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Capitol Cruisin' Safari Style



Custom Safari Chapter
Pontiac Oakland Club International

From the Prez's Garage

By Steve Cook

Aloha Fellow Safarians,

Sorry about the corny greeting, but Andrea and I just returned from vacation and it's nice to hold on to a reminder of the islands now that I'm back to the regular grind. It's been a busy month. I attended what I could of the Convention, Tues.-Thurs., then back home, then to Chicago for my Brother's wedding, back home, then off to Hawaii.

What I got to experience of the Charleston Convention sure was great. It was so nice to see many friends and acquaintances. The West Virginia Chapter had a superb setup, with the Kanawha Blvd. shut down to all traffic except the POCI cars. It was interesting to note that a lot of new faces were there because of the "Trial Membership" program POCI started a couple years ago. I am foggy on the exact details, but I think non-POCI members can get a 3 month subscription to Smoke Signals, a trial membership, and register for the Convention for a discounted price.

We held our annual Custom Safari Chapter meeting at the Convention Center, and it was well attended. We missed our faithful Editor, Rich Pye, but he's at that stage in life where work, kids' sports, church, etc. use up every available hour. The meeting went smoothly, and Robin was burning up her notepad, so I'm sure she will provide us with a well documented set of minutes.

At the meeting, I inquired about Carl and Darlene Loftis, who I haven't seen in awhile. I was informed that Darlene has been quite ill for awhile, so I hope all of you will join me in keeping her in our thoughts and prayers.

Since I had to leave the Convention on Thursday night, responsibility for the CSC Breakfast Cruise on Friday morning got passed on to Mark and Robin Petry. I had worked with the WV Chapter since January getting ideas and setting it up. I had it all planned out for a cruise to Suzi's in North Charleston and had run off 25 copies of directions with a map. Best laid plans go South the quickest, they say. The Convention Schedule of Events listed the cruise as going to Suzi's in SOUTH Charleston, with directions, and inviting everyone to join the cruise sponsored by the Custom Safari Chapter. YIKES. I hope Mark and Robin survived.

The West Virginia Chapter experimented with several new Convention ideas this year. I really liked that on Wednesday night they had a cruise-in to our convention that included all surrounding car clubs. On Wed night, less than half of the Pontiacs coming to the Convention had arrived, so it was nice to have a lot of cars to look at. It was so great to have as our guests many diverse cars and trucks. I mean we're all gear heads, right? There were non-POCI Pontiacs as well as a half-dozen other car brands in attendance, and it was cool! The biggest attention getter was probably the hearse coach street rod that looked like it came from the Munsters TV show. Also new this year was the Street Warrior Class for the popular vote show. There always has been the venue available to Display Only, but with the new catchy name and a lot of promotion, it proved to be very popular with a lot of Cruisers. The format for the Popular Vote Show was all new, but as Forrest Gump said "And that's all I have to say about that". The Popular Vote awards were also handled differently, and again "That's all I have to say about that".

I attended the Chapter President's Meeting at the Convention on behalf of our Safari Chapter. Dave Bennett presided, assisted by Larry Manes and Larry Zidek. Most of the discussion concerned future plans that will possibly reflect the results of the recent poll of members. We will see an experimental trial of some of these changes with the upcoming 2011 Convention to be held in Bowling Green. For starters, a lot of the burden of organizing the Convention will fall on a Professional Management group. I'm really looking forward to the Bowling Green Convention, it's close to me, and the National Corvette Museum and Corvette plant tours are both fantastic!!!!!!!!!!

That's all I have for now, except to mention that because of popular demand, Robin has restocked the CSC shirt inventory with a re-order, so hopefully your desired size can be purchased from her.

Aloha,

Steve Cook, "The Prez".

Behind the Wheel in the Editor's Seat

By Rick Pye

Hello Everyone,

I hope you all had a great summer and enjoyed the hobby season to its fullest. This was an "off-year" for me as I don't think I took out any of my classics or even got them inspected. I didn't attend any car shows or buy any parts. What's wrong with me?

Anyhow I did a lot of projects around the house as I promised myself this year would be the last for major house remodeling. We'll see. Between that and running the town soccer tournament and going to 3 kids' worth of soccer games and practices, my free time was completely consumed. Now that it's close to Fall, it's time to start getting back to completing my wife's '69 Firebird restoration and putting the headliner in my '57 Safari. Well enough about my lack of attention around my car hobbies.

