

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE PCPV CHAPTER OF POCI
SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2016



1951 PONTIAC HEARSE

PONTIAC-OAKLAND
Club International

The World's Largest ALL-PONTIAC CLUB



PCPV News
Sept./Oct. 2016
Volume 19 ~ Number 5

**The Newsletter of the Pontiac
Commercial and Professional
Vehicle Chapter of POCI**

The **PCPV News** is published six times a year by the Pontiac Commercial and Professional Vehicle Chapter of the Pontiac-Oakland Club International (POCI), a nonprofit organization.

The PCPV Chapter (chapter #79, founded in 1998), is dedicated to the preservation, restoration, education and enjoyment of commercial and professional Pontiac, Oakland and GMC vehicles, past and present. These include: limousines, taxi cabs, hearses, police and fire cars, ambulances, sedan deliveries, station wagons, trucks, vans and SUVs. Pontiac and GMC produced military items and other special interest items are also included.

Dues are \$20 per year (U.S. funds, \$25 outside of U.S.); \$12 for electronic membership. We recommend membership in the Pontiac-Oakland Club International also - see **www.poci.org**.

Send change of address notices and article submissions to the *PCPV News* editor.

PCPV Officers

President

Gary Minor
357 Warwick Avenue
San Leandro, CA 94577
Phone: (510) 636-1951
mary.minor@sbcglobal.net

Vice-President

Wayne Guy
331 Kings Highway
Clarksboro, NJ 08020
Phone: (856) 423-3073
ueno47@hotmail.com

Secretary, Editor & Web Site Administrator

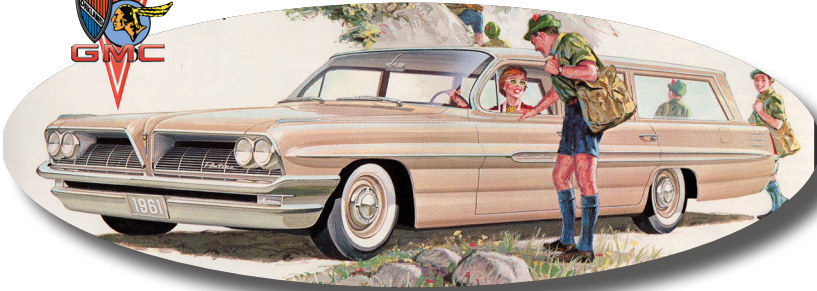
Paul Bergstrom
1165 County Road 83
Maple Plain, MN 55359
Phone: (763) 479-2248
pontiacpaulb@gmail.com

Treasurer

Terry Columbus
7516 Xerxes Avenue N.
Brooklyn Park, MN 55444
Phone: (612) 356-8295
terry1939@comcast.net

Deadlines for *PCPV News* articles/want ad submissions:

January/February issue: January 1st
March/April issue: March 1st
May/June issue: May 1st
July/August issue: July 1st
September/October issue: Sept. 1st
November/December issue: Nov. 1st



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello This is my first column as President of anything. So here goes.

For those who don't know me, I have been into cars from my first memories. I got into Pontiacs in 1948, literally. My parents had a '46 2-door that we drove from Maryland to Oklahoma that year. The seeds were planted then, but took a long time to bloom.



I got my first Pontiac in 1980, the same year I bit the bullet and opened my own shop doing custom bodywork, restorations and – to pay the bills – collision work. I semi-retired a few years ago after going through many Pontiacs, several of which have been in this newsletter.

I now have four Pontiacs: three '61 Catalinas and a '62 Grand Prix. One of the '61s is a station wagon, which I hope to start on next year. (I need a '61 or '62 lower tailgate.) I will probably make it into an El Camino-type vehicle, as I enjoy building cars that the car companies didn't.

Anyway, I'm sure I'll enjoy my Presidency and someday may make it to another convention and meet some club members.

*Gary Minor,
PCPV President*



Cover photo: Pontiac hearse parked in front of the Minneapolis Institute of Arts in 1951. Courtesy of David Niebur.



Hi, everyone. For those of you who don't know me, I'll describe myself briefly. Long time POCI member (since 1995). Early member of the PCPV chapter (member #47). Very active in the South Jersey Pontiac chapter. Some of you in the southern New Jersey area may have attended our shows. My interest in Pontiacs has been focused on the big cars, such as Catalinas and Bonneville's. Collecting Pontiac professional cars seemed like a natural extension.

