



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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**Condolences from all Members of the
Manitoba Pontiac Association to
Mike Clayton, with the passing of his Mother.**

April Meeting Minutes

General Meeting held Tuesday, April 5, 2005 at Park Pontiac Boardroom, 1459 Regent Avenue West, Winnipeg. President **Mike Clayton** called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m., with a welcome to Norm Clairmont, visiting. Secretary **Lorraine Buckmaster** read last month's meeting minutes.

First Guest Speaker was **Gord Forman** from (NAAACCC). They are really needing membership numbers, with current members mostly drivers of hot rods & street rods. He is planning to meet with most



Important Dates

- * **April 14**
Ayanna Bowie Birthday
- * **April 28**
Lorraine Buckmaster Birthday
- * **April 29 – May 1**
Wheels of the 20th Century Car Show
- * **May 3**
GENERAL MEETING
- * **May 13**
Andre's LeMans' 10th Anniversary
- * **May 27**
Murray & Leona's Anniversary
- * **June 7**
GENERAL MEETING

car clubs in Winnipeg and make the presence of NAAACCC more visible. Brought meeting up-to-date with the emission control issue. A greater presence is needed within the car clubs in Winnipeg, and Membership applications were left with the Club; annual dues are \$3 per member.

Second Guest Speaker was **Norm Velnes** from MS Society for MS Cruisin 2005, who outlined that the rally this year is Sunday June 26 and includes breakfast in Beausejour, and a BBQ and Show n Shine in Pinawa later in the day. A new route has been established this year. Pledges are \$200 for the first rider and \$50 for partner/passenger. Teams are encouraged to participate, and the event runs rain or shine.

Treasurer **Irv Braun** provided a financial report. Funds are needed, and the annual Membership

dues are needed to support the Club's membership in NAAACCC. World of Wheels second place prize provided \$750.00.

Activities Chair **Gale Weber** would like to meet with the Executive regarding feedback from the recent survey. If any member is wishing a specific event planned, contact **Gale** directly and she will get things rolling.

Newsletter Editor/Web Manager and Membership Chair **Murray Brown** was absent but had provided notes to the President. A special edition will accompany the monthly issue featuring World of Wheels 2005. Membership dues are coming up for renewal, with a reminder to be included in this month's newsletter. Membership renewals can be paid online thru PayPal! Contact **Murray** with anything of interest for a write-up in forthcoming issues.

A **NEW** link is set up on the home page and goes directly to the **What's New** page on the site, with links up for the Bombers play schedule 2005, details of the Parking Lot Party, and Sanctioned Events. Let Murray know if there are any specific links that you would like to see linked to the site.

MAAC Representative **Wade Weber** relayed personal thanks from Dennis Gage for showing support at World of Wheels. Victory Lanes is sponsoring a weekly club nite, with two passes per car per event being set up for the evenings. This will provide media coverage and great exposure. Each week would feature a different Club. www.victorylanes.mb.ca

World of Wheels 2005

Best Manitoba car this year is 1949 Ford. 214 cars were displayed, with 51 car club members. The Club took 2nd place for Club Display, \$750 prize money. Special thanks to **Murray** and **Chris Brown** for their hard work and dedication. Four cars in our display (in judging class) won in their category. Wes took home three individual awards this year including "Master Builder". Congratulations **Wes**!

Ideas are needed now for next year's World of Wheels. Feedback from the Judging Committee provided some guidelines for displays and they are interested in seeing anything three-dimensional NOT related to "car" themes.

Club Display Floor Tiles

Ken Nicholson, one of the World of Wheels 2005 Judges, has expressed interest in purchasing the Club's black and white tiles. It was determined that prior to next month's meeting a price will be determined, and presented.

Parking Lot Party 2005

Details are to be worked out with Roy at Thunder Rapids. A "People's Choice" award will be given with the voting coming from kids 13 and under; only kids 13 and under will be given a ballot.

2005 MAAC Calendar

Events calendars are available with the summer schedule. Pick up yours.

Summer Meeting Locations

Headingly Car Museum is slated for June, with other locations to be determined. The Fab 50's weekly show at Pony Corral Downtown will be held again this summer, and the date for the Manitoba Pontiac Association will be determined.

Jim Bielby offered a challenge from the 5-6-7's. They had 14 out of 20 members out for their night; The Club needs to exceed participation this year!

Donna and **Marcel Gregoire's** daughter is having a wedding Social June 18th. Silent auction items needed; contact **Donna** directly if you have anything that can be used in the auction.

