



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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April Meeting Minutes

General Meeting held Tuesday, April 4, 2006 at Park Pontiac Buick GMC; meeting called to order at 7:04.

There were two guests in attendance: Kirby Stav who owns a '69 Firebird and Bill Kuz who owns a 57 Thunderbird (from the Manitoba Classic & Antiques Club).

Events

If anyone is interested in going on the MS Cruise please advise Mike Clayton so we can make up a team.

Some recent suggestions for events were a Day at the Track/Beach in Gimli, Thunder Rapids and Pineridge Hollow. Rodarama is at the East End Arena, Transcona on April 28th-30th; entry fee is \$20.



Important Dates

- * **April 14**
Ayanna Bowie Birthday
- * **April 28**
Lorraine Buckmaster Birthday
Rodarama 2006 (thru to April 30)
- * **May 2**
GENERAL MEETING
- * **May 13**
André Lemoine's Lemans Anniversary
- * **May 20**
Fort Frances Car Show
- * **May 27**
Leona & Murray Brown Anniversary
- * **May 28**
Blue Bombers play against Edmonton
- * **June 1**
Linda and Vern Chudy Anniversary
- * **June 6**
Kris Johnson Birthday
GENERAL MEETING

Debbie Schmidt from the Impala Club sent an e-mail inviting us to a Bud, Spud & Steak event on April 8th at Silverados; dinner costs \$12 and there will be a 50/50 draw and prizes.

South Beach Casino is hosting a car show May 28th at 1:00; there will be a BBQ and live entertainment.

August long weekend is HarbourFest at Kenora. It



was suggested that some may want to stay over-night the night before. Please advise **Maxine Clayton** if interested.

The "Flower Power" car show in Neepawa will be on July 22; this will be the last car show at that location.

No pun intended, but dues are due May 1st. Don't let this be your last issue of the newsletter!

MAAC They are still working on a constitution and discussed changes they would like to make to the Safety Clinic for next year.

World of Wheels

The Murdoch MacKay won the Best Club award for their display of an automotive classroom.

Mike Clayton spoke to Peter Ginakes who advised that we could host the final cruise of next year at Pony Corral. This year has already been promised to the Mopar Club. We will possibly be able to be featured 1 or 2 nights this year. The Sunday Night Cruise location will be changed to the Grant Park location.

Not listed in the MAAC 2006 Calendar Inwood is having a fair July 28th-30th. They are having a Centennial Parade on July 29th and are looking for cars.

Next meeting – Park Pontiac Buick GMC Ltd's Boardroom on Tuesday, May 2 at 7:00 p.m.



*President's Message by
Mike Clayton*

Spring has Sprung!

While putting down these thoughts on the keyboard, I had the window open and started to soak up the great spring air! What a treat ... it seemed for a while there that Winter just wasn't going to go away.

I've had the car covered up all winter long in the garage, and with my other hobby ... wood working ... there is a lot of wood dust and assorted wood "items" on the cover. I'm looking forward to slowly take the cover off and shake it out. And then out will come the obligatory cans of wax and cool refreshments as I ready the car for cruisin'.

As you read above the Club might get to host the final Summer Cruisin' evening at the Pony Corral. The Mopar Club was already penciled in, but Peter



Ginakes knows that we want to "strut our stuff" in 2006. He has also indicated that we might get more than one opportunity to show off the cars this year, too!

In about two weeks' time the Winnipeg Blue Bombers will be playing their first Home Game and as always we need Club support for the parking lot. The Variety Club is our "official" charity and hopefully we can provide a substantial amount of money to them in 2006. Please give me call; we only ask for about one hour of your time and trust me ... the "work" is easy!

And when you're calling me about the parking lot, please remember to have me jot down your name for the MS Crusin' run, too! We'd like to enter a "Team Pontiac" like last year. It was a great time, the hospitality everywhere we went was great, and of course the proceeds helped the MS Society.

Get the car shined up soon and we'll see you at the May Meeting!

Mike

Social by Maxine Clayton

I have received a few suggestions from some Members about some GREAT ideas for summer socializing.

For the guys (and gals) who want to, get up one Saturday or Sunday morning and cruise out to the



new Gimil Motorsport Park and take in some fun bracket drag racing. Or, just watch, if you want! For the gals (and guys) who don't want to do that, sleep in a little bit on the same day and go to the beach at Gimli! And for the kids, you choose whether to go to the races or the beach! A couple of us could load up one or two BBQ's in the back of the trucks, everybody could come up with some pot luck items, and we could have a GREAT day at the beach!

There is (so I'm told, I wouldn't know about this) a fantastic old car storage area in the Grand Forks area. We could make a weekend of it! The guys (and maybe some gals) could go to the junk (oops! Did I really type that?!) yard, and the gals (and maybe some guys) could go to the malls. Kids ... I'll bet there are one or two pools in those hotels!

