



# MANITOBA PONTIAC ASSOCIATION

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## The Cruisin' Chiefs



- Upcoming Calendar**
- February 4, 2003 - Club meeting, Park Pontiac Baordroom, 7 p.m.
  - Introduction of 2003 Executive
  - April 11- 13 World of Wheels

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### Editor's Message

Well, here we are, Y2K3 is upon us. We hope everyone had a very good Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

Since the last newsletter quite a few things have occurred. All the cars have been "put to sleep" for the winter, either in storage or in the garage getting tweaked and tuned up for the spring. The street are certainly quiet on Sunday evenings once again.

We had our annual Nominations and Elections for the Executive. Nominations started in early October, with the elections being held at our annual Christmas Luncheon On

December 1, 2002.

Please welcome to your Executive:

- Mike Clayton** - President
- Wade Weber** - Past President
- Darren Kellner** - Vice President
- Terry Yurett** - Secretary
- Bernard Harfield** - Treasurer
- Maxine Clayton** - Social Director
- Rick Johnson** - Membership Chair
- Lorraine Buckmaster** - Website Coordinator/ Newsletter Editor

We have undergone a few changes with our Executive this year developing the Membership Chair with Rick Johnson taking the

seat. We are going to ensure that all new members are greeted and made to feel welcome.

So with this New Year underway we have a new calendar to develop with MACC and World of Wheels to organize. If you can help in any way with representing your Club at the World Of Wheels we would appreciate the assistance. From helping to develop the "scene", put-up or tear-down, we will gratefully accept the help.

So as we quietly slip into Spring, and everyone is getting an itchy right foot, we all look forward to the sun and, of course, the tune of the first turn of that engine. Music to our ears!

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### Upcoming Events

- February 4th** - Monthly General Meeting, Park Pontiac Boardroom 7 p.m
- April 10th to 12th** - Annual World of Wheels, Winnipeg Convention Centre. Tickets available at all Piston Ring stores.

This year we have four

members who are proudly displaying their rides. Ron and Gail Bodnar with their 1984 Hurst Olds, Brian & Maria Cadieux with their 1967 Beaumont Sport Deluxe, Wes Grychi with his 1956 Pontiac Laurentian, and Brian Lipski with his 76 Firebird. We have a theme and Terry Yurett has volunteer to sit on the chair com-

mittee. We have a 20 x 40 space at this time; Wade is going to ask for more. We will need a lot of help, planning, making the display and LOTS of help cleaning up!! We have some great ideas and we want to **WIN!** **SHOW ME THE MONEY!** Come out and support your club.

# Member "Spotlite" Craig Winters

Craig can you tell me what interested you in picking up your GN, and a few specifics about your car? It all started in 1995, I decided it was time to get myself a nice car, after looking at all the options I was down to a 85 Camaro or an 87 Grand National. The Camaro was a fun car to drive with a 5.0L H.O. V8 and a 5-Speed trans, but then I drove a GN..... WOW!!!! I couldn't believe the pull that came from that little V6. I floored the gas and at first I was a little disappointed as it didn't do much. Then it got out of turbo lag and all I could do was hang on for the ride. From 50 kph it broke the tires loose and went almost sideways, I straighten the car out and nailed it again almost instantly burying the speedo. I was hooked from that point on.

There were 20,194 GN's built in 87 but only 1695 came to Canada and mine is one of only a few to be built without power windows

And why a GN? I just liked the looks of the car with that all black paint job. No chrome or anything, just black.

What kind of hobbies do you enjoy? As a dedicated car nut it would only seem fitting to say that I love working on and driving my car.

What brought you to MPA? Well what brought me into MPA was the fact that I actually work at Park Pontiac where the monthly meeting are held, and after several months of hounding by Wade Weber I finally decided to join. I have been with the Club just over 2 years now.



Craig's '87 Buick Grand National

What do YOU like about the MPA?

The friends I've made through the club and the wealth of knowledge that goes with all MPA members.

# Lunch with Santa

The annual Christmas Party was held at the Pony Coral Downtown this year. What a great turnout! Many thanks to Peter Genekis of Pony Corral for his support, and the great food and atmosphere for our party this year.



Wade led an unpromptu meeting, speaking to us for the last time as President.

The kids were visited by Santa with some wonderful gifts for

everyone. Jim Beilby won the award for accumulating the most Club "points" this year and a free membership for 2003 was awarded. Ron Bodnar was the lucky winner for



the draw for the die-cast 2001 Trans Am.

Congratulations Guys.

A wonderful time was had by all and with any luck .... Santa will be back next year!

A very special thank you to Gail Weber, our Social Coordinator of 2002. The time and energy put into planning and coordinating our club events made for some great times together. Thanks Gail! Along with that goes a special thank you to Bev & John Dyck.

# To Confirm or Deny .....

Rumour has it that Mike is planning on adding some vroom to his ragtop .... He may have found something with four barrels under the tree this year from Mrs. Claus .....