Wes Grycki presented a film on World of Wheels 2005 featuring the Club; a great film! **Wes** has agreed to provide copies for Members who participated in the show.

Meeting Prizes

Stopwatch (courtesy of Park Pontiac); winner – **Larry Soliak**

Hot Rod Calendar winner – **Janice Bielby**

Next meeting Tuesday, May 3rd
Park Pontiac Boardroom

President's Message by *Mike Clayton*

Hello Everyone!



Spring has sprung once again. It's looking more promising weather-wise than last year. Why, I can actually see my barbeque. Another week of weather like this and I'll be able to actually reach it.

World of Wheels is over for another year. My personal thanks and congratulations go to everyone who worked hard on a suc-

successful display (2nd place!), especially Murray and Chris Brown. Congratulations also to the people who entered cars to be judged. All four won awards.

The MAAC calendar of events is now out, and it's time to start looking towards attending the events. Get those detailing products working! I'm hoping to be getting on the road again in about a month, if not sooner.

Mike

Social by Gale Weber

I have a **Day at the Forks** in the works! Once I have a planned date I'll be sending out information to everybody. **This will be a GREAT event for ALL!**

Keep Saturday, June 18th open for
TWO HAPPENINGS!

The Wedding Social for **Leanne Gregoire**, daughter of **Marcel** and **Donna Gregoire** is on that day. **Leanne** will be marrying Roland Semko and the Social is a great way to have some fun with other Members of the Club! Need tickets? Call **Leanne** at 339-8369 or **Donna** at 669-5156.



And **Dyana Wlasichuk**, daughter of **Len** and **Janine Wlasichuk** is getting married to Richard Lindenschmidt!

Congratulations!

MAAC Update by Jim Beilby

MAAC's web site www.autoclubs.ca will have a complete list of Manitoba auto clubs, even those not registered with MAAC. Recent meetings have been held with Manitoba Public Insurance (MPI) and Manitoba Motor Vehicles to go over license plate opportunities; Vintage, Collector, Year of Manufacture, Single and Multiple vehicle registration were all discussed. More details to come at a later date. Gimli Motorsports Park will be in operation, under new management, and under IHRA sanctioning. The Winnipeg Cruising Clinic will be held again this year on Sunday, May 29th. Winnipeg Police Services and MPI will both be assisting; location to be confirmed later.

Blue Bomber Parking Lot



As in past years, we'll be collecting parking lot revenue from Blue Bomber spectators.

The owner of the lot, **Cunningham Business Interiors Ltd.**, has again graciously allowed the Club to "work" on game days.

The schedule for the home games is on the Club's web site, and is also here. **DO** contribute at least one hour of your time this season for the Club and

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| June 16 | 7:30 pm |
| June 30 | 7:30 pm |
| July 7 | 7:30 pm |
| July 22 | 7:30 pm |
| August 13 | 8:00 pm |
| August 19 | 7:30 pm |
| September 10 | 7:00 pm |
| October 10 | 3:00 pm |
| October 16 | 3:00 pm |
| October 30 | 3:00 pm |

the **Variety Club of Manitoba**, our sanctioned charity. Contact **Mike Clayton** to schedule YOUR date!

Contest Time!

Last month's Contest Winner was **Rick Johnson** for correctly identifying the hood ornament as being from a 1970's Buick Centurion. Congratulations **Rick** – you can pick up your hats at the next Show 'n Shine that you **and Deb** attend together!

This month's contest is about the car on the front page of this issue. Do you know **what Club Member is driving** this car? Do you know the **car year and model?** How about the **horsepower this car had?**

If you can correctly answer any two of the above three questions, you will **WIN** two Club hats – a value of over \$30! Send in your responses to the Newsletter Editor by e-mail, fax, Pony Express – what ever it takes – to **WIN!** In the event of multiple correct entries the entrants' names will be drawn at the next Meeting on May 3rd and the ultimate winner selected. The closing date for you to **WIN** is April 30th so don't hesitate.

Oh, by the way - the owner of the car, the owner's significant other, and the Newsletter Editor are **not** eligible .. gee, why not?!

Membership Dues

2005 Membership Dues are required no later than May 1st.

Remember – you can pay your dues **SECURELY** online with your credit card!

Just go to the Club's web site and click on **Membership.**

Parking Lot Party by Darren Kellner

I've been looking around the neighborhood, watching the white stuff disappearing, wondering when the street cleaners are coming out, because I wait 'til the streets are clean before my Beaumont comes out.

