



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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March Meeting Minutes

General Meeting held Tuesday, March 1, 2005 at Park Pontiac Boardroom, 1459 Regent Avenue West, Winnipeg. President **Mike Clayton** called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. Welcome home to **Mike** and **Maxine** from their jaunt to the sun.

Welcome to new members **Bruce** and **Kelly Christian** & family with their ride - a spiffy 1971 Judge GTO. Guest this evening was **John Enns**.

MS Society representative Laurie Kozak was due to speak this evening about the upcoming MS Cruise but is unable to make it this evening, however will reschedule for April's meeting. Presently five members have volunteered their participation at the event.



Secretary **Lorraine Buckmaster** read last month's meeting minutes. Treasurer **Irv Braun** has received complete bank statements for 2004 and a Draft financial statement has been distributed to the Executive for

finalization. Social Chair **Gale Weber** is setting up a

Important Dates

- * **March 12**
James Walker Birthday
- * **March 18**
Dave Anderson Birthday
- * **March 20**
Tyler Dawson Birthday
Leona Brown Birthday
- * **March 23**
World of Wheels SET UP
- * **March 24 † 26**
World of Wheels 2005
- * **March 26**
World of Wheels TEAR DOWN
- * **March 28**
Darren Kellner Birthday
- * **March 30**
Emile Gariepy Birthday
- * **April 5**
GENERAL MEETING
- * **April 14**
Ayanna Bowie Birthday

sleigh ride. Cost \$150.00 for the club, individual cost will be divided amongst those attending (ie: \$6 for 25 members, \$7.50 for 20 members, \$15 for 10 members). The more members participating the less cost per member, come on and join the fun! A Day at the Forks is also planned, with a date to be determined. Participation is voluntary, and all will

meet at The Forks for a Saturday afternoon of playing pool, beverages, shopping, and topping off with a dinner at The Old Spaghetti Factory. **Gale** will provide dates for both events and will then need a headcount. Web Manager **Murray Brown** has some new pics from our new members up and ready for your viewing!



Check out the **NEW** link on the home page that takes you to any new information recently posted. With no great interest, the

racing day at Gimli has been cancelled. Members are still meeting for the Gimli Shown' Shine. Membership Chair **Murray Brown** reminds all of 2005 Membership Dues, payable May 1, 2005 and will remain at \$25 per family. Presently we have 92 adult members! Newsletter Editor **Murray Brown** advises that the "classified ads" from the newsletter are posted on the Forum. Check out the Forum on a regular basis, it's a great source of information for members. **Murray** also asks membership to provide any articles or information they may feel would be of interest, whether parts info, something new info or general knowledge, send him your bit and bites for the newsletter, it's all about OUR CLUB!



World of Wheels 2005

Well developed floor plan featuring five rides, interactive display featuring many hands-on items; three-dimensional graphics. All members involved have been asked for specific chores to finalize the details; things are pulling together well. Schedule for manning the booth at the Show will be sent out; Members are needed to host the display. Contact **Murray Brown** for a time slot.

Bomber Parking Lot

Letter received from Mr. Cunningham (owner of the parking lot) to the Manitoba Pontiac Association, thanking all Members for their support; everything is acceptable for 2005 Bomber Season. Bomber Game schedule is on the web site.

Variety Club Telethon

Watch Saturday, March 5, 7:30 – 9:00 (Club time) Variety Club Telethon on Global TV. Vice President **Darren Kellner** and past Executive **Rick Johnson** will be presenting on behalf of the Manitoba Pontiac Association this year. Way to go guys we had a good donation again this year.

Parking Lot Party 2005

Ted Bowditch has designed dash plaque incorporating **Darren Kellner's** 66 Beaumont; size of 2X3 will be used; 100 plaques to be distributed. Looks good **Ted!** Meeting is to be arranged to finalize details regarding concessions. Details to follow.

Impala club Bingo Bowl was a great success. Lots of participation from all clubs. **Murray** and daughter **Heather** attended along with **Ted** and **Marilyn Bowditch, Craig** and **Marilyn Winters, Andre** and **Joanne Lemoine, Brian Lipsky, Chris Brown** and his Galpal. Good support from the Manitoba Pontiac Association. Thanks guys!

50/50 Draw, Lorraine was our lucky winner tonite!

Meeting adjourned 7:47 p.m.

Next Meeting Tuesday, April 5th
Park Pontiac Boardroom

President's Message by Mike Clayton

We're Gonna Be Number One!

Maxine and I recently had a respite from Winnipeg's winter weather with a trip to the Dominican Republic. I got a chance to some 'cycle riding there and I can assure you that the drivers here ARE polite and considerate!



World of Wheels 2005 is just a few days away and with what is being planned I will be very surprised if we don't place Number One for the Club Display Award. Members have started signing up for being present at the display so if you want to part of this, contact **Murray Brown** quickly!

Our other big event for 2005 is the Parking Lot Party to be held this August. **Ted Bowditch** has finished the artwork for the dash plaques, and in a few weeks we'll be able to issue the details about the show itself. This will be a MAJOR event for the Club so **membership attendance at the Parking Lot Party is a MUST.**

On behalf of the Club Members, thanks go out to **Darren Kellner** and **Murray Brown** for taking the time to be part of the recent Variety Club Telethon. It's always a pleasure seeing our Members representing the Club for this very worthwhile charity.

