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29th Annual POCI Convention

2001 POCI Convention in Balmy Red Wing, Minnesota!

From the President's Garage

By Robin Clark

Greetings Everybody,

Congratulations to all our winners at the latest convention in Red Wing, sounds like we had a nice showing and some real nice cars. Thanks to everyone that showed up, it's always nice to have a large group of Safari people. I'm making plans to make it to the convention next year, how about you? Just in case you didn't know, next year's convention will be hosted by our very own Vice President, Bill Fortune. I'm sure he'll do a fine job, it's beautiful country in West Virginia.

For those of you who don't have a computer, run out and find one to use and checkout the Custom Safari's new Web page. It looks real nice. I know Rich has worked real hard on it, and it seems to have paid off. So if you haven't sent in pictures of your cars, please do so now, so we can get them logged in on the Web page.

Well, with the holidays coming around the corner, particularly Thanksgiving which is my favorite, it's time to run out to the store and stock up on some of those yellow boxes with the famous name of Kodak on them. It's nice to be able to support the very people that support our chapter. We are very fortunate to have both Rich and Kodak helping produce a wonderful newsletter. Happy Turkey Day to all.

And don't forget that once again winter is fast approaching. It is time to get ready to put the Safari's away for awhile. Although there is still time for some of us lucky ones who live on the west coast to enjoy our cars. So, before you take that last ride for the year and put your pride and joy away for the winter, **DON'T FORGET TO TAKE YOUR CAMERA!!!!!!!** We need photos of you and your cars. Take a photo of you putting gas in the tank one last time, we don't care. Like Rich said in the last newsletter, I'm not into Studebakers either. So, get out there and get busy.

UNITED WE STAND,

Robin



Behind the Wheel in the Editor's Seat

By Rich Pye

It seems like so long ago that my family and I, along with a thousand other Pontiac enthusiasts, sweated our tails off in Red Wing, Minnesota at the 2001 POCI Convention. Finally over the heat stroke I got, the convention summary is included in this issue.

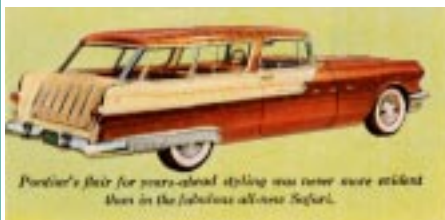
All kidding aside, this one was for the record books. We arrived at the convention on a Tuesday after spending the previous 2 weeks driving from Brockport, NY to the Montana border of Yellowstone Park and back to Minnesota. It was a great trip. With my wife and 3 kids packed in my 1994 Chevrolet Conversion Van towing a 27 foot travel trailer, we saw parts of the United States that everyone should see. Along the way we picked up my mother-in-law and survived some pretty intense heat and humidity. The convention site was no different. It was in the mid to high 90's all week long and our campsite at Treasure Island Resort and Casino, (the site of the convention), was a 15 by 15 foot section of stone and sand surrounded by an asphalt parking lot. Now I know what football players must feel like playing on AstroTurf in the summer!

Thank God for the shuttle bus and the casino's indoor pool. Whenever possible I spent most of my time there. The flea market was a little weak with a fair amount of vendors missing. I still managed to spend some money though on things I didn't need. Isn't that what car part collecting is all about? I ran into Kurt Kelsey, a former Custom Safari Chapter member, who sold is '58 Safari a few years back. Unfortunately I didn't get to see Ronn Pittman, that would have been nice.

Thanks to all who attended the chapter meeting and supplied ideas to the web-site and newsletters. Over the summer I haven't had a chance to take over the maintenance responsibilities for the web-site from the developer. I am meeting with him in the next week or so to do that and should be able to keep it more up to date then. Also we need to modify the password protection since poci.org figured it out and was posting the master password on their site...oops.

I have quotes for the golf shirts for the chapter. I can get them for just under \$30 per shirt. I just need to see samples of them with and without the pockets on them. It is no problem to get them in both styles, and I figured from the feedback that there are desires for both options. As soon as I get a sample, I will post a picture on the web site and start taking orders.

I hope you enjoy this issue of the Safari News with the convention coverage. I tried to get in as many of the photographs that both Starr Evans and I took at the convention.



Until next time, Be Safe and God Bless America!!

Rich

Custom Safari Chapter Meeting Minutes

Red Wing, MN

19 July 2001

Members present: Jack and Jill White, Ralph Denuzzio, Robin and Mark Petry, Harold and Carol Cary, Cindy Keetch, John and Marilyn Havens, Noel and Starr Evans, Lou Calasibetta, Rich Pye.

