



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

Annual General Meeting and Christmas Party held Sunday, December 11, 2005 at Pony Corral Downtown, 444 St. Mary Avenue.

President **Mike Clayton** called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. welcoming all members and spouses and/or "significant others". After a warm festive greeting to all, the 2006 Officers were introduced:

President – Mike Clayton
Vice President – Darren Kellner
Secretary – Janice Boyse
Treasurer – Irv Braun
Membership – Murray Brown by default
Newsletter Editor / Web – Murray Brown
Social – Maxine Clayton

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

President's Message by *Mike Clayton*

Happy New Year Everyone!

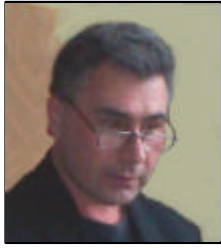
Has this been a GREAT winter so far or what?! It's almost like cruisin' weather out there ... if you lived in Vancouver

Important Dates

- * **January 1**
Alecia Buckmaster Birthday
- * **January 5**
Kaitlin Johnson Birthday
Amanda Weber Birthday
- * **January 13**
André Lemoine Birthday
- * **January 13**
Matthew Walker Birthday
- * **February 4**
John Kondracki Birthday
- * **February 7**
GENERAL MEETING
- * **February 10**
Jill Solilak Birthday
- * **February 15**
Heddy Rauch Birthday
- * **February 16**
Frank Scaletta Birthday
- * **February 18**
Murray Brown Birthday
- * **February 27**
Jesse Harfield Birthday

The Christmas Party a few weeks ago was great! We had a large turnout ... so many, in fact, that we had to use the upstairs "mezzanine" at the Pony Corral as the Atrium would never have held all of us.

It was a treat to see the children there, and realize that some of those that were only infants a few years ago are now turning into young ladies and gentlemen.



We missed **Craig** and **Marilyn Winters** and their new son **Matthew**, but next year Santa Claus (aka John Dyck) will have another little person to

have on his knee. Matthew was born on November 15th at 5:50 am and is probably still keeping Mom and Dad up throughout the night.

On behalf of all of the members, I'm extending a special "Thank You" to **Lorraine Buckmaster** and **Gale Weber** for their work as Secretary and Social Chair, respectively, in 2005. **Thank You, Ladies!**

2006 should have a lot of things in store for all of us. Our first meeting of the year is on February 7th, so please "ink in" that date and come out.

World of Wheels 2006 is fast approaching and we need a Chair and some cars! To you NEW Members ... here's an open invitation to offer your car and your talents with the show in 2006!

Speaking of new Members, some of you have been remiss in showing up to some of the meetings. Make sure that you mark the dates of the meetings in that new calendar that you received in your Christmas stocking!

And we'll have to start planning really soon for the 2nd Annual Parking Lot Party. A terrific first year took place in 2005 and now we need to build on that!

Here's looking forward to a GREAT Cruisin' NEW Year in 2006!

Mike

Social by Maxine Clayton

It seems like just yesterday when I was in this position. Many thanks to **Gale Weber** for her work this past year. The Social "job" is never an easy one, but we always have good times throughout the year.

First up for 2006 is the Wedding Social for **Bruno Falcone** and **Brigitte Wajntraub!**

Happening on February 4th at the Manitobain Culturel Centre on 340 Provencher in St. Boniface, doors open at 8:00 pm and goes until 1:00 am. Tickets are only \$10 each and you can contact Bruno at bfalcone@mts.net or by ' phoning 633-3348.

Oh, by the way ... if your company has a few "things" that could be used at the silent auction table, please let Bruno know!

For 2006 "stay tuned" as new social ideas pop up. You'll hear about them first at the meetings, so do attend to be one of the first "in the know".

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.

Movie Time by Keith Sutton

Have you seen the movie "Lord of War" with Nicolas Cage? Imagine ... an African dictator's son roaring through town in a dark blue 1964 Pontiac convertible.

To be honest, I felt elated and disgusted at the same time ... kind of like a parent giving their toddler potty training. Regardless, a great movie, even if it didn't have our car in it!



