



The Cruisin' Chiefs

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MANITOBA PONTIAC ASSOCIATION (incorporating Buick and Oldsmobile)

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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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July Meeting Minutes

Held at the former Wigwam Restaurant, Henderson Highway. President **Mike Clayton** called the meeting to order 7:35 pm welcoming all members.

Treasurer **Maria Cadieux** not in attendance – no update. Secretary **Lorraine Buckmaster** read last month's meeting minutes. Mike asked members if any business arising from last month's meeting; no issues brought up at present time.

Social Chair **Maxine Clayton** brought the members up to date with the River Cruise slated for July 17th; 28 members attending to date. Arrival time is 6:30 at Alexander Docks for the Paddlewheel Queen; cruise is from 7 – 10 pm. Dinner reservations can be made; contact **Maxine** if planning to make dinner reservations.

Newsletter Editor/Web Master **Murray Brown** has nothing new to bring to the members this month; actively using email contacts for club business. Membership Chair **Rick Johnson** had no new members or guests this month.

MAAC Representative **Terry Yurett** was not in attendance, however MAAC has no meetings scheduled for the summer season; regular meetings to begin again in the fall.

Important Dates

- * **July 16**
Alan Krowiak Birthday
- * **July 17**
Neepawa Show 'n Shine
Selkirk Show 'n Shine
Riverboat Cruise
- * **July 18**
Legends Car Club Show 'n Shine
- * **July 22**
Blue Bombers Football Game
- * **July 25**
MB Mustang & Ford Show 'n Shine
- * **August 3**
Steve Lockhart Birthday
GENERAL MEETING
BRIDGE DRIVE-IN on Jubilee Ave
- * **August 6**
Jason Greschuk Birthday

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New Business

Ted Bowditch brought to the table the **1st Annual Memories Show 'n Shine for Our Compassionate Friends Winnipeg Chapter**. Location maps were distributed; the Show is scheduled for August 8th, with an alternative rain date of August 15th. Members are encouraged to attend. Refer to the MAAC calendar for further details or contact **Ted Bowditch**.

Gimli Show 'n Shine will be on Sunday, July 11th. Members are riding out and meeting at the show; check the MAAC Calendar or the Club's Forum for full details.

Selkirk Show 'n Shine is being held on Saturday, July 17th. Registration 10 am. Members wishing to travel together should meet at the old Esso on Main Street at 9:00 am leave time.

The **Henry Ford Show 'n Shine** is being held on Sunday, July 25th at CanadInns, Jefferson & McPhillips. 8:45 meet time at the old Canadian Tire store at Leila and McPhillips.

The **Bomber parking lot** is off to a slow start this season, with weather being a key factor. Members are needed for the July 22nd game. With a 7:30 pm kickoff, be at the lot by 6:30 pm. Please see **Mike Clayton** to assist and spare an hour or so.

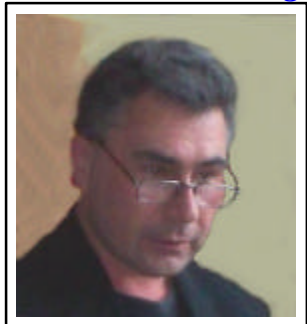
The **Odeon Drive-In** has stated that they need approval from head office in Florida. A meeting decision was brought forward to travel together as a club for the evening. The date is yet to be determined; **Mike Clayton** will keep members up to date.

The Club's **Annual BBQ Wind-up** will be held at **John & Sophie Kondracki's**. **John** will supply directions and maps. Discussion was brought forward as to whether the pork BBQ will be pre-cooked or not; further inquires are to be made, and **Mike Clayton** will render a decision.

Next meeting: Tuesday, August 3rd at the **Bridge Drive-In on Jubilee**.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:59 pm.

President's Message by **Mike Clayton**



Hello Everyone! It's July and the summer weather has been making the odd appearance. Not the greatest for cruisin' but can't do much about it.

We had a great turnout at the downtown Pony Corral on June 30th and

a good write up in the Winnipeg Sun about the event and about new member **Irv Braun** and his gorgeous '69 Firebird.

The weather gods also looked favorably on us for our last general meeting at Cruz's Drive In (the former Wig Wam) on Henderson Highway.

