

# Have You Ever Driven a '58 Safari? Do It Soon!

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With an all new chassis, suspension, larger and stronger engine, the 1958 Custom Safari 4 door wagon needed only the best spark plugs to take advantage of its performance capabilities. AC spark plugs are the best!

We celebrate our long forgotten family member of the Star Chief Custom Safari wagon series, the 1958 Safari. Although the custom trim is noticeably less, the essence of a great station wagon with a luxury interior and strong road performance is undeniable. The 1958 Safari handles long road trips with ease and draws serious attention where-ever it goes.

Don't miss any opportunity to drive a 1958 Safari wagon. As our Chapter President recently said, "The '58s are amazing road cars. Drive and enjoy them! There's nothing like them!"

# From the President's Garage

Hello Everyone,

Has everyone seen our SUMMER newsletter? It's one the of the best ever! Why? It's because of our members who sent photos of their wagons and themselves to our editor. The newsletter is always very entertaining and informative, even to an old guy like me! It's great to see that many of you contributed to a wonderful piece of Safari history. I am sure all of you went through the newsletter a few times as there was a lot to absorb.

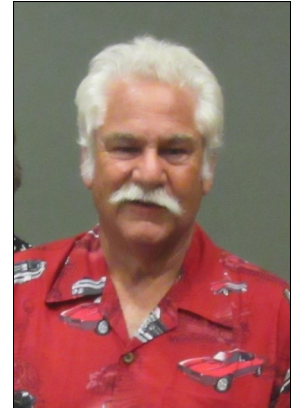
I hope you all had a good holiday season. 2020 has been a tough year to enjoy but hopefully you are living through it with good health and spirits. Our lack of social life with our friends has been a huge change in our lives but this too will pass in the new year. Hopefully, many of you are taking the opportunity to drive your wagons and enjoy some fresh air when the weather is good. Life is too precious and short for us to just let our cars sit when they can be driven.

What did you think of that black '57 Safari with the factory kit hanging from the rear bumper? If you have not seen it, take a look on page 4. I would remove the side emblems, lower it, and put a set of Buick wire wheels on it. Make it a real cool cruiser! Hey, why not? After all, it is a *custom* Safari!

We all love to receive this newsletter. I am sure that Tom is busy working on our WINTER issue so that Rich can get it delivered to your mailbox sometime in March. Their work is always appreciated by all of us. Make sure that you personally thank Robin, Tom, and Rich for the work they do to keep our Chapter great. Don't forget that when you have time, send Tom an email him with anything that you like to sell or buy. Our classified ads section is growing because of you.

Be safe, stay healthy and have great holiday season.

*Lou Calasibetta*



## ***Member Reminders—Chapter Annual Dues—January 2021***

You now have two different ways to pay your dues! You can write a check of \$21 addressed to the ***Custom Safari Chapter-POCI*** and send to our Secretary/Treasurer:

**Robin Petry  
2806 Scarlett Drive  
Augusta, GA 30909**

You can now send your dues electronically through **Pay Pal**. That's right folks! We are offering on-line payment for those who prefer less paper! Use the following address on the Pay Pal website for your payment of \$21 to: [petrymail@yahoo.com](mailto:petrymail@yahoo.com)

Either way, we appreciate your timely submittal of your dues so that we can distribute printed newsletters, offer new t-shirts, fund Chapter National Convention activities, and pay for our website. Thank you for your support.



# Under the Hood with the Editor

Hello Everyone!

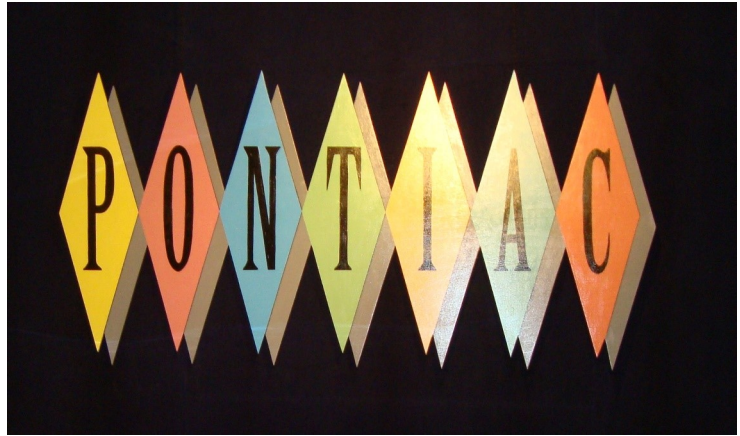
Over the last few months, I have taken the opportunity to call or email many Chapter members. My purpose was to ask for photos. I was very happy to learn that everyone is well and managing the impacts of COVID-19.

I want to thank everyone who were able to send photos for publication in our SUMMER newsletter. Nearly 60% of our membership participated! Your photos are greatly appreciated. Because gathering the photos was a monumental task, the printed version of the newsletter arrived late. I hope you thought it was worth the wait.

