



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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August Meeting Minutes

Held at the Pony Corral Restaurant on Pembina Highway, President **Mike Clayton** called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Treasurer **Maria Cadieux** was not in attendance and no financial updates were available. Secretary **Lorraine Buckmaster** read last month's minutes. Social Chair **Maxine Clayton** updated membership regarding the River Cruise. 23 Members and family came out for the evening cruise. An enjoyable evening was had by all, and it was agreed that we should do it again. Pictures are available on the website under the [Rogue's Gallery](#) page. The Menu is planned for the Wind-up on August 14th. Directions and maps were distributed and a map will also be available online on the website. The club tent has been made available for this annual event. **Sophie Kondracki** is supplying a homemade coleslaw and the Club will be supplying the refreshments and main course; other refreshments are at each member's own expense. Arrival time is 4 p.m., and there is no gravel road travel. All members are encouraged to attend. Please advise **Maxine Clayton ASAP** as to who will be attending. Membership Chair **Rick Johnson** and Newsletter Editor / Webmaster **Murray Brown** were not in attendance was not in attendance; no updates.

New Business

Bomber Games. Parking lot help is **URGENTLY** needed. Please volunteer an hour of your time for

Important Dates

- * **August 7**
Marilyn Wolensky & Craig Winters
Wedding
Cruz-In Downtown Car Show
- * **August 8**
1st Annual Memories Show 'n Shine
- * **August 12**
Wally Rauch Birthday
Blue Bomber Football Game
- * **August 14**
Manitoba Pontiac Association
2004 Wind-Up BBQ
- * **August 16**
Mike Clayton Birthday
- * **August 22**
Quarry Days Show 'n Shine
- * **August 23**
Alexis Anderson Birthday

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our major fundraiser, the Variety Club. Volunteers are needed for **Thursday, August 12**, 7:30 kickoff, and **Thursday, August 26**, 8:00 kickoff. Please be at the lot an hour before kickoff time. Contact **Mike Clayton** directly if you are available.

Club Tent

Discussion was brought forward regarding the rental and maintenance of the tent. Presently the Club has no fee schedule, and there has been no indication of the dollar amount that is charged for rental. No deposit has been made for any rentals that have oc-

curred in the past couple of years. A Motion was put forward for a proper fee schedule and rental fees are to be made directly payable to Manitoba Pontiac Association Inc. The Vote was unanimous. The fee amount per rental is to be established. The tent is available at no charge to Members, when not in conflict with any previous booking.

Upcoming Events

August 7 Cruizin Downtown. Volunteers are **URGENTLY** needed. A Volunteer Meeting is being held on Thursday, August 5, in the Pan Am Room of the Convention Centre. Volunteer Appreciation Day scheduled for August 21st at Thunder Rapids.

August 7 is **Craig Winters** and **Marilyn Wolensky's** wedding day. **Congratulations!!!!**

August 8th is the **1st Annual Memories Show n' Shine.** 10 a.m. meet onsite. \$2 registration fee. For more details, contact **Ted Bowditch.**

August 14th -- **Club's Annual Windup** 4 p.m., at **John** and **Sophie Kondracki's.** Map and directions available on the website.

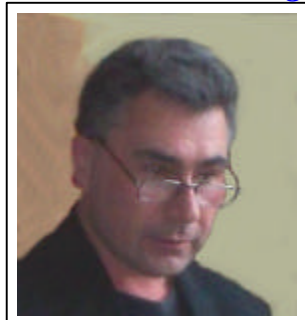
August 22nd is the **Quarry Days Show n' Shine at Stonewall.** 9 a.m. meet time at Lonestar Harley-Davidson on Oak Point Highway.

August 29th -- **Beausejour Show n' Shine.** 9 a.m. meet at A & W in Lockport.

Member **Larry Solilak** attended a Show n' Shine in Kenora over the August long weekend; a great turnout of approximately 200 rides. Discussion was brought forward as to traveling as a Club to next year's event; in the past Members have gotten together for the weekend event, and some would like to see it resurrected.

The next meeting is Tuesday, September 7th at **Cruisers Drive Inn on Henderson Highway** (the former Wigwam Restaurant) at 7 p.m. **Mike Clayton** adjourned the meeting 7:54 p.m.

President's Message by **Mike Clayton**



Hello Everyone!

August ... my favorite month of the year. Does this mean that summer is half over? Not if us cruisers have anything to do with it! Considering we had such a lousy spring, maybe Mother

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- * **August 26**
Vern Chudy Birthday
Blue Bomber Football Game
- * **August 29**
Beausejour Show 'n Shine
- * **September 7**
Mike Bowie Birthday
GENERAL MEETING
CRUISERS DRIVE-IN HENDERSON HWY
- * **September 9**
Ashley Weber Birthday
- * **September 10**
Fab 50's Sock Hop
- * **September 11**
Pascal Gariepy Birthday
- * **September 12**
Blue Bomber Football Game
Fab 50's Flashback Weekend
- * **September 14**
Marcus Walker Birthday
- * **September 15**
Maxine & Mike Clayton Anniversary
- * **September 18**
Blue Bomber Football Game

Nature will give us an extended summer and autumn. Cruz-in-Downtown is August 7th, and our wind-up is the 14th at John and Sophie Kondracki's Estate.

