



The Cruisin' Chiefs

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MANITOBA PONTIAC ASSOCIATION (incorporating Buick and Oldsmobile)

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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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June Meeting Minutes

General Meeting held Tuesday, June 7, 2005 at the Pony Corral Restaurant (Grant Park). President **Mike Clayton** called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. welcoming members and guest, **Elmer Friesen** with his '56 Pontiac Chieftain. Welcome **Elmer!**

Business Arising From Last Month's Minutes

June 22nd's Cruise at Pony Corral downtown has been confirmed. NAAACCC dues have been paid for 2005 membership.

Treasurer **Irv Braun** brought membership up-to-date with finance; Bomber parking lot float is set for the season; Membership dues for 2005 are now concluded for previous Members.

Social Activities **Gale Weber** was not present; discussion brought up about taking the River Cruise as a club outing this season; meeting for picnic was discussed; a Club night out at Hooter's was brought up.

Membership Chair **Murray Brown** outlined 2005 membership; good response for renewals. Website Manager/Newsletter Editor **Murray Brown** informed members all is up and going well; any changes in email addresses please let him know; **Wade Weber** to supply "links" and list of sponsors for inclusion on the web site and we should be approaching for the

Important Dates

- * **June 18**
Crystal Anderson Birthday
Joanne & André Lemoine Anniversary
Leanne Gregoire & Roland Semko SOCIAL
- * **June 19**
Manitoba Marathon –
Call Rick Johnson
- * **June 22**
PONY CORRAL Cruise Night
Rachelle Gregoire Birthday
- * **June 26**
Rachelle Lemoine Birthday
Cruisin' for Multiple Sclerosis
Call Mike Clayton
- * **June 29**
Peggy Orr Birthday
- * **July 1**
Manitoba Mopar Ass'n Car Show
- * **July 2**
AMC Manitoba Car Club Car Show
- * **July 5**
Marc Lemoine Birthday
Sophie Kondracki Birthday
GENERAL MEETING – Cruisers
- * **July 8**
Hog and Rod Car Show – Dryden
- * **July 10**
Gimli Car Club Poker Derby & Show
- * **July 17**
Legends Car Club Show - Altona

Parking Lot Party Show in August; discussion brought forth regarding sponsorship and definitions of; links on website are of suppliers whom give discounts to the Club; newsletter will have up-to-date membership roster attached this month.

MAAC Reps **Wade Weber/Jim Bielby** reported the Corvette Club had made an apology for the "handling of finances" attitude recently display; NAAACCC and MAAC are not same entity, NAAACCC being national and MAAC is regional; broader scope on all issues.

Vice President **Darren Kellner** (Chair of the Parking Lot Party Committee for 2005); committee members need to be established; as per discussion with Thunder Rapids, the Club is insured for the event; Community Service Announcements a good way to advertise with media; **Lorraine Buckmaster** will make contact.

Buffalo Bills

Mike Clayton was contacted by Buffalo Bills to ask if they could feature the "Manitoba Pontiac Association" on a Sunday evening; exposure of the Club is the focus; membership was asked if they would attend; majority would attend to promote the Manitoba Pontiac Association; date to follow.

Bomber Parking Lot

First game Thursday, June 16, 7:30 p.m. kick-off; volunteers for game: **Mike** and **Maxine Clayton**, **Jim** and **Janice Bielby**, **Darren Kellner** and **Lorraine Buckmaster**. **Next game** is **Thursday, June 30th**; volunteers needed; **contact Mike**.

MS Cruisin MB

Two teams from MPA:

Bruno Falcone & Brigitte Wajtraub
Mike & Maxine Clayton

\$25 donation to each team from the Club.

Bruno and **Brigitte** are planning a summer Wedding for 2006, and would like to have members with the older rides as their "Wedding Cars" for the bridal party. Nice idea! Will be discussed later, but wanted to bring it to the club members.

50/50 Draw

Janis was our lucky Winner!

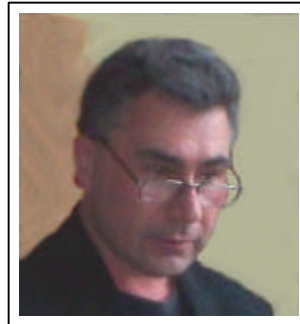
Meeting adjourned 8:19 p.m.

Next meeting Tuesday, July 5th

Cruisers – Henderson Highway

President's Message by **Mike Clayton**

Hello Everyone!