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- * **August 7**
Marilyn Wolensky & Craig Winters
Wedding
Cruz-In Downtown Car Show
- * **August 8**
1st Annual Memories Show 'n Shine
- * **August 12**
Wally Rauch Birthday
Blue Bomber Football Game
- * **August 14**
Manitoba Pontiac Association
2004 Wind-Up BBQ

The owner was very pleased to see us all there. Even the mosquitoes stayed away for a while!

The riverboat cruise on the 17th should be a great time. There are still spots available for that. I will be choosing a night soon for our Odeon Drive-in night. Trying to arrange something with the drive-in has been very frustrating, so we will have to grab the ball ourselves and run with it.

The organizers of Cruz-in Downtown (August 7th) are still looking for more volunteers. There are still lots of events ahead of us yet, so lets keep our fingers crossed for the weather and we'll see you at the shows!

See YOU at the Bridge Drive-In on Tuesday, August 3rd!

Bomb(er)s Away!

As in the past the Manitoba Pontiac Association collects parking fees for spectator parking at Blue Bomber games, with GROSS proceeds going directly to the Club's charity, the **Variety Club of Manitoba**. Jot down the following dates/times in your diary right now, or refer to the *Calendar section of the Club's Forum* for a reminder. Need more information? Contact **Mike Clayton**. Game times are:

Thursday	July 22	7:30 pm
Thursday	August 12	7:30 pm
Thursday	August 26	8:00 pm
Sunday	Sept 12	1:00 pm
Saturday	Sept 18	2:00 pm
Friday	October 8	7:00 pm
Friday	October 29	7:30 pm

Car Show Winners!

There was a **Cruisin' for Kids Show 'n Shine** at the East Elmwood Community Centre, held on Saturday, June 26th.

Of the many vehicles and participants there, two of the Club's members won awards!

CONGRATULATIONS go to **Vern** and **Linda Chudy** with their knock-dead gorgeous jet-black 1966 LeMans convertible.
The award? **Best Restorable!**

Vern's comments? *It was nice to see another fellow member at the show -- that was Marcel and the Great White Toronado.*

And **CONGRATULATIONS** are also bestowed on **Marcel** and **Donna Gregoire** for their immaculate 1966 Oldsmobile Toronado.



Best General Motors is what it says on the award plaque, and **Marcel** proudly shows it off in the accompanying photo. **Marcel** noted that *"the competition was not fierce but it's my first plaque ever so I am ecstatic about this award!"*

Social by Maxine Clayton

Summer 2004 is shaping up to be a LOT of fun!

Following the Selkirk Show 'n Shine on **Saturday July 17th**, we'll all cruise down to the **Paddlewheel Riverboat Cruise Dock** and have an evening of fun and merriment!

Thanks to the graciousness of Hostess and Host

Sophie and **John Kondracki**, we'll be having the **Club's 2004 Wind-up** at their home on **Saturday, August 14th**.

This is a GREAT opportunity to sit back, relax, and chitchat with Members and spouses and/or "significant others".

KIDS – as always – are WELCOME! **Terry Yurett** is sure to come up with some new activity games, **Murray Brown** will learn how to sit in a chair and then stand up without falling over this year, and we'll get a chance to finally see the **Kondracki** ranch.

As noted by **El Presidente**, there should be a date forthcoming for a night at the Odeon Drive-In.

Summer is here and everybody will be looking for ways to show off their cars and have some Summer Fun!

Make sure that YOU join in!

MAAC Update by Terry Yurett

MAAC is "on vacation" during July and August. Terry Yurett will update Members with MAAC news in September.

Web Pages by Murray Brown

Over the past few weeks I have been asked by various Members what it would take to have a "personalized" web page created that would let persons know more about their vehicle(s).

The answer is simple. **YOU** provide your photos .. as many as you would like. **YOU** provide the words to include in the web page ... as many as you would like.

With the above two items out of the way, **YOUR** web page(s) – featuring your car(s) – can be created to show off your pride(s) and joy.

Questions? Send an e-mail or call – my e-mail and 'phone number information is included in the Membership Directory.

Gimli Car Show by Murray Brown

On Sunday, July 11th, several Members were in attendance at the Gimli Car Show.