And of course the other ideas that I'm working on are:

- River Boat Cruise
- Prairie Dog Central Railway
- Rumors Comedy Club

Once I get my thoughts together I'll start with some organizing and let's see what we can do this year!

And I'm going to keep repeating this one for everybody, especially the newer (and shyer) Members: Don't forget that many of us go to Tim Horton's beside Future Shop on Regent Avenue after the meetings. A time to unwind, digress, listen as the men tell white lies to each other, and enjoy a warm cup of coffee and maybe a jelly donut before heading home. See you there!

MAAC Update by Jim Beilby

MAAC's associated clubs and other newsworthy auto information can be found at www.autoclubs.ca. MAAC meeting minutes pertinent to the Club will appear in this newsletter.

As per the Meeting Minutes, MAAC is going through a significant revamping of their Constitution. More information on the suggested changes will be sent by e-mail to Club Members.

The safety clinic will be held on June 11th and MAAC would like 2 cars per club to attend. They are trying to line up more sponsors for future clinics.

MAAC Calendars were distributed at World of Wheels and can also be obtained at the Manitoba Pontiac Club's General Meetings. The next General Meeting will be on Tuesday, May 2nd.

Blue Bomber Home Games 2006

Here's the 2006 schedule for the Blue Bombers. Mark these dates down on your calendar, and save Mike Clayton from getting gray hairs by calling him NOW with the dates that you can assist with the parking lot.

SUN	May 28	Edmonton	2:00 pm
FRI	Jun 23	Montreal	7:00 pm
FRI	Jun 30	Hamilton	6:30 pm
SAT	July 15	Calgary	6:00 pm
FRI	Aug 4	Edmonton	6:30 pm
THU	Aug 10	Toronto	7:00 pm
FRI	Aug 25	Ottawa	7:00 pm
SUN	Sep 10	Sask	1:00 pm
FRI	Sep 29	B C	7:00 pm
SAT	Oct 21	Sask	6:00 pm

Your commitment of one hour is a small way of helping out with the Club's charity, the Variety Club.

By the way Have you "dropped in" to the Bomber Game schedule on the Club's web site? There is a "wave" that you can watch!

2006 Membership Dues are Due

Don't let this be YOUR last issue of the newsletter!

2006 Membership Dues must be "in" by May 1st.

Dues are \$30 and can be paid online, by cheque to the Club's mailing address, or paid in cash at the next meeting on May 2nd.



2006 Meeting Dates

Jot down these dates for the 2006 meetings! An easy way to remember the date is to remember the **first Tuesday** of each month.

Almost all will occur at Park Pontiac Buick GMC Ltd., located at 1459 Regent Avenue West. Except in the cruisin' months, the meetings occur in the Boardroom on the 2nd floor. Cruisin' months sometimes ... but not always ... have a "meeting" at Park Pontiac and then go for some ridin'. Do be certain to keep your eye on the Newsletters and e-mails with changes to the locations.

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| May 2 | June 6 |
| July 4 | August 1 |
| September 5 | October 3 |
| November 7 | |

December is always "reserved" for the Annual Meeting and Christmas Party. A specific date is always arranged, but for 2006 pencil in two Sundays -- December 3 and 10 -- for now.

GM Heritage Dealer Signs

The GM Heritage Museum is proud to announce the first authorized vintage neon sign collection series.

These collections of reduced scale reproduction of GM dealership signs showcase GM's rich brand history and carry on the tradition of their early illuminated sign legacy.

This is the first time GM has chosen to reproduce any of it's original sign age for automotive enthusiasts. These limited edition signs are hand built by skilled craftsmen utilizing only the highest grade commercial materials and components available.

Each custom built sign comes with a personal, serial numbered engraved brass tag attached to the sign. Only \$3,995 US.



Oil Change Stickers are Dead

Remember when we had to refer to the oil change sticker that was stuck to the inner door jamb? Well, those days are almost history.

Called *OnStar Vehicle Diagnostics*, this GM-exclusive service runs hundreds of diagnostic checks from the vehicle's four key operating systems, collects valuable maintenance information and sends a personalized e-mail directly to the owner.

An industry first, more than one million GM vehicle owners have signed up. The e-mail is now available in Spanish, and the report also alerts the owner if there is an outstanding recall notice that needs attention.

OnStar Vehicle Diagnostics also makes it easy for GM owners to follow the GM Oil-Life System, monitors key engine operating conditions to determine when the oil needs to be changed. By following the GM Oil-Life system, it is estimated that more than 100-million gallons of oil could be saved over the next five years on the millions of GM vehicles that already have this system.

Subscribers receive monthly e-mail reports on the four key operating systems: engine/transmission; anti-lock brake; airbag; and OnStar.