

# Break Out Your Umbrellas. The Show Season Is Back!

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## Custom Safari Chapter

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**Chapter member Starr Evans has the right idea.....  
Take a moment to sit back, grab a cool drink, and enjoy the  
POCI National Convention car show.**

Now is the time for enjoying the outdoors. So why not attend a few Pontiac-Oakland Club, International shows such as the National Convention or West Coast Chapter meets? We hope that you will attend the POCI Convention in Uncasville, CT. The venue is outstanding! Indoor shows and plenty of sites to see nearby. For the West Coast folks, the Wounded Warrior show is coming back to the cool coastal community of Redondo Beach, California. Both events are the best places to socialize with other Chapter members and see some great looking Safari wagons.

While most of us feel that our lives are getting back to normal, the impacts of COVID-19 may still exist in some parts of our country. However, we should be able to find shows for us to enjoy. We hope to see you at one of our Chapter events sometime soon.

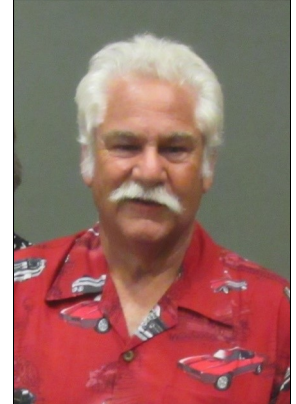
Our Chapter President has a simple recommendation for your consideration, *"see you at the National Convention!"*

# From the President's Garage

Hello Everyone,

It has been a crazy year with all of the health issues in America and the world we live in. No need to talk about politics. It is an never ending subject that can go on forever. My point is it has been a different kind of life for all of us. Hopefully, by the time this letter reaches you, COVID-19 restrictions will hopefully be relaxed.

Our Chapter is growing both in dues paying members and with our Facebook social media group. Young members are joining our Facebook group. Some want to access our website that contains decades of newsletters filled with valuable information. This is a huge change from our usual way of introducing new dues paying members to our Chapter. It is a positive way to grow and expand our interest in Safari wagons to the car world. I am happy to know that there is a growing interest with the wonderful wagons that General Motors created.



The POCI Convention is a "go"! I hope that we may see some new folks and their Safari wagons. Remember to attend our annual Chapter meeting. It is important to show your support of our Chapter. Our meeting time is set for July 14th, from 2 to 3:30 pm. Check the Convention events news board for the room location. This is the time to meet and greet members and talk about our Chapter. Your thoughts are always appreciated. Who knows! There just might be new officers after the meeting. All of our official positions are up for grabs. Don't be shy!

I need to ask everyone who is planning to attend the Convention a huge favor. Our newsletter editor, Tom Young, will not be at this year's convention. Wow! What a loss!! He is the backbone of our group. He will need any pictures that you take. They will most definitely help with future newsletters. I will snap a few photos but my eyes are different than yours. So, please use the camera on your phone or and help us out. Your help is really appreciated.

Today is a beautiful day here in New Jersey. The sun is out. It is 71 degrees, bright and very cheerful. I hope all of you are feeling well and getting ready for the Convention. We all look forward to the event every year. Lets make it the best one ever! See you soon.

*Lou Calasibetta*

## **Chapter Annual Meeting**

Mark your calendars folks! We have a date and time for our Chapter Annual Meeting at the Pontiac-Oakland Club, International's National Convention.

**Wednesday, July 14th 2 pm to 3:30 pm**

**Check at the convention for the meeting room location.**

Because the meeting is in the late afternoon, we will not have a Chapter lunch or cruise. Instead, we encourage you to participate in the many club sponsored events.

We hope to see you at the Mohegan Sun in Uncasville, Connecticut.



# *Under the Hood* with the Editor

*Hello Everyone!*

Umbrella season is here! It is now time to enjoy your old car hobby with other Safarians. Our Chapter has two social events this year for your consideration. First, we have the POCI National Convention in July. We also have the West Coast meet in August. Look for details in this newsletter.

