

Here We Don't Go! The Nat'l Convention Is Cancelled!!

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What a great sight to see! Two road-ready 1957 Safari wagons in Lou Calasibetta's garage. Note that the Safari on the left is a Star Chief Custom 4 door "Transcontinental" wagon. Wow!

Were you ready to hit the road to Oklahoma? Many of us were excited to have some fun with our Pontiacs at the POCI National Convention but COVID-19 has changed our lives. Rather than seeing great cars and people, many of you have found other ways to stay connected to your hobby and friends. Perhaps by the end of the summer season, we may be fortunate to see more signs of our previous ways of life.

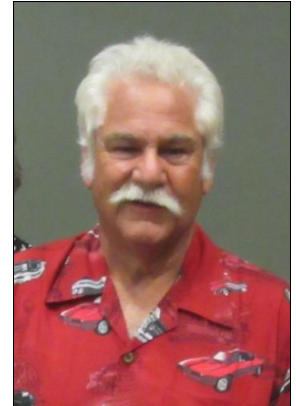
In lieu of our annual Chapter meeting which is held at the Nat'l Convention, Chapter officials have decided to publish our meeting content in this newsletter. Please take a look and provide a response either by mail, email, Facebook or text. Your thoughts and suggestions count. Thank you.

So which one of the Safari wagons would have Lou brought to the National Convention? It's hard to say. He has more Safari wagons than the ones you see in the picture above!

From the President's Garage

Hello Everyone,

How is everyone handling the COVID-19 ordeal? It's really getting old! I am so tired of it! It makes me want to yell.....no more! It's a total shame about what has happened to our land of the free. To me, we are not free if the government is telling us to put on masks. I am not a bandit yet? Sure, it's for our protection and it seems to work but the unknown is what bothers me. How long will this BS last in our so called modern society? How has it hurt you or your friends in business and everyday life? So many people are struggling with life in general and then the virus hit us. Many good stores and eating places shut down. Sad.



So the POCI Convention has been cancelled until next year. Cancellations are the way of life in our Country these days. I received a note from Ames this morning about their event in Ohio being cancelled too. Also, the AACA Hershey event has been cancelled for the first time ever. Looks like most organized large car events are not going to happen this summer but there is still hope..... I am waiting to hear from a few custom car shows that I usually attend towards the end of summer. I hope you'll find some small shows or events that won't be cancelled.

We have to get our club members back on the roadways of USA. Take a spin in your wagon. Go to a restaurant and meet your car buddies. Sit apart and chat. Have a take-out burger, pizza or a coke. Do it! It will make you feel good to be out in the fresh air just to cruise again. I know! I have done it and it makes me forget about the problems of the land. No riots in a wagon! It's so sad to hear about events in Minnesota but spreading trouble to the rest of the country for a foolish arrest not fair to the people of our Country. It's not funny about the widespread looting and burning of a church. Come on man! Are we all living in a savage land?

Tom tells me that our Facebook site is becoming a good thing for our Chapter. A lot of new interest in our wagons plus tech tips and parts hunting are now happening on social media. It's a wonderful addition to our Chapter. We have added some new members through social media which helps us become a stronger group of wagon enthusiasts.

We are going to ask you to take some pictures of you and your wagon. This is good idea for use in our Summer newsletter. Since we will not have a group gathering in July, we can have a turn-out in the newsletter! Guys..... we know it has been a rough few months but it will get better, it always does. Remember, we are a very special group of PONTIAC nuts. Our wagons are milestone cars and they deserve our tender love and care that we give them. So finally..... take a ride and shoot us a new view of your wagon. Looks like we will see you hopefully in Connecticut next year so until then, be safe and live safe.

Lou Calasibetta

Member Reminders:

- **Send in your virtual "National Convention" photos of you, your family and your Safari wagon.** Use any picture that you would like to share. It could be an old one back in the old days or maybe something new like you & your family with your Safari. Be as creative as you like! Send your photos to our editor. Thanks.



Under the Hood with the Editor

Hello Folks!

I hope everyone is safe and healthy. COVID-19 has changed our lives. With essentially all club activities cancelled starting last March, we now find ourselves making choices about how we may impact the health of others. For some, staying home has been an opportunity to catch up on repair & restoration projects. For others, it's been a challenge to support family members and friends who have become ill and/or have lost their jobs. Whatever your pathway has been, there is the promise of a return to normalcy.