I own five Pontiac professional cars, two hearses, two ambulances, and a limo. In addition, I have nine other big old Pontiacs, and three "new" Pontiacs. The car that I have shown the most this summer has been my 1986 Parisienne hearse. Basically a modified Parisienne station wagon, the conversion by Eagle coach stretched the tail by ten inches and added a raised roof. The original owner was Brooks Funeral Home in Turbotville, PA.



I look forward to continuing our PCPV chapter. I'm sure that involvement in a virtual chapter like this will be different than a "brick and mortar" chapter like my South Jersey Pontiacs. There won't be any physical activities such as show registrations, parking, and judging. And while my main interests lie with the Pontiac hearses, limos, and ambulances, I enjoy learning about all of those other "oddball" Pontiacs. For example, at a local show this season, I saw a 1951 Pontiac sedan delivery and chatted with the owner. It was a work in progress, so I hope I can continue to see it advance to full restoration in the future. I've attended three POCI conventions and one GTOAA convention. Our 2017 POCI convention in Fort Worth, TX, is still a long way off, but I'm shooting to make that one. I urge all PCPV members to submit descriptions of yourselves and your vehicles.

Wayne Guy,
PCPV Chapter VP



Looking Out The Back Door

I'd like to give thanks in two ways:

1) thanks to outgoing PCPV President **Michael Leonard** for his seervice to the chapter. I mailed Mike a plaque of recognition on behalf of the chapter.

2) thanks to our incoming officers **Gary Minor** (stepping up from VP to be President) and **Wayne Guy** (stepping in to be the new Chapter VP)

Lots of Pontiac pro-car action this summer! In the next issue, I plan to run a story and photos from the 2016 PCS Annual Meet (courtesy of **Gregg Merksamer**).

Thanks to **John Sawruk Jr.** and **Larry Holt** for submissions this month.

Keep the photos and email updates coming in. Until the next issue... let's all do our best to *keep the PCPV Legacy Alive!*



Paul Bergstrom,
PCPV News Editor



2017 POCI Convention Fort Worth, Texas July 11-15

Online registration (\$65) is available on the POCI website (www.poci.org).

The host hotel is the Dallas/Ft. Worth Marriott Hotel & Golf Club (866) 348-3984. Mention the "Pontiac National Convention" for the best room rate.

Call the POCI Club Office at (877) 368-3454 if you have any questions.



Welcome New Member!



John Dornbush

Fulton, IL

Owens: 1938 Pontiac Sedan Delivery

**VISIT THE
PCPV WEB SITE**



Pontiac-Oakland Club International - POCI

Published by Paul Bergstrom [?] · Just now ·



Do you like the unusual Pontiacs?

Sedan deliveries, hearse, ambulances, station wagons, police and fire cars? If so, then you need to check out POCI's Pontiac Commercial and Professional Vehicle chapter!