Our Chapter presence on Facebook keeps growing. Our Facebook page group membership is now over 95 members. Remember to place a request for group membership. Find us at: **CSC—Custom Safari Chapter.**

It's that time of year again! PLEASE REMEMBER TO PAY YOUR CHAPTER DUES. **January 2021** is our annual target deadline. We now will accept **Pay Pal** for dues payment. If you have a Pay Pal account, you can pay electronically on the Pay Pal website by sending \$21 to: [petrymail@yahoo.com](mailto:petrymail@yahoo.com). Otherwise, please send your checks early if you can to Robin Petry. **Dues are \$21.** Robin's mail address can be found on the last page of this newsletter. Thank you. Your support is very much appreciated.

You have heard this many times before.....that our holiday season is simply not the same this year. Regardless of your religious, political, and personal beliefs, COVID-19 has impacted everyone. Although we can not avoid the virus from impacting the quality of our lives, we can find productive distractions. Spending time with our old cars is a good thing to do. This holiday season, I hope that you can enjoy some productive distractions to boost your spirits during the holiday season. Best holidays wishes.



**No! You are not seeing double!!**

This is a photo of a 1957 Pontiac Dealership sign that is on display at the Pontiac-Oakland Museum & Resource Center in Pontiac, Illinois. When the sign is seen in person, most will find the striking colors and design gives a near 3-D look.



Tom



**Left:** Back 30 to 40 years ago, untouched, original '50s vintage Pontiacs were plentiful. You could find them on the streets, in garages, at used car sales lots, and in wrecking yards. If you were a collector, you likely had a few Pontiacs in your back yard.

Lou Calasibetta recently pulled-out an old photo showing a few Pontiacs that he had in his back yard a long time ago. The '57 Safari wagon was purchased by Wheeler Bradley. The '57 Bonneville went to Dick Hoyt in CA.

# In The News .....

Need a second spare for your wagon? Well, here is a solution for you! Just add a "continental" tire kit to your wagon and you are back on the road in style.

What? You're asking how does the tail gate go down? Well, that's a million-dollar question. Does the tire pivot down or does it pull-up and to the side? When it does move one way or the other, can you still drop the gate down enough to get access to the cargo area? So many questions, so few answers! But perhaps answers will come. Tim Dye (Director of the Pontiac-Oakland Museum & Resource Center) sent your editor a batch of pictures for an assessment. Although many photos were not of high resolution, there are visual clues that indicate that the installation was done post factory production and likely during the period in which this Safari was restored.

Tim allowed Tom to publish a series of photos on our Chapter's Facebook page as well as the POCI and 1957 Pontiac Facebook pages. More than two hundred people liked the photos and submitted over 100 comments. Go to our Facebook page to see the plethora of responses. Some comments are very entertaining!



There is limited information about this Safari's history, location, or restoration story. However, in late November 2020, an on-line advertisement announced that this Safari is up for auction appeared in Hemmings Motor News. The ad reads:

**Auction: Jan 7, 2021 to Jan 17, 2021. Kissimmee, Florida, 34744**

Stock #: FL: R90 . Seller's Description: - *Rare Star Chief Wagon with factory air conditioning, V-8 engine, automatic transmission, factory Black car, Black/White interior, AM radio, in-dash clock, continental kit, chrome bumpers, wide whitewall tires.*



The HMN ad also provides bidder information: *To consign a car or to register to bid, visit the Mecum web site: [www.mecum.com](http://www.mecum.com) or call (262) 275-5050 To be sold at the Kissimmee 2021 auction, Kissimmee, FL, January 7-17, 2021.*

So if you are looking for a Safari that is unlike any other Safari wagon, this may be the wagon for you.

Editor's Note.....

One characteristic generally found with most auction companies is a noticeable lack of important information about vehicles that they auction. The description above provides no information that cannot be derived simply by looking at the photos. Absent is any mention of mechanical status, originality, mileage, or restoration. Hum.....

# Passing Of A Long-Time Safarian

We extend our condolences to the family of Chapter member Brian Bettinger. He was a long time POCI, Badger Chapter, and Custom Safari Chapter member. Friend best described him as a all around fun guy. He owned a 1956 Safari for decades and was friends with many members.

Here is the life story of Brian Thomas Bettinger:

May 4, 1955 to December 1, 2020. Age 65.

It is with profound sadness that we announce that Brian T. Bettinger passed away unexpectedly in his home Dec 1, 2020 at the age of 65.

Brian was born May 4, 1955, the son of Bernard and Dorothy Bettinger (Hardaker) in Waukesha, WI. On May 6, 1989 he was united in marriage to his wife, Paula.

Brian moved to Marshfield in 1983 and worked for the Marshfield Police Department for 25 years where he met many of his close friends. After his retirement he continued to work (because his wife said he had to!) at V&H as a driver and O'Reilly's where he got the supplies needed to keep his fleet of vehicles running until his death.

Brian loved cooking and planning parties. Those parties included breakfasts with fellow officers, poker gatherings, graduation parties, multiple wedding receptions, and big garage parties that included many friends. He always made sure no one ever left his company hungry, often sending family and friends off with plenty of leftovers. Unfortunately due to COVID he was unable to see most of his family this Thanksgiving but that didn't stop him from cooking everything he felt necessary and planning a trip to deliver the food to his sister, nieces, and nephew; a trip that will be completed by his surviving family.

