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From the President

Submitted by: Alfred Flores

It's hard to believe but we are almost four months into 2010 and our club has been active with plenty of car events lately. We just had another great Buick-Olds-Pontiac Shoot-out, the local cruise night spots are filling nicely, and car shows are popping up everywhere. The Corvette club will be holding their annual open car show in Boerne on April 17. This is one of the larger car shows in the San Antonio Area. The New Braunfels Swap meet comes next on April 23-25.

Our club has done well in turnouts and I hope this continues for 2010. I hope that everyone is marking their calendars on our many upcoming events. I have asked Thomas to try and keep our web site calendar up to date so everyone can refer to it for their weekend plans. There also some events that come to my attention on a weekly basis and I will try to pass these along as best I can.

One date that everyone should note for May is our club Picnic. This year Thomas has booked Sunday May 16 at Blanco State park. Our usual pavilion with plenty of parking and nice scenery is always a favorite. Thomas will be compiling a list of attendants and choice of dish they plan to bring. Our club will provide the main meat dish as usual.

Tuesday April 13 at 7:00 pm is our next Club meeting at BJ's American and seafood restaurant located on Loop 410 and Vance Jackson. Hope to see everyone there!

Alamo Area Chapter Minutes for March 2010

Submitted by: Penny San Marco

The meeting was called to order by our President, Alfred Flores at 7:10 PM. There were 21 members present and 2 guests. Penny Bryant (it was fun to have another Penny there) who visited because she has a 92 Firebird Convertible for sale and Ray drove his 62 Grand Prix to the meeting from Round Rock. The minutes were approved as printed in the Newsletter. The treasurer's report was given by Mike Prescher and approved.

Old Business

Brief car show update was given by Penny San Marco as Jeff was unable to attend. There was some discussion regarding several aspects of the show including advertising.

Thomas took note of the few email corrections still needing to be made in the Google list

Thomas reminded everyone of the BOP Shootout on April 9th at San Antonio Raceway. He has been in contact with interested people from Houston and Dallas and we are looking for a good turnout. Check out the Raceway website for drag racing regulations.

New Business

Club Picnic: Norman did not have time to check out the site in Floresville and after discussion regarding dates and places there was a motion to hold the picnic at Blanco State Park. The motion passed and the date will be set before next meeting.

Alfred brought up the idea of planning a cruise nite where as many chapter members as possible would meet and cruise to the cruise nite together. He will aim to set it up on the 3rd Sat of March. Will email info.

Cruise to Arlington to the Antique Auto Supply is on Saturday, March 13. It will leave from Kohl's parking lot at IH 35 & FM 46 in New Braunfels at 7 AM.

Recent Events

Via Transit Rodeo – no one was able to attend

New Book by Tim Dye – Penny reported on the new book by Grand Prix Chapter Editor, Tim Dye. Title: The Extreme Collector, Pontiac – Oakland Memorabilia. It is a remarkable record of Pontiac memorabilia that Tim has collected/or had access to that he presents in this book. We have a copy if anyone would like to see it. It can be ordered thru us or there is an ad in latest Smoke Signals.

Upcoming Events

Arlington Cruise St March 13

Corvette Open Car Show April 17 Boerne

Sinton Kiwanis Club Show & Shine Sinton, TX Sat March 20

Castroville Cruise night at Lundquist Chevrolet 2nd Fri every month

Cruise night Rim Bass Pro Show Every 3rd Sat of month

Cruise night at Biff's Burgers IH 35 & Toepperwein every Fri night

Pig Stand swap meet Broadway & Grayson last Sunday every month

Cruise to Cabela's in Buda every Sat night

NBACC Swap Meet April 23, 24, 25 Fair Grounds in New Braunfels

DAPA Southern Nationals June 5, 6 www.dapa.org

July 16, 17 Indian Nations Chapter

New Cars/Parts Needed/For Sale

92 Firebird V8 Convertible 1 owner for sale Penny Bryant 713-825-8096

Meeting was adjourned to the parking lot.

