



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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May Meeting Minutes

President **Mike Clayton** called the meeting to order @ 7:07 pm. Mike welcomed Joe, "Who's checking things out" with his 1957 Starchief. Secretary **Lorraine Buckmaster** read last month's general meeting minutes. Treasurer **Maria Cadieux** has everything ready for the season; signing authorities have been tended to. Social Chair **Maxine Clayton** has events set up for members.

* **July 17th, River Boat Cruise** 7 – 10 pm, 6:30 dock time; cost is \$12 per person at member's expense; non-refundable deposit has been made; Contact Maxine directly.

* **Odeon Drive-In** opens May 21st; problems connecting with the representative to establish a mixer night at the drive-in; Fab 50's, Corvettes and Northern Lights have been asked to join in the evening; further details to follow once contact has been established.

Membership Chair **Rick Johnson** has two new members joining, a father-son duo, **Barry** and **Chris Bonwick**. Barry turns up in his 58 Pontiac, his 66 Parisienne or his Olds, with Chris pulling up in his 94 Sunbird. MAAC Representative **Terry Yurett** provided up- date.

Important Dates

- * **Through to May 29**
Ted Bowditch Art Show
- * **May 9**
Mother's Day
- * **May 13**
The Lemoine's LeMans' Anniversary
- * **May 13**
Murdoch Motorsports Seminar
- * **May 27**
Murray & Leona Brown Anniversary
- * **May 29**
Craig & Marilyn Winters' Social
- * **June 1 ... NOTE LOCATION**
General Meeting GRANT PARK PONY
- * **June 3**
Murdoch McKay Show 'n Shine
- * **June 5**
Kildonan East Show 'n Shine
- * **June 6**
Kris Johnson Birthday
- * **June 6**
Steinbach Car Show
- * **June 10**
Joanne Lemoine Birthday
- * **June 10**
Lynda Turkitch Birthday
- * **June 10**
Blue Bombers Football Game

General Business and Upcoming Events

Ted Bowditch is featured in an Art Show in Selkirk at the Community Arts Centre; an open invitation for all members to come out between April 27th and May 29th, with an Open House, Thursday, May 6th.

Craig Winters & Marilyn Wolensky's social is May 29th; tickets available from Craig at \$10 per person; Members are encouraged to attend.

2005 World of Wheels slated for Easter weekend March 2005; will run Thursday to Saturday; need to begin establishing committee to develop 2005 display; Club displays being limited to 4 rides, space factor; Great ideas were discussed, Wes' display of "cruise of fame", the three dimensional theme of a vintage service/gas station; Members not impressed with this years show; becoming too much of a trade-show, too many vendors; need more interesting and eye-catching rides; thoughts are to use two floors of Convention Center, second floor for motorcycles and vendors with the third floor for special rides and "show" cars

Sunday Night Cruisin' is featured at Polo Park Shopping Centre parking lot Saturday, May 29th, 9 am set-up time; MPIC, Winnipeg Police and Cadillac Fairview agreed to get together to teach the "ethics and legalities" of cruisin; requested two members from each car club attend to assist with the learning aspect; **Wade Weber** and **Rick Johnson** volunteered to attend on behalf of the Club; displays featuring the various clubs and how we promote the vehicles is the purpose; intended to target "troubled" areas of the 30+ year summer ride; kids with parents vehicles and the litter of the "audience" are key problems at this point; Member **Larry Smoliak** offered some great insight as to the flow of the police department with regards to Sunday night cruising and how the police are targeting the problem areas.

Oldsmobiles are being eliminated from the GM line; good news for those who have their Olds, value wise; could become a parts problem.

The **calendar of club events** is now available to all members; contact **Murray Brown** or **Lorraine Buckmaster** if you have questions.

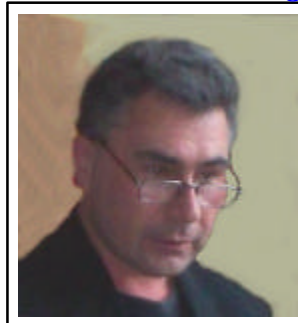
August 14th, is scheduled as our **2004 Wind-up**; hosted by **John** and **Sophie Kondracki**; maps and directions to follow; "Pig Roast" being set up, members to bring along salads.

Eight members are needed to volunteer with the **Manitoba Marathon** June 20th; contact **Rick Johnson** for details; a great event for members to volunteer their time to.

Next general Meeting will be at **The Pony Corral, Grant Park Shopping Centre, June 1st**.

Bring out your rides and have a coffee.

President **Mike Clayton** adjourned meeting at 8:02 pm.

President's Message by **Mike Clayton**

Get out the cleaning and detailing supplies - it's CRUISIN' TIME!

I did my annual crossing the fingers as I turned the key on the Parisienne for the first time ..and ...she started like a new car.

We will be starting off the season on Thursday, June 3rd at the Murdoch MacKay Collegiate Show N Shine. There is a great list of events again this year and, with the news that the Odeon Drive-In will live to see another season, we will try to have a "Drive-In Night" along with some of the other clubs. I'd like to hear some ideas for some locations for our general meetings during the summer.

