



# *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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## *October Meeting Minutes*

Held on November 2, 2004 at the Boardroom of Park Pontiac Buick GMC on 1459 Regent Avenue. President **Mike Clayton** called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. No guests or new members present.

Secretary **Lorraine Buckmaster** read last month's meeting minutes to membership. Treasurer **Maria Cadieux** is presently updating financial report; **Mike** and **Maria** will have complete report for December Executive Meeting. Social Chair **Maxine Clayton** has finalized the Christmas Luncheon, set for Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup> from 1-4 p.m. at the Pony Corral downtown (Atrium). A final headcount is needed by November 15<sup>th</sup>. Children 12 and under will have a visit from Santa. **Maxine** advised that **Brian Humeny's** mother passed away and a card was sent on behalf of the Club. Newsletter Editor/Web Man



## Important Dates

- \* **November 10**  
**Erica Wlasichuk Birthday**
- \* **November 20**  
**Sophie Lockhart Birthday**
- \* **November 25**  
**Kayla Dawson Birthday**
- \* **November 26**  
**Janelle Lemoine Birthday**
- \* **December 5**  
**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY**
- \* **December 10**  
**Maxine Clayton Birthday**

ager **Murray Brown** had no updates. Membership Chair **Rick Johnson** had no new membership items to report.

MAAC Representatives **Wade Weber** and **Jim Bielby** brought members up-to-date (see details in **Jim Beilby's** column on page 3).

### **Business From last Month's Meeting**

Presently the Boardroom at Park Pontiac is accommodating our monthly meeting needs. We will hold off changing venues for meetings, with other possible locations being suggested. It was suggested by member **Jim Bielby** that we try a meeting at the Pony Corral downtown to see how it fits our needs. Activities Chair will remain the same position as stated in the Constitution.

**Maxine Clayton** noted that *Speedworld* pricing is \$35 per hour and they are not willing to accommo-

date group rates on Friday, Saturday or Sunday. Again, further discussion on this matter as to costs and availability will ensue.

A **Parking Lot Party** has been established, and the venue will be determined as soon as possible. **Darren Kellner** will Chair the committee, and **Mike** and **Lorraine Buckmaster** have so far volunteered to further assist.



**New Business**  
**Bomber Parking Lot**

**Mike** thanked all volunteers who assisted this year. He would like to see more involvement from other members. Only six members are needed for each home game, which is approximately every two weeks during the football season. **Mike** is sending out a "Thank you" to MTS for their support on the lot.

**World of Wheels 2005**

**Brian Lipsky** and **Murray Brown** have slated their vehicles for WOW 2005. At least two more rides are needed for representation. Members will be contacting **André Lemoine** to see if he is going to be featuring his LeMans this year. Vehicles need to be set and a committee established to head up the display. Details to be finalized at December meeting.

**Nominations for 2005 Executive**

President - **Mike Clayton**

Vice President - **Darren Kellner**

Secretary (2-year term) - **Lorraine Buckmaster**

Treasurer - **Irv Braun** - nominated by **Darren Kellner**, seconded by **Rick Johnson**; no other nominations.

Social Chair - **Gail Weber** - nominated

Membership Chair - **Murray Brown** - nominated by **Wade Weber**; seconded by **Darren Kellner**.

Newsletter/Web Manager - **Murray Brown**

Nominations closed.

The New 2005 Executive will be introduced to the membership at the Christmas Luncheon.

**Club Wear**

New caps (24) have been ordered from Team Promotions and key fobs are still available at \$4.50 each; Cutting EDGE Graphics will make your vehicle decal for the fob at your request; contact them directly.

**50/50 Draw**

\$9.50 went to winner **Darren Kellner**

**Next meeting**

Sunday December 5, 2004 during the Christmas Luncheon.

**Meeting adjourned 8:13 p.m.**

***President's Message by Mike Clayton***

**Hello Everyone!**



Our annual Christmas Party and Annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday, December 5th, 2004 at the Pony Corral (downtown) from 1:00 - 4:00 pm. The cost for dinner this year will be \$10 per adult (no charge for the kids under

18). Please note that your annual dues are also subsidizing the scrumptious array.

