

We Are Parking Our Newsletter For A While!

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We may have to cover-up the *Safari News* for a while until we can resume full size newsletter publishing.

Well folks, we have enjoyed a good run with our Chapter newsletter. From our restart in January of 1993 to the end of 2021, three members have stepped-up to help us with maintaining one of the POCI's highest quality newsletters. Together, they were a team that provided the cohesion needed to maintain our nation-wide and international Chapter. But now, it's time to take pause. With no-one stepping up to the plate to tackle newsletter duties, we are wrapping up the 2021 newsletter production year with this issue. We will continue to keep linked through an electronic newsletter/update which will be about 1 or 2 pages filled with useful information.

We are not shutting down our Chapter! We will **not** ask you to pay the full dues for this year. Instead, a voluntary donation of \$10 will allow us to continue our National Convention activities and provide a foundation for restarting full newsletter production sometime in the future. Whether you donate or not, we will keep you as a member for 2022.

From the President's Garage

Hello Everyone,

By the time you read this, Valentine's Day would have long passed. It is a special day filled for many with love and hugs. Wow! What a wonderful feeling! But at times, it has been very tough to be upbeat in today's world. We have been hit with a pandemic which feels to many of us as a punch below the belt. Innocent people throughout the world have been hit hard. Tough times!

Our true-blue editor, Tom Young, has also been hit over the last year by impacts from the pandemic and other personal matters. I am sorry to report that he has decided to step down as our full time editor with the Safari Chapter. To me, his job is a tough pair of shoes to fill. Hopefully, out there is a member that can step up and become our new editor.

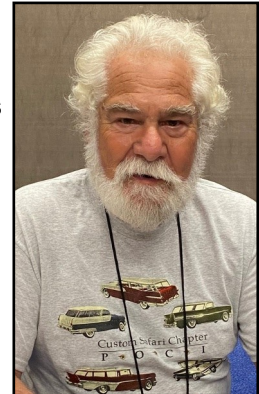
Tom will continue to produce a 1 or 2- page newsletter/update to keep us connected. Our smaller newsletter will be sent by email. We have decided that no dues will be collected this year. Oh! What a relief it is! But keep in mind that Robin will accept any donation you want to send for the support our Chapter. With enough funds, we can mail newsletter updates to those without access to email.

I have been in this Chapter since day one and have experienced many changes. We will carry on as a specialty chapter because we are a very special group of people that own and love our wagons.

Don't forget that we will have our Annual Chapter meeting in July. Hopefully, Robin, Tom, and I will do it again. I am hoping that Tom can be with us at the meeting. As we all know, he is the man and he is the heartbeat of our group. No fooling. His decision to step down is his personal choice. I really don't know how he does it moving from Kansas then back to California, and then up to Oregon within six months. It has to take a toll on him and his wife. Tom continued to volunteer hundreds of hours helping educate school children and works on historic preservation projects. He has very little time left for working on his own cars. Tom is a wonderful editor who also administers our Facebook page. Where does he get his enthusiasm to help us for decades? From his love of Safari wagons!

Tom has shown us that we can make our lives better by helping others. Please think about following his example and help your fellow members. So, let's roll our wagons to Oklahoma in July! I look forward to seeing another line-up of beautiful wagons.

Lou Calasibetta



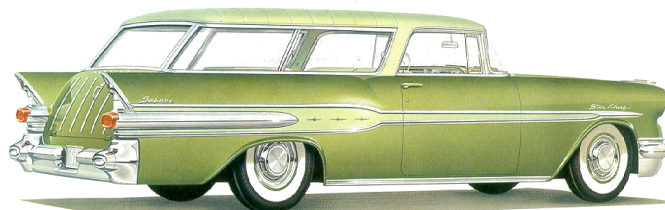
2022 IS FREE!

That's right! You don't have to fork-out the normal \$21 for dues for 2022. Instead, we ask that you consider a \$10 donation (or more). The funds will go to assuring that we can restart our full newsletter production and provide some support for our National Convention activities. If enough funds are collected, we should be able to mail our shorten 1 or 2-page newsletter to members that do not have access to email.

Send you payment via Pay Pal to: petrymail@yahoo.com

Or mail your check addressed to the **CUSTOM SAFARI CHAPTER:**
Robin Petry, 2806 Scarlett Drive, Augusta, GA 30909

Your support is appreciated. Thank you.