We continue to enjoy a steady flow of dues-paying new members to our Chapter. We welcome Allen & Jean Hejl, Ron & Judith Lukins, John Kennedy, and Orren & Sharon Volk. They now will have access to decades worth of newsletters and we hope to see them at one our Chapter events.

Our own Chapter member, Dennis Dana, has recently volunteered to provide some assistance with the production of our Chapter's quarterly newsletter. Dennis has years of experience working with POCI Smoke Signal staff in publishing articles about Safari wagons. He owns a '56 Safari and he has maintained a passion for 1955-58 Safari wagons for decades. Along with editing and writing duties, Dennis and I plan to collaborate on our knowledge of Safari wagon factory production and dealership information. Dennis is now a valued member of our publishing team.

Speaking of joining our team, during our annual Chapter meeting, we will again open the floor to nominations for all of our Chapter officer positions. If you are interesting in knowing more about the positions, contact any of our Chapter officers. Their contact info is shown on the back page of this newsletter.

For those folks who are attending the POCI National Convention, may I ask you for your assistance? I can not attend the Convention. Consequently, I will not be able to conduct interviews and/or take photos of Chapter members and their cars. I will miss the club's events too. Without stories and photos, I can not report details of the Convention activities in the SUMMER newsletter. Please help me by taking lots of photos. Send them to me via email or text message your photos. Also, for those who are using our Facebook page, feel free to post your photos on our Chapter's Facebook page. I can then extract them for publication into our newsletter. I appreciate your help.

SEND PHOTOS TO: [pontiactom1957@gmail.com](mailto:pontiactom1957@gmail.com)



Tail-Gating Custom Safari Chapter style! Join us at our annual National Convention Popular Vote car show gathering on July 15th, 11am.



*Tom*

**Left:** Lee & Ruth Hadley with their all original 1957 Star Chief 4 dr "Transcontinental" wagon at the POCI National Convention—Wisconsin Dells, 2018.

This photo was recently posted on our Facebook site. It received over 400 views in less than a week! Everyone really likes the wagon and the Hadley's tail-gating spirit.

# Annual Chapter Business Meeting

We hope that you can attend our Chapter meeting while you are at the POCI National Convention in Uncasville, Connecticut. We provide a lot of information about our Chapter including a report on our financial status, growth, changes, newsletter, website, and social media activities. Chapter officials will provide reports and answer questions that you may have. The meeting floor is always open to feed back from our members. So, if you have any questions, general comments, or recommendations, attend our meeting. It is a great opportunity to communicate in person.

Our meeting will be held on **Wednesday, July 14th**, from **2 pm to 3:30 pm**. Look for the meeting location at the Convention registration area.

Here is our meeting outline:

- President greeting and summary of our Chapter status.
- Vice President Report.
- Secretary/Treasurer report.
- Editor's report.
- Old Business (t-shirts, etc.).
- New Business (social media, questions & suggestions).

Last minute details regarding our gathering at the Popular Vote show will be provided.

Hope to see you at the Mohegan Sun Resort in Uncasville,CT



# Annual Popular Vote Show

On **Thursday, July 15th**, at **11am**, Chapter Safarians will gather during the POCI National Convention's **Popular Vote show** in Uncasville, Connecticut. We will meet at the **1955 to 1958 stock Safari wagon class area** to conduct our own **peer vote** on the **BEST SAFARI** of the show. Each dues-paying member will be given a paper to write down their most favorite Safari wagon. The votes will be tallied and the winner will receive a one year free Chapter membership. We will have refreshments available for your comfort.

We encourage Facebook members who are not dues-paying Chapter members to join us. You may not vote but you'll have a great opportunity to see some very nice Safari wagons. Plus, you will be able to speak to members who have a lot of experience in restoring the wagons. So, please come out to gather at the POCI National Convention Popular Vote show. You will not be disappointed.



## In The News .....

Found on eBay! Take a look at this one-off, custom made 1/43 scale 1957 Pontiac Custom Safari 2 door wagon.

As of late May, nobody had placed a successful bid on this model. Starting bid was last set at \$99.

