



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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Please take a moment of your time and
drop in to visit Ed G res chuk
Ed's in the Concordia Hospital and he
would probably like to have a chat with
someone other than the nurses!

July Meeting Minutes

General Meeting held Tuesday, July 5, 2005 at
Cruz's Drive-In, Henderson Hwy.

President **Mike Clayton** called meeting to order 7:35 p.m., welcoming members and new members: **Dave Rowe** (69 Firebird convertible), **Al Border** (67 Firebird), **Andrew** and **Wayne Pruden** (1956 Pathfinder and 1957 Roadmaster) and **Allen Ross** (1968 Firebird).

Business from Last Minutes: Buffalo Bills – **Gale Weber** (not in attendance) submitted a letter of opinion on support of the event.

Treasurer **Irv Braun** not in attendance; apologized for not having statements; family was flooding in Lester Beach. Membership Chair **Murray Brown** will have updated membership emailed; good membership re-signs for 2005. Newsletter Editor **Murray Brown** apologized for not getting out the May news-

Important Dates

- * **July 23**
Neepawa Yellowhead Road Runner Show
- * **July 24**
Legion 215 Car Show
- * **August 2**
GENERAL MEETING – The Forks
- * **August 7**
Buffalo Bill's Pontiac Club Nite
2nd Annual Memories Show 'n Shine
Craig & Marilyn Winters Anniversary
- * **August 14**
Steinbach Lions Charity Car Show
- * **August 16**
Mike Clayton Birthday
- * **August 21**
Manitoba Pontiac Ass'n Parking Lot Party
- * **August 23**
Alexis Anderson Birthday
- * **August 26**
Vern Chudy Birthday
- * **August 26**
Beausejour Show 'n Shine
- * **September 6**
GENERAL MEETING
- * **September 9**
Fab 50's Social
- * **September 11**
Fab 50's Show 'n Shine

letter prior to heading on a retreat; upcoming events will be out in the next few days; **Chris Orr's** "zoom-zoom" Sunfire GT is on the web site, check it out. **Gale Weber** noted that upcoming Events under consideration were a Paddlewheel day trip (\$50) to Lower Fort Garry, an Evening Dance Cruise \$20 (rate decreases with large groups), and maybe the Prairie Dog Central – price and date to be determined for next meeting. **Wade Weber** and **Jim Beilby** noted that there was no update for MAAC during summer months.

Parking Lot Party – Chair **Darren Kellner** has gotten things on the roll with the help of his committee; location and signage all set up; MPIC rollover simulation unit has been contacted to see if they would bring out the "safety" issue; RCMP have been approached with showing a vehicle and bringing again the safety issue to the forefront; vehicle for the engine blow up has been secured; two vendors had agreed to a donation to The Variety Club for the show; more details to follow.

Banners – Where are the Club's Banners? They were last used at the MPA display last summer at Polo Park for the Cruisin Clinic. **Wade Weber, Darren Kellner, Mike Clayton** and **Rick Johnson** were there ... can we check the garages guys and see if they are around? **Mike Clayton** cleaned his up and it was a no-go. Let **Mike Clayton** or **Darren Kellner** know when you come across them.

MS Cruise

Team Pontiac was out in force this year, with **Mike** and **Maxine Clayton, Bruno Falcone** and **Brigitte Wajntraub, Rolf** and **Bob** and **Elly Garrett**; \$72,000 was donated from the event.

Bomber Parking Lot – Did well on June 16th bringing in a lot of money, but June 30th was slowing with less income. Those "signed up" are July 7th game **Mike** and **Maxine Clayton, Steve Lockhart,** and **André Lemoine**; July 22nd – **Mike & Maxine Clayton, Lorraine Buckmaster** and **Darren Kellner** and **Jim** and **Deon**.

Upcoming Car Shows - July 17, Legends Car Club, Altona, meet @ 9:00 a.m. McDonald's; July 24 – Hooter's (date may change)

Sponsors - Two new sponsors have been brought on board this month; Tool Bus, to be linked to the web site and Adams Bros. Automotive.

New Business

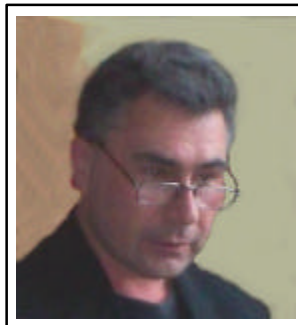
Membership was informed **Ed Greschuk** is in Concordia Hospital - **Best Wishes from all of us Ed**; **Len Wlasichuk** will keep us up-to-date.

Meeting adjourned 8:00 p.m.

Next meeting August 2, 2005, 7:00 pm, at The Forks, northeast parking lot adjacent to the A-Channel building; short meeting; followed by a cruise down Broadway, Portage Avenue, and ending at **Sargent Sundae**.

President's Message by Mike Clayton

Hello Everyone!



Tomorrow's forecast is what we've all been waiting for: Sunny, High 28, UV Index 7, Low 19.

With all of the rain that we've had, the streets are now washed clean and we can all get out there and cruise!

This has been, and will continue to be, a busy Summer.

Just look at the dates of events on the front page! August 21st is getting closer and I want to see everybody in the Club out there. **Darren Kellner** is looking for assistants so that this year's Parking Lot Party will set the stage for an annual event.

It was great to see so many persons out at the Winnipeg Blue Bombers game on July 7th; I look forward to seeing as many *OTHER* persons as possible coming out for an hour or so for our parking lot venture on July 22nd and the other dates shown on page 3. Remember, the parking lot venture is our major source of income to assist the Variety Club.