Under the Hood with your Editor

Hello Everyone!

Well, this is my last full-page letter that you will have to endure for a while to come. After working hard and long in producing our newsletter, I must take a break. Last year was an extraordinary challenging year for me. Health issues, impacts from COVID-19, not one or two, but three home moves across the country and the normal challenges of life all hit me hard. I had very little opportunities to work on car hobby activities. The few times that I did, I had to ignore other priorities in my life. Now that I am feeling better, I am adjusting my priorities for the benefit of my family and myself. I need to catch-up on projects and commitments that have long been placed aside. So, a break is mandatory for me. I may be able to return to full-time duties later but for now, we can hope that someone will step-up who has the knowledge, skills, and abilities to assume the duties of our Chapter editor.



Tom's first Safari. Purchase in 1977 at 17 years of age, then sold in 1979. Tom purchased it back in 2004. It's time for Tom to focus on long-standing projects.

Since printing and mailing newsletters are our Chapter's greatest cost, and given that we are no longer producing full-size newsletters, we will **not** collect dues for this year. However, donations to help assure for future newsletter production and fund National Convention activities are appreciated.

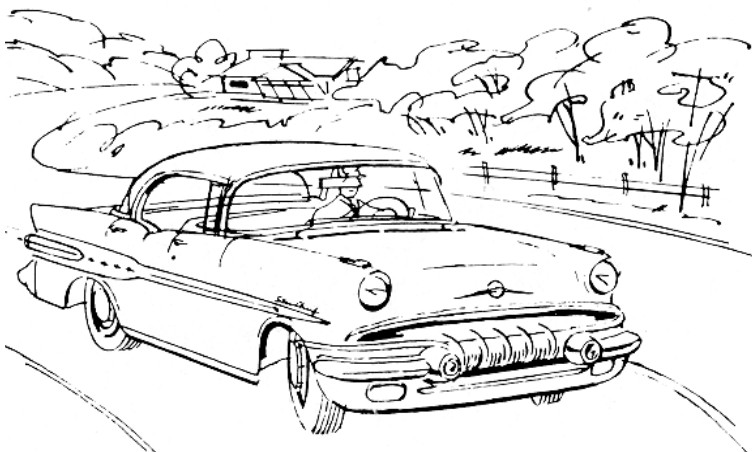
Our Chapter members will continue to stay connected through email and social media updates. We plan to produce a short 1 or 2-page newsletter that will be distributed by email. If we have enough spare money in our account, we can send our newsletter updates by mail to those who cannot receive emails.

I will continue to be the contact for members who want to tell a story, share pictures, buy, or sell cars or parts, announce gatherings & shows, etc. We need info to fill our 1–2-page newsletter with useful updates.

We can use a full-time editor. I won't sugar coat the demands of the job. It is time consuming and requires a good performing computer, large screen, and knowledge of publishing software. It requires some expertise with Safari wagons and the job requires access to dependable, high-speed internet. You can find more details about the job on page 7 of this newsletter.

New members are welcome to join us for free this year so, spread the news about our group of helpful Safari enthusiasts. Our newsletter does not define us, but our friendship does. Let's make new friends!

We will conduct our Annual Chapter Meeting at the POCI National Convention in Catoosa, OK. We will also gather at the Convention Popular Vote show for our own Chapter Vote for the *Best Safari*.



Our Chapter members must continue to support POCI Chapters and charity car shows. The *Eastern Regional* show in the Northeast, the *All-Pontiac* and *Wounded Warrior* car shows in Southern California promise to be as enjoyable as ever before.

You can keep in constant touch with us through our FACEBOOK page. We will continue to foster help, interest, and share with each other through social media & emails.

Thank you for being a member of a great group of Safari wagon enthusiasts.

Tom

In The News

Safari Wagons at the Eastern Meet

On Facebook, Ernie Boyd reports a good turn-out of Pontiac enthusiast last September in Warwick, RI. The *Eastern Regional Meet* was held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel and supported by *Pontiac-Registry.com*, a internet based Pontiac club.



Chapter member Kathy Wheeler took 1st place in the *All Wagon* class for her outstanding '57 Safari.