The seller provided the following description:

- This auction is for a Custom 1 of 1 1957
- Pontiac Safari Station Wagon
- This is a Resin and diecast Metal model.
- Model is finished in Blue.

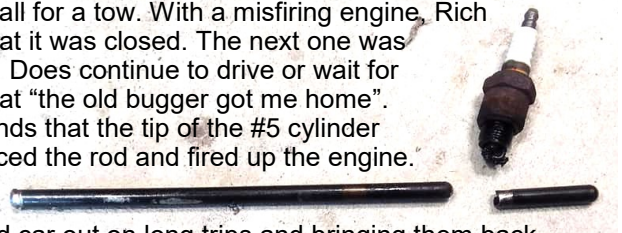
If you are interested in more details about this unique model, the eBay seller name is: elccarmodels (4313). The seller has a feedback positive rating of 100% as of late June.



## A Day Full Of Surprises

The impacts from COVID-19 did not stop the Pontiacs of the Central Valley Chapter from finding a place to hold their annual spring car show. On May 2nd, with a smaller show location than the previous year, nearly 50 cars were seen on the show field in Clovis, CA. One of those cars was Richard (Rich) & Pam Gabrielsons's '1955 Safari "drag" wagon. Little did Rich know that the day was going to be filled with surprises.

Rich started his day by picking up his son, Robbie, while making the 300 mile drive from Northern California to Clovis. The show was great. Before the trophies were awarded, Rich had to leave early to drop his son back home. The next stop for Rich planned was a stop in Redding to enjoy some great food at the Black Bear restaurant. But his trouble free trip was about to end. As Rich pulled off the freeway in Redding, he heard a "tinny rattle" sound from under the hood. He opened the hood and saw that the engine idling rock solid but he could hear cylinders firing one at a time. Something was wrong. It seems that one cylinder was not running. Rich realized that he was approximately 118 miles away from home. His auto insurance would only cover 100 miles of free towing so, Rich decides drive to the next rest stop, then call for a tow. With a misfiring engine, Rich drives his wounded Safari slowly to the rest stop only to find that it was closed. The next one was about 100 miles away! Now he needs to make a big decision. Does continue to drive or wait for a tow? Rich decides to drive home. He was happy to report that "the old bugger got me home". The following day, Rich removes driver side valve cover and finds that the tip of the #5 cylinder intake valve lifer rod tip had broken off. Rich said that he replaced the rod and fired up the engine. Back to 8 cylinders and ready for the next road trip!



Road warriors are a rare breed. The adventure of taking an old car out on long trips and bringing them back home can be a challenge. Rich has driven his '55 Safari since 1991 and has tallied over 40 thousand miles. His Safari has earned 16 awards. Not bad for a rusty Safari that has duct tape on the roof to keep the water out!



The Gabrielson's Safari at the Pontiacs of Central California Chapter's spring car show in Clovis, California.

# Social Media Report .....

Our Facebook presence continues to draw more members. Since our last report, we have doubled our Facebook group size! We are now over 220 members strong! We are still growing at a rapid pace. However, we are expecting a bit of a slow down. Why? Well, Facebook made a change to the status of Public groups, allowing anyone to join a public group essentially without permission. Since we are looking for members who are sincere about their interest in Safari wagons, we have changed our profile to PRIVATE. Doing so helps us regain some control in accepting new members.

Many of our Facebook members eventually join our Chapter as dues-paying members. They use Facebook to “test-drive” our Chapter. Most like what they see!

Facebook members continue to post a variety of information including requests for repair & restoration assistance, cars and parts for sale or wanted, reports on cars shows, or pictures of travel adventures. Some posts include reports on Safari wagons at auctions, or private sales. Safari wagon factory literature and old photos are some of most favorite posts too.

If you interested in becoming a member of our Chapter's Facebook group, contact Tom Young at [pontiactom@ix.netcom.com](mailto:pontiactom@ix.netcom.com). He can get you started.



# Passing Of A Long-Time Safarian

We extend our sincere condolences to the family and friends of Chapter member Richard Nemechek of WaKeeney, Kansas. He was a long time POCI, and Custom Safari Chapter member. Friends often described him as great guy with a wonderful smile. Richard owned a customized 1957 Safari wagon. He would drive with his family to many POCI events in the mid-west.