The next meeting will start at The Forks. We'll meet in the northeast parking lot alongside the A-Channel building and have a short meeting. Then we're going to go cruisin' ... down Broadway, along Portage Avenue, and end up at Sargent Sundae. Get the car waxed up and be there! Last month's meeting had one of the largest turnouts of cars and Members that I've seen for a long time, so let's not let the trend start to fail.

Gale Weber's column is up next, and she outlines the many items that she's got in store for the coming weeks! At the next General Meeting, I hope to announce the date of the Annual Windup Party, too! Thanks to **John** and **Sophie Kondracki**, we'll be partying in the country again!

Mike

Social by Gale Weber

As you've read on page on in the Minutes, there is plenty about to happen!

Just look at all of the Car Shows coming up throughout the rest of July and into August! And at the end of August is the ever-popular Fab 50's Sock Hop. Tickets should be ordered bow if you want to have spaces reserved!

July 24th is the anticipated date for a Car Show at Hooter's. As they say on their web site, "What else brings a gleam to men's eyes everywhere besides beer and chicken wings and an occasional winning football season". More details will be coming soon!

Work is underway to determine if a Riverboat Cruise to Lower Fort Garry, or an evening Dance Cruise might be fun. The Prairie Dog Central Railway is also a venue that's being looked at.

More details will be forthcoming by e-mail and at the next General Meeting. Be sure to attend – the taste of a sundae already makes the mouth water in anticipation!

The Club always has a "wind up" BBQ towards the end of summer and plans are underway for that event. We're all thankful to Members John and Sophie for being the Host and Hostess of this year's event.

Club we have a GREAT opportunity to mix and socialize on the spot at these events. 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.

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.

July 22	7:30 pm
August 13	8:00 pm
August 19	7:30 pm
September 10	7:00 pm
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 meetings will start to "quiet down" for the summer while everybody takes a well deserved break from meetings and goes cruisin' on the non-rainy days.

Parking Lot Party by Darren Kellner

August 21st is fast approaching, and that is the date of our Parking Lot Party.

If you haven't looked at the web site in a while, "drop in" to this page:

<http://www.manitobapontiac.com/party.htm>

This year's Parking Lot Party, which many of us would like to see become an annual event, will be the one to watch. And with Club Members' support, I'm certain that we'll have a very successful show.

We now have a car confirmed for the Blow up, and MPIC and the RCMP in Headingley have been contacted to lend their support.

MPIC has a "rollover" demonstration car and the RCMP's vehicle can show the youth that driving safely is what sets a REAL cruiser apart from others.



Keep **August 21st** open and let me know how YOU would like to participate to make this **THE NUMBER ONE Car Show of 2005!**

Web Surfin' by Murray Brown

When is the last time you "dropped in" to some of the web sites on the Club's LINKS page? Two that are worth checking out are **Eastwood** and **National Parts Depot**.

Started in the fall of 1978, the first Eastwood catalog featured eight black and white pages of metal finishing equipment. In August 1983, both the Mercedes and BMW car club magazines unexpectedly endorsed an Eastwood car wash brush. Sales multiplied and so did the staff and by the end of the 1980's the Eastwood customer file for custom and auto restoration enthusiasts easily passed the half-million mark.

Eastwood's Hotcoat powdercoating system revolutionized home workshops in 1997, whereby the DIY hobbyist had another alternative to paint - more durable, shinier and easily lent itself to custom work.

Today, the Eastwood tool catalog is published monthly in a full-size format and is full of quality tools and supplies covering all aspects of restoration and custom work.

The local Winnipeg representative for Eastwood is Dwaine Carlson, who offers a discount to Club Members. Visit the Eastwood web site at <http://www.eastwood.com/> and then contact Dwayne by e-mail at lowbux@mts.net and advise him of your Club Membership Card Number to receive your discount.

National Parts Depot is unique in the automotive parts mail-order industry because they ship from four strategically - located, fully - stocked warehouses. This enables them to deliver parts to Winnipeg in just 1 to 3 business days. They carry concours-correct parts and accessories for Firebirds, TransAms, El Caminos, Chevelles and Ford products.

Their parts are fully licensed by General Motors Res-

toration Parts, which of course means the reproductions meet or exceed GM quality standards.

National Parts Depot can be contacted at <http://www.npdlink.com/>

Do you have some web site favorites of your own?

Why not share them with others? Send a note to the Newsletter Editor and the Webmaster can also consider adding them to the LINKS page on the Club's Web Site, too!

Members' Rides

While you're on the web checking out various sites, make sure you pop in to your own Club's web site!

There is always something new and different going on there.

That car on the left had its own web page "installed" last week, with some great detail photos of the interior and the engine compartment. You will be **very** surprised to see what's under the hood!

Your car doesn't have to be on the street at the moment, either. There are at least two

Member's cars on the web site that are in a state of refurbishment. Take a peek at **Rick and Deb Johnson's** 1971 Grand Prix, click on the "personal page" about this car, and see what Rick's got in store for a long-term project.

Get YOUR ride on the web! Send the Webmaster a photo or two and some words about your pride and joy and let the World Wide Web see what YOU have!

Classifieds

Classifieds are now placed and read in the Club's Online Forum, accessible at <http://forumer.com/manitobapontiac>. Advertisements are free to anyone, but subject to editing by the Webmaster. Commercial advertising is permitted, subject to editing by the Webmaster.



Team Pontiac at the Show 'n Shine in Pinawa at the 5th Annual Elite Communications Cruisin' Manitoba for MS on June 26. In front of Bob and Elly Garrett's immaculate 1965 Parisienne convertible are (left to right) Ralph Falcone, Mike Clayton, Maxine Clayton, Brigitte Wajntraub, Bruno Falcone, Bob Garrett and Elly Garrett. Team Pontiac raised \$72,000 for the event!