He had a passion for old cars and loved to attend any and all car shows, cruises, and swap meets- even braving Texas in the July heat for his very expensive toys. He was a member of multiple car clubs, including the POCI (Safari Chapter and Badger State Chapter) and the local group Specialty Car Enthusiast where he met even more friends. Brian was always happiest when he was able to show off his other children (his cars) while driving around or proudly talking about them at shows. He loved his actual kids too, the cars just listened better.



Brian at the 2019 POCI National Convention, Gettysburg, PA.

There was nothing conventional about Brian. His "shortcuts" often took longer just so Brian could see and talk to his many friends on his travels, his "dad jokes" were top tier, and he enjoyed driving down Central Ave in his convertible with bubbles flying everywhere behind him. A shopping cart may have been used too. As for now Brian is in heaven riding in style.

A service will not be held at this time due to safety concerns, but a party will be held in his honor in the future.

Brian is survived by his wife: Paula Bettinger, children: Brandon Bettinger, Kaleigh Bettinger, and Alexis Bettinger, sister: Betsy Schaefer (Larry), nieces: Shannon Keck (Kirk), Amanda Stager (Chris), Becky Becker, and many great nieces and nephews.

For your convenience, online condolences may be made at [www.hansenschillingfuneralhome.com](http://www.hansenschillingfuneralhome.com).



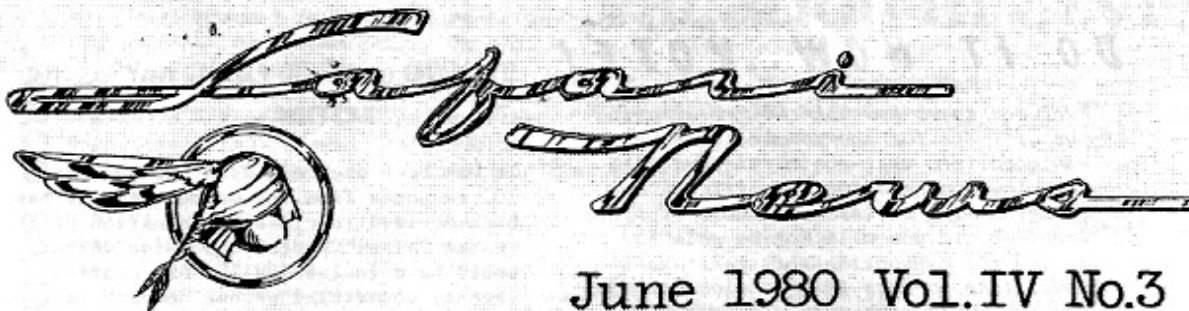
Brian loved his family and friends (it was a state law, he had to). He will be greatly missed by everyone, including his Pontiac brothers. Between all of the car shows, Brian did have time to raise his kids (although he dragged them to plenty of shows too). Brian and Paula took many trips over the years covering many states. He even surprised Paula with an extended weekend to Jamaica for a special anniversary trip. He enjoyed watching his kids grow up, although he was terrified of them as infants and couldn't wait until they could talk. Then they grew up and he likely wished they would talk less.



Brian and Robin Petry at the 2019 POCI National Convention.

## Making History: Chapter Member Dennis Dana

The contributions by Dennis Dana to the POCl's Smoke Signal Magazine is second to none in our club's history. Dennis has devoted hundreds of hours in research and correspondence with many members of our Chapter and POCl officials to interpret and develop a wonderful series of magazine articles. The quality of his efforts is self-evident; just take a close look at his articles published in Smoke Signals over the last two years. But how did it all begin? Let us go way back in time to the summer of 1980. In the June 1980 issue of the *Safari News* (shown below), the front page features the very first article that Dennis wrote, the **\$20.00 Safari**. This was the beginning of a long journey with his 1956 Safari wagon and his passion for Pontiac history.



THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE CUSTOM SAFARI CHAPTER, PONTIAC-OAKLAND CLUB INTERNATIONAL

### THIRD SAFARI ROUNDUP JUNE 29, 1980

Our 3rd Annual Custom Safari Chapter Safari Round-up will take place on Sunday, June 29th, 1980 at 8:00AM. The exact location at the Gettysburg Sheraton will be announced on Saturday so that all Custom Safari Chapter members can plan on attending. Several members have contacted us asking that the Round-up be held on Saturday because many members leave on Sunday morning so that they can be back to work on Monday morning, but because of the busy schedule on Friday and Saturday we have had to continue to hold the show on Sunday morning. We will have a short meeting and then the customary judging and presentation of plaques to the BEST OVERALL SAFARI in attendance. If you do have your Safari at the meet and are not able to attend on Sunday morning, let me know so that we can advise everyone to take a close look at your car on Saturday during the show.