Here is more of Richard's life history:

Richard (Dick) Lee Nemechek of WaKeeney, KS went on to be with the Lord on November 13, 2020 at the age of 70. He was born to Louis and Johanna (Gaschler) on July 25, 1950 in WaKeeney, KS. He was united in marriage to Carol Henning on May 17, 1975, and spent his life as a resident of WaKeeney, Kansas.

He was a graduate of the Northwest Kansas Technical school in 1970. He was also a veteran of the United States Army, serving from 1970-1972. Richard was an avid car enthusiast and enjoyed restoring his beloved 1957 Pontiac Star Chief Safari. He spent his summers going to car shows and possessed an impressive wealth of car knowledge. He had an amazing zest for life and always met everyone with a smile and a story. His infectious laugh would light up the room and he never knew a stranger. His true love was his family, in particular, his two grandchildren. He will be greatly missed by anyone who knew him.



Richard with his award winning '57 Safari at the 2014 POCI National Convention in Wichita, KS



He is survived by his wife Carol of the home; daughters Holly (Jesse) Hale of Olathe, KS, and Jill (Bryce) Morton also of Olathe, KS; and grandchildren Paige and Matthew Morton; brother, Doug Nemechek of Belton, MO; sisters Charlotte Albers of Grinnell, KS Betty Lipp of Collyer, KS, Mary Jo (Gary) McClanahan of WaKeeney, KS; and multiple in-laws, nieces, and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; his brothers Robert Nemechek, George Nemechek, and Bill Nemechek; and sister Darlene Tomanek.

There will be a graveside service for immediate family only, with a funeral mass and celebration of life to come at a later date. Because it was his desire for memorial funds to be given in support of children battling illness or disability, and it was his nature to make people smile and help fulfill dreams, memorial contributions are suggested to the Dream Factory. Contributions can be sent to Schmitt Funeral home 336 N 12th Street, WaKeeney, Kansas 67672.

The family would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to all of those who prayed for Richard throughout his illness.

**Above:** Richard's son-in-law, Bryce Morton, posted on Facebook a photo of a custom made painting to honor Richard. Bryce stated that Richard "was one of a kind". Indeed he was Bryce. He will be missed.

**Right:** Through our Chapter's Facebook site, Don Dyer offered to purchase Richard's wagon. Richard accepted! He was glad to see his Safari go to another life-long owner. Don plans to bring the Safari to the 2022 POCI National Convention in Catoosa, OK.



**Above:** Don & Cindy Dyer along with Richard and Carol Nemechek.

# Feature Story: It's All In The Details-1956 Style!

Inevitably, questions about the authenticity of a Safari restoration to "factory" condition will pop-up during any POCI National Convention. It is the details that may create disagreements. Conversations start to flow hard and fast like a mountain river flooding during a spring winter snow melt. Usually, the person with the best evidence and convincing story earns the respect from others.

When in doubt about restoration details, refer to first-hand evidence such as photos, publications and factory information. Such information is often hard to find and often not easily available when you really need it. The good news is that some Chapter members are very knowledgeable and can be a good source for help. The Pontiac-Oakland Resource Center and Museum always has great information. Don't forget that newsletters can also provide some great information too. Just keep reading... it's all in the details!



Look closely at this photo. What do you see that is different from production Pontiacs of 1956? This answer is .....

**Largest In The World!**

**PONTIAC**  
For Glamour and Go...Go PONTIAC

The "Spectacular" sign shown above is reported to be the largest of its kind in the world. Recently lighted in Kansas City, Mo., it is over 83 feet long and 67 feet high. The picture of the Pontiac is 70 feet long and according to the builders of the sign there is more than a half mile of neon tubing in it.

**Above:** Although this is a copy of a small ad, once you have closely looked at the picture and carefully reviewed the text, you will find that you are looking at the world's largest lighted Pontiac advertising sign!

