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# Custom Safari Chapter



## And the Winner is....

**Robin Clark presents Lou Calasibetta with the 1st Place Trophy for the Chapter's Best Safari at the 2003 Convention in St. Louis.**

Pontiac-Oakland Club International (POCI)

# From the President's Garage

By Robin Clark

*Greetings Safari People,*

*Well the convention has come and gone. For those who didn't make it, we all had a pretty good time. Overall we had a good turnout for the convention, with some very nice Pontiac automobiles, not to mention all the fine Safari's. A lot of talk around the convention was around the new GTO. It's a fine looking automobile, but my personal opinion is it looks like a lot of the other cars out on the road. It should have more of a nostalgic look to it.*

*Our annual meeting was a success. We had a good turnout, and we even picked up some new members at the meeting. I think the major topic of the meeting was getting some new chapter T-shirts made up. We all kicked around some new designs, and hopefully we can come up the something before too long. On show day we had our usual peer judging of our Safari's. Congratulations to our winners, once again some tough competition.*

*This October 3-5 is the 2003 Pontiac/Oakland/ GMC Western regional in Long Beach CA. If any of you can make it, please join us. We expect a lot of Safari's, even my old rust-bucket. Even if you can't bring your Safari, please join us anyway. We are sure to have a good time.*

*Last but not least, and very important, it's election time. For those of you that don't know, we changed elections to every three years. Basically it was a money savings idea supported by the fact that we really only have one meeting a year, at the national convention. So, here is your big chance, I've been behind the driver's seat as President for 10 plus years. It would be nice to see someone take the wheel, and throttle us down the Safari highway. All officer positions are open to anyone who would like to run. The results of the nomination form that was sent out in the last issue are represented in the list of candidates on the voting form in this issue. Please take the time to vote, even if people are running uncontested. We need to show that there was an actual vote. Also you can put in write-in candidates, if the person you are writing in agrees!*

*May the Safari be with you,*

**Robin**



# Behind the Wheel in the Editor's Seat

By Rich Pye

*Hello Everyone,*

*The summer issue of the Safari News is finally going to print and summer is now officially over. Funny how that works! I received some last minute information that had to go in this issue, so some rework was required. I just hope I got everything!*

*This issue is dedicated to the POCI national convention held in St. Louis this summer and the events revolving around the Custom Safari Chapter. We had a good turn-out of chapter members at the event with our club president, Robin Clark, and his dad flying in from California to spend the week. As I wrote in the last issue, it was good to have someone else run some of the chapter get togethers.*

*St. Louis had a lot to offer in the area of sightseeing with trips to the Arch, Anheuser-Busch Brewery, St. Louis Zoo, baseball games, and riverboat rides. As with most conventions it was hot and humid. The swap meet had to top 110 degrees plus since it was held on the asphalt of the convention parking lot. I personally lost over 5 lbs that week and don't remember changing my food intake at all! Thankfully, from a heat perspective, the number of vendors was less than normal. Our chapter had a display for the first time in a long time. Robin brought the chapter items, (display board, photo albums, old Safari News, T-Shirts, Hats, etc.), with him and it gave us an opportunity to show off some of our history. We are going to be updating the display for next year's convention, so if you have any good ideas of items you wish to have in the display, please let me know.*

*Chapter officer voting process is now in progress. Nomination forms went out in the last issue and feedback from the current officers has come back. We will be looking for a new president and vice-president for the chapter. The plan is to do the voting on the web-site in order to get a greater number of responses. For those without Internet access, I included a written ballot in this newsletter. Check the web site in a week or two for the on-line ballot. Remember your username and password for restricted content are your last name and your POCI number without any leading zeroes.*

*On the car front, I was able to add 5 pair of seat belts to my Safari. Drilling the holes was an interesting challenge trying to figure out the "perfect spot" and dodging some "soft spots" in the floor. But now I can actually put more than the 103 miles I put on it last year. Even running back and forth to Wal-Mart is more fun with the kids in the Safari than a minivan. I also added new rims and radial wide-whitewalls to eliminate the rattling and shaking I had whenever I went more than 55 mph. My next project is to figure out how to align the tailgate window so that water doesn't pour in whenever it rains. If anyone has experience with this problem or any ideas, please let me know.*



*Pony's flair for years-ahead styling was never more evident than in the fabulous all-new Safari.*