Editor Rich Pye lead the meeting. Everyone introduced themselves.

Rich explained the CSC web site. Everyone was asked to send in a picture of their safari (s) along with a bit of information to include in The Safari News.

The chapter has 48 members.

The chapter is in good financial shape with \$1144. Bills presented for payment for the newsletter and web site totaled \$279.90.

The CSC roster will be on the chapter's web site and printed once a year in *The Safari News*.

Rich is trying to secure a price quote for producing a golf shirt with the picture of the four Safaris from Buffalo.

Rich was thanked for the excellent work he's been doing on our newsletter.

It was decided that the chapter members would meet at 2 PM on show day at the CS class to vote for the "Best Safari."

Respectfully submitted;

Starr F. Evans, Secretary

Starr F. Evans

At the show Lloyd and Shirley Hahn joined the chapter.

2001 POCI Convention



The photo above is front view of the host hotel. The photo below is a view of the swap meet which was located in an adjacent parking lot. The car show itself was held in a field to the left of the hotel. The “campground” that several of us stayed at was located behind the hotel.



2001 POCI Convention



*Attendees at the Custom Safari Chapter Meeting. Thanks to all for the great turnout!!
Front Row: Carol Cary, Harold Cary, Rich Pye, Lou Calasibetta, Starr Evans, Noel Evans.
Middle Row: Ralph Denuzzio, Cindy Keetch, Jill White, Marilyn Havens, John Havens.
Back Row: Mark Petry, Jack White, Robin Petry*



Ronn Pittman with Noel Evans at the car wash. How did you get Ronn to wash your Safari Noel?

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Above: Lou Calasibetta displays his Best Safari Trophy in front of his 1957 Transcontinental "Safari". Below: Best Safari Runners-up and new members Lloyd and Shirley Hahn show off their 1955 Modified Safari. Congratulations!



2001 POCI Convention



Above: John Sawruk presents the “Most Interesting Post War Vehicle” Award to Lou Calasibetta for his ‘57 Surfari. Below: A side view of that car. Congratulations again Lou!



2001 POCI Convention



Above: Starr and Noel Evans' 1957 Custom Safari from Connecticut won 1st Place in the Popular Vote. Below: Jill and Jack White's 1957 Transcontinental from Connecticut won 2nd Place in the Popular Vote. Congratulations to all!



2001 POCI Convention



Above: Robin and Mark Petry's 1956 Custom Safari from Georgia won 3rd Place in the Popular Vote. Below: Jack and Jill White display their award for "Longest Distance Driven Safari". Even though Jack and Jill get a free year extension on their membership, their '57 deserves some credit too! Congratulations.



2001 POCI Convention



*Above: Unknown owner of a modified '55 Safari. Note the bullet holes on the side.
Below: Klaus Meyer (non-member) with another modified '55 Safari.*



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*Above: Unknown owner of a modified '56 Safari getting washed for the show.
Below: Another modified '55 Safari, the low-rider version, owner unknown.*



2001 POCI Convention



Above and below: The early 60's Pontiac Banshee concept car. This two-seater would have competed with the Corvette for sales, and GM didn't want that. Bummer...



2001 POCI Convention



Above: Rear shot of the Banshee concept car. Below: The Pontiac G8 concept car. 8 cylinders and rear wheel drive!! Not going to happen according to Pontiac officials.



Safari Search

NOTE: After no reply from anyone about the status of the items for sale per the last issue , I assumed they were all sold and removed them.

Cars for Sale

None in this issue.

Parts for Sale

None in this issue



Wanted

1956 – 58 Safari Photos and Literature. Editor needs more photos and literature regarding the 1956 through 1958 Pontiac Safaris. Send copies or e-mail scanned items to Rich Pye.

1956 Safari, painted metal trim (3 pieces) on the floor in the cargo area, next to the wheel wells, and both stainless trim pieces, near the rear fold down door for same. Jack Lander, 2405 Calle Andalucia, Santa Barbara, Ca. 93109, 805-962-5766, Jack Lande @ aol.com

1957 Pontiac Custom Safair 2-door, #3 condition or better, must have P/S and prefer full power options. Have cash, will travel. Joe, email - 747400pilot@compuserve.com

To place a free ad to sell a car or parts or to place a want ad, send your request to Rich Pye. Your ad should be related to 1955-58 Pontiacs, and it is recommended to include photos (electronic or paper). Ads are also welcome, send a business card for Pontiac related items or services to Rich.

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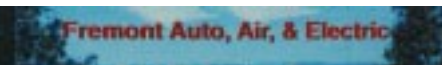
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