate on a National level with POCI this is the show for you. The cars will be parked by decades on the designated show field. All models of each decade displayed together. All participants will be awarded a Certificate of Participation suitable for framing.

Contact Frank or Penny San Marco for more information: 830-386-0338 or fpsm@att.net

Fire extinguisher rule applies to this show: no admission to show field without proper extinguisher

Alamo Area Chapter Minutes for February 2010

Submitted by: Penny San Marco

Thomas Rauschuber called the meeting to order. Our President Alfred Flores had to miss the meeting due to work obligations. There were 19 members present and one guest: Brian Sprayberry. His Pontiac is a 67 Firebird. The minutes of the last meeting were approved as printed in the Newsletter. Mike Prescher gave the treasurer's report. Mike read a letter he received from Fisher House thanking the Chapter for our work and contribution.

NEW BUSINESS

Jeff Butz, Car Show Chairman, gave an update on plans for our fall car show. He is working on changes to the flyer and possibly for the awards and T-shirts. The plan is to stress Patriots Day, September 11 show date. Some inclusion of Wounded Warriors recognition to be added.

Russ Swift, manager of Fisher House BAMC, gave two Leadership Challenge Coins to be awarded to two members in recognition of the work done at last year's car show. They were awarded to Mike Prescher and Alfred Flores. Russ came to one of our meetings two years ago and gave a very moving talk regarding the significance of this Coin and how it is a way for the military to recognize outstanding work in real time, without waiting for paperwork or chain of command. Congratulations Mike & Alfred.

Penny San Marco gave an update on the proposed Road Warriors Show for POCI National Conventions. The Show has been approved and will be offered for the first time at this year's Charleston, West Virginia show, July 6-10. It is a very exciting venture and start looking for information about it in Smoke Signals. Of course we urge all who can to attend this meeting. Plan your vacation around it. It's great fun and there are activities planned for all the family.

Upcoming events

- Saturday Feb 13 : Olds Club Valentine Day Cruise
- March 6 : Car show & shine @ Bus Rodeo, Nelson Wolff Stadium on Hwy 90 - Chapter invited by Raul Pena
- March 13 : CRUISE TO ANTIQUE AUTO SUPPLY, Arlington, TX, Leave 7 AM
- April 9 : BOP SHOOTOUT @ San Antonio Raceway @ 6PM
- April 17 : Corvette Club Classic Car Show, Boerne
- April 23 - 25 : NBACC Swap Meet New Braunfels
- 1st Sat May: AACOG Cruise
- June 5th -6th : Pontiac Southern Nationals in Dallas
- July 6 - 10: POCI Nationals in Charleston, WV
- 1st Gen Firebird Gathering in Colorado - August
- Sept 11: AACPOCI (That would be us!!) Car Show Seguin, TX.

New Cars/Parts wanted/for sale

- Thomas needs seat belts for 70-81 Firebird/Trans Am
- David Pelzel – among many other items David has 65 Lemans bucket seats, 326 motor, rear end. More info to come on “garage sale” for all he has offered

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ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

Cruise to Antique Auto Parts THIS SATURDAY

ANTIQUE AUTO SUPPLY IN ARLINGTON, TX

Meet @ Kohl's Parking lot in New Braunfels, TX Exit IH 35 @ Hwy 46 (to Seguin) Depart @ 7 AM

We will be allowed to survey the NOS Pontiac parts at this facility. The owner will be expecting us. He also has 6 other buildings with other car parts. Check out the website at www.antiqueautosupply.com

Please contact Frank & Penny if you plan to join the Cruise. 830-305-0084 (cell phone)

Recurring Events:

- **Friday Night Cruisin':** Biff Buzby's at IH 34 & Toepperwein every Friday night
- **Castroville Cruise Night:** 2nd Friday of every month at Lundquist Chevrolet
- **The Rim Cruise Night @** Bass Pro Shops every 3rd Sat of the month
- **Pig Stand Swap Meet:** Last Sunday of each month. at Broadway & Grayson – Next Mar 28

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