The grill! Note that rather than the indentations pressed into the stamped steel grill as seen on most production Pontiacs, this grill has moldings attached.

Why? Perhaps this Pontiac is likely an early production vehicle initially used as a promotional display car.

There is no doubt that plenty of photos were routinely taken of early production Pontiacs. Although many photos may have been lost through time, some survive. Photos capture the factory appearance which is valuable to folks looking to restore their cars with a high degree of accuracy.

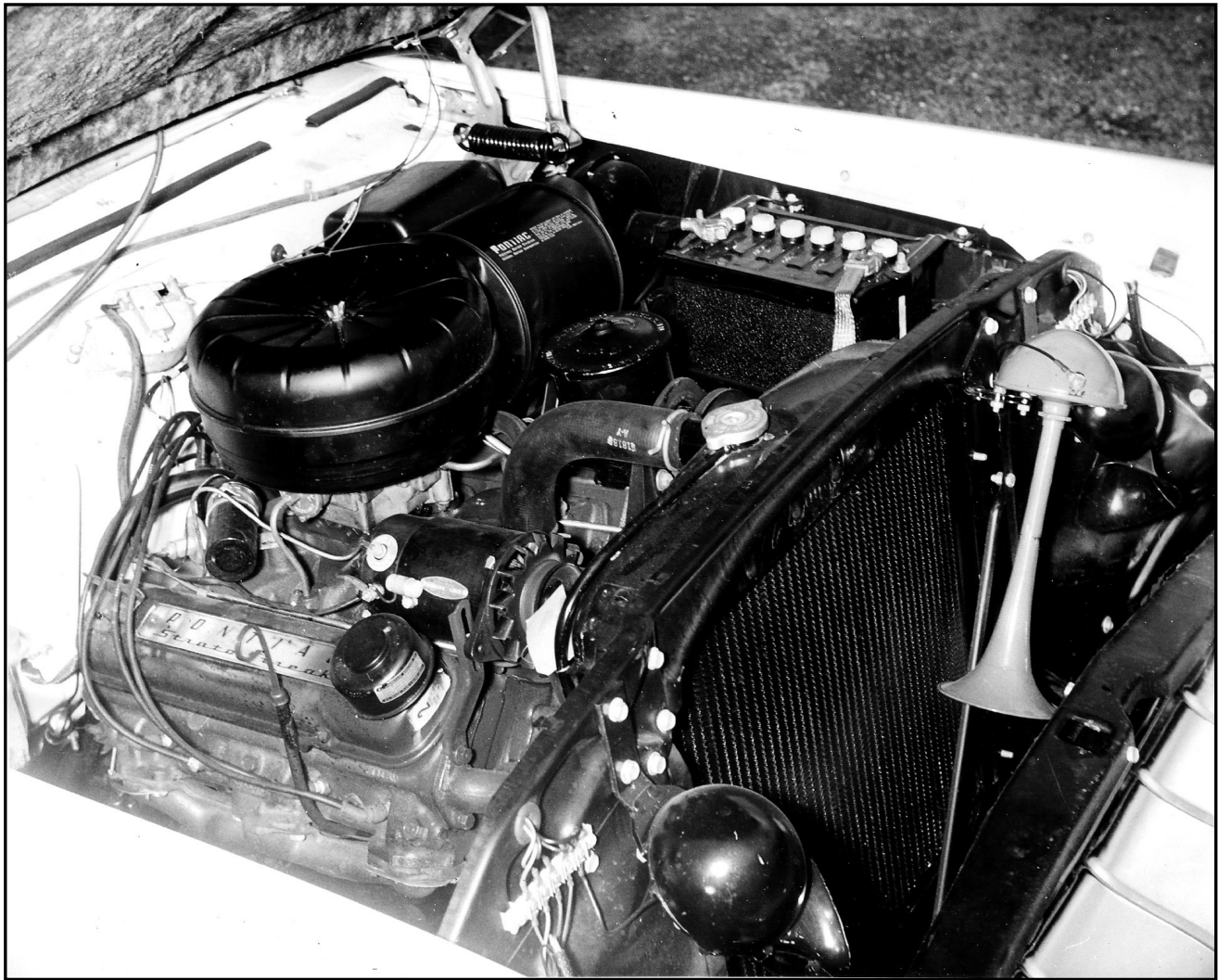
Some early production photos provide very little written details. They may not have a description, date, location, or photographer identification. But just like a jig-saw puzzle, if you keep trying to find and fit pieces of a puzzle, eventually you will complete the puzzle. So, when you look at the next page, you will see another early photo. Take a good look at it. You might find some of its details interesting.