pcpvchapterpoci

Pontiac Professional & Commercial Vehicle Chapter of POCI

PCPVCHAPTERPOCI.WORDPRESS.COM

PONTIAC  **WE BUILD EXCITEMENT**

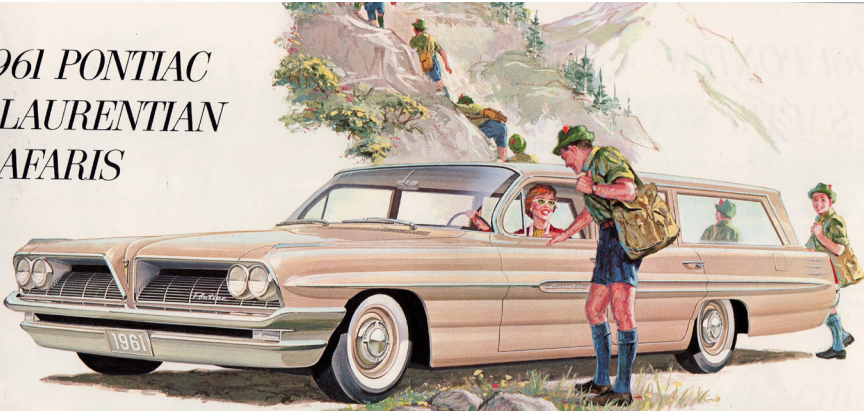


SAWRUK'S STASH

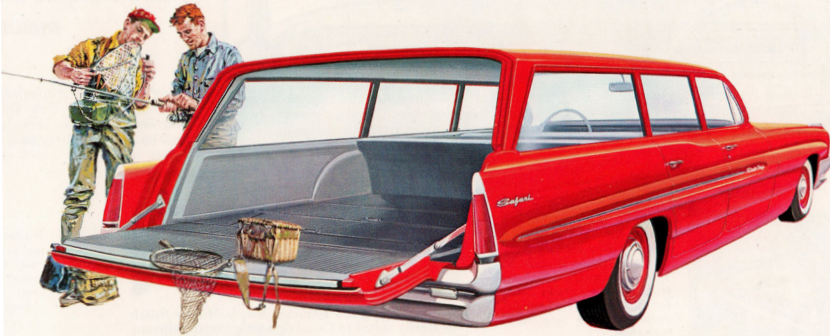


Thanks to **John Sawruk, Jr** for sharing these Canadian Pontiac station wagon ads from his Dad's collection of Pontiac artifacts!

1961 PONTIAC LAURENTIAN SAFARIS

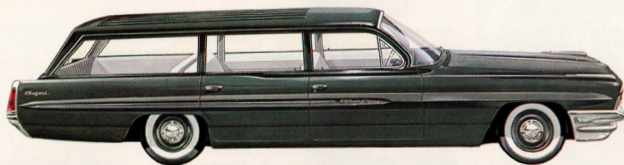


1961 PONTIAC STRATO-CHIEF SAFARIS



STRATO-CHIEF 6-passenger Safari in roman red

Pontiac's lowest priced wagon, the Strato-Chief 4-door 6-passenger Safari leaves nothing to be desired when it comes to space and convenience. Plenty of room for all your driving requirements on either business or pleasure trips.



STRATO-CHIEF 9-passenger Safari in tuxedo black

SHARKNOSE-CAMINO



David Hitchinson ▸ Pre 62 Radical Kustoms

April 20 · Auburn, CA · 🌐

Yea so I ended up buying this 1960 Pontiac Catalina turned elcamino off Oz Welch it's got a 389 w Tri power n stick I'm looking for info on the history of this car. Car was originally white the underside was white as well believe it was a finished custom as the frame n suspension inner fenders and dash were all gold mini Flake. Car was purchased by a guy from Montana in 03 in a junkyard in Iowa 02 bought it around 04 any help on info is appreciated



THE DUKE'S PONCHO WAGON



This 1975 Pontiac Grand Safari Station Wagon was owned and driven by legendary actor John Wayne. This was The Dukes last daily/family driver. The vehicle was modified by George Barris in '75 when Wayne asked Barris to raise the roof so the actor could enter and exit the vehicle without having to remove his cowboy hat. This vehicle was restored by George Barris Kustom Industries in 2014. It features a 455ci 8-cylinder engine with an automatic transmission. The interior was all-original except for the carpet which was replaced. This car originally came out of the private collection of John Waynes late son and daughter-in-law Michael and Gretchen Wayne and Batjac Productions an independent film production company founded by John Wayne in the early 1950s. A Letter of Authenticity from George Barris and Barris Kustom Industries accompanies the vehicle.

Vehicle descriptions are provided exclusively by the consignor. Barrett-Jackson does not make representations or warranties about vehicles offered for sale at auction.

<i>Las Vegas Collector Car Auction</i>	Status	Sold
<i>Saturday, Oct 15, 2016 12:00 PM Pacific</i>	Price	\$60,500.00



PCPV MARKETPLACE



1949 Pontiac Ambulance

"1949 Pontiac ambulance 6cyl stick car is complete less radiator motor is stuck all lights are there and comes with has good title would make a cool rod very few of these." Ft. Dodge, Iowa; asking \$3,000

Craigslist ad = <http://minneapolis.craigslist.org/hnp/cto/5689671720.html>



1980 Pontiac Firebird "Florida Highway Patrol"

Item #: GL42710-E

Condition New

1980 Pontiac Firebird "Florida Highway Patrol"

In Stock Now!

