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Pontiacs at the Carl Casper Show



This pretty '55 Pontiac Custom Safari belongs to
a Louisville pinstriper and custom painter, Bob Taylor.

Photo by Lou Calasibetta



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President's Message - Lou Calasibetta, Chapter President

Start of a new season

We are into the first two months of another year for the Modified Chapter. The time really does go by ever so fast as I grow older. I always thought this to be a tale when my parents would tell me "Enjoy the youth. Soon you will be an older man."

A few weekends ago the Northeast experienced a real snowstorm. Here in Stillwater, we got lucky, only about nine inches of the white stuff. Hey, that is just three inches shorter than a Subway sandwich! Many places up here got close to two and a half feet just in a day or so.

After shoveling and plowing up all of my property, I finally had time to play in my garage. All three of the Pontiacs that I wanted to start all popped off in good winter spirits. You see, I was getting ready to take the Golden Indian to a big custom car event in Louisville, Kentucky. With luck and time allowing, I was able to meet with Alan there to talk and enjoy all of the Pontiacs and other customs there. This was a real good event and there was a large section of early rods and customs attending it.

Fellow members, I see that the convention hotels are getting filled up in Dayton, Ohio. This is a good sign of many cars being in attendance there. I was lucky to obtain a room at a Marriot not far from the show and host hotel. This is not a big deal because there is a lot of action all around the convention center anyway. There must be a lot of GTO and Pontiac buffs ready to show their cars this coming July. Remember, there is a need for Modified cars at the event. Did you all notice that the last two *Smoke Signals* had a Modified car on the cover? Now that tells me we are popular with the club as well as Don Keefe.

Folks we need your input in this chapter's letter. There is just so much Alan and I can say and do for you. Keep in mind it's your chapter, not ours. Do you ever get tired of me saying this? So get the digital camera out and shoot a picture of your Pontiac or GMC and send it into him. He will gladly put it into our letter. As we are getting close to Dayton, there must be something you can share about your project.

In closing I want to wish all a safe, and warm winter, keep dry, and remember the troops that protect all of us.

Be sure to visit our chapter's website at

<http://www.badgoat.net/SRM/index.html>. Send Charlie your photos & info

Register now for the POCI 2013 Co-Ventioin in Dayton, Ohio

Co-Ventioin Dates: July 9-13

Register online at www.poci.org or use the registration form in the latest issue of Smoke Signals. Then be sure to book your hotel!

Let's see a ton a Street Rod & Modified cars in Dayton!

Be sure to attend the Street Rod & Modified Chapter Meeting, too.

Richard Henderson's Original Pontiac Art



This pencil drawing of a 1965 LeMans was done by my friend Richard Henderson of Las Vegas, Nevada. If you are interested in having Richard do an original rendering of your car, no matter what make or model, you can e-mail him at randc4038@yahoo.com or give him a call at 702-487-5109. Richard is super-talented and a really nice guy to boot. Tell him I sent ya! – Alan Mayes

Editorial – Alan Mayes

As Lou mentioned in his President's Message, he and I hooked up at the 50th Annual Carl Casper Custom car Show in Louisville in late February. His son John, a car guy in his own right, was with him and I really enjoyed hanging out with them at the show. One of the things I enjoy most at car shows is making new friends and seeing old ones.

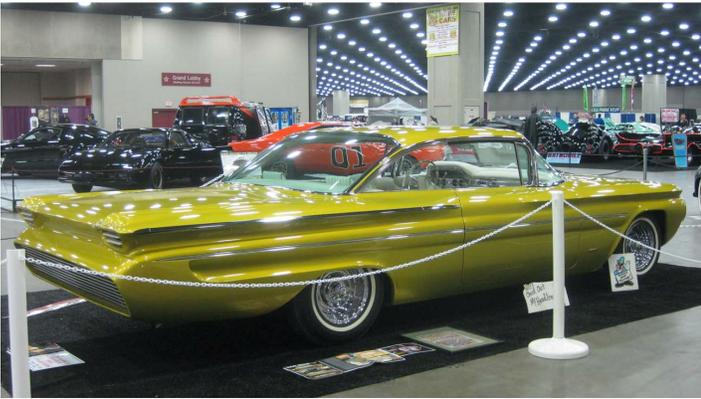
Usually when I'm at a car show these days, I'm working and don't get a lot of time to just hang out. This time around, I was able to arrange to get into the show early and do most of my photography before the crowds of spectators came in. That allowed me to get cleaner shots and also gave me the rare privilege of actually enjoying the show with friends, including Lou and John.

Lou also introduced me to Kurt McCormick, a custom car collector from the St. Louis area. Kurt's and my paths had not crossed before, though I knew of him and his collection of custom cars. He had the Spence Murray *Rod & Custom* Dream Truck at Louisville. He also owns a few customs built by the Barris Brothers. I plan to do an article on him and his collection in an upcoming issue of *Car Kulture DeLuxe*. If things work out right, I'll stop by his place on my way to Kansas City to pick up my '61 Pontiac with its new paint job, probably sometime in April.

Speaking of the new paint job, I plan to debut the '61 with its new paint at the Stray Kat 500 in Oklahoma in May and will have it at the Dayton Co-Vention in July. Hope to see you there!

