Adding Custom Points of Interest to your POI database on the Stingray Navigation system

NOTE: Before starting you will need a POI test file. I have included a file for reference on my website called Paul_test_poi2 in both text and comma separated values formats. The csv file is ready to import to your car. The text file is a good way to practice creating the csv you will need for import. These contain three POIs that will appear on your navigation system once you have successfully completed the import.

To do this, repeat the following steps **TO THE LETTER.**

1. **Start with a freshly formatted USB stick. Formatted to FAT32.**
2. **Name it whatever you would like. I chose MEMORY.**
3. **On the fresh USB drive create a folder called myPOIs spelled exactly this way --> myPOIs**
4. **Download the test file to your PC as instructed in the other thread.**
5. **Open the test file (it should open using Windows Notepad.)**
6. **Select File, Save As**
7. **Change the file type from text to All Files.**
8. **Down the bottom, change Encoding to UTF-8**
9. **Type a new file name (of your choice) but make sure you append .csv on to the end to change it to a comma separated values file from a text file.**
10. **Make sure you have selected the directory that you want to place the file.**
11. **Select Save and your file will be written. It will now appear with an Excel icon image and be called a csv file.**

Now, grab your newly created USB drive and Go to your car.

Remove all media (USB, SDCards, etc.)

Either start the car or place it in ignition on/Engine off mode by pressing and holding the start button for 10 seconds with your foot off the brake or clutch.

Start the navigation app and let the system load and the screen come to rest (menu disappears and you are looking at the map screen only.)

Insert the USB drive in the USB port under the center console cover.

Follow the on-screen prompts.

It will recognize the USB drive and ask if you want to download the New POIs.

Select Download. You can put them in categories or just let them use the myPOI file names you gave them.

- Wait for the rotating arrows to disappear from the screen after a few seconds.

- Select a destination, select POI --> here is where a lot of people have an issue. Don't search nearby, which is the default POI search criteria. You must press the Search Nearby icon on the map and change it to other location. Enter the zip code of the POI location, select the city and then search for the POI on the list.

POI searches are proximity based. If you are in California and the POI you have entered is in New York, it won't find it. Change the search area to New York and Voila! it will find it.

Before you can initiate an out of state/out of area search, You must change your search area. Press the "Search Nearby" button displayed at the top of the map.

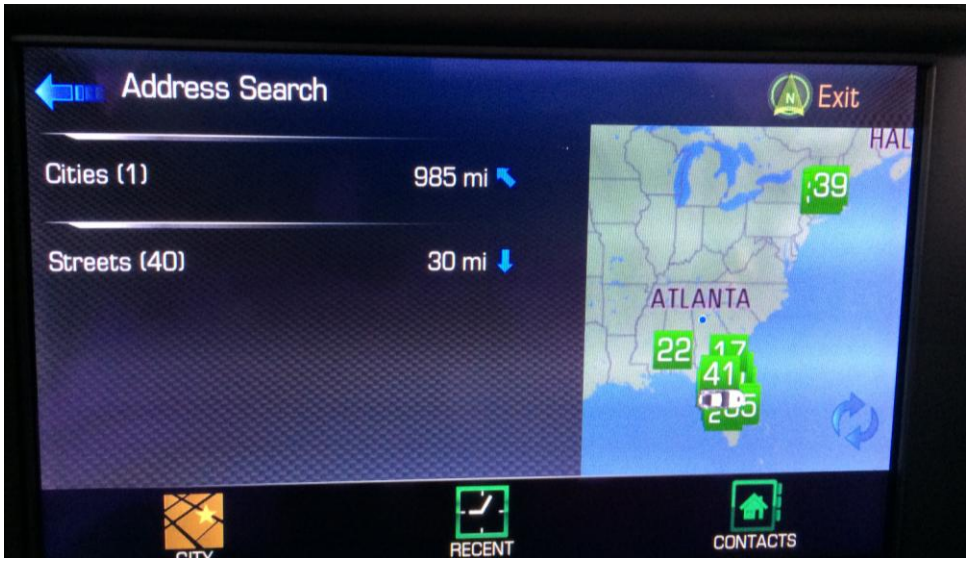
Select the "Another Location" button

Select Search Area
Exit
Nearby
Another Location
ELLIOT AVE
VOICE
ADDRESS
RECENT
CONTACTS
POIS