[Tweet](#) [f Share](#) [Google+](#)

[Pinterest](#)

No reward points for this product.

\$6.95

Quantity:

1 - +

[Add to cart](#)

[Add to my wishlist](#)

[VISA](#) [MasterCard](#) [DISCOVER](#) [PayPal](#) [eBay](#)

Trans Am Police Car, available at:
<http://www.farmtoysandmore.com>

For sale on eBay:
Pontiac Fire Truck

Seller states:

I believe this one was made by AC Williams. Appears to be a 1930s Pontiac. Awesome nickel grill and original patina. Great old toy.



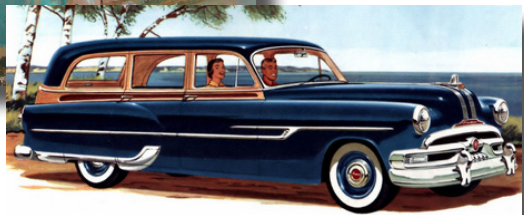
LARRY HOLT'S '53 STATION WAGON



Hi Paul,

I recently mailed you photos of my '52 Pontiac sedan delivery and joined up with the PCPV Chapter. Here are some photos of my next project. A few mionths ago, I bought a '53 Pontiac Station Wagon. As you can see it needs work. My son and I will work on making it into a "ratrod". I already stripped the paint off. I have a 455 Pontiac or 400 Pontiac engine to drop in. The car is all there, just needs TLC, it will be a fun winter project!

Larry Holt



PCPV POTPOURRI

A Pontiac pickup,
right hand drive, built
in Australia.
A very rare truck.



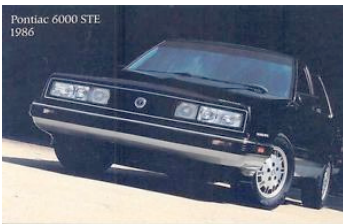
From the POCI Nebraskaland Chapter Aug/Sept 2016 newsletter.

Pontiac Pro-Car and Limousines For Sale

Former PCPV member's family is selling off their Pontiac collection. Up for sale are:

- \$500 for a 1986 Pontiac Parisienne Hearse
- \$5,000 for a 1986 Pontiac 6000 STE limousine
- \$7,500 for a 1986 Pontiac Parisienne limousine

For more information, contact **Bradley Vass**, email: bvass@sbcglobal.net (417)848-9601 (MO)





PCPV Classified Ads

Parts For Sale

For sale: GM Shop Manuals, book vendor sale. Almost 2,000 books 1960-2000. In good condition. Ideal money maker for young vendor. Priced to sell all at \$1 each, \$2,000 buys all. Also, Motors, Chilton, Mitchell books in this pile. **Rodney Brockman**, 24862 Ridge, Elwood, IL 60421 (815) 478-3633

1955 Pontiac parts: complete under seat heater system, radiator; **1955 Pontiac Star Chief 4-door sedan** (motor, trans out for rebuild) no rust, new interior \$3,800. **Mike Koch** (937) 572-8035 (OH)

Newsletter Contributions Wanted

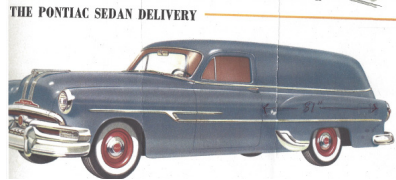
Send photos, stories, want ads, restoration tips, or just drop a note to say hello. Tell us what's happening on the Pontiac/Oakland/GMC scene in your area!