During our extended time at our homes, many members have invested some of their time to send in photos and a few stories. I am happy to say that I have enough content to keep us all interested for awhile. I also heard from a few members who are working on their cars while waiting for the car show season to return.



Every old picture tells a story. This one came from the internet without a story. Send in some old photos to your editor and lets tell some stories!

I purposefully delayed the distribution of this newsletter by about 7 weeks. During that time, I have revised it 4 times! I wanted you to have the latest news about our Chapter. Thank you for your patience. As of June 1st, the West Coast **Wounded Warrior** show is still a "go" in August. Restrictions may be required or the event could be cancelled. An email will be issued to west coast members advising of any changes.

We have new Safarians who have joined our merry group. Welcome **Jim Kaczmarczik, John Mocic, Larry & Erma Smith** and **Rich & Gail Diehm**. We hope that you will enjoy your membership. Send us a line if you have pictures and/or a story about your Safari wagon. From all of our members, thank you for your interest and support.

I have received many comments about our Tech article #7, Hood Springs. I must say, some were down right humorous while others are sagas of trial, error, desperation, frustration, more desperation and invention. It seems that sooner or later, we all might find weak hood springs and hinges in our wagons. If you have some solutions, don't hesitate to advise me so that we can share solutions in a future newsletter.

Good news..... Our Facebook page membership has doubled in less than a year. We are now at approximately 48 members and growing. About 35 or so members are checking our page regularly which is a fantastic high percent of page usage. Members are continuing to post pictures of Safari wagons and offering up some cars & parts for sale.

Please stay healthy and enjoy the summer season.

Tom

48th Annual POCI 2020 Convention Merchandise Now Available

Buy a memento. Help support the Indian Nations chapter!

- Cool Wrap **\$10.00**
- Dash Plaque **\$5.00**
- Drag Race Shirt **\$20.00 \$23.00**
- Convention Shirt **\$20.00 \$23.00**

Make checks payable to POCI and send to: Margaret Tarrant, 10411 E. 116th St. South, Bixby, OK 74008. Add **\$3.00** For Shipping.

Lets show our support and appreciation to our POCI President and all club members who have worked hard on this year's National Convention. A lot of personal time and club money was invested to assure that everyone would have another enjoyable convention experience. We can show our support by doing two important tasks:

#1. Since those who have registered will receive a refund, please consider the use of your refund money to purchase additional t-shirts and other convention items. Our club has invested a lot of money on items that they usually offer us for sale at the convention. Let's buy down the current stock and use the items. We can wear our Catoosa 2020 shirts during the first days of next year's convention in honor of the work that was invested in this year's convention.

#2. Lets show our appreciation by providing notes of thanks to our POCI President so that he can share them with everyone involved with the Convention. Send to **Larry Crider** a message at: pontiacfun@gmail.com

Secretary/Treasurer Update

Our Chapter t-shirts are still available. Costs are based on the size and includes taxes & shipping as follows:

- **\$19.50:** Small, Medium, Large and X-Large
- **\$20.50:** XX-Large
- **\$21.50:** XXX-Large

Please indicate the following:

1. Size
2. Unisex Style or Women's Style
3. 50/50 Blend or 100% Cotton



Write your check payable to the **Custom Safari Chapter** and **send it to:**

Robin Petry
2806 Scarlett Drive
Augusta, GA 30909 Phone: 706 836-3027 (EST)

Your REPLY Is Due July 31st.

Every year during our Chapter annual meeting at our POCI National Convention, our President opens the meeting floor to nominations and selection of Chapter officials including our President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer and Editor. Since the POCI Nat'l Convention is cancelled, we are hoping that you will consider nominating someone or stepping-up yourself.

Lou Calasebetta has held the position of President for a long time. So have all of our Chapter officials. There is a point where we should seriously consider having members step forward to join our team for the support of our great Chapter. Please lend us a hand. Thank you.

For your consideration, now open to nomination are all of our Chapter positions.

- **President:** Leads the Chapter annual meeting. Writes a message regarding chapter business 4 times a year. Leads on decision making and assures that our Chapter is operating well. Talks a lot!
- **Vice President:** Supports the President. Participates in decision making. Distributes the newsletter by mail and on our website. Assists with decision making. Works on recruitment through various media. Helps with the Convention Chapter events.
- **Secretary/Treasurer:** Collects dues. Updates membership roster. Sends welcome letters to new members and reminds members of past dues. Manages the Chapter's finances and provides annual mandatory reports to the POCI. Manages T-Shirt sales. Recruits new members. Coordinates Nat'l Convention activities.
- **Editor:** Responsible for producing 4 newsletters per year. Provides updates on Facebook. Assures that newsletter and Facebook content are appropriate and timely. Assists with the coordination of National Convention Chapter events. Anybody who can assist with editing, write-ups is also appreciated.