Maxine needs to have a total head count

**NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 15th:**

- (a) how many people in total are attending, and
- (b) how many younguns under 13 will be attending

I have also ordered another 24 caps from Team Promotions (with a possible 2-3 week delivery). Please let me know how many you will require. And there are lots of steering wheel key fobs available at \$4.50 each.

The new Executive will be announced at the Annual Meeting as well. I know that we are now in Doldrums of Winter but the activities within the Club carry on.

Please remember – I MUST know by December 5<sup>th</sup> if YOU will be entering your car for World of Wheels 2005 and if YOU are willing to assist with the Club's display preparations. If there are not enough cars or persons by December 5<sup>th</sup> – we will not participate in 2005.

And finally, my personal **THANKS** to all who assisted with the **Bomber Parking Lot** this past season. The weather didn't cooperate, so our "income" for the Variety Club is down from previous years. Let's hope that 2005 will be a great weather season

and that we can make up the "difference" to this very worthwhile charity.

**See you on December 5<sup>th</sup>!**

## Mike

### *Social by Maxine Clayton*

Be sure to mark December 5<sup>th</sup> in your day timer! That is the date of the Annual Christmas Party!

**I MUST know – by November 15<sup>th</sup> – how many adults and children under 13 will be attending.**

Please contact me ASAP with your "head count"!

We're trying to put together a Go Karting Night in early January, but to date we have been unsuccessful



in putting together a special group rate. More details will be coming.

Finally, as you read in last month's Minutes, let's "chat it up" at the next and forthcoming Meetings for a *Coffee Night*. This would be a great way to socialize, mix and chat ... without worrying about meeting protocol etc. After the last two meetings, a number of us drove down to Tim Horton's for a "brew" and/or muffin/donut and some chatter.

Make sure YOU join us, too!

### *MAAC Update by Jim Beilby*

MAAC met on October 27<sup>th</sup>. Two new clubs were welcomed as members: Black Top Cruzers and Subaru Owners Club of Manitoba. The Financial Report for last year is expected at next month's meeting. World of Wheels will be April 24/25/26 in 2005 -- Trader Publications is offering \$2,250 for club display award money: \$1,000, \$750 & \$500 for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>. Winnipeg Cruise magazine is available (free) and is high a quality magazine. Constructive criticism was taken on the MAAC calendar format. Bill Noakes of RRCC spoke of a new program at the school entitled "Hot Rod College" consisting of three sessions of 18 hours each covering basics for enthusiasts wanting instruction on "how to" in the hobby; cost is \$149 per course; limited seating available.

Gord Forman indicated that the Rural Municipality of Gimli would conduct drag racing in Gimli in 2005. with World of Wheels 2005 and the awards breakdown for club participation: \$1,000 for top Club display, \$750 2nd place and \$500 3<sup>rd</sup> place. World of Wheels runs from March 24<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup>, 2005 at the Winnipeg Convention Centre. MAAC dues are payable January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2005 at \$1.00 per member. Insurance is due March 2005. Further MAAC updates to be sent to **Murray Brown** for distribution and availability on the Club's website. Gerald Henry advised that there are over 4,000 pictures of Winnipeg cars on the website [www.localcarshows.autoclubs.ca](http://www.localcarshows.autoclubs.ca).

### *Monsieur Trois by Murray Brown*

Here's an e-mail that arrived recently on the Newsletter Editor's desk: "Hi. I found your club on the Internet. I just purchased a 1971 Lemans Sport convertible with factory 455HO, automatic, Endura front end, well optioned (A/C, power seat, windows and locks, cruise, etc.), Rosewood with white/white, VIN (deleted by Editor). I noticed on your website that one of your members (Andre and Joanne -- link attached) also has a 1971 455 (HO I assume) LeMans Sport convertible with Endura front end. My best information is that Pontiac made 13 1971 455 HO Lemans Sport convertibles, and only 3 with Endura front end. I have seen a few 1972 Lemans Sport 455HO convertibles, but your club member's is the only other 1971 I've found. If these numbers are correct, between your club member and myself, we have 66.67 percent of total production. I would really like to see what information your club or Andre and Joanne have about these rare cars (even if they made more than 3!). I doubt they made too many '71 LeMans 455HO convertibles, as there were only 48 total 455HO GTO convertibles in '71, including the 17 Judges, and I suspect more people bought the GTO's than the LeMans with that engine. Thank you very much."