**E-mail submissions to
pontiacpaulb@gmail.com**



Parts Wanted

1949 Pontiac Sedan Delivery: I am looking for a set of 1951 Pontiac full size hubcaps with the chief in red. I have available a set of original '49 SD bucket seats, complete and nice. I also could use an exterior windshield sunvisor for my '49 SD. **Mike Theim**, yellowsidecar@hotmail.com or call 920-261-6724 (WI)



1953 Pontiac Sedan Delivery: battery tray and the stainless-steel trim 81" long for the driver's side only. Contact **Roger Bentley** (MD) email: airlinebuff2000@yahoo.com

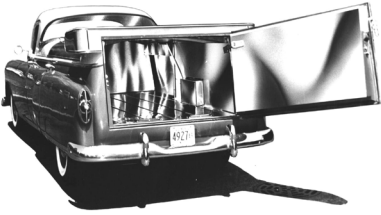


Send want ads to:
pontiacpaulb@gmail.com

1949 Pontiac parts wanted: Quarter Panel Stainless- Spears for 1949 Pontiac 2dr or sedan delivery, **Russell Cogar** 304-847-7542

1963 Pontiac: looking for a Perfect Circle cruise control setuo (or whatever you've got). **Mike Leonard** (308) 391-3833

PONTIAC



Parts/Pontiacs Wanted

Canadian Pontiacs and GMCs: wanted light-duty GMC sales brochures 1937-1958 showing panel trucks and sedan deliveries; Canadian Pontiac brochures 1937 - 1962; 2003 Vibe manuals and dealer literature. Contact **John Preikschat**, Phone (306) 771-2929 email: bigjohn@sasktel.net (M)

1956 Pontiac 3-seat wagon: need 3rd seat for pattern. Have 4 wagons with no rear seats! Chevy will also work. **Perry Eaton** (530) 534-5510 (CA)

Literature/info wanted - for '66 Bonneville Superior Embassy limousine. Contact **Joe Sharpnack** (402) 789-3015 (NE)

1962 Superior Criterion Ambulance: 15" Deluxe wheel covers, '62-era Superior Coachworks assembly manuals or photos to help with restoration. **Matt Planning** (262) 646-3363 matthew@brewcityengineering.com (WI)

1938 Pontiac: "8" lower Grille Bar and crank cover in restored or restorable condition. **John Dornbush** 563-593-1032 (IL)

Wanted: any literature for the 1955-56-57 Pontiac Sedan Delivery. **Rodney Brockman**, 24862 Ridge Road, Elwood, IL 60421

Hemmings Motor News

Ad #1783363

1946 Pontiac Torpedo for Sale



Price: \$64,500

Condition: Good Interior: Brown Exterior: Yellow

Location: Stonybrook, New York, United States

Description:

Very Solid Car, Absolutely no rust issues. All wood in excellent condition
\$64,500 631-987-8341

Additional Photos

Click photos to enlarge



Restoration Tips

1926-1958 Pontiac parts: Free parts catalog available from California Pontiac Restoration. Contact **Richard Plastino**, (714) 245-9800 email rich@pontiacparts.net, mailing address: 820 Poinsettia Street, Santa Ana, CA 92701

PCPV News **Classified Ad Rates:** (for 6 issues)

\$200 full page
\$100 half page
\$50 quarter page
\$25 business card size

POCI New Membership Form:

Year _____ Style Name/Number _____ No. Cylinders _____

Year _____ Style Name/Number _____ No. Cylinders _____

Year _____ Style Name/Number _____ No. Cylinders _____

Owner: _____

Associate Member(s) _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP+4 _____

Country _____ Phone: () _____

Email: _____ Referred By (Name & Member#): _____

Pontiac Oakland GMC

Annual Membership

Worldwide E-Membership	\$25.00
U.S. (Includes 2 Associates)	\$39.00
Canada (Includes 2 Associates)	\$40.00
Foreign (Includes 2 Associates)	\$49.00
Associate Membership (All)	\$2.00/each

Bill My: Visa Mastercard
 Discover

Card Number: _____

Expiration: _____ Security Code: _____

Signature: _____

RECRUIT A NEW MEMBER!

PCPV Chapter Membership Form

___ NEW MEMBER ___ RENEWAL

POCI Membership # _____ (if applicable)

Annual Dues = \$20.00 Outside of U.S. = \$25.00

Electronic Membership = \$12.00 (newsletter received via email)

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE/PROV. _____

ZIP/POSTAL CODE: _____ PHONE: _____

email: _____

Vehicles owned: _____

Send check or money order made out to:
PCPV Chapter of POCI, c/o Terry Columbus
7516 Xerxes Avenue N.
Brooklyn Park, MN 55444



PCPV Chapter of POCI

c/o Paul Bergstrom, Editor
1165 County Road 83
Maple Plain, MN 55359