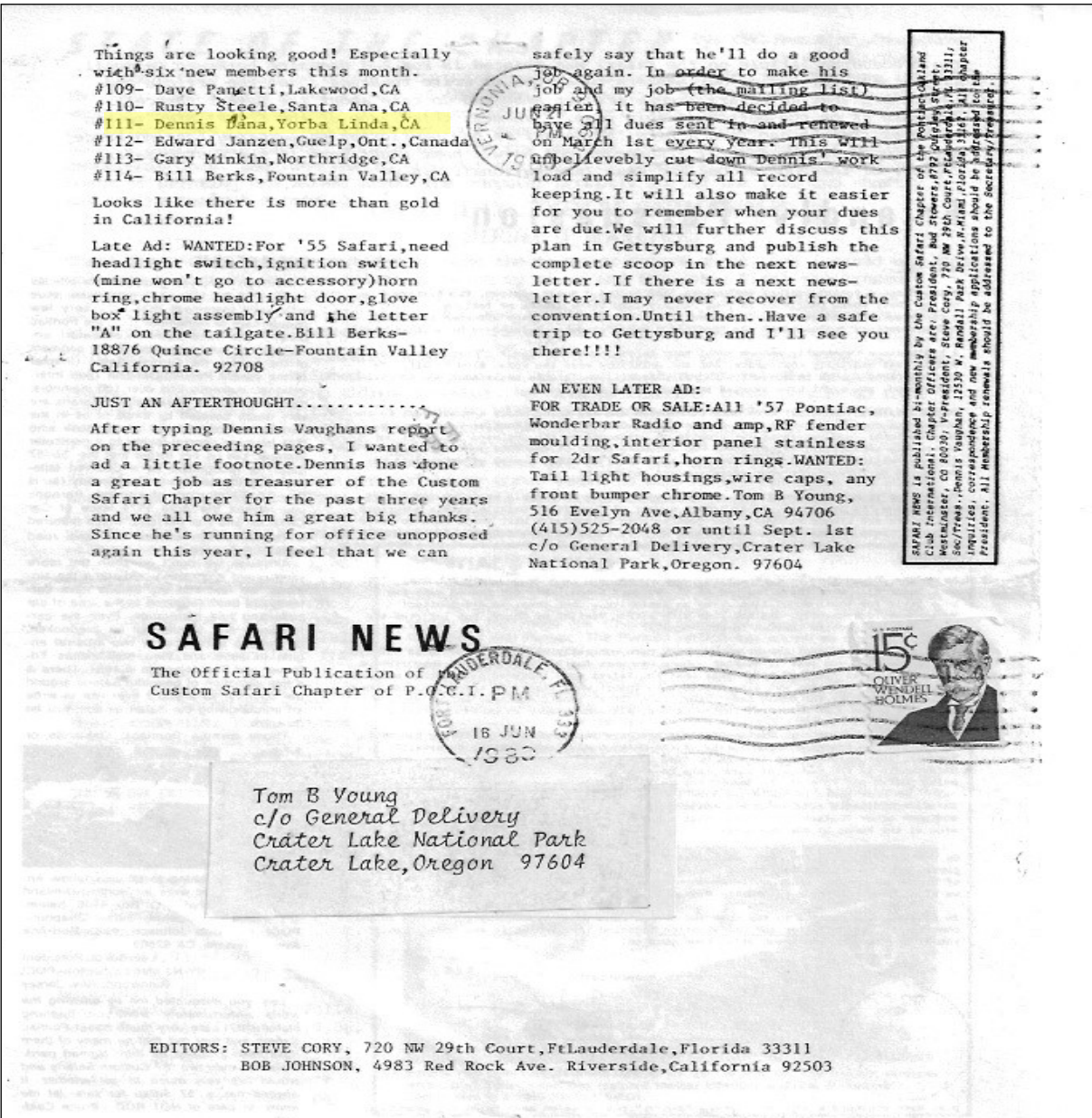
### \$20.00 SAFARI

I have a 1956 Pontiac Safari which I paid \$20.00 for 6 years ago. The car is in very good condition, not fully restored yet but highly dependable. I use it daily with selling offers up to \$6000.00 dollars, that's right six thousand dollars. Another offer was a trade for a fully restored Mercedes Benz convertible plus a 4door Mercedes straight across. No sale though, the car is too dear to me, too dependable. (Editors note... That's what I call dedication!) It has power steering, power brakes, power seats, deluxe radio and I am in the process of installing factory A/C that I salvaged out of a parts car. It also has rear mount antenna, orig. spotlight, wire wheel covers, underhood light and foot-operated windshield wipers. Color of car exterior was Sun Beige originally but it is now white for the time being. Interior is Sandlewood Tan & Sun Beige and is the original interior. The car doesn't have a spot of rust and as far as I can tell, no bondo. I rebuilt the engine myself about a year ago and the transmission about 6 months ago. Believe it or not, I get 21 miles to the gallon on the highway! We've taken it on vacation 4 times, each time getting around 20½ to 21mpg and around 16 mpg in town depending on driving technique. It has a 4 barrel carb.

Since the above picture was taken I have acquired all the tailgate letters, have taken off the Eldorado wheels and put the wire wheel hubcaps back on. My wife and I would love to see our car in the SAFARI NEWS because we feel it lives up to a good example of a well kept Safari. Thanks, Dennis & Melinda Dana (New member #111)

P.S. When I bought the car for \$20.00, I saved it from the crusher!





**Above:** The back side of the June 1980 newsletter indicates that Dennis Dana is the one hundred and eleventh member to join our Chapter. Inside the newsletter is note of appreciation from Dennis Vaughn, the Chapter's secretary addressed to Dennis.

Dennis was young when he joined the Chapter but member #110, Rusty Steele, took the record for being the youngest member at 12 years of age. Wow!

