



# ***The Modifier***

Street Rod & Modified Chapter  
Pontiac – Oakland Club International

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## ***2014 POCI Convention***



Cool 1962 Pontiac Catalina Safari mild custom, photographed at the  
2014 POCI Convention in Wichita, July 2014.



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## ***President's Letter – Lou Calasibetta***

It has been a couple months since the convention in Kansas. Wow what has ever happened to the summer? Suppose all of us have been very busy doing family things - weddings, graduations and just everyday things that come along in one's life. Many of us do those things along with car events.

The POCI event in Wichita was a very good one. It was a real pleasure to be inside on the convention center. I did, however, feel sorry for the swap meet folks - hot and sticky for sure. All in the price of building a car, I guess. Sometimes the hunt for the parts is more fun than a car. Hey, without the goodies, the rides will never be finished. Thanks for all of the vendors that suffered throughout the week of the convention.

There were many cool modified cars at this year's show. I have to admit that the quality is really getting better year after year. It is getting to be a big job for the judges as well as the popular cars to be picked for the best. It makes me feel really good to see so many modified cars in both categories at the convention. A few years ago there were just a few. Now there are many modified cars all over the convention. That tells me members are expressing their ideas and designs out for the public to view. All I can say is "atta boy" to all of you.

That makes me wonder why there are so many modified cars at the convention and so few people come to our once a year meeting? It is not a good showing at all. Sometimes I wonder why we even have a chapter. I want to thank those members that attended the meeting. We did not go on a cruise so it was at the convention center. Therefore, no travel for a one hour talk. For those that missed it, you missed Darryl Starbird give a short speech to us. Now, how about that? One of the custom icons came to our meeting, and he is not even a member.

That's it for now. Enjoy the fall car shows!

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## ***2014 POCI Convention – Wichita, KS***

**Words: Larry Crider; Photos: Larry Crider, Darla Wilhite & Lou Calasibetta**

Well, another convention is in the record books. Due to location, it was a smaller convention but the convention hall was pretty full. What made it nice, being in a different part of the country, was the different vehicles we got to see. This year even had the largest showing of GMC vehicles ever.

I'm sure glad I postponed my surgery as from Sunday when I arrived it was nonstop run, run, run 'til the end of the convention. I would like to add the local group working the convention did a fabulous job of keeping things rolling smoothly. Hats off to the Greater Wichita Pontiac Club for a successful convention.

It appears registration numbers topped out around 556 with about 300 vehicles showing. A few Road Warrior vehicles snuck through without getting photographed but it was a very good turnout in my opinion. All seminars were well-attended with two being first time speakers at a POCI Convention. Plenty of chapter displays were on hand and it always is wonderful to see kids of all ages entering the coloring contest and model car building.

New this year was a valve cover race. I never saw so many "older" excited people in my life. There were some wild creations and the technical work that went into some of these was awesome.

Wednesday night was the first big convention activity, held at Cowtown about five minutes from the convention site. About 500 folks attended and most enjoyed some very good BBQ and cold drinks while drifting about the town, seeing how things were back in the older days.

Thursday night was the annual POCI Night Banquet. This is held to give out chapter awards, newsletter editor certificates and introduce the upcoming convention. Earlier that day our annual Street Rod-Modified Chapter meeting was held. It was a short visit but I was able to pull Darryl Starbird in for a quick hello and to greet everybody along with his wife Donna. Following our meeting, Darryl did the first seminar, talking about his career building cars and showed slides of several Pontiac vehicles he used in his creations.

For the first time, the POCI Drag Day was moved to an evening event. This, along with super weather, proved to be a very successful turn of events. The gates opened just before 5PM and the stands were packed all night. Plenty of

Pontiac racing all night as things finally got wrapped up around midnight. Again thanks to Tom Wilhite and the Greater Wichita Pontiac Club; they had obtained enough sponsor money to have very good payouts for those who raced. Jim Wangers was on hand along with his PontiCarlo with Robert Johnson doing the honors of driving.

