



# *The Cruisin' Chiefs*

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## *About This Newsletter*

Welcome to the latest edition of *The Cruisin' Chiefs*, a monthly newsletter distributed to Members of The Manitoba Pontiac Association and organizations/companies dedicated to promote the preservation, restoration and admiration of all Pontiac, Buick and Oldsmobile vehicles. The Members encourage interest in this hobby and the showing of these vehicles in tours, cruises and displays.

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## *A New Year*

A Happy New Year is extended to all Members and readers of this newsletter. We hope that the Holiday Season was of good cheer.

All of the cars are under wraps during the cold winter months and certainly everyone is now waiting for the first warm rays of sunshine in the Spring for Shows and Cruisin'.

## *Meeting Minutes*

There was no Member's Meeting in January, but the Club's Executive met on January 6<sup>th</sup>. There will be many new and exciting changes for 2004, so be SURE to come to the **General Meeting on February 3<sup>rd</sup>** to learn more and participate in the discussions!

And don't forget to **BOOK EARLY** for **Bingo Bowling on February 27<sup>th</sup>** with the Impala Club.

At Dakota Lanes from 9:00 pm to 1:00 am, contact **Maxine Clayton** quickly at [Social@ManitobaPontiac.com](mailto:Social@ManitobaPontiac.com) to reserve your tickets. Cost is only \$12 per person, which **INCLUDES shoes and pizza**. Bring the kids – and have some fun!



## *President's Message* by *Mike Clayton*

**Greetings  
and Happy New Year  
to All!**

Now that the silly season is over we can all get back to whatever normality we had before. For me, its back to diet and exercise to try and lose the 283 pounds it feels like I've gained from all of my over-indulging.

## **Important Dates**

- \* **February 3**  
Members' Meeting
- \* **February 27**  
Bingo Bowling with Impala Club  
9:30 pm – 1:00 am  
Dakota Lanes

I would like to thank all of last year's Executive and special committee members for a job well done! It was a pleasure working with all of you.

Congratulations to **Bernard Harfield** on your new job! I hope your schedule will allow you more time to enjoy more of this coming year's events. Your assistance to the Club as Treasurer is truly appreciated.

A sincere welcome is extended to all new and returning members to this year's Executive.

Here's looking forward to a great year! As the TV star Colombo says, "Excuse me, but there's one more thing" .....

**Preserve 'em, don't crush 'em**

**Ready, Set, Access!**

The Club has a NEW web site address: [www.ManitobaPontiac.com](http://www.ManitobaPontiac.com)

If you haven't looked at the Club's web site in a while, be sure to check it out. Do you have photos of your vehicle(s)? If not, contact **Mike Clayton, Darren Kellner** or **Rick Johnson**. They are GREAT photographers and are itching to try out their new digital cameras that Santa brought! And if you find errors or omissions in your vehicle's write-ups, please let the Webmaster know by e-mail at [Webmaster@ManitobaPontiac.com](mailto:Webmaster@ManitobaPontiac.com).

**Of Interest**

All of us have magazine subscriptions to our favorite(s). Those that are members of Pontiac-Oakland Club International ([www.poci.org](http://www.poci.org)) receive a monthly issue of **Smoke Signals**.

Always well written, POCI knows no country boundaries, and carries stories of Pontiacs and related memorabilia from around the world.

In the January 2004 issue the front cover has beautiful full-color glossy photographs of a 1946 Pontiac Deluxe "Woodie" Station Wagon.

Owned by Grant and Doreen Rae of Haliburton, Ontario, the car was found in April of 1991 near Manchester, Ontario. Originally from Maine, the car had been brought to New Brunswick in the late 1970s and eventually worked its way to Ontario.

Mr. Rae describes in detail the love affair of painstakingly rebuilding the car and ultimately winning many, many awards. A final note: the builder's plate, while showing the car as being built in the Pontiac Motor Division Ypsilanti (Michigan) factory, also includes "Michigan Ionia Body Ypsilanti Reed Furniture Co."