This was the sixth *Pontiac Celebration*, a family fun event with hundreds of beautiful Pontiacs on the huge show field, lots of great food, seminars, banquet, and lots of Show Trophies. Since the first Celebration, \$60,000 has been raised for two children's cancer charities: *Alex's Lemonade Stand foundation* for childhood cancer, and *The Tomorrow Fund* helping children and families affected by cancer. Starr & Noel's blue & white Safari (shown top above) caught the eyes of many spectators.

A Flash From The Past.....



Chapter members Marvin Morton (on the tail gate) and Mike Green (seated) are pictured here in a treasured moment of relaxation.

It was just over 20 years ago when Marvin and Mike each took home a trophy from the *Channel Islands Chapter Car Show* at the Channel Islands harbor in California. Little did they know that they would be receiving their trophies from the great Pontiac wide-track and performance guru, Jim Wangers.



Safari Member Decals

Our Safari wagons have lots of glass so, why not place something on them? Well, that is exactly what Danny Arant did with his '57 Safari (right) and Lou Calasibetta with his old '57 Safari (below). The long sticker on Lou's Safari was our Chapters first and only bumper sticker produced back in the late 70s.



Jack Johnson's '55 Safari (left) has a plethora of stickers on every window!

Safari Wagon in the News

Kathryn & Bradley Wheeler's 1957 Pontiac Star Chief Custom Safari and 2 dr hardtop received a full two page spread in the January 2022 issue of Hemmings Classic Car magazine. The article gives an account of the 2021 POCI National Convention. The author recognized the stunning presentation of the Wheeler's two Pontiacs, parked side by side.



Auction Report

Mecum Auctions in Kissimmee, Florida (held in January of 2022) officially starts the auction season in the USA.

Two Star Chief Safari Custom 2 dr wagons were sold.

They are turn-key wagons. Lets hope that their new owners will consider joining our Chapter.

\$82,500

AMERICAN
SOLD



LOT S218.1
1956 Pontiac Star Chief Safari Wagon
Previously Owned by Bob Shane of the Kingston Trio

\$66,000

AMERICAN
SOLD



LOT F29
1957 Pontiac Star Chief Safari Pro
Touring Wagon
455 CI, Automatic

Social Media Report

Our Facebook group continues to grow. We have reached over 350 members. With strong public growth comes the risk of having members who interest and intensions may block our goal of maintaining a page where Custom Safari owners can help each other. Honesty, education, and fair exchanges are paramount in our group. So, we will continue to limit public membership. We prioritize membership with those who own Safari wagons.

Now is a good time to join our Facebook group. We will continue to keep everyone posted on current Chapter activities including details about the POCI National

Convention, local car shows, special gatherings, cars & parts for sale, reference information and more. Join us if you can. Just remember to set your privacy settings to maximum.



Custom Safari Wagon Chapter, POCI 1955 thru 1958 Pontiac

Private group · 366 members

Joined ▾

Roy Nollkamper
November 12, 2021 · 🌐

After Covid-related cancellation of the Montana Fun Weekend in 2020, it was hoped that the 2021 car show and fly-in would be more successful. But, Mother Nature wasn't smiling the third weekend in August, and most of the events were rained out.

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4 Comments

Above: Roy Nollkamper posted a great story about his experience with another '55 Safari owner in Montana at a car show last summer.

Larsingvar Elofsson
December 24, 2021 · 🌐

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

You and 4 others

Right: Luke Miller reports that Dave Livesey's '56 Safari is up for sale in January, 2022.

Luke Kathy Leigh Miller
January 21 at 2:55 PM · 🌐

This Safari is for sale for \$18500 .it's located in Masa , Arizona. Call [Dave Livesey](tel:480-223-2443) at 480-223-2443 .

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3 Comments

As you can see, if you regularly monitor our Facebook page, you receive interesting information such as these postings immediately after they are posted. No lag time from producing and distributing information through a newsletter. If you are not already a member, join us sometime soon.

A Special Request

Now is your chance to help out your Chapter. We need somebody who can invest the time and has the skills to produce our quarterly newsletter.

Here are the essentials knowledge, skills and abilities of the job:

- Have access to dependable high speed Internet.
- A computer with a large screen, a printer/scanner, and Microsoft's Publisher software or Abode's In-Sight software.
- Be accessible to members by phone, email, and social media.
- Interview members and write feature stories & technical tips.
- Watch and report latest Safari related news.