Dennis Dana's most recent article features cowl identification tags of 1955 through 1957 Pontiac Safari wagons. It was recently published in the December 2020 issue of the POCI's Smoke Signals magazine.

Thank you Dennis for all your contributions. We appreciate your passion for history and sharing your knowledge with our Chapter members.



The '56 Safari that started it all for Dennis now sits in storage awaiting the day to return back on the road.

## It's Great To Own A '58! Just Ask Joe Stout!!

If you owned a beautifully restored 1958 Pontiac Star Chief Custom Safari wagon, would you smile? Well, the evidence is clear..... that long-time POCI member. Joe Stout of Sewickley, PA, has been seen with a smile that stretches from cheek to cheek! You see, he is the proud owner of one of America's best road cars of the 1950s, a 1958 Star Chief Custom Safari wagon.

Joe's affection for Pontiacs started back in his high school days when he and his twin brother started hounding their father for a car. They were a Chevy family but after they convinced their father to buy a Chevy, they could not find one. Instead, they come across a 1953 Pontiac. From that point onwards, Joe has been loyal to the Pontiac brand so much that he has made significant contributions to our hobby and the preservation of Pontiac automobiles. Back in the 70s, he searched dealerships and purchased old stock of parts that could have been tossed. By the early 1980s, Joe was seen at Carlisle swap meets selling Pontiac parts. He also had rediscovered his joy with dealership promotion cars. Motivated by fond memories of his boyhood, Joe started in earnest a scale model business that he maintains to this day. As an adult, Joe can now enjoy his model cars as much as he did as a child.

Back in the mid-90s, Joe realized that he really liked Pontiac wagons. By about 2000, he found a '58 Safari needing restoration. He could not resist the opportunity to purchase a rust-free wagon with factory AC. Soon after it arrived at his home in Pennsylvania, he started on the restoration which would last about 6 years. He faced a few typical challenges such as finding parts and getting the body work done right but when



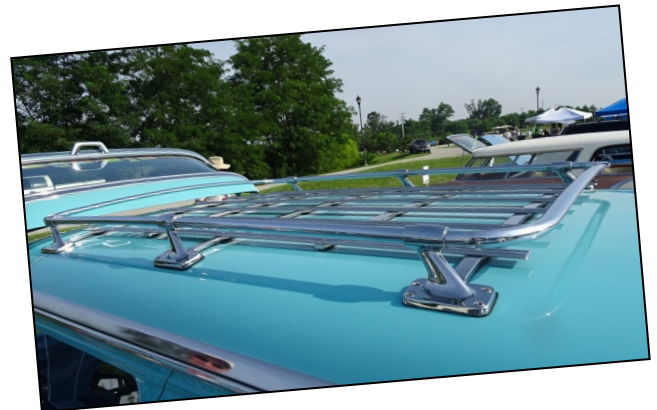
the work was done, all Joe had to do was to replace a troublesome new ignition coil with one that worked well, and he was on the road to Dayton, OH to attend a POCI National Convention. At his Safari's first judging, he took best in Class. Since then, Joe has driven about 1,000 miles per year to car events. Joe says that he enjoys talking to people about his Safari wagon. More importantly, people really enjoy seeing a stunning, seldom seen American station wagon from the 1950s.



During the restoration, Joe added some accessories including power windows, antenna, super rare bucket seats, etc. He had the engine and transmission professional rebuilt but he did the chassis and assembly. The body spent about 2 1/2 years in a shop before it was rescued and completed by a friend.

As you can see, years of restoration work has resulted in a stunning station wagon that makes you look in envy at the colors and fabulous '50s design. Joe has resurrected a moving time capsule that will be enjoyed by many people long beyond our lifespan.

Oh! About Joe's first Pontiac..... believe it or not, Joe still has the car! It survived high school but then sat for a while before Joe purchased the car from his father. He put a '51 engine in it and used the car. But now the car is getting a "mighty Joe" restoration and will one day be back on the road with Joe behind the wheel. No doubt Joe will add a few accessories to it! Just imagine the smile on his face as he drives his freshly restored '53 down a Pennsylvania country road. A big smile, stretching again, cheek to cheek!



**From Left to Right:** A rare sight. Three Custom Safari wagons equipped with factory AC! Jack & Jill White's '57 TC Safari. Noel & Starr Evan's '57 2 dr, and Joe Stout's '58 Safari wagon. Gettysburg, PA July, 2019.

## '58s In The Spotlight.....



LarsIngvar Elofsson of Sweden clearly has a passion for '58 Pontiacs and stars. He is our official Chapter's "Star Man" as evidenced by his arm tattoos!



When Lou Calasibetta's and Bob Garacochea's shops join together, imagination and creativity is sure to explode. Bob's '58 Safari "*Bonnewood*" is not only stunning, it's "bad-ass," so says your editor!



Perspective dues paying members on our Chapter's Facebook page post pictures of their Safari wagons. Member Dan Bouillez found this Safari wagon sitting in a field in Wyoming. He started restoration work immediately only to get caught-up a few months later by some impacts from COVID-19. But with some persistence, Dan will bring back '58 Pontiac so that he, his family, and friends, along with many others can appreciate this unique, one-year station wagon of the 1950s.