As this is being composed, the weather forecast is for sun tomorrow, and the next day, and perhaps even the day after that, too!

I read in the newspaper this morning that in the past month there have only been two days when it did NOT

rain. Hopefully that is all behind us and we can look forward to a summer of cruisin'!

Did you look at the events coming up over the next number of weeks on the front page? WOW! Are we going to have a busy Summer ... and not just with car shows, either! Don't forget to circle August 21st on your calendars ... that's the date for the Club's Parking Lot Party at Thunder Rapids Amusement Park! **Darren Kellner** and his committee have been working at a fevered pace to get things lined up and based on what I know, this will be a GREAT day!

The Winnipeg Blue Bombers start their home games on Thursday, June 16th, and those assisting are on the left of this column. I look forward to seeing as many *OTHER* persons as possible coming out for an hour or so for our parking lot venture. Remember, the parking lot venture is our major source of income to assist the Variety Club.

The next meeting will be at Cruisers on Henderson Highway on July 5th. Wax up the car and be there. There will be a special presentation by **Darren Kellner** that evening, too, to the manager of Cruisers.

In the mean time, see you on the road!

Mike

Social by **Gale Weber**

If you've already read the left side of this page, you'll see that a Riverboat Cruise and a picnic were suggested at the last meeting. There are a couple of other items in the works, too, so stay tuned for updates.

The Club always has a "wind up" BBQ towards the end of summer and plans are underway for that event.

On behalf of all Club Members, our Best Wishes go out to **Leanne Gregoire** and Roland Semko at their Social! And we probably won't be seeing much of **Len** and **Janine Wlasichuk** over the next week(s) or so their daughter **Dyana Wlasichuk** is getting married to Richard Lindenschmidt!

Congratulations to you both!

Please join with me in welcoming our newest Members – **Elmer** and **Gaille Friesen**. They have a knock-dead 1956 Pontiac Chieftain, which we have only seen photos of so far. And we're all anxiously waiting to see the 1971 Judge owned by **Bruce** and **Kelly Christian**, **Bob** and **Elly Garrett's** 1965 Custom Sport convertible, and **Keith Sutton's** 1964 Parisienne wagon. **Bob** and **Elly** have forwarded some photos of their car to the Webmaster but we want to see ALL of these cars UP CLOSE!

With all of those Car Shows coming up, as a 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.

June 16	7:30 pm
June 30	7:30 pm
July 7	7:30 pm
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

In the last Newsletter (April) I moaned about the white stuff in my yard. Now, I'm looking for a good quality sump pump. Good grief, what a strange Summer this has started to be!

However, as I gaze out to the west, I see rays of sunshine appearing and the weatherman says that nothing but good days are coming.

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

If you haven't jotted down that date already, do so now. This year's Parking Lot Party, which many of us would like to see become an annual event, should be one to watch. And with Club Members' support, I'm certain that we'll have a very successful show.

A group of us (the Committee?) met at the Thunder Rapids location a week or so ago and went through some preliminary details. Amongst other interesting things, there will be a very unique car judging venue, a Car Pull, and other items to keep the public's interest.

Remember, 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

There are a number of great web sites out there and we all have our favorites.

One of mine is **The Old Car Manual Project** at www.tocmp.com. Initiated and managed by a gentleman in Edmonton, the web site is a massive library of every conceivable form of automotive literature.

Persons from around the world provide contributions, and the list of brochures, manuals, photos and other automotive memorabilia continues to grow daily.



Their list is ever changing, and a monthly "newsletter" is provided which updates the readers of new items and notes of interest for literature collectors and auto aficionados alike.

Do YOU have a favorite web site ... or two ... or three?

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!

Our Apology

Please accept our apology for not publishing a Newsletter for May. Things piled up, and then backed up, and then there was no time left.

It Won't Happen Again

In the last two installments of the Newsletter (February and March) there was a contest. The winner of the first contest was **Rick Johnson**, who will receive two Club Hats when he and his wife come together to a Car Show.

There was no winner for the second contest. There were no entrants!

For anybody that might be interested, the car shown in the contest photo was **Darren Kellner's** 1978 Nova Rally Sport with 518 horsepower! And the driver? **Darren** himself.

Will there be other contests? No; it won't happen again. The contests died due to lack of participation.

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.



Drop in and check it out ... everybody will find something of interest there!



Another great spot is **McLellan's Automotive** located at www.mclellansautomotive.com.

A commercial site, McLellan's has all-original (no reprints) automotive literature that often can not be found anywhere else.