Once racing was over, most headed back to go ahead and unload their cars and re-clean them up to put inside the convention hall, ready for the Saturday popular vote car show. Lock down was required for Saturday as we again tried something new by charging spectators entrance to see the cars. With Wichita being such a hot rod type town, this proved to be beneficial towards making our convention a success. Everybody enjoyed walking around all day in a very cool air conditioned convention hall, taking photos and voting for their favorite cars.

Saturday night ended the fun as the annual Awards Banquet was held to see which participants would receive top honors with their cars. We missed getting a group photo but we had many Street Rod-Modified members winning in their show classes.

It was hard work for some of us. Being the assistant convention coordinator, my time is full keeping things going smooth and helping out. Darla ended up with the job of photo shooting the convention for our awards ceremony so her spare time was limited. On behalf of POCI, myself, Art Barrett, Darla Wilhite and the Greater Wichita Pontiac Club, we wish to thank all those who helped in any form or fashion. The KC Arrowhead Chapter stepped up to the plate and played a big part in filling spaces in the work schedule. Put on your calendar that the 2015 POCI Convention will be held July 21-25 in Louisville, Kentucky.

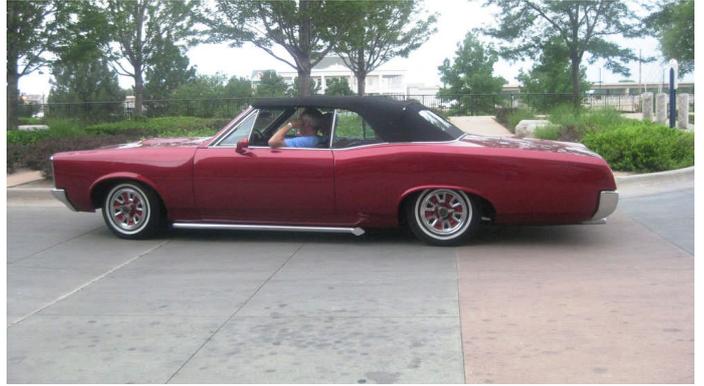


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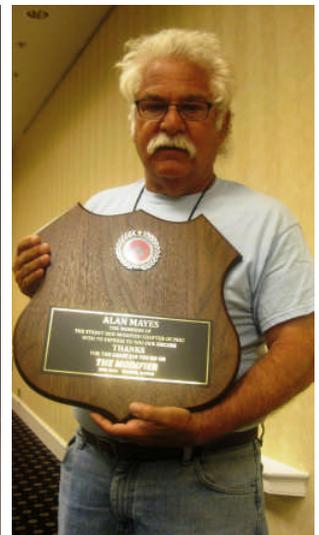
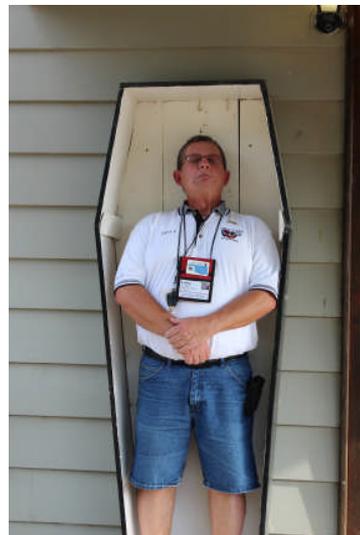
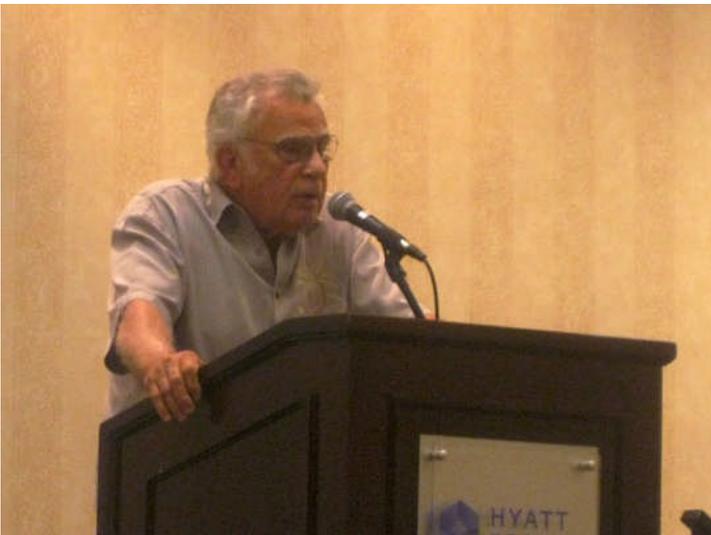
***Street Rod & Modified Chapter members are our best recruiting tool for the Chapter. When you are at any car show, whether the POCI Convention or a local or national show - Goodguys, NSRA, KKO, etc. – and you see a modified Pontiac, Oakland, or GMC, ask the owner if he's a member of POCI & tell him about our club & chapter. POCI membership applications & extra copies of Smoke Signals are available from Paul Bergstrom at the Club Office. Carry a few in your car. Smoke Signals is the only all-Pontiac magazine left and it's a great one, and a good recruiting tool, as well.***