On behalf of all of the Members of the Club, Congratulations and Best Wishes to **Craig Winters** and **Marilyn Wolensky** as they exchange vows on Saturday the 7th!

I hope everyone has enjoyed what summer we have had this year. The Wednesday night we had at the Downtown Pony Corral and the Riverboat cruise were a great success.

It looks as if our Drive-In Night at the Odeon is going to fall by the wayside as it is getting later in the year and no dates are left for August. If September

weather is going to be kind to us, there may be an outside chance.

Here's to getting the most out of the rest of our summer and cruising season.

See you soon,
Mike

Bomb(er)s Away!

As in the past the Manitoba Pontiac Association collects parking fees for spectator parking at Blue Bomber games, with GROSS proceeds going 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	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

Social by Maxine Clayton

Summer 2004 is continuing to be a LOT of fun!

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**. A map and directions can be found on the Club's web site; a special note to Members Only will be issued.

This is going to be a GREAT opportunity to sit back, relax, and chitchat with Members and spouses and/or "significant others". **KIDS as always are WELCOME!** **Terry Yurett** is sure to come up with some new activities, I understand that **Murray Brown** and **Gord Skulmoski** have a few kid's games in mind, and we'll get a chance to finally see the **Kondracki** ranch.

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!

MAAC Update by Terry Yurett

MAAC is "on vacation" during July and August. Terry Yurett will update Members with MAAC news in September.



1972 LeMans Jury by Murray Brown

Poking away on the Internet the other day, I came across this item. Included with the photos was the following: **1972 Canadian Pontiac Lemans. This Car Is Super Straight, Engine Powerful and Ready, Paint Is Beautiful, and Interior Is New. While There Were Only 26 Original Jury Cars Made, This Gorgeous Clone Will Make You Forget This Isn't One Of Them! Only: \$11,900**



I found this to be quite intriguing for two reasons. First, on the bottom of my car's signboard I reference a Judge and Jury. The **Judge** is a "no brainer"; the **Jury** context was my sign maker's idea.

At a recent Show 'n Shine, a person walked up to me and asked if I had ever heard of a Pontiac Jury. My response was "no". And then this web site



popped up.

Any ideas out there?

Let's have your comments and we'll put them in the next installment of *The Cruisin' Chiefs!*

Canadian Pontiacs by Murray Brown

EDITOR'S NOTE: I found this article while browsing through the Internet. Unfortunately, I did NOT jot down the source. This is the first of a two-part series.

We will start at the end of the Depression years. Many car companies did not survive the Depression. Even the big three were affected by the Depression so much so that cars like Cadillac and Lincoln were on the line! It is only with their more profitable and cheaper offerings they were able to survive.

At this time the Canadian divisions of the large American automakers realized that the Canadian market was somewhat weaker and needed more entry-level cars rather than all the mid-price vehicles that existed.

Chevrolet, Ford and Plymouth were the bread and butter cars of both nations. In the USA the Pontiac and Dodge were only slightly more upscale and slightly more expensive. In Canada the price difference between the low-end cars and the low mid priced cars was greater. The solution for Canada was to use more common parts from the cheaper cars with slightly more upscale trim at only a slightly higher price.

Canadians would feel that they were getting an unique vehicle and a better deal for the dollars. Thus, in 1937 the first significant "Canadian" Pontiac was introduced! This new Canadian Pontiac was called the 224; it featured a 224 c.i. overhead valve six based on the Chevrolet engine and was offering something that would not be offered in the USA till' the mid sixties, which was an overhead valve 6 cylinder engine. The body for 1937 remained totally the same as the American Pontiac. However, the next year for 1938 the Canadian Pontiac also adopted the Chevrolet body, making the Canadian Pontiac more unique.

In 1941, the Canadian Pontiac cars returned to using the US style L head flathead until 1954, except for the period of WW2 when manufacturing in Canada was suspended for the war effort, but continued to use the modified Chevrolet bodies with Pontiac badging. For example, the 1950-51-52 Fleetleader Deluxe (Canadian Pontiac) looks like a Pontiac but one could identify the Chevrolet in them with the Chevy rear fenders, taillights, etc. The 1954 Pontiac Fleetleader Deluxe has the distinctive profile of a Chevrolet 210 Deluxe and used the same frame and body and grill, hood and trunk streaks and engine from Pontiac.

Next month ... 1955 onwards

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