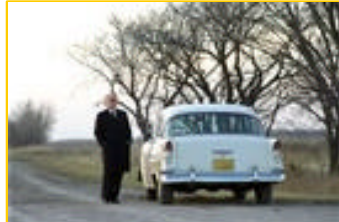
Editor's note:
You are absolutely correct, Mr. and Mrs. Reader. The above photo is NOT Keith's '64 wagon. We "borrowed" the photo from the internet.

Which raises the question to Keith and some other members: Why not send us one or more of your photos and some write-ups about your car(s) and we'll put them on to the Club's web site where they can be "show cased"?

We're In the Movies!

Well, not all of us ... but several of the Club's members were featured in the award-winning movie *Capote*.

Check out this photo! While not a Pontiac, it is Club Member **Jim Beilby's** 1955 Chevrolet!



Who else from the Club had their cars in the movie? Let us know and send us a few words about the experience for an upcoming issue!

2006 Meeting Dates

Like President Mike Clayton said on the first page, 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.

February 7
April 4
June 6
August 1
October 3

March 7
May 2
July 4
September 5
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.

Gettin' Down and Dirty

Those of you that have e-mail will remember the request for assistance from **Len Wlasichuk**. He's slowly been working at a frame-off restoration of one of his three 1965 GTO's and it was time to put the body back on to the frame last month.



Did you assist? Who took photos? Send us some words and some photos so that we can share them with other Club members! Was **Slick 60** involved in any of the work? There just HAS to be a story developing here ...

Surfin' the 'Net by Murray Brown

We receive several inquiries each month from various persons around the world ... honest! ... looking for assistance with Pontiac and sometimes Buick and/or Oldsmobile parts.

There are many companies out there that produce reproduction parts; Classic Industries, National Parts Depot, Original Parts Group, Year One, etc. But what do you do if you don't have one of the ultra-popular cars or a muscle car? Hence the inquiries.

In the work that I'm slowly proceeding with on my 1948 Silver Streak street rod, I have catalogued many companies who have parts that you normally wouldn't think would be available.

California Pontiac Restoration is one of those companies. Located in Santa Ana, California, they are a major supplier of NOS and Reproduction parts to the Pontiac enthusiast. Their specialty is full size vintage, antique



and classic Pontiacs from 1926 to the 1970's, and they have over 15,000 NOS and 2,500 reproduction part numbers.

A quick online search revealed a multitude of choices for many items that just might not be obtained elsewhere.

<http://www.pontiacparts.net/default.htm>



Another great company is **Kanter Auto Products** from Boomton, New Jersey. Pick the make of car and year and you'll be "transported" to an online catalog index of items available for that car.

It's been over 40 years since 1960 when Kanter first started providing parts for old cars to fellow collectors. They are now a worldwide supplier of new mechanical auto parts for 1930 to 1986 cars and trucks.

<http://216.107.134.201/>

What other companies have YOU found in your restoration work?

Send some links to us and let others know in upcoming issues of this Newsletter.

Or ... or put them on the **Club's Forum** at

<http://forumer.com/manitobapontiac>



This Isn't Your Daddy's Oldsmobile!

Almost all auto aficionados watch SpeedVision once in a while, and some tune in exclusively for the famous Barrett-Jackson Auctions. Last year a 1954 Oldsmobile F-88 GM Concept Car went on the auctioneer's block. The XP-20 project, commonly known as F-88, was a pet project of Harley Earl and working with him was Bill Mitchell, Ken Pickering and Zora Duntov – legendary names in the annals of General Motors history.

Four cars came out of the project, but only styling order #2265 (the car at the auction) survived. It was sold or given to E.L. Cord (the Auburn-Cord-Duesenberg owner) in 1955, and hundreds of internal GM documents and original blue prints were still with this sole survivor at the time of the auction.

In its resplendent gold color, it was powered by an 8-cylinder engine producing 250 horsepower and was coupled to a Hydramatic transmission.

The auction of this car closed with a winning bid of US \$3,240,000, including bidder's fees -- the highest selling car ever at the Barrett-Jackson Auction.