If you have any interest in supporting your Chapter and for more information, please contact any of our Chapter team members : Lou Calasibetta, (973) 383-2001, Rich Pye (585) 637-2720, Robin Petry (706) 736-3392 or Tom Young (805) 375-1320, pontiactom@ix.netcom.com. We are hoping that you may express your interest to join our team by July 31st. Again, please consider joining our team. Thank you.

Annual Chapter Business Meeting

Since our Chapter meeting will not be conducted this year, we want to give you an opportunity to review our Chapter meeting outline. You have a say in managing our Chapter so if you have any comments, including recommendations, questions, etc., please send them to our President, Lou Calasibetta at:

oldstillwatergarage@gmail.com

Our meetings generally takes about 1 hour unless Tom gets the meeting floor without any time limits! So here is our abbreviated outline with some comments:



1. President greeting and summary of our Chapter status.

We are about 90 strong and growing! We have increased our social media presence on Facebook and everyone seems to really like our newsletter and Chapter events. Lets keep our wagons on the road!

2. Vice President Report. After each newsletter final draft is completed, it's posted on our website and Facebook page. It takes two or more weeks for the draft to be printed. It then has to be mailed which takes more time. Please keep your email and mailing address up to date. Thanks for your support.

3. Secretary/Treasurer report. (a) Chapter T-shirts are still available. The new prices reflect higher shipping cost. (b) Everyone's dues are now paid-up. We are getting a steady flow of new members. Please keep recruiting new members at car shows. (c) Meeting minutes from our last meeting along with our annual Chapter status report will be provided in our SUMMER newsletter. (d) Our annual club report was completed in a timely manner. It shows an increase in membership and we are financially in good shape. Details in our next newsletter.

4. Editor's report. Feedback on newsletter content & graphic quality has been good. We will continue the same format; three quarterly 16-page full color issues and one 26-page issue printed on high quality glossy paper. More classified ads, on-line news source reporting, shared stories and collaboration of stories with other POCI Chapters will continue. We're still looking for stories from mid-west and east-coast members.

5. Old Business. (a) Once again, please keep your contact information & keep dues current. (b) We are continuing to keep our Facebook site open to the public. Our following has more than doubled in a year. (c) Our Chapter key tags are still available but only to those who have not received one. Our supply is low. Check with Tom for a key tag.

6. New Business. (a) Chapter officer nominations for this year are by phone or email. You can either volunteer yourself or someone else (pending their approval). Please provide your response by July 31st. (b) Do we want to expand our presence into other social media formats such as Instagram & Twitter? We have done well on Facebook. (c) New member prospect, Wheeler Bradley, is conducting a 1955-57 Pontiac Safari cowl tag body production count. He is looking primarily at body numbers. He feels that he might get enough numbers to start getting real idea of how many Safari wagons remain. Support his effort by providing your cowl tag body number. (d) Is anybody interested in having a commercially produced Chapter window sticker?

Please provide your response to any of the above mentioned items by **July 31st**.

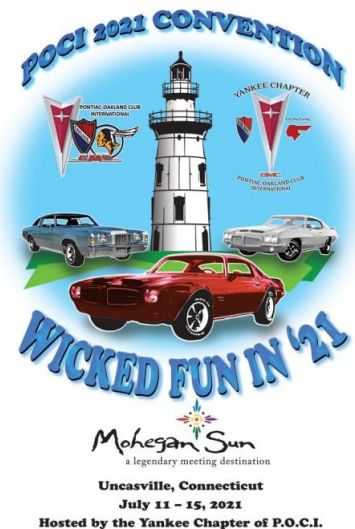
Submit your comments to Lou Calasibetta:

oldstillwatergarage@gmail.com

This year's meeting outline also included details about our combined chapter breakfast cruise and the Popular Safari vote at the Saturday show. The good news is that we will likely have an opportunity to enjoy those activities possibly as early as 2022 assuming that the Nat'l Convention will return to Catoosa, OK.

Please support our Chapter's social connection by sending your editor photos of you, your family & your Safari wagon to our editor for our SUMMER newsletter.

Just think, we will all be together in the beautiful Mohegan Sun Resort in Uncasville, Connecticut in about 12 months!



Our Chapter National Convention—Virtually!