Pontiacs & Customs at the Carl Casper Show, Louisville

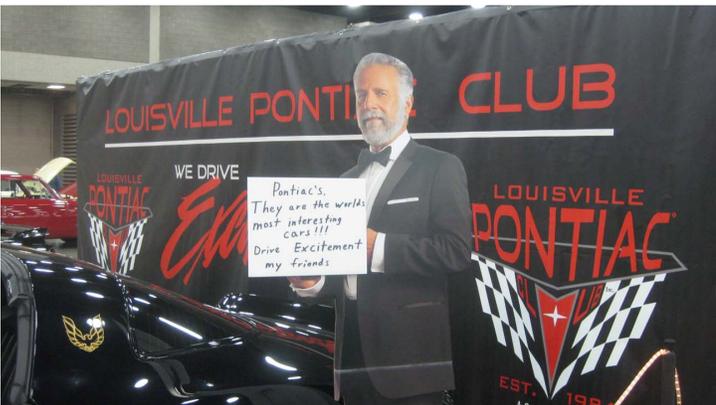
Photos by Lou Calasibetta & Alan Mayes



As always, Lou's Alexander Brothers "Golden Indian" was one of the custom stars (L, above). This '57 Pontiac gasser (R, above) was in the club display of the "Straight Axle Mafia."



The Louisville Chapter of POCI had a great 6-car club display that included the optioned out (everything but AC) '55 Star Chief sedan (L, above) and this Verdero Green '68 Firebird H.O. convertible. We enjoyed meeting this enthusiastic bunch of Pontiac aficionados.



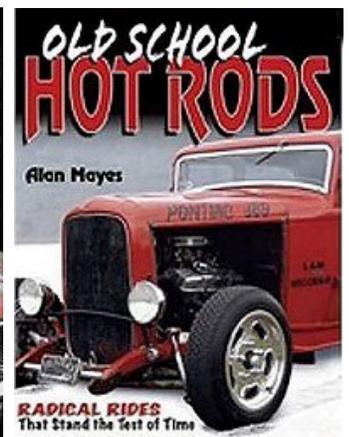
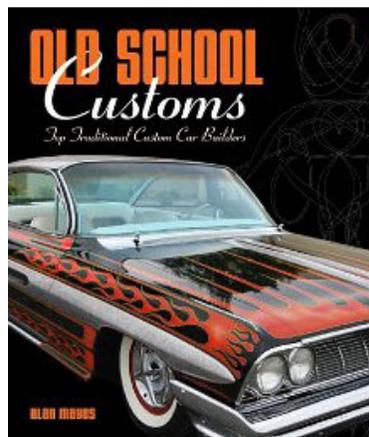
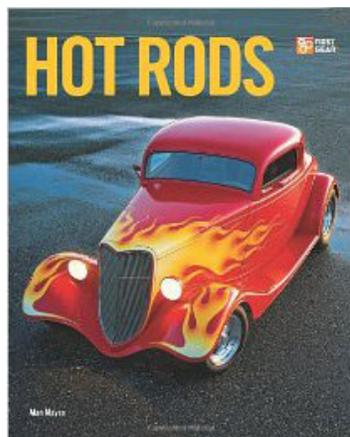
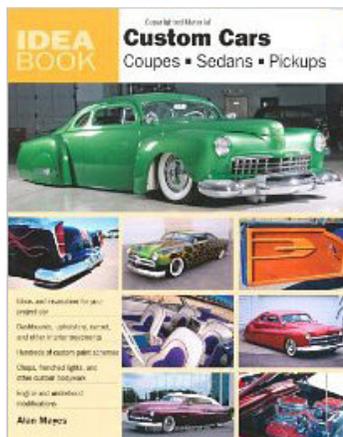
Apparently, the "World's Most Interesting Man" (L, above) is a Pontiac fan. That's understandable. If he were Canadian, he might drive this '67 Beaumont Sport Deluxe (R, above), a Canadian Pontiac version of the Chevelle SS396 .



Carl Casper's own "Empress" (L, above) was on display at the show.
 Spencer Murray's Rod & Custom "Dream Truck" (R, above) is now owned by Kurt McCormick.



Darryl Starbird, "King of the Bubbletops" built this Corvair-based "Forcasta" (L, above) in the '60s. It was recently restored.
 Gene Winfield recently completed a clone of the "Pacifica" (R, above) that he built for Ford's Caravan of Customs in the mid-1960s.



The above books are available at www.olskoolrodz.com. Book sale profits go to Chattanooga Rescue Mission.

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 _____ BRAND OF PAINT _____

BODY MODIFICATIONS _____

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TIRES _____ WHEELS _____

DESCRIBE THE WORK DONE AND FUTURE PLANS FOR THE CAR _____

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 # _____ Fax # _____ 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:

Steve Cook, 16565 Lancaster Est. Dr., Grove, MO 63040

V12 GMC? Did You Ever See One?

Lou Calasibetta forwarded an e-mail with these pictures of V12 GMC engine, supposedly factory built and one of 11 that were in Wisconsin. Did you ever see one? The fact card with it said it held 16 quarts of oil and had a single cast block weighing 1485 lbs., used four V6 heads and two intakes. 250 HP and 630 LB/FT torque.



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The SRM Website is BACK.

Check out <http://www.badgoat.net/SRM/index.html>. Send Charlie your photos & info.

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