Except for the SUMMER newsletter, each newsletter can take anywhere from 10 hours to about 25 hours to produce. The SUMMER newsletter will take longer due to added pages required to cover the National Convention and Wounded Warrior Car shows. However, we can downsize the number of newsletter pages to help reduce time commitments.

Until we fill the editor's position, Tom will produce 1 or 2-page electronic newsletter updates.

If you wish to help, please give Tom a call at 805 375-1320 (PST) or email at: pontiactom1957@gmail.com Thank you for your consideration.



Chapter Newsletter Challenges; Current & Future

Back in the 70s when the POCI and our Chapter was created, you needed a hardline dial phone, a typewriter, access to a photocopier and stamps to mail your newsletter. Today, there is a growing competition in the POCI to produce full page color, multipage newsletters that often requires a capable computer, with publishing software, a large screen, access to high-speed internet service, and printing services. With such changes in technology, tackling the duties of editor has become a specialty job that requires some knowledge, skills, and abilities to produce a newsletter. The complexity of the job can be a challenge.

We all recognize that change is inevitable. Often change improves our lives but when we use technology to fuel change, we sometime forget that we can isolate those who do not wish or cannot stay in pace with new technology. Thus, we understand that when we ask for help in providing newsletter contributions or taking over the newsletter editor's job, it is a bit too much to ask for some of our members. But somewhere in the crowd, there must be someone who can help us maintain our Chapter. Yes, it takes time, patience, skills, and humility.

The POCI leadership continues to adapt to changes. They recently established judging standards for rating club newsletters, and they have encouraged chapters to increase their presence in social media. These changes are beneficial but they can cause some unintentional impacts. For example, new standards may tend to propel production of newsletters towards lengthy, professional quality publications. Officials must be attentive, understanding, flexible, and enact mid-course corrections when appropriate to assure stability.

The future demands of newsletter editor duties for some chapters may eventually cause some to pause, weaken or disband without a newsletter editor. Without solutions, the future of the POCI may be impacted. One possible consideration is assigning the very few editors who seem to have the means to produce high quality newsletters to become multi-chapter editors. Folk like Thom Sherwood already fills such a role by producing a chapter newsletter while helping with *Smoke Signals* publication.

We are thankful for our Chapter editors for their time and dedication since 1993. They are: Robin Clark (1 yr), Rich Pye (15 years) and Tom Young (13 years). Don't forget the decades that Lou Calasibetta and Robin Petry have invested with their respective positions as President & Secretary/Treasurer. If you have not taken a few moments to thank them, now is a good time to do so.

A Special Report

**Chapter Member
Lou Calasibetta's GM
Design Center Show Car**

Do you have some spare cash?
Do you want to own one of the
most unique '57 Pontiacs ever??
Then, for your consideration is
not a Safari wagon, but a
Star Chief 2 door hardtop.
This Pontiac is so unique, it
warrants newsletter inclusion!



This "Black Beauty" was displayed at GM's *Feminine Show* in 1957.



**No other Pontiac produced in
1957 has this interior!**

You are looking at GM styling history!

Harley Earl hired women to help refresh GM automotive designs in the 1950s. In 1957 & 1958, women of each GM division designed automobile concepts based on existing production inventory. This "Black Beauty" took center stage in the GM Styling Dome at the *Feminine Show* in 1957. Along with its sister convertible, the Pontiac Motor Division proudly published a press release about the designer, Jan (Jeanette) Krebs, and the unique, trend setting features of her 1957 Pontiacs.



Krebs created two significant GM milestones with her 1957 Pontiac hardtop. First, the round shaped cloth seat insert design of the front & rear bench seats is a precursor to the 1958 Bonneville interiors. Second, the all black interior was a dramatic contrast to the multi-colored interiors of the 1950s. It predicted today's mostly monochrome black and grey automobiles interiors at least 40 years ahead of time!

