



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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December Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 1:00 pm at the Pier 7 Pony Corral on Pembina Highway. President **Mike Clayton** welcomed all and promised to keep the meeting very brief.

The Executive for 2007 is:

- President – **Mike Clayton**
- Vice-President – **Craig Winters**
- Secretary – **Janice Bielby**
- Treasurer – **Irv Braun**
- Membership – **Maxine Clayton**
- Newsletter – **Murray Brown**
- Social – **Maxine Clayton**

Mike and the Members congratulated **Craig Winters** on becoming the newly elected Vice-President and thanked the others for continuing in their roles.

Several of the Club's Members were present at the Parking Lot on Grey Cup Day and it was agreed by the Executive that due to the date being not a normal Blue Bombers game the \$500 proceeds would be presented to the lot's landlord, **Bob Cunningham**.

Treasurer **Irv Braun** has arranged for the cheque to be mailed to **Bob Cunningham** who in turn will present the cheque to the [Winnipeg Health Sciences Centre Honourary Directors' Legacy Fund](#).

Important Dates

- * **January 1**
Alecia Buckmaster Birthday
- * **January 5**
Kaitlin Johnson Birthday
Amanda Weber Birthday
- * **January 13**
André Lemoine Birthday
- * **February 4**
John Kondracki Birthday
- * **February 6**
GENERAL MEETING
- * **February 10**
Jill Solilak Birthday
- * **February 16**
Frank Scaletta Birthday



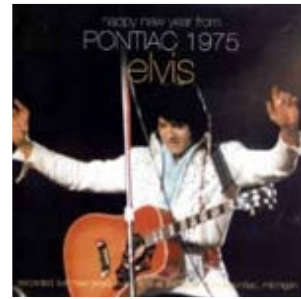
This Club Member's car and hundreds of others can be viewed at <http://www.autoclubs.ca/gallery/2006/pony.htm>

It was also announced by **Mike** that **Pony Corral** Owner/Manager **Peter Ginakes** had agreed that the Manitoba Pontiac Association would be the feature

Club for the **Last Cruise Night** at the end of the 2007 season! This is a significant "kudo" for the Club and many thanks are extended to **Peter**.

Once the meeting was concluded, the Annual Christmas Party was underway and with the assistance of **Janelle Lemoine**, Santa Claus (**John Dyck**) was able to bring cheer to several children in the crowd!

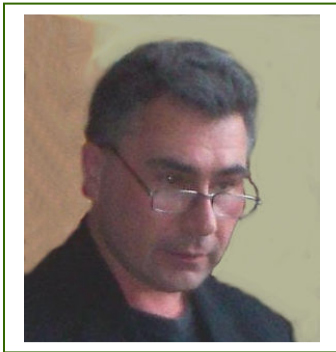
Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 6 at 7:00 pm at Park Pontiac Buick GMC on Regent Avenue



Happy New Year from Pontiac 1975
http://www.elvis-collectors.com/newyear_pontiac.html

President's Message by **Mike Clayton**

Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year



The Annual Christmas Party held on December 3rd was, as always, a great event! Many sincere thanks go out to Santa Claus for showing up and to Janelle Lemoine for being Santa's Elf. There was a wee tyke there who took it in and some older ones who

enjoyed themselves thoroughly. And once again Peter Ginakes and the Staff at the Pony Corral are to be congratulated for excellent food and great surroundings!

You have undoubtedly read in the previous column about the contribution your Club made to Bob Cunningham of Cunningham Business Interiors Inc. The Executive felt that it was fitting that the one game this year that was not a "home" Blue Bomber Game should have the proceeds donated to Bob's charity of choice. In speaking with Bob he advised me that one of his parking lot clients noted that of all the parking lots open on Grey Cup Day, ours was the only one that didn't "gouge" customers.

Our Club will host the Last Cruise Night in 2007 ... and on behalf of all of us I am particularly pleased to announce that. Based upon our long working relationship with Peter Ginakes he agreed that we would the season's Car Club "Capper"!

The General Meetings will resume in February and I hope to see many if not all of you attend on a regular basis. It's one thing for you to receive your copies of the newsletters but it's another to be "part of the action" and listen and participate first-hand in the meetings.

Finally, **Maxine** and I extend **Season's Greetings** to All and send Best Wishes for a **Happy New Year!**

Mike

2007 Meeting Dates

QUICK! Don't hesitate! Don't delay!
 Jot down these dates for the 2007 meetings!