Since we are not gathering this summer season in Catoosa, OK, one way to stay connected is to show that we are enjoying our family and our old car hobby. We can do the job with some photos! Yes!! That's right! Photos..... I know that if I ask everyone to submit pictures of themselves with family and their cars, most would prefer to drag a dead horse across a field. Well, there are plenty of dead horses for you to drag! So get off your high horse and please take some pictures!! Thank you.

In the next few weeks, you might receive a phone call, email, text or FB message from our editor reminding you to submit your photo sometime very soon. We should feature as many of us as possible in our SUMMER newsletter. After all, it's our big 26-page newsletter that really should be about ourselves, especially during this impactful time in our lives. So please, send pictures of yourself, your family and your Safari. Have fun with it. Why not take a picture of you and your family eating? If we get enough pictures of people eating, we can host our own virtual banquet! Or how about a picture of you working on your Safari. I know most of your Safari wagons have old age issues. They need maintenance. So why not take pictures of some of your handywork. Perhaps you can take a photo of you and your spouse sitting on the front seat of your Safari but please, no frisky pictures! How about a picture taken at the last car show that you attended or birthday parade? Better yet, a picture of you and your car in front of your home or at a local park. Be creative but please get the task done.



Send your photo to our editor, Tom Young at: pontiacom@ix.netcom.com or paste them on our Facebook page at: CUSTOM SAFARI CHAPTER. You can also mail them at: 204 Acacia Road, Newbury Park, CA 91320. Thank you.

Kudos to our very own Dennis Dana for yet another great Safari article featured in the May issue of the POCI Smoke Signals Magazine. Dennis continues to break new ground in Safari wagon research while offering new perspectives about our wagons. We all appreciate his work and dedication. Also a special thanks to all members have helped him gather material for his articles.

Look in a future newsletter for an in-depth look at Dennis and his research. Thank you Dennis!



Safari Number Count & Cowl Tag Research Project: *So just how many 1955-58 Custom Safari wagons exist today in any condition?*

This question have been asked for decades by scores of collectors. Many folks remain curious to know just how rare they Safari wagons really are in comparison to other vintage cars. Well, for about two years, '57 Safari enthusiast Wheeler Bradley has collected cowl tag body production numbers of 1957 Pontiac Custom Safari wagons. He recently has extended his efforts to include 1955 and 1956 Custom Safari wagons. Wheeler's best success has been with social media. He manages the *1957 Custom Safari* Facebook page that he uses as a medium for collecting cowl tag information. Please submit the cowl tag body number & year from your Safari to Wheeler at your convenience. Remember to include numbers of cowl tags that you may have found in wrecking yards, barns, shops, garages or car shows too. Thank you!

Contact **Wheeler Bradley** at : wheeler.bradley@salve.edu or on Facebook at: *1957 Custom Safari*.



On Social Media

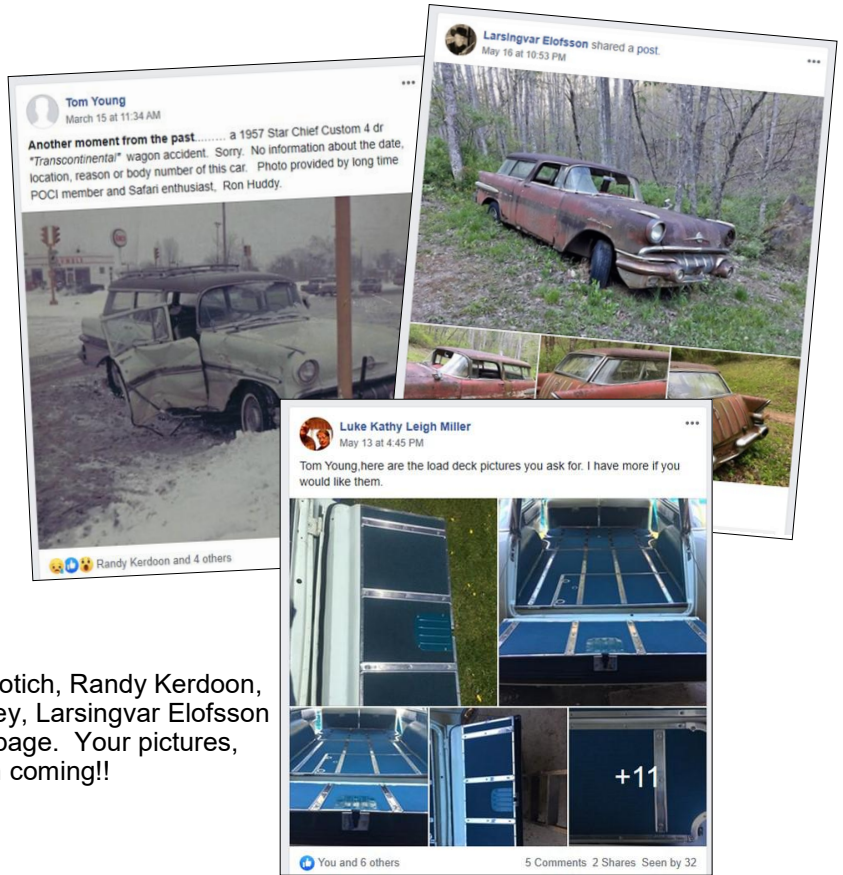
Samples from our WINTER & SPRING newsletters can be found on our Chapter's Facebook page. Some members are sharing their discoveries of Safari wagons while others have advertised their cars and parts for sale. New postings can be found just about every week so if you want the latest in Safari news, join our Facebook group at:

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Our Facebook page is open for public viewing to encourage prospective new members to look at our Facebook postings. We're hoping that they will like us. We are also working with other 1955-58 Pontiac groups to bring recognition of our Chapter to people who may have otherwise not known about our Facebook presence.

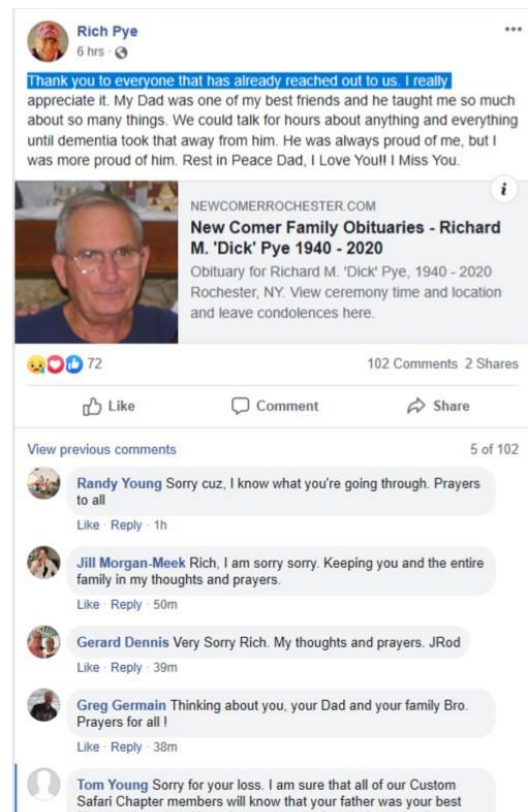
Thanks to Jerry Wheeler, Michael John Bakotich, Randy Kerdoon, Rich Gabrileson, Luke Miller, Wheeler Bradley, Larsingvar Elofsson and others for contributing to our Facebook page. Your pictures, stories and comments are great! Keep them coming!!

Thank you for watching us on Facebook!



Our Condolences to Rich Pye and his family.

Our Vice President & Distribution Editor, Rich Pye, lost his father, Richard M Pye, of Brockport, New York in March of this year. We are all sorry for your loss Rich. He said that his father *was a craftsman who could fix anything. He enjoyed remodeling projects, building furniture and tinkering in his workshop. He retired from Kodak after 25+ years as a Machinist and Expediter. He lived in multiple southern states, only to come back to New York to be near family. In the early years he was always willing to lend a hand, helping people with whatever needed to get done. He was a gentle man who had the gift of gab and was liked by everyone.* And from what we can see, Richard had a talent for working on Safari wagons too! He will be missed.



Southern California Winter Show & Shine

With warm temps and no clouds in sight, the Southern California Chapter's 15th Annual Winter Show & Shine in Fullerton, CA was well attended Custom Safari Chapter members. The late January (pre-COVID-19) show was open to Buick, Cadillac, Oldsmobile, GMC and Pontiac automobiles.

Marvin Morton brought his all original, low mileage Silver Beige and Charcoal Gray '57 Safari. *Mike Garcia* drove his Tri-Powered Cordova Red & Kenya Ivory '57 wagon. *Mike Green* gave his '57 Safari a rest but he brought his super nice '58 Chieftain 2 door sedan with factory Tri-Power connected to a 3-speed factory manual transmission.

Congratulations to Marvin Morton to receiving the *Best Beach Cruiser* award.



