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"LURE OF THE SEA"
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John Sullivan bought The China Seas liner/vehicle a couple years ago from a gas station in Huntington Beach. The gas station got it in a trade for the installation of a new transmission in a '63 Pontiac with the owner's daughter. Her Father was the one to christen it the China Seas after his Chinese Restaurant in Pomona. When he died, the daughter inherited it and eventually made the trade for the '63 Pontiac transmission. Before all that, it belonged to a man in Venice who ran it in parades occasionally. He got it from the builder, of whom little is known, except that he built it on a truck chassis between 1935 and 1947.

When John Sullivan got it from the gas station, he had to get extensive brake work done on it to qualify for California registration. It has better brakes now, the original 1935 engine, and is a registered motor vehicle. The inside is padded with couches and rugs, is fitted out with nautical accessories, much like a camper. John said that he once drove it up to San Francisco and back. When the photo was taken, John was selling it for \$800.

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