# Technical Tip #9



At A Glance...

Above image taken from the November, 1956 issue of the Pontiac Service Craftsman News.

Spark plugs are some of the most important, yet potentially neglected components of your wagon. How can this be true? Well, combustion happens! And when it does, something is left, and something is taken away!! Mainly carbon deposits and electrode erosion, respectively.

Unless you have a platinum or iridium-based spark plug, your copper core AC, Champion, Autolite, or another brand of spark plug will wear down. Carbon may build every time you run your wagon's engine. To make matters worse, additives in fuels such as a lead substitute, fuel conditioners, and cleaners may leave a coating of residue on the spark plug electrode.

**The bottom line..... If you can't remember when you last checked your spark plugs, then likely it's time to take a few minutes to inspect, clean, adjust or replace them. Having clean and properly adjusted spark plugs are essential for best engine performance and service life.**

Not all spark plugs perform equally. It is important that you match the heat range of the plug to your engine. When in doubt, refer to the factory shop manual for spark plug specifications. Some plugs are designed as a "cold" plug which are designed to run with higher engine temperatures while others may be "hot" plugs which run in lower temperatures. There are also plugs that run between cold & hot plugs.

**So which spark plug is best for your Safari wagon?** Since most fuels at the pump will contain up to 10% ethanol or more, a cooler spark plug may be a better way to go. Idle may be a bit smoother with a cold engine and start-ups potentially faster. The Champion RJ18YC is a good performing cool plug with a high heat range that is less prone to fouling. But remember, the engines in our Safari wagons are not the same. Some have high mileage while others may be rebuilt. A cooler plug is generally a safe way to go but don't deny your engine possible performance improvements with a hot plug that operates best in lower temperature ranges such as an AC 45S. Regardless of your choice of spark plug, the key is to maintain them by checking, cleaning, and keeping the gap set to .035 inches for most applications.

**Bonus Tip:** The use of a magnetic socket may reduce dropping or misaligning spark plugs. If you want a new magnetic socket, AutoZone sells a 13/16th socket for 1955-58 Pontiac spark plugs. Price will range from about 5.99 to 7.99. Product #52-138 (3/8 drive). You might find sockets for less cost on-line.



Above : AC 45 S



Left: Champion RJ18YC



## Quick Reference:

## SPARK PLUGS

- Where to buy:** Most local parts stores, eBay, Rock Auto, Napa, AutoZone, O'Reilly's, Pep Boys, Parts Geek, Kanter Auto, and Ames Performance Engineering.
- Estimate Cost:** **Champions RJ18YC, AC 45S, Autolite 86:** About 1.49 to 3.98 retail for standard copper core/tip plugs. More for platinum iridium.
- How to apply:** Removal and installation is straight forward. No need for instructions. However, the use of a magnetic 13/16th socket will likely make removal and installation easier. No fumbling or dropping of the plug and better changes of threading the plug properly on the first attempt. Remember not to over torque the spark plugs!

**CARS FOR SALE**

Safari wagons listed come from various media resources.  
Owners may not be chapter members.



**1957 Pontiac Safari. Open to offers.** This is Carl Loftis' Safari that he has owned since the '90s. This is a "drive-anywhere" Safari that is modified and ready for road trips and car shows.

**1957 Star Chief Custom Safari 2 door wagon.** Body #117, Custom paint and interior. Chrome redone. Stainless straight & polished. Rebuilt 428 with automatic trans, updated dual master cylinder brakes and cooling systems. Dual exhaust out the rear bumper ports. New AC tied to factory AC dash ports. Tinted windows. Deluxe windshield washer. Electric wipers. New wire harness. Driven about 7k since complete rebuild and custom work. **Carl Loftis (231) 690-0429 (EST) (CSC member)** Photos taken at the 2018 POCI Nat'l Convention in Wisconsin Dells, WI.



**SOLD!**



**1955 Pontiac Safari. \$22,650** 2dr Safari wagon, rare original survivor, hard to find, original leather interior, shows 70,xxx miles, rear sliding windows, good glass, nice stainless trim and fender skirts, numbers matching 287 V8 auto, runs and drives. **Country Classic Cars 618 635-7056 Staunton, Illinois** [www.countryclassiccars.com](http://www.countryclassiccars.com)

*Editor's Note: HMN Ad. This Safari was previously advertised by a private seller on HMN for \$19,000. (Non-CSC member).*



**1957 Pontiac Safari. \$22,500** Was on display in a Florida museum, so the miles are believed to be original. One repaint approximately 3 years ago with rust repair performed on the floor pan, rear hatch, and tailgate. Chrome is original as well as interior upholstery with the exception of new carpet in the front passenger area. New Edelbrock Performer 1411 750 CFM carburetor. Custom built aluminum gas tank with new sending unit. New shocks, Rebuilt engine. Recent transmission rebuild. Fully serviced with recent tune-up and oil change. This vehicle is stored in our Aiken, SC climate controlled warehouse. We do not do consignment. The inventory shown is 100% owned, maintained, and driven by us. **Car Cave USA 803-262-4742** Video at: <https://youtu.be/mXDqsQ0MqAE> *Editor's Note. Take a close look at the video. From HMN. (Non-CSC member)*