Above: Mike Green points-out the fine under-hood details of his race-ready '58 Chieftain to Mike Garcia. Marvin's '57 Safari is in the background.

Right:

The **Best Beach Cruiser** award was sponsored by the Scumback Speakers Company and was given to Marvin Morton for his '57 Safari.



Left:

Mike Garcia with his '57 Safari wagon.

Note the classic reverse wheel rims which was a popular custom trend back in the 70s and early 80s.

Little did any of us fully realize that this show report would be the last one for at least 7 months!

The “Hollywood” Safari

By Tom Young

When opportunity comes knocking on your door for a chance of fame, stardom and money, would you accept it?

Well, for one Southern California Safarian, the chance for fame arrived unexpectedly just over two years ago. Our own Chapter member, Tim O’Donnell, answered the call for fame with his brilliantly blue painted ‘57 Safari wagon. You see.....*Once Upon a Time in Hollywood*,..... a famous director decided to create his 9th film, a story set in the late 60’s about a Hollywood actor and his stunt double as they navigate changes during the end of the Hollywood golden era.

That director is the one and only Quentin Tarantino!

So how does a world class movie writer and director have a need for Tim and his Safari? Well, it’s all about being at the right place at the right time in Southern California, the home of Hollywood and the movie making industry.

Tim’s destiny with Hollywood started back in 2015 at the Seal Beach Classic car show. As he was leaving the show, Movie Vehicles Picture Car scout, Andrea Meyers, approached an unsuspecting Tim O’ Donnell. She expressed an interest in using his Safari wagon for commercial and movie filming. Tim replied that he really was not interested unless the filming was done near his home in Long Beach, CA. Nearly three years past by when Tim receives an email from Andrea stating that she needed his car in a big screen movie in Hollywood. Tim was told that a section of Hollywood Boulevard was going to be converted into a 60’s movie set and that a large number of old cars were needed for the film. Knowing that



this meant hours of negotiating hazardous LA traffic with his prized Safari, Tim declined but added that if the filming was ever near his home, he might be interested in helping. Tim was bound for the glory of Hollywood. You see..... Hollywood came to Tim! Sure enough, Tim received an email from Andrea a few weeks later. He learned that they were filming in Long Beach. She needed his Safari wagon. With no excuse about the crazy LA traffic,

Tim said yes to Andrea’s request. Soon a flurry of emails regarding paperwork came from Andrea. Filming can not happen without contracts, established procedures, rules, policies and practices. All of which can be confusing and a bit frustrating to novices but Tim persevered. He completed all of the necessary paperwork except for one..... a liability document which the sneaky Hollywood industry likes to use to weasel their way out of paying full value for damages done to contract vehicles. Tim had to sign the last document but fortunately, he was able to keep close watch over his Safari wagon. By the time the paperwork was done, a film time and date was set.



On a warm mid-summer day in 2018, Tim drove his perfectly cleaned Safari over to the film staging area in Long Beach. Tim was given a radio and a set of instructions. He learned that he was to drive on the Pacific Coast Highway. That was it! Simple!! But anyone who works for the Hollywood industry knows that there is always more to a story and in Tim's case, he quickly learned that he was at the beginning of a long process. It started with a visit to "make-up" where Tim was assessed for his appearance. Fortunately, he was previously advised to wear a polo or plain t-shirt; no prints or trending attire. They took a good look at Tim and decided that he was OK as he was. At this point, Tim began to wonder if he might really have an opportunity to appear in Quentin's movie. He also realized that he was really hired as a movie "extra" actor with a car. But more surprises were to come and it's was not about a few seconds of fame on the movie big screen. No, it was about his beautifully maintained, polished to perfection Safari wagon. Do you see where I am going with this? Yep! You guessed it!! His car was way too shiny for the movie. The filming calls for an average Hollywood street scene set in the late 60's. This meant that Tim's Safari had to show some street grime. So now it was time for the Safari wagon's "make-up" call. If you don't know Tim, let's say that perfection is a way of life. Preservation of his pride and joy has always been paramount. Tim has washed his Safari only once in about 10 years of ownership; on the day after he purchased his Safari. He maintained a perfectly clean machine. But on the day of filming, Tim was surprised when he was instructed to line his car up for a dusting of Fuller's Earth. That's right! They sprayed Tim's perfectly dust free Safari with a coating of sticky dust! Tim said that he was shocked. Welcome to the world of filming Tim! Nobody said that they were planning to dust Tim's car but if you read the fine line on Tim's contract, it essentially says, "*vehicle preparation for filming may be necessary!*"



Tim O' Donnell and his '57 Safari wagon at the Wounded Warrior Show back in 2011. Little did he know that he had a rendezvous with Hollywood.