I have a request from member Mike Green going out to members in the Southern California area. A shop tour is planned for the Nethercutt Collection in Sylmar, CA on Oct 30 at 10:00AM. If anyone is interested, please contact Mike Green @ 310-343-9634 or email threenthre@yahoo.com.

In this issue you will find complete convention coverage focusing on our Safari Chapter members and the events they attended. My thanks go out to Robin Petry and Starr Evans for supplying all the great photos and write-ups of the convention events. Since this issue is mostly pictures, we decided to spend a few extra bucks to get it printed in color. Hope you like that. If the rates stay the same for printing, we'll plan on that in the future. Three black & white issues and one color one for the Convention coverage. Additionally, I have updated the Member Roster to reflect our newest members Daniel Gaudet and Wilf & Wendy Kaszanits and fixed a couple of mistakes/omissions in the last issue. Sorry about those.

In the next issue, we'll get back to covering Safari Members of the Quarter, Vintage Safari News replication, and also I'm hoping to continue the new series of "How I got my First Safari". I do need some help there though as I need more articles pertaining to that subject. I really think it's a great way to share info across the member base and it keeps people interested and impressed your adventures. If I don't receive anything within the next month, you'll have to put up with another article about my Safaris. You don't want to hear about those again, do you? In all cases please remember to send photos, high resolution via email is preferred.

Also check out the new service offering in the Safari Search section. It's a new offering for upper lift-gate straightening and restoration from Michael Bakotich. I will include some photographs of Mike's before and after work in the next issue. It looks pretty impressive and prices are as follows: It is \$350 to straighten yours or \$1200-\$1300 with a show quality exchange deal.



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

Enjoy your Fall Cruises in Style,

Rich

Chapter Meeting Minutes

Robin Petry

POCI National Meeting, July 8, 2010
Charleston, WV

Members in attendance: Steve Cook, Robin and Mark Petry, Lou Calasibetta, Lee Hadley, Noel and Starr Evans, Jack and Jill White. Visitor: Martin Hirsch

President, Steve Cook, called the meeting to order at 8:06am. 2009 minutes of the chapter meeting were printed in the newsletter after last year's meeting. Noel Evans made a motion to accept minutes, seconded by Starr Evans and membership approved the minutes.

Robin Petry presented treasurer's report: 4/1/2009 starting balance was \$1,207.10, Income: \$2445.50 (Dues: \$1152.50, Shirts: \$1260, Donations: \$33); Expenses: \$1907.51 (Shirts: \$657.49, Postage for mailing shirts: \$69.39, 2009 Convention: \$74.03, Newsletter printing: \$763.19, Newsletter Postage: \$234.42, 2010 Convention Trophy & Traveling Trophy engraving: \$51.42, 2010 Convention snacks: \$17.47, Misc: \$40.10) which leaves a balance on 7/8/2010 of \$1745.09. Jack White made a motion to accept report, seconded by Lee Hadley and approved by the membership.

Robin Petry presented membership report: Current number of registered families/members is 51. From 2009 Convention to 2010 10 families/members joined and 10 did not renew.

Steve Cook passed out POCI membership brochures for members to have to distribute to potential new POCI members. Steve thanked Robin Petry as Secretary/Treasurer for her service to CSC and Rich Pye for his support as Vice-President and his work as Newsletter Editor. Newsletter format discussed. Current Size (8 ½ "by 11" booklet) preferred, continue in black and white since color would be too costly. A color version is always available on the Custom Safari Chapter website that members can view and download in color. Members need to send to Rich Pye articles, events coming up, and other clips to contribute to newsletter.

Club T-shirt report: 41 shirts in stock: Five Small, Nine Medium, Nine Large, Seven XL, Six 2X, and Five 3X. Group discussed selling the club shirts to non-members which could bring in extra funds and give extra advertising of the Custom Safari Chapter. Starr Evans made the motion made to sell club shirts for \$18 + (\$3 if shipping required) to nonmembers, seconded by Jack White, approved by the membership. It was recommended to see if an ad can be put in the Smoke Signals for free. Robin Petry will follow up on this.

Convention Safari Breakfast Cruise was put in the convention schedule for Friday, 8am, leaving from Magic Island. Steve Cook has to leave Thursday due to his brother getting married. Robin and Mark Petry will lead the cruise to Suzy's for their famous catfish biscuits.