It was great to see **Brian and Amelia Humeny** out with their stunning GTO, **Ron and Gail Bodnar** with the Hurst Olds, **Wade and Gail Weber** with that c-o-o-l '76 TransAm, and **John and Sophie Kondracki** with their pristine 1972 Parisienne.

Also attending were **Gordon Skulmoski** with his knock-dead-gorgeous '69 Grande Parisienne, as well as **Mike and Maxine Clayton** with the '65 rag top Parisienne

Prior to the show set-up, a Poker Derby was held and I am advised that **Ron and Gail Bodnar** ended up with a Full House.

The weather was great, the camaraderie was fun, and it was a treat to see cars that aren't normally seen in Winnipeg.

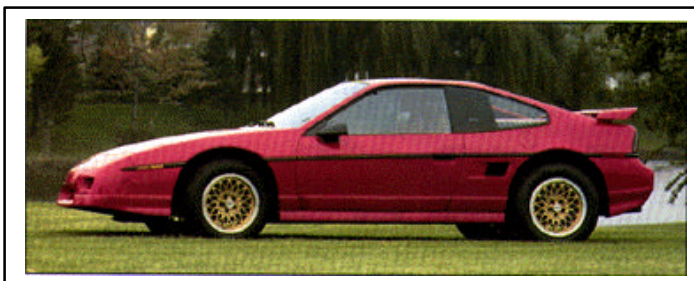
The next out of town show is in Beausejour on Saturday, August 29th. Join the "pack" and meet at the A&W in Lockport for breakfast and then have a great day in Beausejour!

Did you know?

Did you know that 2004 marks the 20th anniversary of the inception of the Pontiac Fiero?

There is a lot of history behind the Fiero, but here are a few tidbits that everyone might not know:

- a) The gas tank was between the driver and passenger
- b) Some models had two different sized tires at the front and the rear
- c) Two ash trays were provided, even though the car was a two-seater
- d) An electric Fiero was proposed and scheduled for demonstrations in 1982 but was eventually shelved due to costs
- e) The original prototype lacked an emergency brake
- f) 136,480 Fieros were built in 1984
- g) The average base price in 1984 was \$8,865 US
- h) The last year manufactured was 1988, with a grand total of 370,168 cars being built during the four-year period



Classifieds

The fine print: Advertisements are free to current Members. No commercial advertising will be permitted. All advertising copy MUST include the item(s) and price(s) for sale, the Member's Name and Telephone Number and, if applicable, e-mail address. All ads will be run for one issue only. If an advertisement is to be run more than once, the Member MUST advise the Newsletter Editor by e-mail at Newsletter@ManitobaPontiac.com or telephone (204) 668-0154 before the next newsletter is published. Copy received AFTER the publishing of the Newsletter will be inserted in the next issue. The MANITOBA PONTIAC ASSOCIATION and/or the Newsletter Editor are not responsible for typographical errors or omissions.

WANTED
1963 Pontiac 2-door SEDAN
NOT a hard top
 Engine and transmission are immaterial
Contact Murray Brown
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 telephone (204) 668-0154

Pontiac T-37 a rare beauty!

Club Members **Wally and Hedly Rauch** own a beautiful 1971 T-37 convertible. Did you know that the T-37 was an especially unique vehicle? The Rauchs will undoubtedly conduct their own search-

ing for background information on the T-37's. The July 2004 issue of **SMOKE SIGNALS** (the monthly publication of Pontiac Oakland Club International) had these words to say about this vehicle.

"It is a familiar body style, but a fairly rare car, being produced only a few years – not the body style, the name. Not normally a high-dollar car but when properly optioned, it could be closely related to a GTO. A little-known, probably under-appreciated Pontiac, little is often written about this car. As the economy trend that was sweeping the market became more apparent, Pontiac Motor Division tried to make a mid-year adjustment. In February, 1970, the 33 Series Tempest T-37 Hardtop Coupe, Style Number 23337, was introduced. It was basically a car with standard Tempest features in a pillarless Hardtop Coupe form, but came at a special low price of \$2,683 US. This was made feasible, from the manufacturing standpoint, by deleting the regular concealed windshield wiper feature. The car wore a "T-37" emblem below the model name on the front fender side. It proved to be a popular addition with 20,883 deliveries chalked up. The T-37 Hardtop weighed 3,250 pounds in the base trim."

With the Rauch's owning a convertible, their car is, indeed, a rare beauty!