The magic of Hollywood..... Hollywood Boulevard in 2018 transformed into a scene from 1969 by movie set-staff. Amazing!



Fortunately, Tim's Safari survived the dusting and Tim proceeded to the staging area. Once there, he was placed in one of two long lines of vintage automobiles. The line looked like a LA traffic jamb from the 1960s! Each driver had a set of specific instructions. Some would go straight down a street and loop back to the staging area. Others would pull into or out-off a driveway. They also received the same

instructions..... under no circumstances are the drivers to look into the cameras or attempt to show-off. Doing so would result in dismissal. Also, no cell phones, no picture taking, and no eating! The good news is that Tim had wisely enjoyed an early dinner and he stored his cell phone in his pocket. So with everything "good to go", radio in hand, Tim was off and moving along the Pacific Coast Highway. His task was simple.... just drive along the highway past the cameras and loop back. Tim said that he did so about 4 times. Each cycle took about an hour including getting the cars lined up at staging before moving back along the highway. Because Tim did a good job of following instructions, he did not see any Hollywood stars or film action while he was driving. By late in the evening, Tim and his dusty Safari were home. Tim brought home a check for just under \$300 for his services. He realized that he had just enjoyed an experience of a life-time. Just think, Tim was driving his '57 Safari wagon in a Quentin Tarantino movie in Southern California! The prospects of being on a big-screen movie was very exciting to Tim and his family.

The next day, reality sets-in. Tim now has the grim task of carefully washing the abrasive dust that was stuck to his once very shiny Safari. Tim did not take any photos of his dusty Safari. The sight was too much for him to bare. With a purposefully light hand, Tim was able to wash and dry his Safari wagon to perfection.

Now comes the months of waiting..... Unanswered questions. When will the movie be released? Will Tim and Safari be seen? Will the movie be a hit?

In the early spring of 2019, Tim learns that Quentin's movie was to be released in the middle of summer. Finally! Tim's questions would soon be answered. Hollywood glory is now within reach for Tim and his Safari wagon. Just think, for the first time, a Custom Safari wagon could be in a big-screen movie.

About 4 months later, the time had come for Tim and his family watch Quentin's movie. True to Quentin's style, a combination of drama, comedy, abrupt violence and of course, drugs & sex, all set the tone that represented Quentin's boyhood view of Hollywood back in the late 60's. It's a story of life in an extraordinary period of time in American culture set in Southern California. Over 2,000 vintage vehicles were used during the film. Sections of Los Angeles and surrounding areas were made in detail to look like the late 60's. This meant converting modern day buildings back to how they once looked nearly 50 years ago. Go see this movie!

So did Tim and his Safari show-up on the big-screen?

Hollywood is full of surprises and disappointments. Well..... *once upon a time near Hollywood*, a Safari wagon was filmed in a Quentin Tarantino movie but sadly, neither Tim or his Safari wagon made it through the editor's final cut. No fame, no glory but Tim did enjoy a wonderful experience of being in a real Hollywood movie in Southern California.

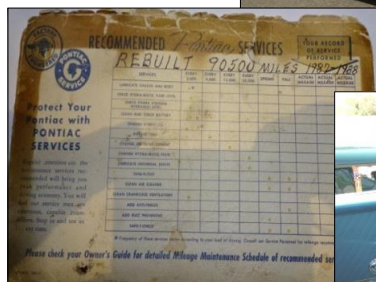
When asked if Tim would do it again, he said, "probably not". Knowing Tim, facing the prospect of experiencing dust on his Safari is something that he would want to avoid. Well, that's Hollywood folks!



So did a Pontiac Safari wagon appear in the movie? Just look in the background and you will see a blue & white 1960 Pontiac Safari wagon!

Post story..... A bit about Tim and his Safari wagon's history.

Over a decade ago, Tim was struck with a desire to own a '57 Safari. After a few years of searching, he found one that he instantly had to own. He purchased it from a seller in Texas. He found that the Safari came with some history including a story about a previous owner who owned and maintained the Safari dating back to the 1960's in Colorado Springs, CO. Old documentation such as the one picture *right* gives clues to it's history.