*Well, I gotta go clean out the barn before winter!*

**Rich**

# Safari Member of the Quarter

*Your Name:* Lloyd Hahn

*Spouse's name:* Shirley

*Safari(s) Owned:* (1) 1955 Custom Safari

*When/Where did you acquire your first Safari?* 1995 in Kalispell, MT

*What was your first car?* 1956 Chevy

*What was your first Pontiac?* 1961 Ventura

*Reason for "collecting" Safaris:* Had one as a tow car and there rarity

*Reason for joining the Custom Safari Chapter:* Share stories and parts

*Do you have "other" Pontiacs? If so, list model and year:* (2) 1960 Ventura

*What are your favorite non-Pontiac hobbies?* Snowmobiling, outdoor things

*Least favorite car task:* Electrical wiring

*Most favorite car task:* Washing and detailing

*Best thing about being a Pontiac Custom Safari Owner:* The attention it gets.

*Favorite non-Safari car:* 1963 Super-Duty

*Favorite car-related web site:* Hemmings

*Favorite parts vendor:* Michael Zarbolias

*Lloyd and Shirley Hahn's Modified 1955 Custom Safari at the 2003 POCI Convention.*



## Custom Safari Chapter Annual Meeting Collinsville, IL 10 July 2003

*The meeting opened at 11:10 AM. President Robin Clark asked the 14 people in attendance to introduce themselves to everyone.*

*Robin reminded us that the CSC is holding an election this year. All offices are open for election. Please consider stepping up and volunteering to run for President, Vice President, or Secretary/Treasurer. The office of Secretary/Treasurer can be separated into two offices, so if you'd like to run for Secretary only or Treasurer only, please note that on the nomination form.*

*The topic of CSC shirts arose again. The general consensus was the artwork on the shirts that Rich Pye secured was a good design, but we'd like it to be clearer on any new shirts. New member Thom Outen said he might be able to help in getting the shirts. Rich and Thom will get together and discuss options at a later date.*

*Noel Evans moved that the CSC dues of \$18 per year be continued. Jack White seconded the motion. The motion carried.*

*Our CSC traveling award was discussed. This is the award given to the Custom Safari judged by the CSC members to be the "Best" in attendance at the convention. The winner is awarded the custody of the trophy for the year, and the obligation to have his/her name, car, and convention site engraved on the trophy. The winner must also get the trophy to the next convention. It was decided that, if necessary, the CSC will pay the postage to mail the trophy to the next convention should the recipient not be able to attend.*

*While we were on the topic of awards, the winner of the CSC Long Distance Award was calculated. It was determined that Lloyd and Shirley Hahn, traveling from Montana, had covered the most asphalt to get to Collinsville. They were awarded a year's membership in the CSC.*

*Our Editor, Rich Pye asked for contributions for the **Safari News**. Please send stories, pictures, technical articles, old ads for Safaris, "want" and "for sale" ads to Rich.*

*Lou Calasibetta asked that we observe a moment of silence in memory of Bud Stowers, a founding member of the CSC who passed away this year.*

*Rich was given a round of applause for doing an outstanding job with the **Safari News**. The Chapter truly appreciates all the time and work required of Rich to publish and distribute our Chapter's newsletter.*

*We were reminded that voting for our traveling award would be at 10 AM on show day at the CSC class. The results would be announced at 10:30 at the CSC class.*

*Meeting was adjourned at 11:45 AM.*

*Respectfully submitted:*

Starr F. Evans, *Secretary/Treasurer*

## 2003 Convention Update



*The Breakfast Cruise was one Safari driven by Noel Evans with Starr Evans, Robin Clark and Brian Mertens inside followed by Rich, Paige, Mackenzie, Madison and Matthew Pye in their Chevy Van and Lloyd and Shirley Hahn in their pick-up truck. Good food and fun was enjoyed at a local Cracker Barrel.*



## 2003 Convention Update



*Above: Chapter picture on Show Day at the Safari Class. Bottom Row: Robin Clark, Lou Calasibetta, Lloyd Hahn, Jill White, Dee Ann Parker, Gary Parker, Paige Pye, Rich Pye. Back Row: Lynette Rutledge, Thom Outen, Shirley Hahn, Jack White, Noel Evans, Brian Mertens. Below: Photos from the indoor chapter meeting. New member Brian Mertens checking out the latest issue of the Safari News. Three kids, (mine), having way too much fun at a meeting!!*



## 2003 Convention Update



*Above: Chapter President Robin Clark presents Lloyd and Shirley Hahn with their 2nd place trophy for Best Safari. Below: The Hahn's also won the award for the Longest Distance Driven. They came from Montana to Collinsville to win a free year's membership in the chapter.*