Here is a personal question for your consideration.

When you were looking at the photo above, what first thing that caught your eye? Was it the glamorous model or the Pontiac?? Hmm....







**Above:** A rare photo showing a engine compartment view of an early production 1956 Pontiac.

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You have just viewed an original, untouched photo from a credible photographer who took photos of early production 1956 GM products. With such providence, consider using this photo to help guide you with the restoration of your car. Note the following:

- Under hood fiberglass insulation, color & texture.
- Finish colors of the bolts.
- Location of radiator tag.
- Label on the passenger side valve cover.
- Hood to fender rubber bumper stop, located **ONLY** on the inner fender near the radiator support bar.
- The matt finish on the air cleaner and the location of the service decal.
- The black gloss finish on the hood spring & cad/silver finish of the spring assembly.
- The rare accessory "Tri-Tone" horn.

Restoration is not an easy task. Just looking at this early photo is likely not enough. Since Pontiac regularly updated their components through the production year, some components may look different in later model Pontiacs. In fact, some components may not be easily interchangeable between early and later production cars. 1957 Pontiac are notorious for having well over 100 different variations of component production and assembly! Fast forward to present times, during the restoration process, early, mid, and late production components can easily be mixed into the restoration. Thus, it is especially challenging to achieve a perfect fresh restoration.

So, what notable feature seen in the photo has not been mentioned? It is probably one of the most important features particularly, if you are looking for evidence to date this photo! Look at the grill! It has the "add-on" moldings attached to the grill which was not adopted for mass production. Once again, *it's all in the details!*

**Weekend of Family Fun!**  
Warwick, Rhode Island

**2021**

**Crowne Plaza Host Hotel**  
Sept. 17-19, 2021

**A PONTIAC CELEBRATION**

**Returning- Bigger & Better**

The Pontiac Celebration committee has been working hard to bring back our show for 2021- *and everyone is invited!* If you had previously booked your rooms for the 2020 event, the Crowne Plaza Host Hotel has automatically rebooked them for the new Sept. 17-19 dates. And, any registrations that were paid for 2020 are also still applicable. The show format is still the same as our previous events. We will be making more detailed arrangement is the following months- *stay tuned!*

**CELEBRATING PONTIAC'S RICH HISTORY**

**PONTIAC with a Purpose**

**EASTERN REGIONAL MEET**

For more Information: E-Mail: [frdigi@cox.net](mailto:frdigi@cox.net) / call 941-792-6279 or local (RI) 401-934-0663  
For Flyer and Registration Form Visit: [www.PontiacRegistry.com](http://www.PontiacRegistry.com)

## A East Coast Meet Opportunity for Safarians

After more than a year of uncertain times, the organizers of "**A Pontiac Celebration**" are happy to announce that new dates are set. Once again everyone will be together with fellow Pontiac lovers for a long overdue real **CELEBRATION!** Some Chapter members already have this event on their calendar because this meet has become a great gathering for Pontiacs of all years and models. It is a perfect venue for Safarians to gather!



So, get those Pontiacs ready for the new "**Pontiac Celebration**", 2021 in beautiful **Warwick, Rhode Island**.

The Crowne Plaza host hotel is committed to following any state and CDC guidelines for masking and distancing. And because of the shortened time frame to prepare this new agenda some items such as the seminars may be eliminated or scaled back. But don't worry, just being out again with your favorite Pontiac and all your Pontiac friends will keep everyone busy enough! The good news is that there will be a wonderful banquet and trophy presentation night as before. The hotel will be operating at full capacity and ready for your every need.