JAN BERRY MOTOR SPORTS VS BONNEVILLE SALT FLATS

Submitted by Penny San Marco

”Imagine a place so flat you seem to see the curvature of the planet, so barren not even the simplest life forms can exist. Imagine the passing thunder of strange vehicles hurtling by on a vast dazzling white plain. This is not an alien world far from earth; it is Utah's famous Bonneville Salt Flats.”

“Since the first speed record attempts in 1914, hundreds of records have been set and broken in a variety of automotive and motorcycle classes.” From www.utah.com

Just who or what is Jan Berry Motor Sports you ask???? Sometime in the year 2000, a group of self described *almost always* fairly reasonable men got to tossing around the idea of building a car to run at the salt flats to fulfill one of their bucket list dreams. Out of that conversation, Jan Berry Motor Sports was created. After building and running a 37 Chevy coupe for two years they realized that this car could never be a record breaker. They determined that it would be really cool to drive over 200 mph and that was way outside the capability of the coupe. By chance Jan Berry found a wrecked 85 Corvette and they decided to see how fast they could make it go. The idea was “Just to have fun”. Why should that interest the members of Alamo Area Chapter, because one of the members is our own Chuck Duffin who owns a 66 GTO. Two of Chuck’s brothers and 2 other fools (their description, not mine!) round out the group.

That first outing resulted in a 191+ mph run. At that time the record for a C/GT car (Grand Touring class with motor size between 306 and 373 cubic inches) was 212 mph. The official recorded speeds are an average of two runs. The cars run full out for five miles and must be equipped with a roll cage, high speed tires, a parachute, fire systems for the engine compartment and cockpit plus many other modifications to make the car safe to exceed 200 mph.

After several frustrating years (5) they got together and decided to get really serious about breaking that record. “What was it going to take”?? After some engine modifications and a few little things under the

body, in 2008 they rolled that 85 Corvette off the trailer and with Robert Duffin driving on the first run went over 229 mph to qualify for a record run. The car was impounded and inspected to verify that it was still safe and legal for the class. The next day his record run was again over 229 mph and his average was 229.750. Finally Jan Berry Motor Sports is in the Bonneville Land Speed Record book and have a member in the prestigious **200 MPH CLUB**.

Then Russell Duffin took the driver’s seat to see what he could do. He knew the tach had to be over 7200 rpm to be over the record and thought his run was not enough. Turned out to be over 230 mph and qualified him for a record run. His second day run was even faster and averaged 230.545 mph. Now two Duffin brothers are in THE Club.

Chuck’s turn came in 2009. They went to Bonneville with a smaller D motor (261-305 cubic inches) in the same car. The record for D/GT was 209.9 mph. Chuck’s first run off the trailer was over 214 mph and he backed it up the next day with a new record of 212.382. Now three Duffin brothers belong to that special group. Three days later, Jan Berry took his turn and bumped the record up to 213.822. Now four of the 5 are life members of the Club with records over 200 mph by going to the salt flats to have a little fun..

Currently the team holds the record speed in Classes C/GT & D/GT. In 2010 they will be taking a B motor (373-440 ci) to try and get B/GT record. The current record for that Class is 233+ mph. Jan Berry Motor Sports have their sights set on 240 mph this year. Being that the salt flats is close to Wendover, Nevada, no matter what, Russell & Chuck always say “even if the car does not run well, with poker & vodka, we’re still going to have fun!”



Upcoming events

- April 9 : BOP SHOOTOUT @ San Antonio Raceway @ 6PM
- April 17 : Corvette Club Classic Car Show, Boerne
- April 23 - 25 : NBACC Swap Meet at the Fair Grounds in New Braunfels
- 1st Sat May: AACOG Cruise
- May 16 – Club picnic at Blanco State Park
- June 5 - 6 : DAPA 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

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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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