Gale Weber is feverishly working in the background organizing Club social events. Be sure to keep watching your e-mail or snail mail in box for upcoming events. These social events are a terrific opportunity for all of us to get together and socialize – and kids are welcome, too!

The MAAC 2005 Calendar will be issued shortly and after the Executive gets together we'll all be able to mark our diaries with the dates for Show 'n Shines in 2005.

I don't know if you've looked at the Club's web site lately, but there's always something new there. You can keep up to date with what's happening by going to the home page and clicking on the **NEW** icon, or another great place to go to is the Club's Forum for Calendar events.

See you at World of Wheels!

Social by Gale Weber

As you read in the Minutes (above) the Bingo Bowl with the Impala Club was LOTS OF FUN! **Joanne Lemoine** will undoubtedly return again next year to try and win another three Silent Auction items!

I have two events planned. One is a sleigh ride and the other is a Day at the Forks! Once I have some planned dates I'll be sending out information to everybody. **These will be GREAT events for ALL!**

Keep Saturday, June 18th open. That is the date of the **WEDDING SOCIAL** for **Leanne Gregoire**, daughter of **Marcel** and **Donna Gregoire**. **Leanne**



will be marrying Roland Semko and the Wedding Social is a great way to have some fun with other Members of the Club!

Need tickets?

Call **Leanne** at 339-8369 or **Donna** at 669-5156.

MAAC Update by Jim Beilby

The Chair of World of Wheels 2005 was impressed with our layout and design for WOW. Way to go guys! World of Wheels 2005 T-shirts are in a gray and black style this year; in future they will feature Manitoba Rides on the front using the BEST Manitoba car each year. Jim Gauthier is adding his sponsorship to World of Wheels for the first time in Winnipeg. Watch for details at World of Wheels.

NAAACCC membership dues are payable; the Manitoba Pontiac Association needs to be visible in NAAACCC. Invoice for dues to be forwarded. Of interest are the "Special Interest" license plates with a meeting scheduled for March 29. Please contact **Wade Weber** for details.

Agenda For World of Wheels; this year the Manitoba Pontiac Association is not needed to voluntarily man

the MAAC booth during the show; Security is still needed; contact Bev Dyck directly.

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. **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!

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

Contest Time!

On the front page of this issue is a photograph of a hood ornament.

Do you know what **car**, **model** and **year** this hood ornament is from? Do you know **who in the Club** has one of these cars?

If you can correctly answer the above four questions, you will **WIN** two Club hats – a value of over \$30! Send in your responses to the Newsletter Editor by e-mail, fax, Pony Express – what ever it takes – to **WIN!** In the event of multiple correct entries the entrants' names will be drawn at the next Meeting on April 5th and the ultimate winner selected. The closing date for you to **WIN** is March 31st so don't hesitate.

Oh, by the way - the owner of the car and the Newsletter Editor are **not** eligible .. gee, why not?!

Membership Dues

A reminder that 2005 Membership Dues will be required no later than May 1st. An "official" notice will be circulated in April to remind everybody.

And remember – you can pay your dues **SECURELY** On Line with your credit card! Just go to the Club's web site and click on **Membership**.

Oldsmobile 442

Here are some trivia items that are of interest, and they pertain to the car owned by Club Member **Grant McKay**. The first year that Oldsmobile offered the 442 option on the Cutlass body was in 1964. After Pontiac's introduction of the GTO, the Oldsmobile Division became the first of the other GM divisions to respond.

When first introduced, the 442 stood for a 4-speed transmission, 4-barrel carburetor and dual exhaust. That only lasted for one year, as in 1965 the 442 then became a moniker for a 400 cubic inch engine, 4 barrel carburetor and dual exhaust, coupled to an automatic transmission.

The 442 versions continued until 1987. By that time, the major nuances were relegated to appearance and a handling package. The 1987 442 was still fairly quick, however, with a 190 HP 307 V8 able to roll the car in the high 16 second quarter mile.

The peak of the horsepower was occurred in 1970, and Oldsmobile at that time offered an advertised – and underrated – 380 HP 455 cubic inch V8. In 1968 the Hurst Olds 455 was rated at 390 HP, with the High Output 455 Rocket actually producing more along the lines of some 425 HP.

Forced Air Induction was offered as part of the new W30 performance and handling option in 1967. The air system purportedly added an additional 10 horsepower.

The first Hurst Olds was produced in 1968, and is considered by many Oldsmobile aficionados to be the best. With a 390 horsepower 455 Rocket V8, the Hurst Olds was capable of mid to high 13's on stock tires. In 1970 the Olds Cutlass was the pace car for the Indianapolis 500.

The Hurst Oldsmobile package was offered in 1968, 1969, 1972, 1974, 1979 1983 and finally in 1984. The 1968 through 1974 cars came with a 455 Rocket, the 1979 HO's were engined by a 350 Rocket or Oldsmobile 403, and the final two years of the car had 307 V8's under the hood.

Lost and Found

This item on the bottom of this page was found recently on McLellan's Automobile Literature web site.

The text accompanying the image says:
Pontiac Astre Li'l Wide Track Hatchback Coupe and "trick" wagon conversions by Dymar, Inc., and Motortown Corporation

Does anybody have any idea what this was all about? It's a unique Pontiac, to be certain. Lost and perhaps best forgotten?

Classifieds

Classifieds are now placed and read in the Club's Online Forum, accessible at <http://forum.com/manitobapontiac>.

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