



# *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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## **Ed Greschuk**

It is with great sadness that we must say goodbye to, but not forget, one of our own members, **Ed Greschuk**, who passed away on August 27, 2005.

For those that knew Ed, Grace and their sons Ryan and Jason, you know that they have been long-term members of the Manitoba Pontiac Association. For those of you that did not get the opportunity to either meet or speak to Ed, you have missed out on one of the rare people out there that really make a difference in this world today. Ed was one of a kind and the proud owner of the 1965 Pontiac Parisienne Custom Sport Convertible pictured in this newsletter.

Ed was membership # 40 and his wife Grace # 41. This means that they have been members since the second year of the formation of this club. Ed could be seen at many cars shows in the early years of this Club, but like many of us, in the past couple of years not as much due to family and business obligations. Ed participated in the World of Wheels a couple of times to help promote this Club. Since Ed's first appearance in that show, he had decided to restore his car and was one of the few people to take advantage of a company called Blastex (no longer in business) who came to a few of the clubs at the time to promote this new procedure called media blasting. This process took everything off the car right down to the metal. Ed was so proud of this process and the end result it achieved for his paint finish.

## **Important Dates**

- \* **September 14**  
**Marcus Walker Birthday**
- \* **September 15**  
**Mike & Maxine Clayton Anniversary**
- \* **September 23**  
**Dave & Crystal Anderson Anniversary**
- \* **September 25**  
**Manitoba Street Rod Toy Run**
- \* **September 28**  
**Brenden Spencer Birthday**
- \* **October 1**  
**Jerrit Lipski Birthday**
- \* **October 4**  
**GENERAL MEETING**
- \* **October 8**  
**Sophie & John Kondracki Anniversary**
- \* **October 9**  
**Deb Johnson Birthday**
- \* **October 24**  
**Samantha Spencer Birthday**
- \* **October 26**  
**Kara Lipski Birthday**
- \* **October 28**  
**Janine Bowie Birthday**

Ed was proud of many things. His wife Grace, sons Ryan and Jason, being a part of this Club and of course his car

to say the least. A proud supporter of the MPA, Ed would mention and promote this organization whenever he had the opportunity. Ed was the only provider to the Club of his yearly calendars of Houses, Cars and Trucks. That little task he provided to us was not out of obligation but from the enjoyment he got from giving to others. I will definitely miss this little bit of Ed that made him who he was.

Ed and family participated in many events with the Club and friends made in the Club. Club camping trips in Warroad MN, car shows around the city and province, Club events such as photo shoots, picnics, bowling and some house parties are a few. The season end Club Windup was always a time you could see Ed and the family. At one of the Wind Up's, Ed and Grace could not be stopped as we played a game of Washer Board. Ed by nature was a keen, fierce competitor. This you could see, and to Ed's defense, it was in a very positive way.



Last summer, Ed and family went on a trip to British Columbia and came on some unfortunate happenings. Making a long story short, the engine in the Parisienne died in Calgary. Ed and his positive attitude and demeanor somehow made a bad situation into a good one. Ed met someone in Calgary that loaned him a motor to finish their trip. They replaced the engine in Calgary, finished their trip and returned home. Ed had to return the engine back to the person that loaned it to him and he did so earlier this year.

Unfortunately, at this same time Ed became ill and was not able to rebuild and return his original engine back into the car himself. After speaking to Ryan at the hospital, Ryan told me that he wanted to fulfill his father's wish and finish the engine and get the car back on the road. I told Ryan that any help he needed was a ' phone call away. Ryan took the offer and with the help of Brian Humeny, they were able to put the engine back together, place it in the car and take the car to the hospital where Ed was able to see his car on the road once again in his last weeks. I know that Ed was very proud of his sons for accomplishing this task for him and that it was a relief to Ed to know that one of his projects that he wanted to complete had been done and was one thing less for him to worry about during his illness.

Ed's car, in Remembrance, will be on the Dash Plaque for the 2006 MPA Parking Lot Party. Ed was notified prior

to his death that this would take place and was very touched by this act.

Proudly, **Ted Bowditch** and **Brain Humeny** acted as pallbearers for Ed's funeral service. I was also asked but unfortunately was unable to attend the ceremony as I was out of town and unable to change my plans. I would like to express my thanks to our members and friends who were able to pay their last respects at the service for Ed. I wish I could have been there.

Ed, on behalf of the members and your friends of the Manitoba Pontiac Association, you will be missed but not forgotten.

