



# *The Cruisin' Chiefs*

The monthly newsletter distributed by the  
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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## *June Meeting Minutes*

Held at the Grant Park Pony Corral, President **Mike Clayton** called the meeting to order at 7:34 pm. Special thanks to Pony corral for hosting the meeting this month. Excellent Club turnout; weather, of course, a huge factor. Welcomed new member **Harry Harding** with his 64 Parisienne, and a *Welcome Back* to **Les & Leona Wilkinson!** Secretary **Lorraine Buckmaster** read last month's minutes. **Maria Cadieux**, Treasurer, reported that everything is under way for the Blue Bomber parking lot, and Club caps will be available after Friday June 4 for all members who have pre-paid. **Maxine Clayton**, Social Chair, reported the River Cruise (Saturday, July 17) is all booked, with 19 couples attending to date. A local club, Forever Young, is also attempting to contact the Odeon Drive Inn with respect to a night at the movies; members will be posted as to the progress. **Rick Johnson**, Membership chair, reported membership dues are mostly paid to date; those past members who have not paid 2004 dues will be removed from the membership list and.

**MANITOBA MARATHON NEEDS VOLUNTEERS**; the annual Marathon will not go on without the volunteers, they are

## Important Dates

- \* **June 6**  
**Kris Johnson Birthday**  
**Steinbach Show 'n Shine**
- \* **June 10**  
**Joanne Lemoine Birthday**  
**Lynda Turkitch Birthday**  
**Blue Bombers Football Game**
- \* **June 12**  
**Paul Solilak Birthday**  
**Red River College Show 'n Shine**
- \* **June 14 - 16**  
**Manitoba Heart & Stroke Show**
- \* **June 17**  
**Blue Bombers Football Game**
- \* **June 18**  
**Crystal Anderson Birthday**  
**Joanne & Andre Lemoine Anniversary**
- \* **June 20**  
**Manitoba Marathon**  
**Father's Day**
- \* **June 22**  
**Rachelle Gregoire Birthday**  
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desperately needed. Please contact **Rick Johnson** ASAP to volunteer. **Terry Yurett**, MAAC Representative, brought members up-to-date with the MAAC agenda. **Murray Brown**, Newsletter Editor/Web Master, was not in attendance; no updates.

**New Business**

**Bomber Parking Lot;** Volunteers needed to "man" the gate; dates and volunteers to date:

June 10 7:30 kick-off Jim Beilby  
 June 17 8:00 kick-off Lorraine Buckmaster  
 Darren Kellner  
 Jim Beilby

**Upcoming events** for the next couple of week-ends; events schedule handed out to all members in attendance.

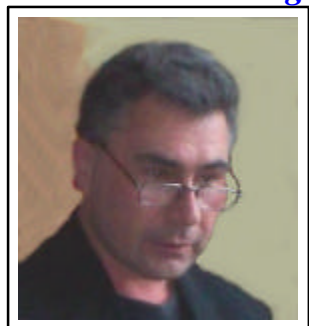
**Wednesday Night Cruisin**, downtown Pony Corral; Manitoba Pontiac Association is featured on Wednesday, June 30; a great way to showcase our club.

Mike brought new member **Harry Harvey** up-to-speed on what the Bomber Parking Lot is all about, welcoming their input.

Edith Booth from Team Promotions brought "club" wear for those who had already placed their orders. Time delay was due to problems with the embroiderer; key chains are now available through the club; contact **Murray Brown** if you wish to have your ride insignia made up (decal).

**Next meeting July 6, 2004;** Location to be announced.

**Meeting adjourned 8:04 pm.**

**President's Message** by *Mike Clayton***CRUISIN' TIME!**

Good grief, chief – have you looked at the planned events under the **Important Dates** section on pages 1 and 2?

**WOW!** What a Summer 2004 will be!

Please extend a warm welcome to two new Members, **Harry** and **Lavina Harding**, and two returning Members, **Les** and **Leona Wilkinson**.