February 6	March 6	April 3
May 1	June 5	July 3
August 7	September 4	October 2
November 6	December xx	

Unless otherwise advised by newsletter or advance e-mail, ALL meetings start at 7:00 pm at Park Pontiac Buick GMC on Regent Avenue. From May through October, dependent upon weather, a very short meeting is held and then the Club Members go cruisin' or we meet at a pre-determined location for the obligatory mini-meeting so that LOTS of time can be had for chatting and ogling of each other's vehicles.

December xx is the Annual Meeting and Christmas Party. The meeting is always very short so that there is more time to PARTY ON!

Canadian Muscle – What's a Beaumont?

Editor's note: This is an extremely condensed version of a 4-page article in the latest issue of *Muscle Car News*. Readers will recall that an "announcement" was made in a recent issue about a NEW Canadian-specific auto magazine. Published bi-monthly it is packed with colorful and newsworthy articles. It can also be viewed online at <http://www.mcnmagazine.com/>

But what is a Beaumont? To begin to answer that question lets [sic] compare the engine choices for the Chevelle and Beaumont in 1969.



1969 Beaumont		
CYL	CID	HP
6	230	140
6	250	155
V8	307	200
V8	350	255
V8	350	300
V8	396	325, 350

1969 Chevelle		
CYL	CID	HP
6	230	140
6	250	155
V8	307	200
V8	350	255
V8	350	300
V8	396	265, 325, 350, 375

It is clear that the engine options that the Beaumont and the Chevelle power plants are identical [sic]. The only difference is that the Chevelle had a few more high-end choices if the 396 V8 was selected.

But the Beaumont was marketed by Pontiac dealers in Canada. Hence many owners today mistakenly call the Beaumont a Pontiac. However the drive train is Chevrolet through and through not Pontiac, and the major body components are the same as the Chevelle.



Close inspection of the headlight cluster reveals details which show a Canadian and Pontiac heritage. The dash instrument cluster is Pontiac and indeed for 1969 all

Pontiacs have three round instrument gauges while in previous years the instruments were in a horizontal arrangement.

Oldsmobile Trivia Time!

Think you know your newer generation Oldsmobiles? Take this test ... and don't cheat by looking at the answers at the end! Questions and answers were obtained at this web site: <http://www.funtrivia.com/>



1. What was the final year for the Oldsmobile Cutlass Supreme convertible ... 1993, 1994, 1995 or 1996?
2. The Oldsmobile 98 was discontinued after 1996. What was its replacement ... Aurora, Intrigue, Regency, or the 88 Royale LS?
3. What was the final year of the Oldsmobile Cutlass Supreme International series ... 1991, 1992, 1993 or 1994?
4. What engine did the 1998 Oldsmobile Intrigue use ... 3.4L DOHC V6, 3.5L DOHC V6, 3800 OHV V6 or the 4.0L DOHC V8?
5. TRUE or FALSE ... the last model year of the Oldsmobile Achieva was 1997?
6. Which Oldsmobile model had a 4-4-2 package available in 1990 ... Achieve, Cutlass Calais, Cutlass Ciera or the Cutlass Supreme?
7. The 1995 Oldsmobile Aurora shared its platform with which other car that year ... Buick Park Avenue, Buick Riviera, Oldsmobile 88 or the Oldsmobile 98?
8. What was one of the changes to the 1996 Aurora ... reshaped rear glass, increased horsepower, lower price or restyled tail lamps?
9. Which Oldsmobile offered Special Edition models in 1994 ... Achieva, Cutlass Ciera and Cutlass Supreme; or Achieva and Cutlass Supreme; or Achieva, Cutlass Ciera, Cutlass Supreme and Eighty-Eight; or All of them?
10. Which Oldsmobiles were available with supercharged engines in the 1990's ... LSS and Aurora; or Just the LSS; or 98, LSS and Toronado; or 98 and LSS?
11. The new 1997 Cutlass was intended to replace which car ... Cutlass Supreme or Cutlass Ciera or Achieva or Cutlass Calais?
12. How many 2-door Oldsmobiles were available for 1998 ... 1, 2, 3 or none?
13. The last Oldsmobile models were produced in what year ... 2002, 2003, 2004 or 2005?
14. What was the last station wagon model Oldsmobile made ... 1992 Custom Cruiser, 1995 Cutlass Cruiser, 1996 Ciera Wagon or 1997 Achieva Wagon?



15. The Aurora technically replaced which model as Oldsmobile's flagship ... LSS, Toronado, Delta 88, or 98 Regency?

New Club Member!