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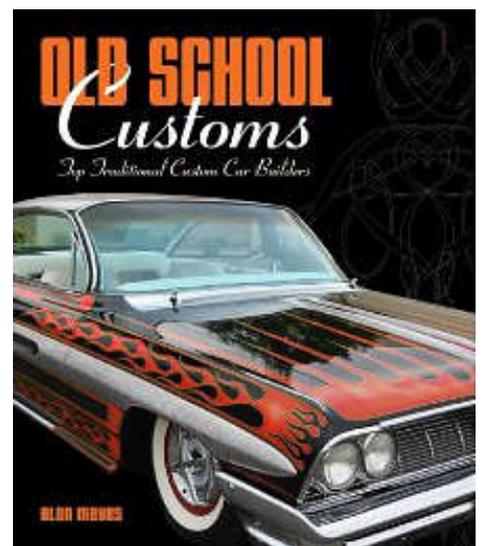
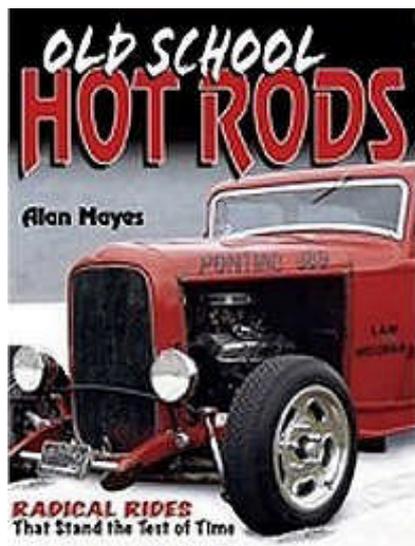
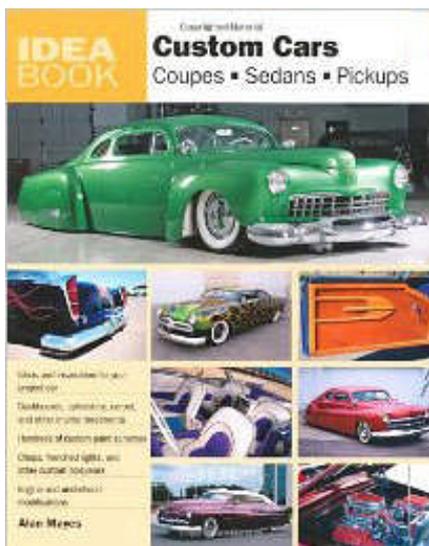


Left: Darryl Starbird (King of Bubletops); Center: Larry Crider feeling dead by the end of the convention week; Right: Lou with the appreciation plaque awarded to The Modifier editor, Alan Mayes. (Ed. note: Thanks, everyone. It has a place of honor in my office and is much appreciated.)