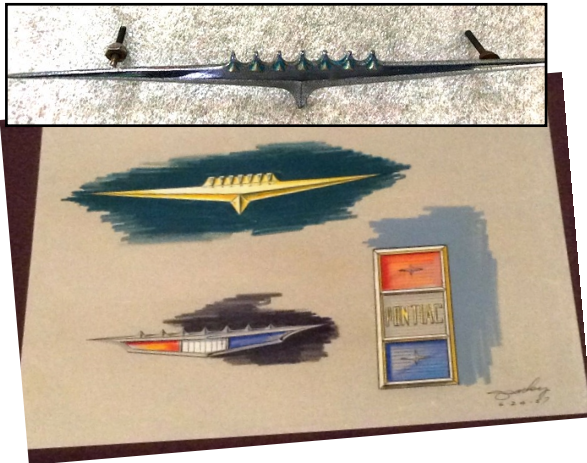
Is This Star Chief The Real Thing?

Here are some merits of this Star Chief hardtop:

- It is original, worn, untouched, except a trunk lid replacement and fresh paint in exterior spear.
- The car matches the description published on May 29, 1957, Pontiac Motor Division Press Release; *Jan Krebs adds "Woman's Touch" to Pontiac Styling.* (see section in red circle)
- The body production, assembly and special-order numbers fit chronologically for an appearance in the Feminine Styling show.
- The quality and uniqueness of the interior, including custom "star" shaped cloth fabric, stands-out from production and custom builds of the time.
- A unique die-cast stylized emblem was placed on the trunk lid.



Jeanette Krebs with Bunkie Knudsen at the *Feminine Show*. The hardtop is behind them. Note the side view mirror location.



Above Top: Added for the show was this unique trunk emblem which measures over 8 inches long.

Above: Dated 06-24-57, the gold emblem shown above is a very close match to the custom trunk emblem found on the Krebs hardtop.

This unique styling drawing was created by Duane "SPARKY" Bohnstedt, GM designer and one time Pontiac Chief designer.

The other car completed by Jan is a two-door hardtop finished predominantly in Onyx Black, both inside and out, and appeals to opposite likes in color tones. Its regal appearance represents the last word in luxurious interiors and good taste. Seats are styled in calf grain leather and patent leather, with black mouton for the floor carpeting. The car is receiving favorable attention from male car buyers due to its handsome Ivy League looks.

Above: Excerpt from a Pontiac Motor Division news release specific to Jan Krebs and her display of 1957 Pontiacs at the *Feminine Show*. The two-page news release tells a colorful story of her design accomplishments and some background information about her professional career.

The full copy of this news release and other new releases about the GM styling efforts are available for in-person viewing from Lou.

Lou is offering this unique Pontiac for sale at \$68K, OBO. He is offering restoration services too at his award winning restoration shop, the Old Stillwater Garage located in New Jersey. Lou has produced many award-winning automobiles for more than 40 years.

Contact **Lou** at: **973 383-2001**



The cowl tag body production number & date (03-06-57) is consistent with the time frame that Krebs needed to produce the custom interior in time for the show.

Note the tag to the right of the cowl tag indicates "SO#20048, 3-8-57." Similar tags were placed on GM styling automobiles.



Lloyd Hahn and Roy Nollkamper with their 1955 Safari wagons at the Montana Fun Weekend show in Cut Bank, Montana.

Story Posted on our Chapter's Facebook page by Roy Nollkamper, November 12, 2021

After Covid-related cancellation of the *Montana Fun Weekend* in 2020, it was hoped that the 2021 car show and fly-in would be more successful. But, Mother Nature wasn't smiling the third weekend in August, and most of the events were rained out.

When the '55 owned by yours truly arrived, it was no real surprise since I live nearby and help with the show every year. However, when Lloyd and Shirley Hahn drove in with their '55 it was very special, since they travelled about 200 miles in much less than enjoyable weather to attend our show. Obviously, his windshield wipers work much better than mine!



However, the car show, held at the Cut Bank (Montana) International Airport, went on as planned even though periodic rain showers made multiple drying sessions necessary to keep the cars looking sharp. The rain didn't seem to dampen anyone's spirit since for many, it had been over a year since they had been able to exhibit their cars and enjoy the company of friends.



Lloyd's '55, is a real "custom" Safari with extensive work having been done to the steering, body, interior and drive train. He has spent hundreds of hours on the road cruising around the western states, with some expeditions to the eastern U.S. and POCI conventions as well. My '55

Now, to many of you in the Custom Safari Chapter, Safari wagons are scarce, but not too unusual. But, in Northern Montana, they are quite unique. So unique, in fact, that there are only two on the road in the entire state. (Note that Montana is the fourth largest state in the union.) So, it was a complete surprise when both Safaris arrived almost simultaneously that rainy day.

has seldom journeyed out of Montana but has made it into Canada several times, so I guess it's an "international traveler" and is mostly original ...ho, hum, right? Ho, hum with the exception of the "reversed" paint scheme which matches the VIN plate. I guess it's the only claim to being unique we have.