### Membership by Rick Johnson

As of December 31<sup>st</sup> the Club is sitting at 40 memberships (individual and family) with 69 adults and 27 kids.

**Danny Stieban** is a member at large who receives a Newsletter from the club. Danny's wife Rena (who passed away a few years back) was a founding member of the Club, so we feel it is very fitting to keep Danny on the mailing list.

A total of 11 members from 2002 did not renew a membership but we did have 8 new memberships in 2003.

They were:

- \* **Mike & Janine Bowie**
- \* **Terry Johnson**
- \* **Larry Solilak & Brenda Sewell**
- \* **John Millward**
- \* **Steve & Sophie Lockhart**
- \* **Irvin & Lynda Turkitch**
- \* **Pascal Gariepy**
- \* **Brad & Chris Dawson**

So all and all it was a great year for the club. I hope to see all of the new members ... and some of the "old" members ... at the February General Meeting!



### Summer Time ....

Before we know it, Summer is going to be here. And everybody will be looking for ways to show off their cars and have some Summer Fun!

Have you got an idea or two? Send your suggestions to Social Chair **Maxine Clayton** by e-mail at [Social@ManitobaPontiac.com](mailto:Social@ManitobaPontiac.com)

How about this one to peak your interest? A day of drag racing and playing at the beach! No, you don't have to have the fastest car on the street to win (bracket racing provides for some VERY interesting drag racing nuances!) and no, you don't have to blow your car up to have fun, either!

Why, if you set your imagination dial to Warp Level Ten, you can put together some very interesting classes.

How about a **6-cylinder only** class? Wouldn't you like to see the results of the racing between **Wes Grycki's** 1956 6-cylinder *Pontiac Laurentian* and **Craig Winters'** 1987 *Buick Grand National*? In bracket racing, Wes could just become the winner!

And don't think that the day would be just for the car folks! Remember, **the Manitoba Pontiac Association is a FAMILY Club** ... and that means

**KIDS ARE WELCOME!**

So while the racers are at the track (assumedly Viking Raceways in Gimli) those that don't want to race can be at the beach in Gimli or Winnipeg Beach waiting for the racers to come back for hamburgers, hot dogs, sandwiches, sodas and swimming.

Get **YOUR** imagination working and send those e-mails to **Maxine** right away!

### What the heck?

What the heck is the photo on the left all about?

What is that young lady in those funny looking boots doing standing beside that knock-dead-gorgeous Olds 4-4-2?

It's one of several hundred General Motors corporate photos available at the

**GM PhotoStore:**

[www.gmphotostore.com/source/Home.aspx](http://www.gmphotostore.com/source/Home.aspx)

Look for your favorites and enjoy. The photos go w-a-y back in time and cover just about everything you can think of.



**WANTED**

**1970's BUICK GSX**

They're out there. Next time you see one, stop the driver ... and ask him/her to **join the Manitoba Pontiac Association!**

*Lady in red mini-skirt is optional*

**Classifieds**

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**Next Issue**

You won't want to miss the next issue of **The Cruisin' Chiefs.**

Long time member **Wade Weber** has agreed to put down on paper the beginnings of the Club. With the assistance of other long time members **André Lemoine** and **Rick Johnson**, Wade's first draft is filled with nostalgia of a Club that has its roots back in 1991.

This archival piece of Club memorabilia will be included as a downloadable attachment within the web site.

**NOTE:**

**This is an actual e-mail that was received by President Mike Clayton. Since the person is not a Member, it is included here only for your reading pleasure.**

**Yes ... it has been reproduced in its entirety (except the person's name and e-mail address) exactly as spelled and punctuated**

hi mr president

i hade an ols 1959 4 dr ht 98

i like to know if one of your member can find one somewere

i am very interested in finding one in good condition ,a complete car ;

yours truly

thanks

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