Please welcome **Mel Martin** and his better half **Carol** from Spruce Grove, Alberta! **Mel** and **Carol** are no slouches when it comes to having some Pontiacs (and another rarity) around the yard:

- Three (3) 1965 Parisienne Custom Sport convertibles
- One (1) 1965 Parisienne convertible
- One (1) 1965 Parisienne 2-door hardtop
- One (1) 1950 Cadillac 4-door

When you update your Membership List with the above information, add up how many **1965 Pontiacs** are within the Club we have a FLEET!



Surfing

Looking for a new resource for Pontiac photos ... and many Canadian models ... like this 1965 Laurentian 2-door sedan?



Then check out THIS site!

<http://oldcarandtruckpictures.com/Pontiac/Pontiac1960-1970.html>

What's New on the Club's Web Site?

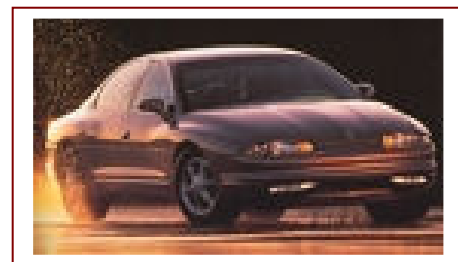
Go to the **LINKS** page, and there amongst the **Club's SPONSORS and SUPPORTERS** you'll find a new company ... **RockAuto.com**. Club Members will require a special **DISCOUNT CODE** for purchasing at discounts; contact the Newsletter Editor for the **DISCOUNT CODE**.

RockAuto.com is an online auto parts store founded in Madison, Wisconsin in 1999 and now ships thousands of auto parts from over 90 manufacturers to customers on every continent except Antarctica.

The RockAuto.com catalog is updated daily with mechanical parts like brake pads and shock absorbers, body parts like bumpers and mirrors, interior trim like door handles and carpets, and major assemblies like steering gears, CV axles, and engine long blocks. Service manuals and CDs are available to help customers learn how to perform a repair.



Order online at www.RockAuto.com 24 hours a day. Parts are conveniently delivered to your door. Have parts questions that must be answered accurately? RockAuto.com Customer Service has a 9.4 rating on a 10-point scale according to Resellerratings.com surveys. E-mail service@rockauto.com or call Toll Free, 1-866-762-5288. (7am to 9pm Mon-Fri, 8am to 3pm Sat -Sun, Central Time).



1. 1995, with 4,190 produced
2. The Regency was an Oldsmobile Ninety-Eight with the 98's front end, exterior trim, and interior. Or to put it another way, a 1994 88 Royale with the 98's interior. In fact, the brochure photo for the 1997 Regency is actually a retouched photo of the 1994 88.
3. 1993. This was the last Oldsmobile International series of any type to be produced. Small wonder it was shelved ... only 395 coupes and 645 sedans were sold that year.
4. The Intrigue was initially supposed to use the 3.4L DOHC V6, but at the last minute it was changed to the trusty 3800. For 1999, the all-new Oldsmobile exclusive 3.5L engine was made available, and by 2000 it was the only engine.
5. False. While the Achieva was no longer sold to the public after 1997, a fleet of only 1,998 sedans was produced, powered by the 3100 V6.
6. The Cutlass Calais. The car featured a 180-horsepower 2.3 liter Quad 4. This time the numbers meant "4 cylinders, 4 valves per cylinder, 2 overhead camshafts".
7. The Buick Riviera.
8. Reshaped rear glass. Many owners complained that the shape of the rear glass on the 1995 cars caused distortions. The price went up by some \$3,000 that year.
9. Every Oldsmobile. The Special Edition offered more standard equipment for a price that was even lower than the base model's.
10. The 3.8L Supercharged V6 was available on the 98 from 1992 to 1995, and the LSS from 1995 to 1999. Its horsepower rating went from 205 to 225 and finally 240.
11. The new Cutlass, twin to the Chevrolet Malibu, was supposed to replace the Cutlass Ciera as Oldsmobile's lower-priced mid-size.
12. With the departure of the Achieva and Cutlass Supreme coupes after 1997, and the new Alero coupe not making its debut until 1999, there were no 2-door Oldsmobile models in 1998 ... the first and the last time that occurred.
13. 2004 was the last scheduled year of production, with models being the Alero, Bravada and Silhouette.
14. The 1996 Ciera Wagon was previously known as the Cutlass Cruiser.
15. The Toronado went out of production in 1992. Its Buick Riviera platform-mate followed for 1993. The new Aurora and Riviera,

sharing the same platform, debuted in 1994 as 1995 models.
Thus, there was no 1994 Riviera.