So, even though only 65 attended the *Montana Fun Weekend*, compared to an average of 200, it was very gratifying to know that our friends cared enough to be there.

CARS FOR SALE

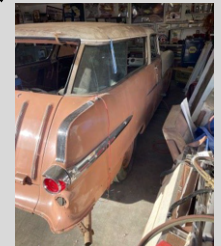
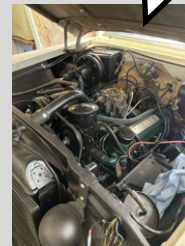
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Dave Livesey's 56 Safari 2 dr wagon for sale.

1956 Pontiac Safari Wagon. \$18,000.

Running. Been in the family since 1975, sitting in a garage since 1982 and was repainted prior to being parked. Recently started restoration, clean title and recently registered have not driven it. Solid body, floor pan, and frame, Original engine and transmission, engine did start and has oil pressure, factory A/C and P/S is all there. Have most if not all emblems and stainless. All glass is there only R/H rear corner glass is cracked. Have all bumpers and brackets. Have 2 sets of front and rear seats, headliner is there but original, no carpet, have new weatherstripping partially installed. Have the rear hatch with glass. Brand new fuel tank Brakes, transmission, heating/cooling system all need to be serviced, rear motor mounts need to be replaced.

Editor Note: This Safari was once owned by early Chapter member Ron Fulsang. His brother-in-law, Dave Livesey, took over the restoration after Ron passed. His brother is now helping the Safari find a new owner who can complete this long-time project.

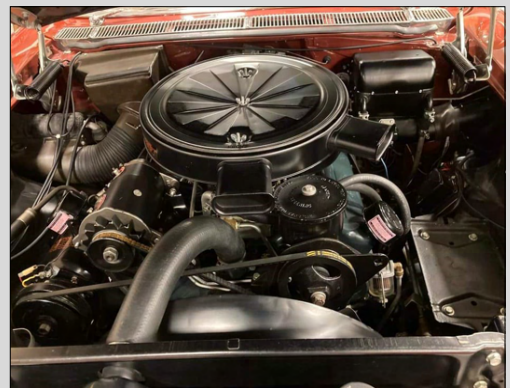


1957 Pontiac Star Chief Custom Safari 2 door wagon.

#470 of 1,292 made. Outstanding running condition with just over 300 miles since older restoration. This Safari is generously equipped with numerous factory options including air conditioning, Tri-Power carburetion, power steering, power brakes, power windows, six-way adjustable front seat, radio, lighted fender ornaments, spinner wheel covers, and a leather interior. It is an AACA Senior Grand National Trophy winner. I also showed it at 2019 Hilton Head Concours where it won a Corporate Award.

The car belonged to the well known "Dr. Eddie Daurer" collection in south FL. He is a surgeon, college professor and major collector of high quality automobiles.

Factory memorabilia included. Car has been driven sparingly since restoration and kept in a climate-controlled environment by the current collector since acquisition. Rides and drives nicely. \$115,000. More photos are available. Contact **Tom Wheeley** at twheeley@hotmail.com FL



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Chapter Member Brian Bettinger's 1956 Safari Is For Sale.

Brian's family is hoping that someone will become the next steward of his well traveled 1956 Safari wagon. His car was maintained for many years by a reputable shop.

If anyone is looking for a driver quality Safari that is ready for the road, give Brian's Safari some consideration.