If you need social tickets for **Craig Winters** and **Marilyn Wolensky's** pre-wedding party on May 29th, contact **Craig** as quickly as possible!

Great article on **Wes Grycki's** car in the Free Press. The entire copyrighted article and photographs are now Wes's "personal" web page, linked to his car on the Club's web site!

Kudos to **Ted Bowditch** for his Art Show, ongoing until May 29th at the Selkirk Community Art Centre. For those that don't know, **Ted** is the person who created the Club's logo!

Here's to the start of another great season!
Keep 'em between the ditches and the shiny side up.

Membership Dues are Due!

by **Maria Cadieux**

Senden sie bitte Geld!

Veillez envoyer l'argent!

For all Members of the Manitoba Pontiac Association, Treasurer **Maria Cadieux** reminds you that

your **2004 Membership Dues** need to be in her hands **NOW**. Send a cheque or money order, or securely pay on-line within the **MEMBERSHIP** section of the Club's web site.

Don't let your membership lapse –

If you do not renew, this is your LAST issue of

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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:

Thursday	June 10	7:30 pm
Thursday	June 17	8:00 pm
Thursday	July 8	7:30 pm
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

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 20th. 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 or by telephone at 222-3885 **as quickly as possible** and let him know of your availability.

It's a great opportunity to help out, show off your car, chat with people and if you get a good spot (like **John Kondracki** and **Murray Brown** did last year) the "locals" will treat you to buns, muffins, cheeses, fruit, juice and coffee, too!

MAAC Update by Terry Yurett

MAAC – General Meeting April 28, 2004

Bob Chubala welcomed everyone and reviewed the agenda. Bev Dyck provided a detailed financial report. Two new clubs: Dauphin and the Disciplines, with a club from Kenora looking into the group. Dave Austin from Austin Images is a locate artist that has incorporated his love of cars and racing into his work; presented several prints of cars and racing themes; will do original work and offers prints for sale; also a custom framer and offered 20% off to club members.

World Of Wheels:

Details provided by Bob Chubala and Ron Lechman

- * Security went very well; thank you everyone!
- * Thanks to the club volunteers for working the MAAC booth; a few clubs did not show for the time slots, why?
- * T-shirts: sales went well, all t-shirts sold with profits going to MAAC, approximately \$260.00.
- * The jacket deal offer by Star Sporting Goods went very well, all tickets sold and profit of \$700.00 was donated to MAAC.
- * Club displays won: 1st = MOPAR garage theme; 2nd = Fab 50's anniversary party; 3rd = Legions car display.
- * Murdock McKay's documentary video of World of Wheels event went very well; captured entire show from start to tear down; presented a quick video - looks great; will keep MAAC posted on when ready for sale.
- * Ron Lechman thanked everyone for their donation/sponsorship for free draws for participants; has three dates for next year's event; due to the time slots offered Easter weekend in March has been chosen; show will be Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Schedule of Events: MAAC calendar went over very well; John Dyck presented Buy 'n Sell's request to commit for next year's calendar; Motion, vote, passed; John will be looking after this on behalf of MAAC.

NAAACCC Update: Working on Canada-wide insurance policies; MAAC not interested as we have established such good policy for our clubs.

Upcoming Events:

Manitoba Marathon: Father's Day June 20th; Marathon needs car clubs' help; important to keep the runners safe.

Kildonan East Car Show: The school again requesting MAAC sponsorship printing MAAC logo on the show's t-shirts; approx. 97¢ per shirt - 100 shirts; Motion; Seconded; Passed.

Street Racing: Car Show and Awareness Clinic: Saturday, May 29th - Polo Park by Sears, 10 – 3 MAAC, Police Serves, and MPIC working together to provide one-day education program; info clinic to work with young drivers; everyone welcome including spectators and residents from Wolseley; not a commercial event - no vendors; every car club requested to have 2 vehicles there, tables will be provided for club information, photo albums, etc; Club members are to meet with people and talk about safe cruising, being responsible drivers and spectators, being proud of your cars and respect them; each Club will draft a letter on responsible cruising for the event.

On Thursday May 13th from 6:00 pm to 9:00pm. Murdoch Motorsports is hosting a no-charge clinic that will include a demo on Air Bag Simulation and Vehicle Compliance Issues put on by MPI. All are welcome. The clinic will be held at Murdoch McKay High School Auto Shop.

A FREE Magazine by Terry Yurett

Rolling Rhino is a local company that will be publishing a quarterly magazine about the local car scene. They will offer free publications to all car club members.

If you are interested in receiving a quarterly copy please e-mail me at MAACRepresentative@ManitobaPontiac.com by **May 23, 2004**.

Due to the new privacy laws I will not be providing your address automatically. **Only members that contact me directly to authorize their name will receive the magazine.** It is a full color magazine, planned to be 50 to 60 pages, and it will be mailed out. I will not be give Rolling Rhino e-mail addresses or telephone numbers -- just addresses. The magazine is being paid through advertising, as do most magazines that arrive at your household such as *Homes, Manitoba Business*, etc.