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## Custom & Hot Rod Books by Alan Mayes



The above books are available at [www.olskoolrodz.com](http://www.olskoolrodz.com). Book sale profits always go to charity.

## ***Finally! Leenor is Back!*** By Alan Mayes



The saga of my '61 Pontiac is complete. After four years (two years of body repair and two years at the paint shop), my car finally came home on August 19. I had actually planned on picking her up on my way to the KKOA Leadsled Spectacular in Salina, Kansas, in July but my wife injured herself in a bicycle accident and couldn't drive or go up and down stairs by herself, so I stayed home. I finally just had the car shipped home. Paint is by Fritz Schenck (Spritz by Fritz) at Rock's Rod & Custom in Independence, Missouri. The paint itself is a custom mix by Kustom Shop using House of Kolor shades. The main color is HOK Sunrise Candy. Scallops are HOK Tangerine Candy with ground glass. The top has heavy metalflake in gold, tangerine and lime green. It is scalloped as well and has lace sections. The side cove is variegated gold leaf. Wheels are chrome smoothies (custom offset to accommodate Pontiac's Wide Track) by Pete Paulsen, with short Shannon cones. Tires are Coker American Classics. The car is named "Leenor," my wife's middle name.

There will be a full feature on the car and its saga in *Smoke Signals* soon, but I wanted to show it to the SRM Chapter members first.



Leonor!, cont'd



Left: When the car came home, it still had the 1950s style wide whites and 4-bar spinners. I changed to the new wheels and tires shown in the lead picture right away.

### Street Rod & Modified Chapter Information Sheet - Tell us about yourself and your cars

Please complete the following information and return it along with pictures of your car(s).

Send to Alan Mayes, 219 Lakewood Drive, Tullahoma, TN 37388 or e-mail to: alanpoci@gmail.com

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ OCCUPATION \_\_\_\_\_

CAR MAKE \_\_\_\_\_ MODEL \_\_\_\_\_ YEAR \_\_\_\_\_ BODY STYLE \_\_\_\_\_

ENGINE \_\_\_\_\_ ENGINE MODIFICATIONS \_\_\_\_\_

TRANSMISSION \_\_\_\_\_ REAR END \_\_\_\_\_ CARB/INDUCTION \_\_\_\_\_ EXHAUST \_\_\_\_\_

INTERIOR \_\_\_\_\_ CHROME \_\_\_\_\_ COLOR \_\_\_\_\_

TYPE OF PAINT \_\_\_\_\_ BODY MODIFICATIONS \_\_\_\_\_

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TIRES \_\_\_\_\_ WHEELS \_\_\_\_\_ OTHER WORK DONE AND FUTURE PLANS \_\_\_\_\_

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## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION – POCI Street Rod/Modified Chapter

This chapter is for those interested in Modified Pontiac, Oakland & GMC vehicles.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Cell # \_\_\_\_\_ POCI Membership # \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Pontiacs/Oaklands/GMCs owned & Modifications: \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE SEND A STORY AND PHOTOS OF YOUR VEHICLE FOR *THE MODIFIER* AND FOR THE CLUB SCRAPBOOK TO BE DISPLAYED AT THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION.

POCI dues are \$35.00 per year for the U.S., \$37.00 in Canada, \$46.00 elsewhere. Associate members are \$2.00 extra each. Street Rod & Modified Chapter dues are \$15.00 per year (July 1 through June 30), pro-rated for new members who join after January 1 to \$8.00 for the remainder of the year. Chapter dues include bi-monthly issues of *The Modifier* newsletter. Please return this form and a check payable to the Street Rod & Modified Chapter to:

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