The evidence is clear, Tim's Safari has received some great care through the years of previous ownership. It was repainted once in 1989 and the engine rebuilt. This Safari

was continuously used during its life rather than sitting for years rotting away. A modern 80's Cadillac metallic blue was selected by it's previous owner along with modern cloth upholstery. Just take a look at the all original door panels and padded dash. They are in excellent factory original condition.



Tim shows a translucent "Top 10" award from the 2018 Wounded Warrior Show in Redondo Beach, CA.

Tim enjoys taking his Safari to local shows. Most are in the Southern California coastal area. Tim can really say that he does have a "Surfin' Safari" lifestyle. All he needs is a tiki hut, some beach music and a surfboard to complete the picture. The surf is up dude! Let's go on a surfin' safari!!

A Show to Attend

After nearly 5 months of automobile event cancellations, there is a little hope that some of our cherished car shows may still be held later this year. On the west coast, the 13th Annual **Wounded Warrior Car Show** promises more of the same fun in the warm California sun. This show is your next opportunity to see Chapter members and their Safari wagons. Lets support the show and the benefitting charity, the **Semper Fi Fund**.

For information regarding the **Wounded Warrior Show**, contact **Mike Green** at (310)343-9634 or threenthre@yahoo.com.

Please keep in mind that given the uncertainty of COVID-19 impacts, this event can be modified and/or cancelled at anytime. Mike Green will keep us posted with any changes by email. You can also check on-line at: <https://semperfund.org/event/13th-annual-wounded-warrior-car-show/>



If there is a cancellation, member **Bill Baquet** will host a lunch at his South Pasadena home in lieu of the show. Details to be sent in an email.

13th Annual Wounded Warrior Car Show

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16TH, 2020

9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

TO BENEFIT THE Semper Fi Fund



Serving Those Who Preserve Our Freedom

OPEN TO ALL SHOW CARS, TRUCKS AND SPECIAL INTEREST VEHICLES

Gates open at 7am. Cars Parked by 9am.
Limited to the first 225 entries

**Redondo Beach Performing Arts Center
1935 Manhattan Beach Blvd, Redondo, CA 90278**

(see reverse for map)

Registration

\$35 before July 16, 2020 includes t-shirt & dash plaque.
\$40 after July 16 and day of event, based on available space.

Visit www.woundedwarriorcarshow.com for additional information on the Semper Fi Fund and previous shows



No Alcoholic Beverages

First Name _____ Last Name _____ Phone _____

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SOLD!



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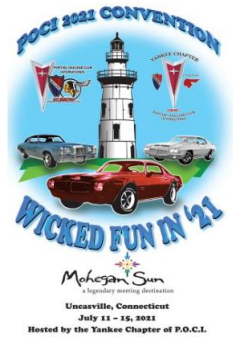
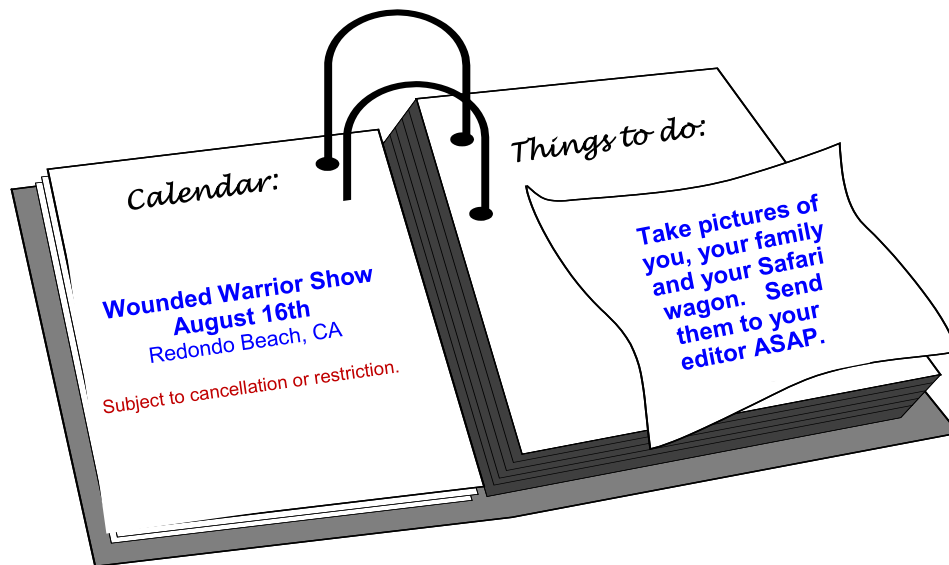
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