If you have already registered (back for the 2020 event), your reservations have been "rolled over" to these new dates. If uncertain of your reservation, or for any other questions, contact **Rick DiGiacomo** directly by e-mail at: [frdigi@cox.net](mailto:frdigi@cox.net), or call: **401-934-0663**.

If you need a show registration form, please visit [www.PontiacRegistry.com](http://www.PontiacRegistry.com). Click on the "Free Trial Membership" at the top of the home page. There you can register and then be able to download these items. Just click on the "Pontiac Celebration 2021" rotating ad at the bottom of the home page.

For those folks who plan to attend this event, please help your newsletter editor by sending a few photos of this event. We want to share this event with everyone in our membership.

Thank you for your consideration.

# The Show to Attend

The 14th Annual **Wounded Warrior Car Show** in **Redondo Beach, CA** is a "GO!" This show is your next West Coast opportunity to see Chapter members and their Safari wagons. Lets support the show and the benefitting charity, the **Semper Fi Fund**.

If you don't have a car to display, just bring yourself! Driving a Safari to this show is not mandatory for hanging out with our group.

We will set up our Chapter display and shelters in the Safari wagon section. Food is available from a variety of outstanding on-site vendors.

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

Please keep in mind that COVID-19 impacts may linger through the summer season. This event can be modified and/or cancelled at anytime. Mike Green will keep us posted with any changes by email.

## 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Wounded Warrior Car Show

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 15<sup>TH</sup>, 2021**

**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

**\$40** before July 16th, 2021 includes t-shirt & dash plaque.

**\$45** after July 16th and day of event, based on available space.



No Alcoholic Beverages



First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Club Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

CAR: Year \_\_\_\_\_ Make \_\_\_\_\_ Model \_\_\_\_\_ Color \_\_\_\_\_ License \_\_\_\_\_

T-Shirt Size: S M L XL XXL XXXL

Additional shirts \$18.00. For xxl or xxxl \$21.00

Liability Release: In consideration of the inclusion as a participant of the 14th Annual Wounded Warrior Car Show, I agree to indemnify and hold harmless the 14th Annual Wounded Warrior Car Show, the city of Redondo Beach, the Performing Arts Center and all its employees, all sponsors of the show and all agents, employees and independent contractors of said entities. Participant(s) acknowledges he/she/they have liability insurance as required by the state of California Department of Motor Vehicles CVC16020 Sections a-b.

Entrant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Downloaded from [www.SoCalCarCulture.com](http://www.SoCalCarCulture.com)

Registration cannot be accepted without complete information, payment and signature. Make check or money order payable to W.W.C.S. and mail payment along with SELF ADDRESSED STAMPED ENVELOPE.

W.W.C.S.  
11 Amber Sky Drive  
Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275

Registration	\$ _____
Extra T-Shirt	\$ _____
Total	\$ _____

If there is a cancellation of this show, Chapter member **Bob Garacochea** may host a lunch at his high-end classic car shop in **El Segundo, CA**. Details to be sent in an email.

To donate make checks out to Semper Fi Fund and send to above address. Thank you for your support.

**CARS FOR SALE**

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



**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.

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



**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).*



**1955 Pontiac Safari. \$59,900 Copper & Cream.** Automatic transmission, front accessory grill guard, lighted hood ornament. Beautiful car, very rare, chrome wire wheels, copper/cream inside and out, great chrome, PB, 287 ci, 8-cylinder. **Chuck, 248-821-0752** Lapeer, Michigan, 48446 *Ad from HMN on-line. (Non-CSC member)*

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**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 want it to go to someone else that really appreciates this Safari. Call **Don 256-520-6183**. Located in **Huntsville, Alabama**. (CSC member)



**1956 Pontiac Safari. \$49,999 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!*



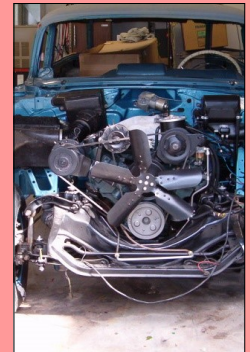
**1955 Pontiac Safari. \$6,500** Body #1469 PS, PB, factory AC, electric rear antenna, rear bumper guards, under hood light. Cowl tag code: ACC BGIKN. Have trim, interior and chrome parts. No title. Bill of sale only. For information and more photos, contact: **John Hartman** 661-301-6944 or hartman.bustersan.john@gmail.com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

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Owners may not be chapter members.