Members at the convention to meet Saturday, July 10th at 12 noon at the popular vote class area for Safaris to vote for the best member Safari here at the convention. Steve Cook reminded members going for points judged to have proof of insurance and fire extinguisher.

Information about helpful website: www.pontiacsafari.com was shared. It is maintained by chapter member Larry Gorden.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05am.

Respectfully submitted,
Robin Petry
CSC Secretary

CSC Chapter Meeting



Top Left: Somber faces - The chapter members start the meeting and have just been informed that Pontiac has been discontinued.
Top Right: Smiling Now!! - They were just informed they get to keep their Custom Safaris and they're worth more money now!!
Right and Bottom: Robin and Mark Petry, Starr and Noel Evans and Jack and Jill White relaxing at the reception.



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Above and Below: Lee Hadley's 1957 Pontiac Superior Ambulance equipped with all the goodies, but hopefully not transporting anyone! Very Nice Ride!!



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Above: Jill White relaxing with a good book during show day. **Below:** The gang poses with the Popular Vote Safaris.



2010 Convention



Above: Newest members, Wilf and Wendy Kaszanits with their 1965 Bonneville and winners of the long distance award driving to the convention. **Below:** Wilf and Wendy are congratulated by Arnie Beswick for winning the popular vote class: Legends Era 1964-1974 for their 1965 Bonneville.



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Above: The White's '57 Transcontinental behind the Capitol Building. **Below:** The Evanses' and Petry's Safaris hide on the other side.



CSC Chapter Cruise



Above: Member cars line up for the Annual Breakfast Cruise. **Below:** The view from the Evanses' Safari as they head to Suzi's.



CSC Chapter Cruise



Above: These members like to get their pictures taken together. **Below:** Now that's what I'm talking about. Mark Petry, Steve Cook and Lou Calasibetta finding some treasure.



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Above: Welcome to WV Reception at the Capitol Complex Robin, Mark, Noel & Wilf facing the camera at the reception. **Right:** Lee and Ruth Hadley. **Bottom Left:** Mark and Robin PTery. **bottom Right:** Starr and Noel Evans.



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Top Left: Jack, Noel and Mark look like they are “caught in the act”. Hopefully it was just a tune-up!
Top Right: Lee Hadley driving a golf cart. Lee was in charge of setting up the show field for the popular vote. Rumor has it he was pretty busy as the car count was changing daily. **Middle and Bottom:** The Evanses, Petrys, Hadleys and Whites display winning “Vehicle of Distinction” Awards.

Member Roster

First Name	Last Name	Address	City	State	Zip	Phone #
Tony and Helene	Bardelli	109 Stonefield Drive	Cranberry TWP	PA	16066	724-779-0085
Herschel	Beahm	2427 Delano Ave	Stockton	CA	95204	209-463-1222
Jim & Sandy	Bowers	7924 S. State Road 61	Monroe City	IN	47557	812-743-2949
Lou & Carolyn	Brown	102 Morningside Dr	Wichita	KS	67218	316-685-0540
Thomas	Brown	12882 Croftshire Drive	Grand Blanc	MI	48439	810-955-6811
Lou & Paulette	Calasibetta	913 Main Street, P.O.Box 46	Stillwater	NJ	07875	973-383-7014
Harold & Carol	Cary	2315 19th SW	Mason City	IA	50401	641-424-2663
Robin	Clark	7254 San Francisco Street	Highland	CA	92346	909-862-4305
Steve & Andrea	Cook	16565 Lancaster Est.	Grover	MO	63040	636-458-6729
Dan & Carla	Dickey	1591 E. Island Lake Drive	Shelton	WA	98584	360-426-3156
Noel & Starr	Evans	#10 Church Hill Road	Washington Depot	CT	06794	860-868-7723
Rich & Pam	Gabrielson	5762 Bellflower Drive	Newark	CA	94560	510-794-4334
Bob & Cindi	Garacochea	1360 Morningside Way	Venice	CA	90291	310-396-6830
Daniel	Gaudet	220 #1 Stornoway Place	Peterborough, ON, Canada		K9J8B8	705-749-1907
Susan and James	Gestwicki	855 Blackbird Landing Road	Townsend	DE	19734	302-653-8010
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Paul and Margie	Gore	907 Liberal St.	Dalhart	TX	79022	806-333-2597
Michael & Bernice	Green	11 Amber Sky Dr	Rancho Palos Verdes	CA	90275	310-377-6900
Lee	Hadley	PO Box 427	New Matamoras	OH	45767	740-473-2444
Lloyd & Shirley	Hahn	6468 Highway 83	Condon	MT	59826	406-754-2228
William & Oda	Hanners	15168 Sam Snead Lane	N. Fort Myers	FL	33617	239-543-3510
John & Vickie	Hartman	4204 Highland Hills Street	Bakersfield	CA	93308	661-392-7904
Jack	Johnson	15525 S. Rolling Ridge Drive	Lordes Lake	AZ	86333	602-576-6512
John & Sylvia	Kaminsky	1916 Evva Drive	Schenectady	NY	12303	518-356-2851
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Tom and Linda	Kelly	5502 Academy Terrace Dr W	University Place	WA	98467	253-564-1136
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Ronn & Pat	Pittman	1024 S Raddant Rd	Batavia	IL	60510	630-879-7393
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Chris	Rogers	1393 Story Road	San Jose	CA	95122	408-295-6318
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Jay and Trish	Ward	1200 Park Avenue	Emeryville	CA	94608	510-685-1422
Edward	White	621 Garfield Avenue	Heidelberg	PA	15106	412-445-3858
Jack & Jill	White	64 Castle Heights	Deep River	CT	06417	860-526-9748
Dwight and Nancy	Whitmire	3153 Clarks Bridge Rd	Gainesville	GA	30506	770-532-8124
Kelly and Robin	Wood	280 N. 1275 E	Layton	UT	84040	801-544-9714
Tom	Young	204 Acacia Lane	Newbury Park	CA	91320	805-375-1320
Barry	Zalesky	7535 Horrocks St -2nd Flr	Philadelphia	PA	19152	215-722-3717
Michael and Sandy	Zarbolias	PO Box 1886	Missoula	MT	59806	406-251-2502