To Grace, Ryan and Jason, we send our deepest condolences. We hope that you will be able to spend some time and reflect on how Ed was a part of your life, and give you the strength required to start your new journey. We in turn will also reflect on our times with Ed, remembering who he was and what he brought to our lives.

*Wade Weber*

### *September Meeting Minutes*

General Meeting held Tuesday, September 6, 2005 at Park Pontiac Boardroom, 1459 Regent Ave. President **Mike Clayton** was unable to attend; Vice President **Darren Kellner** opened the meeting at 7:01 pm welcoming members. Secretary **Lorraine Buckmaster** had no official minutes reported from our August meeting, where the topics discussed were the upcoming Parking Lot Party, financial statement and Club wind-up. We had met briefly before all cruising to Sargent Sundae.

#### **New Business**

The passing of **Ed Greschuk**, long time member of the MPA should be mentioned in the upcoming newsletter. Very good club support for Grace and the boys through the Club network. A fruit basket was sent on behalf of the MPA by **Wade & Gale Weber**.

Treasurer **Irv Braun** provided an up-to-date financial statement. A large amount has been raised so far for Variety Club in 2005, including Bomber Lot proceeds. Activities Chair **Gale Weber** has brought up a group get together at Hooters Restaurant; they will cordon off an area for approximately 12 rides to be showcased from the Club. The Christmas Wind-up is being scheduled for the first or second Sunday in

December; date to be finalized. Bowling is being looked into along with a movie day; dates to be determined. A ride out on the Prairie Dog Central was discussed, but with such a short timeframe to look at right now it was suggested that we look into that in the spring. Final cruise night at the Pony Corral on Pembina Hwy is September 25<sup>th</sup>. Membership Chair **Murray Brown** brought us up-to-date with new members and two new memberships, **Chris Bonwick** and **Glen Shattner**. We welcomed a guest this evening, **Dale Jury** and his young daughter, who ventured out to our Parking Lot Party with his 1980 Firebird Turbo (*Dale did join our Club this evening with membership dues being prorated by Murray Brown*). Newsletter Editor/ Web Manager **Murray Brown** caught up with us with the website and newsletter both running smoothly.

### Parking Lot Party

Good Club participation, with Vendors bringing in a sizeable amount for the Variety Club. Roy and Verna from Thunder Rapids donated proceeds from their concession sales to Variety; a large amount was derived from registration. In all a great success for MPA and the Variety Club. Next year's dash plaque will be In Memoriam of **Ed Greschuk**, with all members in attendance agreed. **There are still 22 dash plaques left from the Party, get yours now for \$5 if you were unable to make it out to the show.** Roy & Verna from Thunder Rapids have graciously offered to host next year's Parking Lot Party.

### Bomber Lot

Sat Sept 10 at 7 p.m. is kick-off, with **Mike** and **Maxine, Debbie** and **Rick** as the only parking lot volunteers at the moment. Two more volunteers needed. Please contact **Mike** ASAP if you can spare a quick hour of your time.

### Buffalo Bills

The Club was to have been a "featured" club and have feature spots for the club members. No Management was on site to direct our Members, and no one knew anything about where the Club display was to be set up, nor any information available to participants or car enthusiasts. The Club will not participate in any future event featured at Buffalo Bills in the future. Organizers did contact the Executive and apologize after-the-fact, however, it was felt that the Club would not return.

### World of Wheels 2006

The Executive has been made aware of the "no car theme" thoughts behind displays in the next show. Members are encouraged to gather ideas for next spring's show. Two rides have been

secured, **Wade Weber** and his TransAm and **Craig Winters** with his Grand National.

### Upcoming Events

September 9<sup>th</sup>, Fab 50's Sockhop, see **Wade** for tickets. Fab 50's Show n Shine Sunday September 11; meet on-site EARLY at Garden City Shopping Centre. Toy Run, Sunday September 25<sup>th</sup>; meet at Revenue Canada on Reenders 12 noon. Final Sunday Night cruise at Pony Corral Pembina Hwy September 25<sup>th</sup>; cars and drivers must be present to enter into the big draws.

### Other Business

Support needed for Gerry Henry in maintaining the MAAC site in conjunction with AUTOCLUBS.CA. He is looking for \$1,500 in financial support; **Murray Brown** suggested a \$30 donation from ALL registered MAAC clubs to cover costs; **Wade Weber** will bring the suggestion to the MAAC meeting this month. Also suggested were alternative sites for our Parking Lot Party with further discussion to follow.

**Wade** brought up the MAAC calendar with respect to conflicting shows and dates where the hosts ARE NOT registered car clubs; clubs have to compete for participation. A suggestion was brought up about having the registered clubs in the "front" portion of the calendar with the other clubs in the "back". This would at least feature the Car Clubs prior to the alternative clubs; further discussion to follow.