I haven't seen my car since October ... sheesh ... talk about withdrawal symptoms!

Luckily, World of Wheels helped me out there. I was very happy to see how well our Club comes together to combine ideas to make them a winning reality. President **Mike Clayton** said in an e-mail, "*Second place wasn't an option, but I'll take it and the cash any way!*" After the show, we talked to the judges and found out where we needed improvement. Next year, second place will definitely not be an option. All Club members who were involved with World of Wheels, give yourself a "Well Done".

Coming up in August, Winnipeg will be having something better than the Junos. We're having our **Parking Lot Party!** With Club support, I'm certain that we'll have a very successful show. The Executive is ironing out a few details with Thunder Rapids. Oops, did I forget to mention our show is being held there? Be sure to check out the Web Site for details.

I've never chaired this show so I am looking for ideas for a success. We will be having our famous Car Pull amongst other interesting things.

Remember, keep **August 21st** open and come out and show Winnipeggers the "Pride in the Ride".

World of Wheels by Murray Brown

World of Wheels 2005 was a fantastic event!

The Club's 1970's showroom themed Display won the **MHRA's Outstanding Club Display Award**, Second Place for **Trader Publication's Manitoba Club Display** and accolades from show participants and visitors during the show itself. **Wes Grycki** ended up with a trunk full of awards, which included **Best in Class 49-57, 2005 Rising Star Award** for Outstanding Interior, and the **Master Builder Award**. Very impressive, as was the **Best in Class** for **Bernard Harfield's** 1977 TransAm.

As with any production, no Awards Reception can occur without thanks and appreciation to those who gave of their time and talent to ensure that the best possible Display was produced. My personal and heartfelt thanks are extended to those Club Members and Companies who assisted.

Without their committed support, time and generosity, World of Wheels 2005 just wouldn't have occurred.

VEHICLES: Angie McFadzean, Andre Lemoine, Bernard Harfield, Wes Grycki.

SET UP: Mike Clayton, Wade Weber, Jim Bielby, Rick Johnson, Darren Kellner, Bob McFadzean, Andre Lemoine, Ted Bowditch, Chris Brown - Cutting EDGE Graphics.

DISPLAY CONCEPT, DESIGN & DONATIONS:

Chris Brown - Cutting EDGE Graphics, Reg Walker - Walker Auto Parts, Wes Grycki, Len Wlasichuk, Ted Bowditch.

MEMORABILIA: Mike Clayton, Darren Kellner, Wes Grycki, John Dyck - MAAC, Ted Bowditch, Andre Lemoine, Bob McFadzean, Bernard Harfield.

VISITOR ASSISTANCE: Angie McFadzean, Bob McFadzean, Andre Lemoine, Bernard Harfield, Wes Grycki, Darren Kellner, Ed Greschuk, Grace Greschuk, Bruce Christian.

TEAR DOWN: Mike Clayton, Jim Bielby, Darren Kellner, Irv Braun, Tess Skinner, Barry Bonwick, Chris Bonwick, Tom Balaz, Brian Cadieux, Maria Cadieux.

TRANSPORTATION: Mike Clayton, Rick Johnson, Irv Braun, Tess Skinner, Brian Cadieux, Chris Brown - Cutting EDGE Graphics.

MORALE: Lorraine Buckmaster, Joanne Lemoine, James Walker, Ron Bodnar, Gail Bodnar, Maxine Clayton, Dave Anderson, Crystal Anderson, Janice Bielby, Tom Groot, Alice Groot, Bryan Lipski, Chris Orr, Peggy Orr, Wally Rauch, Heddy Rauch, Larry Solilak, Brenda Solilak, Gordon Skulmoski, Brian Humeny, Amelia Humeny, John Rohde, Les Wilkinson, Gord Yurett, Marcel Gregoire, Craig Winters.

There are three full pages of photos on the Web Site under the Rogue's Gallery section. Check them out ... especially Dennis Gage sitting at the Sales Manager's desk and Courtney Hansen sitting proudly on the back ledge of **Andre Lemoine's** LeMans Sport!

And as noted in the Minutes, this issue also contains photos galore from World of Wheels ... and ... the 2005 Show 'n Shine Sanctioned Dates!

Classifieds

Classifieds are now placed and read in the Club's Online Forum, accessible at <http://forumer.com/manitobapontiac>.

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