Social by Maxine Clayton

Summer 2004 is shaping up to be a LOT of fun! Apart from the Show 'n Shine events, the Club will be at the **Odeon Drive-In** on **Saturday, July 3rd** ... 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 17th**, 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 14th**. 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

Two other events are being worked on:

- * A drag racing/beach day in conjunction with the **MOPAR Club** and potentially **Canadian Super-Shop**, one of our major club discount providers.
- * A Club Cruisin' Night at the Pony Corral. More details will follow as plans progress.

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!***

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!

Summer 2004 Shows and Events

A separate double-sided sheet is included with this issue of the newsletter, outlining the Club-unique and Club-sanctioned events for the Summer 2004 Cruisin' Season. Place the sheet on the refrigerator with your favorite 'frig magnets and you'll know where to be and at what time! Please note that some of the dates refer to the MAAC Calendar for details. If you do NOT have a MAAC Calendar, please advise the Newsletter Editor and one will be mailed to you as quickly as possible. If you should lose the sheets, remember that you can always get more details on the **Forum's Calendar**

Don't miss out on a single event!

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Summer 2004 Club Events and Sanctioned Show 'n Shines

DAY/DATE	VENUE	DETAILS	CONTACT
THURSDAY JUNE 3	Show 'n Shine Murdoch McKay Collegiate 250 Redonda Street	5:00 pm Meet on site	Mike Clayton
SATURDAY JUNE 5	Show 'n Shine Kildonan East Collegiate 845 Concordia Avenue	9:30 am Meet on-site FREE pancake breakfast	Mike Clayton
SUNDAY JUNE 6	Show 'n Shine Steinbach Lions Car Show Steinbach Heritage Village	Leave 8:30 SHARP from Robin's Donuts, Fermor and Lagimodiere FREE pancake breakfast	Mike Clayton
SATURDAY JUNE 12	Show 'n Shine Red River Community College 2055 Notre Dame Avenue	10:00 am Meet on site	Mike Clayton
THURSDAY JULY 1	Show 'n Shine Manitoba MOPAR Association Kildonan Park	10:30 am registration	Mike Clayton
SATURDAY JULY 3	Odeon Drive-In Weather permitting tentatively booked Require FM radio to "tune in"	Before Dusk More information coming	Maxine Clayton
SUNDAY JULY 11	Show 'n Shine Cruisin' Gimli Beach 77 Matlock Road and Highway 9	9:00 am registration Poker Derby Cruise to Gimli \$20 registration includes Dinner for 2	Mike Clayton
SATURDAY JULY 17	Show 'n Shine Neepawa Show 'n Shine	9:00 am Meet on-site	See MAAC Calendar
SATURDAY JULY 17	Show 'n Shine Selkirk Show 'n Shine Selkirk Park	Details forthcoming FREE admission	Mike Clayton
SATURDAY JULY 17	Social Evening Paddlewheel Riverboat Dock	Details forthcoming	Maxine Clayton
SUNDAY JULY 18	Show 'n Shine Legends Car Club Show 'n Shine Centennial Park, Altona	8:00 am Meet at McDonald's Pembina and Bairdmore FREE admission	Mike Clayton
SUNDAY JULY 25	Show 'n Shine Manitoba Mustang and Ford Association Garden City Inn, 2100 McPhillips Street	8:45 am Meet at former Canadian Tire store at Leila and McPhillips	Mike Clayton

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SATURDAY AUGUST 7	Show 'n Shine Cruz-In Downtown Car Show	Parade starts at Noon Stadium North parking lot Early registration \$10 After July registration \$20	Mike Clayton
SUNDAY AUGUST 8	Show 'n Shine 1 st Annual Memories Show 'n Shine	10:00 am Meet on site \$2 registration	See MAAC Calendar For details
SATURDAY AUG 14	Club Wind-Up Annual Wind-Up BBQ	Details to follow	Maxine Clayton
SATURDAY AUGUST 22	Show 'n Shine Quarry Days Show 'n Shine Stonewall	Leaving 9:00 am from Harley-Davidson dealership at Oak Point Highway and David- son Street FREE pancake breakfast	Mike Clayton
SUNDAY AUGUST 29	Show 'n Shine Beausejour Show 'n Shine Beausejour	9:00 am Meet at A&W Lockport	Mike Clayton
FRIDAY SEPT 10	Social Evening Fab 50's Sock Hop Transcona Country Club 2070 Dugald Road	8:00 pm	Maxine Clayton
SUNDAY SEPT 12	Show 'n Shine Fab 50's Flashback Weekend Garden City Shopping Centre 2305 McPhillips Street	10:00 am FREE registration	Mike Clayton
SUNDAY SEPT 26	Show 'n Shine MSRA Annual Toy Run Toys 'r Us St. Matthews and Arena Road	11:00 am registration	See MAAC Calendar For details
SUNDAY SEPT 26	Show 'n Shine Farewell to Summer Cruise Night Pony Corral Pembina Highway	3:00 pm start	Mike Clayton