Heartfelt thanks are extended to **Darren Kellner**, **Rick Johnson** and **Wade Weber** for being the Club's representatives at the *Safe Cruisin' Clinic* which was held at Polo Park's south-west corner lot on Saturday, May 29 from 10 am - 4 pm. Club Member **Larry Solilak** was also in attendance, but as a member of the Winnipeg Police Service he was "working" while also enjoying the camaraderie of the guests. More details about the Clinic can be

**Important Dates**

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- \* **June 26**  
Rachelle Lemoine Birthday
- \* **June 29**  
Peggy Orr Birthday
- \* **June 30**  
Downtown Pony Corral
- \* **July 1**  
MOPAR Club Show 'n Shine  
Joshua Walker Birthday
- \* **July 3**  
Odeon Drive-Inn
- \* **July 5**  
Marc Lemoine Birthday
- \* **July 6**  
GENERAL MEETING
- \* **July 8**  
John Millward Birthday  
Blue Bombers Football Game
- \* **July 10**  
Irvin Turkitch Birthday  
Virden Classic Show 'n Shine
- \* **July 11**  
Cruisin' Gimli Beach
- \* **July 16**  
Alan Krowiak Birthday
- \* **July 17**  
Selkirk Show 'n Shine  
Neepawa Show 'n Shine  
Paddlewheel Riverboat Cruise

found on the Club's Forum.

By the time you read this issue of the newsletter we will have started the season on Thursday, June 3rd at the Murdoch MacKay Collegiate Show N Shine, followed by the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Lions Show 'n Shine at Steinbach.

Congratulations to **Craig Winters** and **Marilyn Wolensky's** pre-wedding party on May 29<sup>th</sup>, and **Ted Bowditch's** Art Show was a GREAT success! A very proud father is **Larry Solilak**, whose son, Paul, is a Grade 12 Student at Kildonan East. Among other things he is enrolled in the automotive program and was selected by his teachers to participate in the Skills Canada competition, automotive section that was held at the Convention Centre. Sixteen students from Manitoba participated, given different problems and categories in the auto field, with judging occurring on the ability to diagnose and identify repairs needed. Paul finished 1st overall and won the GOLD MEDAL and then moved onto the National Championships to be held in Winnipeg.

**Here's to another great season!**

### ***Bomb(er)s Away!***

The Winnipeg Blue Bombers are playing again this year, and as in the past the Manitoba Pontiac Association collects parking fees for spectator parking. The "work" is easy, the "banter" is fun, and the GROSS proceeds go 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:

<b>Thursday</b>	<b>June 10</b>	<b>7:30 pm</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>June 17</b>	<b>8:00 pm</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>July 8</b>	<b>7:30 pm</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>July 22</b>	<b>7:30 pm</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>August 12</b>	<b>7:30 pm</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>August 26</b>	<b>8:00 pm</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Sept 12</b>	<b>1:00 pm</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Sept 18</b>	<b>2:00 pm</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>October 8</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>October 29</b>	<b>7:30 pm</b>

### ***Manitoba Marathon Run ...***

**by Rick Johnson**

**Bring out the sunglasses  
and help out for a good cause!**

The Annual Manitoba Marathon is occurring on Sunday, June 20<sup>th</sup>. In the past, members of the Manitoba Pontiac Club have assisted with marshalling the runners and spectators during the Run. The Run starts early in the morning and is generally finished just after the Noon-hour time frame. Volunteer Members will meet with the organizers for directions. Please contact **Membership Chair Rick Johnson** by e-mail at [Membership@ManitobaPontiac.com](mailto:Membership@ManitobaPontiac.com) or by telephone at 222-3885 **as quickly as possible** and let him know of your availability.

### ***MAAC Update by Terry Yurett***

#### **MAAC – General Meeting May 26, 2004**

Meeting called to order by Bob Chubala; welcomed guests Black top Cruisers. Upcoming summer season:

**Tim Horton's Camp Day-** June 9<sup>th</sup>; looking for volunteers and sponsorship; help serve coffee for the day or bring your cars out to attract some onlookers; contact Sandy Jurkodick at the Regent location 663-4618 for more details or if can help out.

**Winnipeg Education Centre:** July 10<sup>th</sup>; running an intercity program with University of Winnipeg and University of Manitoba; holding a fun day and safety awareness programs; would love to see some car clubs or individuals come out; call Tammy Sullivan ph: 668-8160 for more details.

**Antique Motorcycle Club of MB:** Bishop Classic Bike Rally –2004. July 2-4 East Selkirk – call John 204-482-8185 for information.

