

From the President's Garage

By Lou Calasibetta

Happy Holidays everyone!

It's good to be back. I hope that everyone is doing well.

I am excited to announce that after a year long break from newsletter publishing, we are bringing the **Safari News** back in 2023. Our Chapter officers have been working hard on getting us down the road. With a lot of work behind us, we can now return to issuing our quarterly newsletter. We have also made some changes on how you can renew your membership or join us for the first time.

We now offer two choices for Chapter membership. they are:

- One year with **PRINTED** newsletter, mailed quarterly.
- or
- One year with an **ELECTRONIC** newsletter sent by email quarterly in PDF format.

Your annual dues will be **\$25** should you select the **PRINTED newsletter** option. If you select the **ELECTRONIC newsletter** option, your dues will be **\$8** for the year. What a deal!

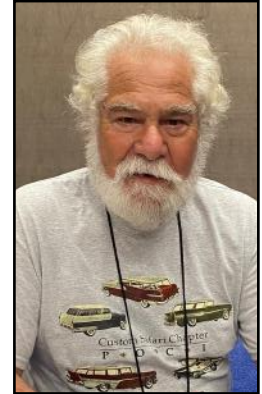
Either way, you will receive a high-quality newsletter full of interesting and useful information about our Chapter's activities, member news, restoration, and repair stories, classified ads, literature reproductions, and social media updates.

If some of you are wondering why our dues went from \$21 to \$25 for a printed newsletter, just look back at inflation over the last 10 years. Postage, envelopes, and printing all have gone up. We have done our best to keep the costs down, but we can't hold off any longer. The printed newsletter will now be published on plain paper. Glossy paper is too costly.

I want to thank our Chapter officers, Rich Pye, Robin Petry, and Tom Young for getting us back on the road. Rich and Robin have taken care of the printing & distribution work while Tom has produced this Special Update. To save money, we have agreed to attach our long overdue FALL 2021 newsletter to this Update. Our first fresh newsletter of 2023 will be distributed in February.

Thank you for staying with us this year. Between Covid-19, crazy weather, inflation, shortages, and more, we had another tough year, but we held our own. I hope that you will get your dues to Robin Petry as soon as possible. It would be great if we could start the New Year together as members of a great Chapter.

Have a wonderful holiday season.



Lou Calasibetta



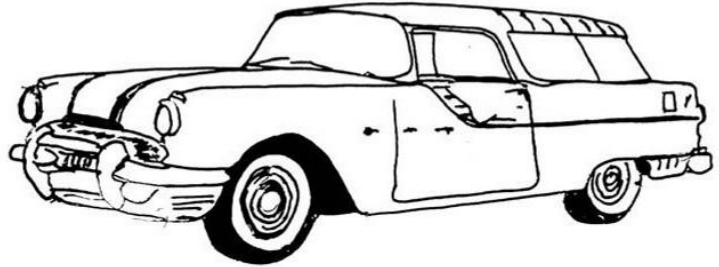
***Under the Hood* with your Editor**

By Tom Young

Lou's letter says it all! We are bringing back our quarterly newsletter in February. Please get your dues to our Secretary/Treasurer, Robin Petry, as soon as possible. Thank you for your support.

I will continue to serve as Editor until we can find someone who can make a full commitment to the job. We are looking forward to receiving some newsletter publication help from Chapter members Dennis Dana, and Roy Nollkamper. We also want to thank Robin Petry and her sister for getting this newsletter update to print. Lou, Rich, Robin, and I appreciate everyone's help.

We recently learned that our Safari ambassador of Southern California, Randy Kerdoon, has moved to the Pacific Northwest. We are looking forward to reading his reports about car shows and special events in his new home state of Washington.



A car show that Randy may miss is our first Chapter gathering of 2023. It is set for **January 28th** at **Fullerton Airport in California from 10am to 3pm**. The Southern California Chapter of the POCI will hold its 22nd **Annual Show 'n Shine**. The show is open to all Buick, Oldsmobile, Pontiac, Cadillac & GMC automobiles. Please come out with or without a Safari and show your support for the Southern California Chapter. We will have our Chapter display in the vendor area with chairs, drinks & snacks. Let me know if you are planning to attend. Thanks.

We have a few more Chapter events slated for 2023. They are:

- ◆ The All-Pontiac Car Show, sponsored by the Southern California Chapter of the POCI. April/May?
- ◆ The Chapter meeting and Popular Vote show at the POCI National Convention in TN. June.

Events in development include:

- ◆ Our Annual West Cost charity car show in Redondo Beach—July?

We will have more details about our Chapter activities in our next newsletter.

Remember to get your dues to Robin Petry.

Stay safe and healthy.

Tom

Show & Shine
CAR SHOW
22nd Annual

Presented by
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POCI

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CADILLAC, GMC TRUCKS**

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Custom Safari Chapter Membership Application

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In order to update the chapter's records, we'd like to know the style, body number, trim, paint, and accessories codes for your Safaris. This information can be found on the firewall data plate. Include a recent photo of your Safari and email it to: pontiacom1957@gmail.com

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If you elect the ELECTRONIC option, you will receive the newsletter one or more weeks earlier than the PRINTED newsletter.

Printed newsletter annual membership: \$25.00

Electronic newsletter annual membership: \$8.00

We offer two ways to pay for your membership dues:

PayPal: Send funds to: petrymail@yahoo.com

or

Check: Payable to **Custom Safari Chapter, POCI.**

Mail to: Robin Petry, 2806 Scarlett Drive, Augusta GA 30909

Renewals are due January 1st of each year. New member dues are pro-rated quarterly from January 1st. Applicants are encouraged to maintain membership in the Pontiac-Oakland Club, International. Go to www.poci.org to sign up or renew your membership.