Rumour has it that Wes has no motor in his car ?????? How do you expect to drive it Wes?? Guess those dates got

a little "too hot" eh. But really folks, Wes is detailing his Laurentian for the upcoming World of Wheels ..... with hopes of bringing home some hardware.

We heard through the grapevine that Mr. Winters brought a lovely young lady to the Christmas Luncheon



Ve-r-r-r-y interesting .....

... mmmm ..... Well what gives here Craig .... Can't always pick on Wes, ya know!

A little birdie told me that we have a new member .... Congratulations to James & Sherri on their new arrival ..... Stay tuned

## Executive Meeting Minutes - January 15, 2003



Mike welcomed and thanked the members of the executives. It is going to be a great year and the executive is looking forward to it.

### Non-perishable items:

Mike suggested that each monthly meeting every family could bring a non-perishable item to donate to Winnipeg Harvest. Following the meeting, Mike will look after getting the items to Winnipeg Harvest. We will discuss further at the general meeting. However, feel free to bring your items starting at February's meeting.

### Winnipeg Sun:

Darren advised us that the Wpg. Sun

will be doing weekly Friday features on the car hobby. They would like to feature our club – stay tuned for details.

### Parking Tickets:

Our parking tickets were finally paid on December 10/02 from the Wednesday night downtown cruise in September. Please see Mike for your receipt.

### Point System:

A very length discussion was held on last year's point system. It was concluded the point system was of merit and we did see an increase in the membership participation. It will be put to a vote at the next general meet-

ing to see if we will continue with the points system in 2003.

### Our Own Car Club Show:

Tentative date/plans: Saturday, August 16<sup>th</sup> at Park Pontiac. We require a show chairperson and committee. We need someone to spearhead this event. Please advise the executive on or before February's meeting. We would like our event to be published in the MAAC calendar of events, which goes to press the first week of February. Call Mike if you can help. Unfortunately, if we do not have someone to chair the event, there will be no show.

## A Little Humour

### God's Email

One day God was looking down at Earth and saw all of the rascally behaviour that was going on.

He decided to send an Angel down to Earth to check it out, so he called one of His Angels and sent the angel to Earth for a time.

When he returned, he told God Yes, it is bad on Earth; 95% are misbehaving

and 5% are not.

He though for a moment and said, "Maybe I had better send down a second Angel to get another opinion".

So God called another Angel and sent him to Earth for a time too. When the Angel returned he went to God and said, "Yes, the Earth is in decline; 95% are misbehaving and 5% are being

good.."

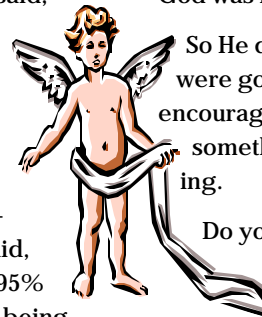
God was not pleased.

So He decided to Email the 5% that were good because he wanted to encourage them. Give them a little something to help keep them going.

Do you know what the Email said?

No?

I didn't get that one either.



## New 2003 Executive

A New Year, a new Executive. With Wade stepping down from the Presidency this year, and Gail handing over the Social chair, there were definitely some new faces to add to the Executive. Wade will stay in the "back ground" to help through any



**The votes are in!**

hurdles that arise, but our new President, Mike Clayton is the "Man of the Hour". Mike has been Wade's "right-hand" man for the past couple of years and brings his knowledge and enthusiasm to the position. Darren Kellner, now Mike's "right-hand" man, ran a close race for Vice-President. Congratulations Guys! Bernard retained his

seat as Treasurer, Terry retained her seat as Secretary and Rick Johnson came on-board to manage new memberships. New to the Executive are Maxine Clayton as our Social Director, and Lorraine Buckmaster was voted in as Newsletter Editor/ Website Manager. (Yup that's me folks!)

**We look forward to a great year!**

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paid on December 10/02 from the Wednesday night downtown cruise in September. Please see Mike for your receipt.

**MACC:**

Membership and insurance due will be paid at January meeting- \$1.00 per membership, and \$50.00 for insurance coverage.

**Bomber Parking Lot:**

We have agreed to increase the

parking fee to \$3.00. A letter will be sent to Mr. Cunningham asking if we can use the parking lot again this year. We will also be approaching the individual business to discuss their parking requirements for each event.

**Phoning Committee:**

There will not be a phoning committee this year. As the new executive and Lorraine are committed to getting out monthly newsletters - via email (email Lorraine at [kellner@mts.net](mailto:kellner@mts.net) to get your newsletter and updates via the email), snail mail or our website.

**Membership :**

Rick will update the member's list. He will also be making changes to the application forms to include a space for children and email addresses.

**Newsletter/Website:** [www.mpa.manitobamall.net](http://www.mpa.manitobamall.net) Lorraine advised us we have a new contact from our website provider, and it is working out well. Lorraine will soon have access to the server to change the site as often as required. So watch for it!!

Please forward any information you would like to see on the website to Darren and Lorraine, call them at 831-0665. They are open to idea and suggestions.

We will be emailing as many newsletters as possible and that includes newsletters to the other car clubs.

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