**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](mailto:Info@classiccarstudio.com)



**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)*



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

Contact **Rich** at (714) 245-9800 PST or [rich@pontiacparts.net](mailto:rich@pontiacparts.net) (CSC long-time member)



## BEST RETAILER BUYS

**1955-57 Pontiac front brake shoes:** Soft, heat resistant. Will conform to your drum. Source: The AUTOZONE store. Duralast Part # 192. Last retail list \$22.99 for front set. [www.autozone.com](http://www.autozone.com)

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

## 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**. Emailat: [rdiehm@twc.com](mailto: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](mailto:hartman.bustersan.john@gmail.com)

**1955-56 Safari:** Extra wheel rims wanted for mounting radial tires. Rims must be rust and dent free. Thank you for your kind assistance. **Don Bisson** Email at: [donbisson102@att.net](mailto:donbisson102@att.net)

**1956-57 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)

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

**1957 Pontiac:** Looking for a pair of nice looking 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.

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## PARTS FOR SALE

**Pontiac Tailgate Upper Support Arm Rebuild Kit:** 1955 to 1957 Safari wagon. C4662828KR\_12.203 \$16.50 plus 6.80 shipping.

Contact: California Pontiac Restoration (CPR). 714 245-9800 PST CA [www.pontiacparts.net](http://www.pontiacparts.net)



**1956 Pontiac Safari 2 dr Custom wagon parts car.** Factory air setup, \$1,200. Front seat, orig, \$400. Exterior trim including cargo pieces and other parts available. Call with needs. Warren 610 742-4041 Hughesville, PA (non-Chapter member)



**TO PLACE AN AD:** Looking to sell parts or a car? Send your request to Tom Young at [pontiactom@ix.netcom.com](mailto:pontiactom@ix.netcom.com). Your ad should be related to '55 to '58 Pontiacs and include photos when possible.

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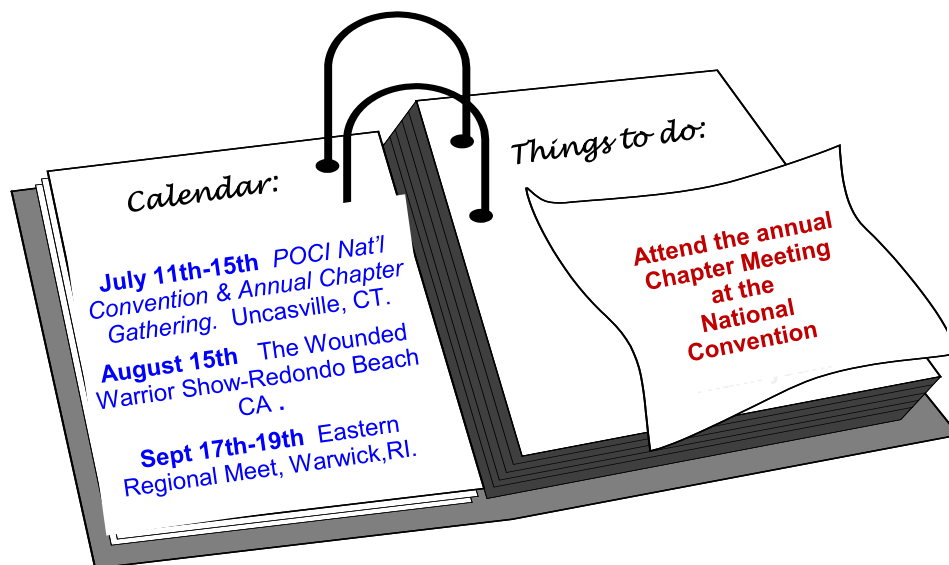
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