**Insurance:** MAAC's insurance covers your club's liability for events only and it does not cover a multitude of 'other' items; contact Bob Chubala for clarification.

**Roy McClukin** of Thunder Rapids is trying to coordinate a day at the carts followed by an evening at the drive-inn movie.

**Heart and Stroke Foundation:** Big Bike Ride for Stroke; taking place on June 14<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> at Assiniboine Park from 3:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m

**MAAC Responsible Cruising Clinic: Saturday, May 29th - Polo Park by Sears, 10 –3;** Set up 8:30 - 9:00 am with show from 10 to 3; approximately 20 car clubs involved.

**Murdock Mackay** has run into a snag with WOW video; put the video to music and that has created copyright issues

**Manitoba Marathon:** Father's Day June 20<sup>th</sup>; HELP! Marathon really needs the car clubs' help; important to keep the runners safe

**Rolling Rhino Communications:** Require all clubs' mailing information by June 11<sup>th</sup>; scheduling a July release publication with feature cars; looking to feature car club rides.

**NAAACCC Update:** nothing to night

**By- Laws:** Gary Glowa was advised about some new by-laws in Woodlands Municipality. Does anyone live out their that could look into the issues?

### ***Social by Maxine Clayton***

Summer 2004 is shaping up to be a LOT of fun! Be sure to be at the **downtown Pony Corral on Wednesday, June 30<sup>th</sup>**; this is the evening of the Downtown Cruising showcasing the Manitoba Pontiac Association!

Apart from the many Show 'n Shine events this year, the Club will be at the **Odeon Drive-In on Saturday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>** ... weather permitting. We

could possibly be joined by members from the Fab 50's, Corvette and Northern Lights Impala Club, too!

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

And 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 14<sup>th</sup>**. If **Terry Yurett** is up to her old tricks, we'll see some new and interesting participation games, and maybe **Murray Brown** will learn how to sit in a chair and then stand up without falling over this year .....

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 on the FUN!**

## EXTRA! EXTRA! EXTRA!

At the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Wheels of Hope Steinbach Lions Charity Car Show held on Sunday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, two Members and the Club won awards!

### Les Wilkinson

2nd place 1961-1965 Street Machine

### Rick & Debbie Johnson

2nd place 1976-1985 Street Machine

### Manitoba Pontiac Association

2nd place club participation \$150.00 cash

## CONGRATULATIONS!

### *Safe Cruisin' by Darren Kellner*

Saturday, May 29th was the inaugural MAAC Sunday Night Cruise Safe Cruising Clinic. MAAC executives, Manitoba Public Insurance, Manitoba Vehicle Inspections, Winnipeg Police Services and numerous Winnipeg car clubs were represented.

Our very own Club member, **Larry Solilak**, was on hand in work attire, representing Winnipeg's finest. The Manitoba Pontiac Association was represented by past president **Wade Weber** and membership chair **Rick Johnson**. President **Mike Clayton** and myself showed up to help man the club display. There were onsite vehicle inspections being done through the day with own club members volunteer-

ing their rides for inspection. Everything passed, with a couple of minor details, but you'll have to ask **Rick Johnson** about window tinting .....

Younger cruisers were amazed and enlightened about problems and potential problems vehicle inspectors noticed on their rides. No tickets were issued with the hopes the problems would be corrected.

An earlier newscast caused problems with attendance. Young cruisers were misinformed and shied away from Polo Park but you did notice them circling around in curiosity. I'm pretty sure next year will bring out more young cruisers, especially with the enticement at winning \$3000.00 in wheels and tires. All parties involved in this inaugural event did a terrific job in demonstrating what safe cruising is all about.



### *Forum This! by Murray Brown*

Have YOU been going to YOUR Club's web **Forum** to see what's happening? If not, you're missing a lot of "banter" and assistance. It's easy to get there:

<http://forumer.com/manitobapontiac>.

For instance ... did you know that a new restoration shop has opened in the City? For those of you that know him, Ralph Sommerfeld has joined the Forum and has opened a shop called *Auto Resurrection*. He even makes "house calls", too! Check out the Forum for this and other timely tips!

And don't forget to "stay tuned" by looking at the **Calendar** section of the Forum.

There you'll find dates and happenings galore!