1956 Pontiac Safari Wagon. The odometer reads 23901 but the title states exempt so the mileage is not confirmed. This Safari comes with many spare small parts. The exterior shows like it is all original patina. The interior does need some work. It has a 316.6 V8 engine with an automatic transmission, Power steering, Power Brakes, AM radio with a FM converter, and it is an A/C car. But the A/C is not complete. There has been a lot of work done in the past. The engine and transmission have been rebuilt about 5 years ago, the rear pinion seal has been replaced, all new updated wiring from the dash forward, brakes have been all redone in the last 5 years, a new heater cores were installed along with new carpet and the lights have been all upgraded to LEDs. The floor was completely resealed while the carpet was out. The vehicle has all new hoses, and the radiator has been recently re-cored. The starter was replaced, and the generator has been rebuilt. When the engine was rebuilt the exhaust seats were changed to harden seats and the engine is 30 over with a 20/20 crankshaft, new valves, and an updated camshaft. The tires have 8/32-inch tread. The speedometer was rebuilt, the ignition system has been upgraded to electronic (Petronix), the wipers were upgraded to electric, the carburetor has been recently rebuilt, and the gas tank has been flushed, an electrical fuel pump has been installed, new shocks all the way around, an aftermarket transmission cooler, new exhaust with Smithy's mufflers, and aftermarket cruise control. It comes with a lot of shop manuals and the original purchase contract. This vehicle is set up to drive. The rear hatch hinges could use some work and the hatch is very difficult to close. The steering box leaks more when on jack stands. The family is asking **\$43,995.00 OBO**. We are told only 4,042 of these cars were produced in a three span from 1955-1957. This car was purchased by the family in 1983 out of Oklahoma. This is a great driver that made the trip from central Wisconsin to Minneapolis the past several years for Back to the Fifties auto show. Along with several other long trips including Omro, and Fon Du Lac. We have a third-party appraisal stating the car is worth \$42,000.00. A lot of paperwork and receipts come with the car. There is also the possibility of some memorabilia to be included. Please call **715-384-8507** and ask for **Travis** or **715-305-5654** after 5pm or on weekends.

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1957 Pontiac Star Chief Custom 2 dr Safari wagon.
Fountane Blue & Kenya Ivory. Body No. 1078. Trim -244.
Paint—QPP. ACC = BKII ACC.-BK11

I bought this car out of No. Cal in 2015. It has a mid 80s Camaro subframe welded in, a professional install. It has the original '57 rear axle and the body is original & good condition. Glass is good except on curved rear glass is cracked. Still in place and intact Under hood is set up for original 347, as new front mount is designed into the Camaro crossmember. A 347 could go with the car. Has a 80's steering column, power booster and master cylinder all plumbed in. Has original hydro in chassis. Radiator is a cross flow from the Camaro donor car, and fits in the new core support. Dash has been changed out to a wood insert with SW gauges.



I have a 1957 Pontiac 4 dr donor car that has the following parts if a restoration is wanted: Complete original frame, original front clip, original untrimmed fender wells, original heater assembly, original dash cluster and stainless trim. A 347 in car with aftermarket AC compressor. Original front bumper that will need to have new brackets made to fit the Camaro subframe or bolt to donor frame if restored. Has 4 cool old mags on it that need sand blasted and power coated or rechromed. All this for \$20K. All serious offered will be considered. Car is in Tucson. Donor car is in Phx. Could transport if needed. Possibly for \$1 per mile.

Contact **Jack K. Johnson @ (602) 576-6512** or or skulptr1@gmail.com

You too could have a cool Safari street rod like I have. Too many projects I will probably never get done. Please buy it and help me make garage space for my new 2009 G8 GXP ;-)
(CSC member)

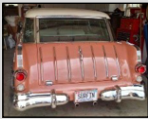


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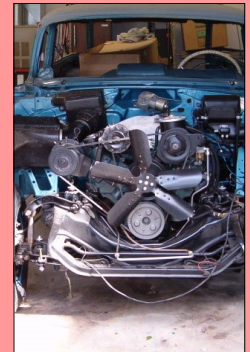
1955 Pontiac Safari. \$6,500 Body #1469
PS, PB, factory AC, electric rear antenna, rear bumper guards, under hood light.
Cowl tag code: ACC BG1KN. Have trim , interior and chrome parts. No title. Bill of sale only. For information and more photos, contact: **John Hartman**
661-301-6944 or hartman.bustersan.john@gmail.com
Editor Note: This car is in Bakersfield (CSC member)

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Safari wagons listed come from various media resources. Owners may not be Chapter members. Please take the time to thoroughly check the seller and wagon before making an offer.