Safari Search

Cars for Sale

1957 Safari Transcontinental: complete, one of 1894 made, purchased new by our uncle, PB, PS, Hydro, passenger seat head rest, roof rack, motor runs. \$8000, Call Jon at (815)-232-1258 or email: jgundry@earthlink.net



Services

1955-1957 Pontiac Safari: Rear upper liftgates. straightened and triple plated to beautiful fit and finish. Satisfaction guaranteed or your money back. Best you will find. Will straighten your liftgate only, if you prefer to use your own chromer. Also available rear liftgate gas struts to help open liftgates after torsion rods are removed. All safari/nomad interchangeable parts including window trim. Please call or email. michaelbakotich@ca.rr.com (310) 528-0482 - Mike

Parts for Sale

1957 Pontiac: Front Brake Drums complete with Backing Plates, Shoes, Wheel Cylinders and Wheel Bearings, \$100 each; also Two Radios with Speaker Boxes, one Maroon and one Green, \$150 each; Complete Rear End Differential with 3.23 Gears, \$100; 5 Hub Caps Good Condition, \$100..... call Bill Hanners @ 239-543-3510, FL.

1955 Pontiac: Parting out a 2 door Chieftain. email Rich Pye @ rpye@rochester.rr.com or phone 585-637-2720 with needs.

1957: hi comp engine core for rebuilding/parts, includes 4 bbl intake & exhaust manifolds, valve covers, block, \$150. 1958 radiator, last used over 20 years ago, did not leak, \$50. Delivery in California may be possible for costs, otherwise, you pick-up. Tom Young, Newbury Park, CA 805 375-1320
pontiactom@ix.netcom.com

Wanted

1957 Safari: Stainless Spear, front of gas door. Trim under the tail lights. Donn Fallenbuchel, (928) 855-5494.

1957 Safari Car Wanted: If you have any leads on one, please contact Dwight at dwhitmire3153@charter.net or call cell 770-851-1010 or work 770-531-1010.

1955-56-57 Pontiac station wagon, Exterior Tee handle for liftgate on with as many attached parts as possible. Steve Cook jumbodog54@sbcglobal.net or 314-795-4700

1957 Pontiac (Any Model): Air Conditioning components that mount to the engine, brackets, compressor, condenser, etc. Don't need firewall pieces, but interested if part of package deal. Rich Pye, rpye@rochester.rr.com or 585-637-2720

1955 Pontiac: Guide view finder part #984936. Contact Harold Cary, 641-424-2663 email buzz@netconx.net

To place a free ad to sell a car or parts or to place a want ad, send your request to Rich Pye @rpye@rochester.rr.com. Your ad should be related to 1955-58 Pontiacs, and it is recommended to include photos.

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