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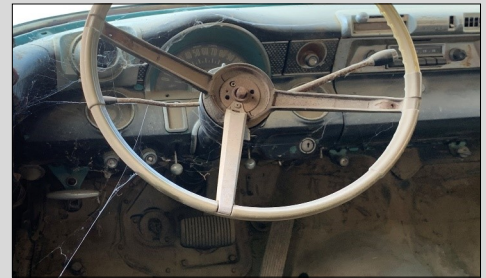
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**1956 Pontiac Safari \$69,000.** My '56 is a total ground-up restoration. It's an AACA first and second place Grand National award winner too. Power steering, power brake, 389, automatic trans, front & rear bumper guards, fender skirts, factory spot light. Nothing spared. Every nut and bolt replaced, all new or rebuilt suspension. I've really spent a lot of time and money so want it to go to someone else that really appreciates the Safari. Call **Don 256-520-6183**. Located in **Huntsville, Alabama**. (CSC member)



**1956 Pontiac Safari. \$57,500 OBO.** Body # 1774. This wagon is loaded! Power brakes, power steering, deluxe windshield washer, under hood light, front & rear bumper guards, lighted hood ornament, compass, wonder bar radio, floor mats, electric rear antenna, wire wheel covers and a six-way front seat. This is a well done restoration on a Safari that looks great and runs well. There was a bit of rust on the body prior to restoration but repair work was done very well. One of the best features is the attention to detail under the hood and throughout the Safari wagon. Nearly everything is restored perfectly factory correct! This Safari is ready to roll down the road or win a trophy at car shows. For more details, contact the owner, **Mike at 805 441-5155 Pismo Beach, CA.** *Editor's Note: This ready to enjoy wagon was once owned by Bob Johnson, our Chapter's newsletter editor from the 1980s. Bob can trace the wagon's history back to the 1970s!*



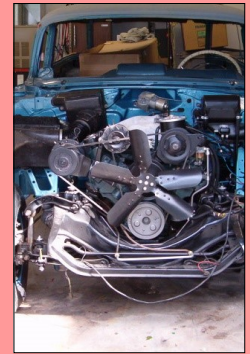
**1955 Pontiac Safari. \$6,500** Body #1469 Project car for sale. PS, PB, factory AC, electric rear antenna, rear bumper guards, under hood light. Cowl tag code: ACC BGIKN. I have no title. Bill of sale only. For information and more photos, contact: **John Hartman 661-301-6944** or [hartman.bustersan.john@gmail.com](mailto:hartman.bustersan.john@gmail.com) *Editor's Note: This car is in Bakersfield, CA (CSC member)*

**CARS FOR SALE**

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**1957 Pontiac Star Chief Custom Safari "Transcontinental" 4 dr wagon. \$59,900.** This particular example underwent a frame-up restoration in the 1990s and was a feature at the 1957 Heaven Museum. The entire '57 Heaven Museum was sold by Mecum in 2009 and this particular car sold at "no reserve" for 80k. **Classic Car Studio. 314 567 4200 St. Louis, MO info@classiccarstudio.com**



**1957 Pontiac Safari. \$90,000 Negotiable.** Body #992. Fontaine Blue & Kenya Ivory. 347 V8, auto trans, PS, PB, Tri-Power, & factory AC. Frame off, nut & bolt restoration. Museum quality (in my opinion a 9 out of 10). Have pictures of all phases of restoration. All factory NOS parts were used. Also have all factory dealer option books. Very well documented from start to finish. Your inspection or any independent inspections are welcome. Any questions please ask, I'll be happy to answer any and all that you have. This Safari is ready to roll down the road or win a trophy at car shows. For more details, contact the new owner **Allen 512-905-3038**. If no answer please leave a brief message along with a phone # and best time to call. Car is located in **Thorndale, Texas**. *Editor's Note: This Safari was a long and steady restoration by two well-known Pontiac enthusiast and brothers (John and Paul Bonoyer) who are who have now entrusted the safe keeping of their prized possession to a long time friend. This is an opportunity to buy one of the best. (CSC member)*



**1957 Pontiac Safari TC wagon. \$38,500 obo.** Body #xxx Tri-Power, PS, PB, Sun Visor, Lighted Fender Ornaments, Spinner Covers, Tissue Dispenser, Windshield Washer. Electric wiper motor. Alternator. Inca Metallic Blue All mechanics have been rebuilt. Original mileage unknown, but less than 2,500 since restoration. A very smooth and comfortable tour car. Original interior with exception of new front and rear seats. Flooring is in very good condition. Can arrange door to door delivery. Might look at partial trade. **Gerry at (604) 940-5991. Delta, British Columbia, Canada email: [gerboyce@telus.net](mailto:gerboyce@telus.net) (Non-CSC member)**

## BEST RETAILER BUYS

**1955-58 Pontiac replacement gas shocks.** Fronts from \$16 each, rears from approx. \$21 each. The *Rock Auto* store on the internet. [www.rockauto.com](http://www.rockauto.com)

*Please note that prices and availability are subject to change.  
Verify prices before ordering.*