## Winning Safari's



*Left and Below: Lou Calasibetta's 1957 Modified Surfari. Lou won 1st place in the CSC Best Safari Voting. Congratulations!*



*Above and Right: Lloyd and Shirley Hahn's 1955 Modified Safari. Lloyd and Shirley won 2nd place in the CSC Best Safari Voting and the Longest Distance Award. Congratulations!*



## 2003 Safari Class



*Above: The 2003 Safari Class included Gary and Dee Ann Parker's 1955 Custom Safari, Jack and Jill White's 1957 Transcontinental, and Noel and Starr Evans' 1957 Custom Safari. Below: Side views of all three cars.*



## Convention Curiosities



*Left: An interesting chopped and converted '55 Safari. This modified was called a Rancho.*



*Right: Not sure if I could do this to a Safari. Notice the rear bumper bar connecting the front bumper pieces. The hood stainless was sheet metal screwed to the hood...ouch!!!!*



*Left: This was a backwards car or back in front car. Notice the headlights above the rear bumper and the rear wheels turned to the left. It had wide tires in the back and taillights where the headlights used to go. Some people have too much time on their hands!!*

## 2004 Model Pontiacs



*Above: 2004 Pontiac GTO. From all reports great on performance, lacking in style. I'm sure there will be some aftermarket accessories, ie., hood tach that will be available. Below: Paige Pye thinks she's getting a new 2004 Pontiac Grand Prix for Christmas..... maybe a Hot Wheels Version!!*



## Convention Concept Cars



*Above: Various concept cars were at the convention, including variations of the Grand Am, Vibe, and Trans Am. Notice the GeeTO Tiger and the '69 GTO Judge in the background.*

# Donn Fallenbuchel's Parts Page

*All Parts for 1957 Pontiac Safari*

*Donn has been encouraged to make room in the garage, so he has some parts for sale. No prices are listed, but he is selling them for fair offers plus shipping. Please contact Donn at (928)855-5494 any time after 12:00pm, if you have questions. <=== New Number*

*Radiator – Needs boil out  
(2) Complete 3.90 Rear Ends  
Power Steering Pump and Brackets  
(2) Steering Columns  
Front Brake Drums  
(4) Chrome Rims (near new) 5x5  
Heater and miscellaneous tin  
Generator and Brackets  
(2) Floor Mount Radio Speakers  
Power Supply for Wonderbar Radio (only)  
(1) – 4 BBL Manifold and Carburetor for 347 engine  
58-60 Tri-Power Complete  
Radio Delete Dash Fascia  
Power Brake Booster and Pedal  
Dual Exhaust Manifolds and Elbows  
347 Chrome Valve Covers – Used*

*plus other parts.....just call (928) 855-5494*

*Wanted:           Stainless Spear, front of gas door  
                      Trim under the tail lights*



*Donn's Safari in progress. Not for Sale!!*

# Safari Search

## Cars for Sale

**FOR SALE: 1958 SAFARI** project car or parts. \$500 OBO. Previous owner says was originally a tri powered car (long gone). Located in So. Lake Tahoe, Calif. Email Ron Goodhue for questions or call, Phone number: (530) 577-5522, Email: [Rong327@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Rong327@sbcglobal.net).

## Parts for Sale

See Donn Fallenbuchel's list of '57 Safari Parts on the back inside cover

## Wanted



### Restoration Project **HELP WANTED**

Recently disabled Southern California  
(Ventura County) club member/enthusiast  
is seeking assembly help on my

**1957 CUSTOM SAFARI**

### **Need a part-time hobby related job?**

*I can pay flat rate per task or hourly is OK too.  
I need someone with experience on 1957 details.*

**CALL OR E-MAIL FOR SPECIFIC INFORMATION**

**John @ (805) 646-7354**

email: [tvdesign@prodigy.net](mailto:tvdesign@prodigy.net)

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

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

## POCI Chapter #10

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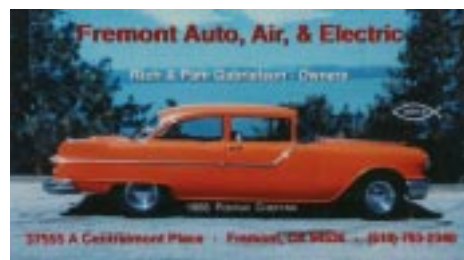
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