As expected, I replied to the person and also sent a copy of the e-mail to André, who did correspond with the gentleman in Washington, D.C. and here are



some of the more salient items from their correspondence. It makes for an absolutely fascinating "read".

Based on André's previous "homework", he knew that he could probably convert the car into its original stature. And André also felt that the car was possibly produced for a GM executive, rather than a customer. The rationale? The car has all of the comfort options such as an automatic transmission and air conditioning along with the "go fast stuff". Buyers usually tended to want either go-fast or comfort, but this car has both.

André also mailed the gentleman some old letters from the now defunct **455 HO Registry**. The author(s) of the Registry were the ones who developed the production number of 11 4-speeds. They claimed only 6 automatics were built. André notes that he personally prefers the manual transmission, even though they are "dime a dozen" .... well, nearly a dozen.

So, it is MOST interesting to note that André and Joanne have what could be one of only **three** such vehicles ever produced! I asked André if he would like me to put together a few words for this issue of the Newsletter, and his first reaction was: *"Joanne does not need to know any of this. I have her convinced the car is worth between \$5-7K. If she thought it was worth more, she might want to sell it and get new kitchen cupboards or something. Last year, she saw a 71 Cutlass (455 rocket, hardtop) sell on Barrett-Jackson in the neighborhood of \$50K. I had to explain that Oldsmobiles are worth a WAY more than Pontiacs..."*

Apparently André's sense of chivalry and honesty came over him, because the next day he replied with: *"I would be thrilled if you wrote something up. I did break down last night and told Joanne that the red car taking up space in her garage is actually worth something."*

## Classifieds

The fine print: Advertisements are free to current Members. No commercial advertising will be permitted. All advertising copy MUST include the item(s) and price(s) for sale, the Member's Name and Telephone Number and, if applicable, e-mail address. All ads will be run for one issue only. If an advertisement is to be run more than once, the Member MUST advise the Newsletter Editor by e-mail at [Newsletter@ManitobaPontiac.com](mailto:Newsletter@ManitobaPontiac.com) or telephone (204) 668-0154 before the next newsletter is published. Copy received AFTER the publishing of the Newsletter will be inserted in the next issue. The MANITOBA PONTIAC ASSOCIATION and/or the Newsletter Editor are not responsible for typographical errors or omissions.

## Garage Cleanup FOR SALE

1 **Torker intake** ... \$100  
 1 **Offy 360**, does not fit with HEI ...\$100  
 1 pair bare **7M5 heads** ...\$50  
 1 **complete 1977 400 + Trans** ...\$700  
 1 pair **4X heads complete** need rebuild ...\$100  
 1 pair **6x heads complete** need rebuild ...\$100  
 1 **BOP 400 (370?) Trans** long shaft  
     400 inners but has 350 output shaft ... \$50  
     *Came out of 73 Catalina ... probably has big sprag*  
**Above open to reasonable offers**  
 Disc Brake 9" 4:11s out of a 77 Ford Granada  
 new brakes, rotors, calipers  
 1" shorter than stock FB axle ... **\$1000 firm**  
**Contact Alan Ross ... (204) 338-9863**

## WANTED DEAD OR ALIVE

**Complete 1968 Pontiac 4bbl 400 motor  
with accessories and brackets**  
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**FOR SALE –WHOLE or PARTS**

## 1976 Cutlass S

Excellent running Olds 350 4-bbl, A/T. Swivel buckets, Console, non-smoker car, Interior almost mint except driver's seat, which is cracked. EXCELLENT RUST FREE DOORS, Tinted Glass. Some rust around glass and above wheel and ????. Good frame, tires. Oh ... the air works, too!  
 Will part out or sell whole. \$700 whole  
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## WANTED!

Rear end ... Chebby bolt pattern  
 about 50" - 52" drum face to drum face  
 Gears not necessary but should have axles  
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