NEW HAVEN, CT
GO
Exit
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0
Q W E R T Y U I O P
A S D F G H J K L -
Z X C V B N M , . Sym
Space

It returns the following choices:

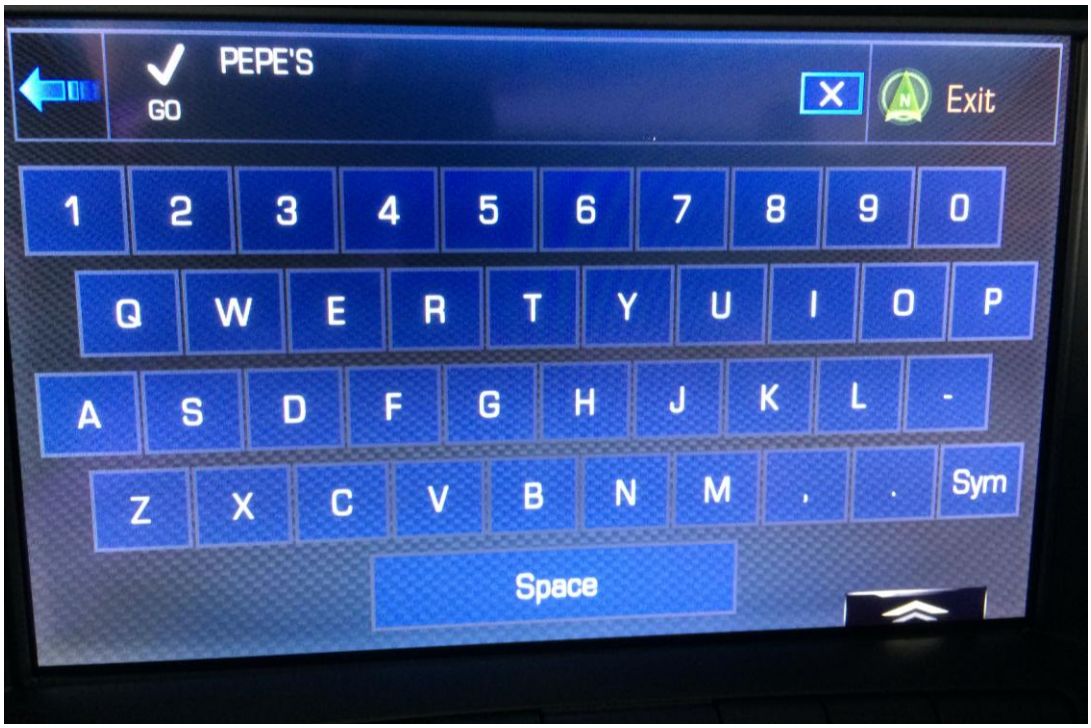
Select the Cities search result:



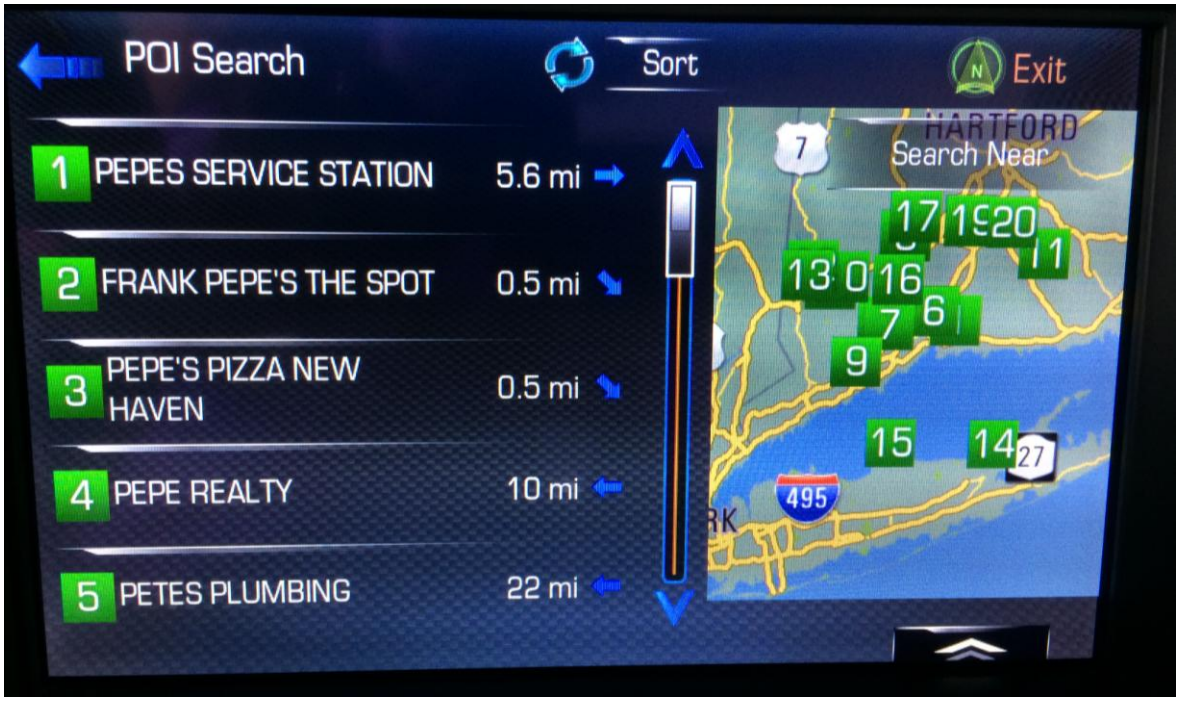
Select New Haven from this list

It will return you to a POI search screen but you'll notice it now says "In New Haven"

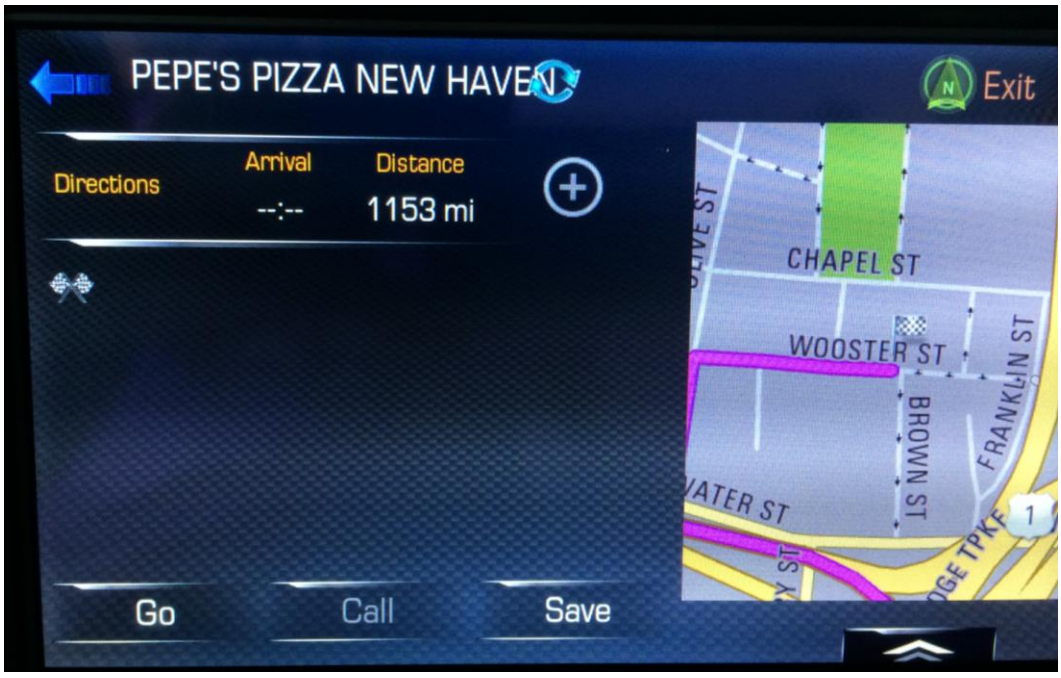
Select Search All and type in the name of the POI.



You can now see Pepe's Pizza as #3 in my search result.



This screen shot will show that it is possible to identify POIs outside of your geographic region as long as you start your search in the right location. Notice that Pepe's is over 1,100 miles to navigate to as a destination.



If you want to wipe these out and try practicing again, simply go to the navigation menu (press the on screen menu button from within the navigation application of press the MENU button on the knob. Choose the "Personal Data" menu item from the bottom of the list and select "My POIs" to manage your files.