Our annual MPA Wind-up was again a HUGE success. Many members and family came out to spend the day at **John** and **Sophie Kondracki's**, who graciously hosted our wind-up again this year. Potluck was on the menu and it was a great turnout. Games were set up for the kids and everyone had an enjoyable evening finished off with some fireworks.

### Next meeting

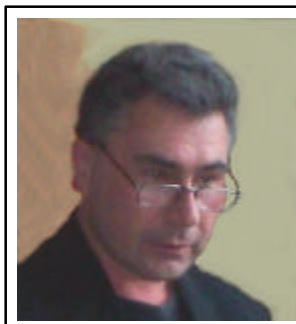
Tuesday October 4 at 7:00 pm at Park Pontiac Buick GMC – 1459 Regent Avenue.

### President's Message by Mike Clayton

### Hello Everyone!

We all share in the passing of **Ed Greschuk**. A splendid person, a wonderful husband and father, and a great Member.

Ed, you will be missed.



All in all, a great Summer for cruisin' ... in and around the city and round and about. Many of us turned up at various shows, including **Andre**

Lemoine, Tom Groot, Tom Balaz, Elmer and Gaille Friesen and Bernard Harfield at the Steinbach show. And while cruisin' on summer vacation, Rick and Debbie Johnson found a great place for well-worn parts in Bemidji, called Hensley Auto Supply, reached at 1-800-286-0094.

Many, many thanks to Darren Kellner for chairing the 2005 Parking Lot Party. It was a very successful event, with monies collected going to our charity, the Variety Club. By the way, don't forget that only a few commemorative dash plaques are still available from Darren at only \$5 each. If you were unable to attend the Parking Lot Party getting one of these items is a great way to add to your collection!

A warm welcome to our newest Members: Chris Bonwick (welcome back), Glen and Anita Schattner, and Dale Jury and Heather Grant. Come out to the meetings and introduce yourselves; we'll do the same. And don't forget coffee after the meetings, too!

Mike

Social by Gale Weber

Kudos to John and Sophie Kondracki for hosting the Annual Windup BBQ! A great time was had by all!

There is plenty more about to happen! We're working on an afternoon or evening at Hooter's, perhaps bowling, and more details will be forthcoming by e-mail and at the next General Meeting.

And of course plans are underway for the Christmas Party that will be held on December 11th at the Downtown Pony Corral between 1:00 and 4:00 pm! This is ALWAYS a great time for children of all ages!

As a Club we have a GREAT opportunity to mix and socialize after the general meetings. If you're new to the Club, please don't be shy ... some of us are often so enthralled with our cars that we are sometimes remiss in introducing ourselves. Join us for coffee and learn more about us!

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.

October 10	3:00 pm
October 16	3:00 pm
October 30	3:00 pm

DO contribute at least one hour of your time this season for the Club and the Variety Club of Manitoba, our sanctioned charity. Contact Mike Clayton to schedule YOUR date!

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.

Parking Lot Party by Darren Kellner

Our Parking Lot Party went very smoothly. It was good to see so many of our members show up to volunteer and support the Club and the best part was that the weather cooperated, too!

Our two vendors this year, Walker Auto Parts and The Tool Bus, brought in large sums for Variety Club. The concessions from Thunder Rapids gave Variety Club 25% of the total concession income between 12 and 3 pm ... a sizeable amount! Roy and Verna from Thunder Rapids donated an oak carving of Dale Erhardt for a race, and donated back some of the proceeds of the race itself. Our Registration people took in a whack of money and after expenses resulted in even more money. We had two RCMP vehicles on display, promoting road safety. A big Thanks to Cpl. Larry Dahlman for his and the Headingley Detachment's support.

There were about 20 plus companies that donated prizes for draws that went off every half hour, with each prize package ranging from \$75 - \$100 in value. We also held our famous Car Pull that was another hit. Wade Weber even convinced the RCMP Officers to pull ... way to go Wade! The recipient of the Kids Choice award went to the RCMP display, and I understand they are proudly hanging the plaque in the Headingley Detachment.

In total, after expenses, the Club will be donating an amount larger than expected to the Variety Club. The Executive has already agreed to have Ed Gerschuk's 65 Parisienne on the 2006 dash plaques. There are a few extra 2005 dash plaques available for sale at \$5 each; see Irv Braun.

In closing, Roy and Verna of Thunder Rapids Amusements told me at the end of the day they were walking on Cloud 9 and want us back next year. That is excellent!