1956 Pontiac Safari \$59,000. My '56 is FRAME-OFF 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. Frame stripped & painted perfectly. All new or rebuilt suspension. I've really spent a lot of time and money so, I want it to go to someone else that really appreciates this Safari. Call **Don 256-520-6183**. Located in **Huntsville, Alabama**. (CSC member)



1957 Pontiac Safari. \$95,000 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)



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1955-57 Pontiac front brake shoes: Soft, heat resistant. Will conform to your drum. Source: The AUTOZONE store. Duralast Part # 192. Last retail list \$24.99 for front set. www.autozone.com

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WANTED

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. Contact **Rick Diehm**. email: rdiehm@twc.com

1955 Safari: Looking for the factory measurements of the cargo deck, spare tire and back seat wood panels. Patterns of the back seat and spare tire panels (with the 3 holes) are especially appreciated. **John Hartman** 661-301-6944 (PST), or email at: hartman.bustersan.john@gmail.com

1955-57 Front Seat Custom Safari 2 dr wagon Ash Trays:



Yes! You are looking at tears on the back side of my '57 Safari front seat!! Can you guess why the holes are there? Hum..... I need ash trays assemblies! Your assistance is greatly appreciated. **Randy Kerdoon** talkingaboutcars@gmail.com

1956 Pontiac 2 dr Custom Safari wagon: Need all skid strips & 5/8x1/2 perimeter spare tire cover strips. Also seeking other cargo floor strips. What have you? **Dennis Dana** 91601, 1200 Prison Rd. LCC, Lovelock, NV 89419
mister56safari@yahoo.com

1957 Pontiac 2 dr Safari wagon: Looking for the painted cargo deck metal trim moldings in restorable condition. I need all of them. Also looking for the spare tire cover "cups" and finger pull. Call **Allen** at 512 905-3038, or email at aj68torino@gmail.com

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

1957 Pontiac: Light green plastic ivory steering wheel in useable condition for a Limefire & Seacrest Green Safari. **Jay Ward**. jward@pixar.com

1957 Pontiac: Looking for a pair of nice looking front fender "rockets". They don't have to fly into orbit, just sit on my old '57 Safari wagon and look good. If you have a pair, call **John** in OH. 740 296-9638. No emails, and my phone hardly ever works so keep trying. Thank you.

1957 Pontiac: Wanted for '57 custom 2 door Safari, rear rubber floor covering in any color, also mint seat stars. Call **George Weaver** at 717 354 5280, or email at fun57@comcast.net

TO PLACE AN AD: Looking to sell parts or a car? Send your request to Tom Young at pontiactom1957@gmail.com. Your ad should be related to '55 to '58 Pontiacs and include photos when possible.

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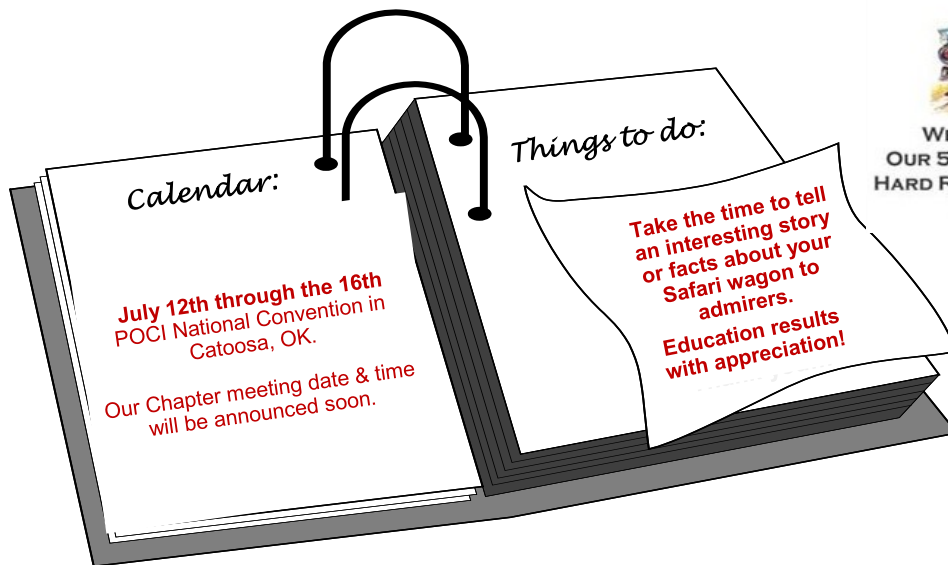
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