## WANTED

**1957 Pontiac:** Looking for advise on installing a '62 389 engine & turbo 400 trans. Can these parts bolt right up to the 57 chassis. If not what modifications are needed? Contact Randy Unthank at [randy@multi-pak.com](mailto:randy@multi-pak.com) or call him at 818-321-2420

**1957 Pontiac:** Looking for a 1957 or a 1958 wagon. 2 or 4 door. Complete as possible or mostly. Original with the drive train. Does run or will run. Not a show car but a light project. I have no place for a car in pieces. Or what do you have? Any help will be greatly appreciated. Call **John** at 417-894-5699 or email at [hotrod34pontiac@gmail.com](mailto:hotrod34pontiac@gmail.com)

**1955-57 Front Seat Custom Safari 2 dr wagon Ash Trays:** Looking for one good ash tray to fit in the back side of the front seat. Randy Kerdoon 818-665-9113 (PST), or email: [talkingaboutcars@gmail.com](mailto:talkingaboutcars@gmail.com)

**1955 Safari:** Looking for the 2 interior L & R upper quarter window trim pieces (long chrome pieces), both L & R door belt trim pieces (on top on the door) and the LH rear wheel trim. Rick Diehm [email: rdiehm@twc.com](mailto:rdiehm@twc.com)

**1955 Safari:** Looking for factory front windshield accessory sun visor brackets and stainless trim. Ed Vassar 707-246-4426

**1957 Pontiac:** Light green plastic ivory steering wheel in useable condition. For a Limefire & Seacrest Green Safari. Jay Ward. [jward@pixar.com](mailto:jward@pixar.com)

**1957 Pontiac:** Looking for factory accessory wire wheel cover mounting clips. They are unique to the covers. Tom Young [pontiactom@ix.netcom.com](mailto:pontiactom@ix.netcom.com)

## PARTS FOR SALE

**1955-56 Safari gas tank:** Reproduction. C523696R \$399 plus \$35 shipping. This tank will fit all 57 Safari wagons with minor modifications. Call Rich for a fit kit. Contact California Pontiac Restoration (CPR). 714 245-9800 PST CA



**1955 Pontiac Safari gas tank:** Needs restoration. 3 leaks. \$50. Local pick-up. Bruce Deane, Harrisburg, NC. [bdeane5527@windstream.net](mailto:bdeane5527@windstream.net).

**1955 Pontiac** chrome center bar, 3 pieces, **NOS: 1957 Pontiac** for TC wgn: rear 1/4 mldg extensions (horse shoes), used; headrest, faded, used; left rear wheel opening mldg, mint; rear 1/4 panel aluminum panels, need to be polished, used; luggage rack, top rails and bottom cargo strips, top rails need to be plated, **NOS: 1958 Pontiac:** Back-up lamp assy. NOS, left & right hand sides. \$300 pr. Or trade for a nice 1957 Pontiac right front fender. **John** OH 1 740 296-9638



**1956 Pontiac Safari 2 dr Custom wagon parts car.** Factory air setup, \$2,500. Front seat, orig, \$400. Exterior trim and other parts available. Call with needs. Warren 610 742-4041 Hughesville, PA (non-Chapter member)



## FOR SALE



**1957 Custom Safari 2 dr wagon..** This silver Safari is offered at 13K. Some parts may be included with this car. A good car to restore or custom build. Clear CA title. Located in Southern California.

Contact **Rich** at (714) 245-800 or [rich@pontiacparts.net](mailto:rich@pontiacparts.net) PST

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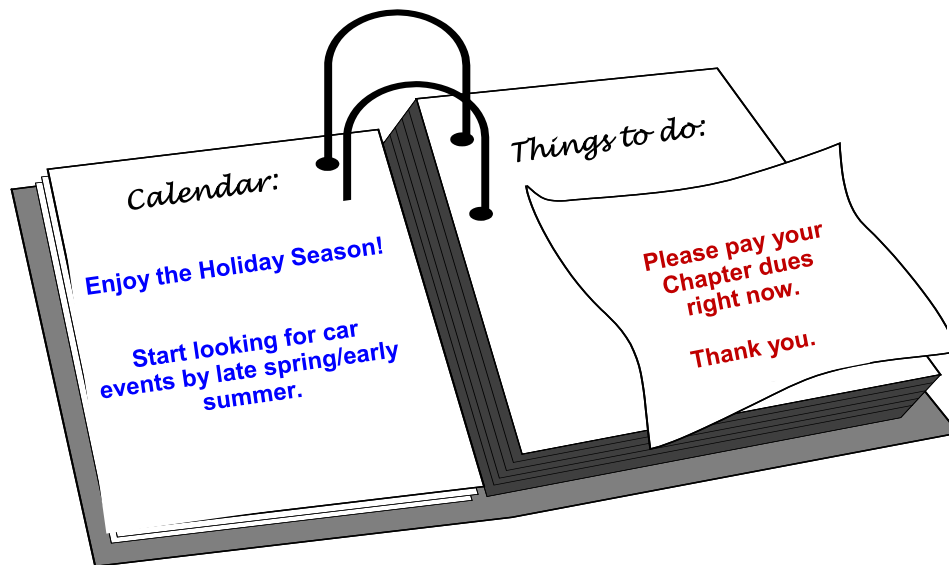
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