



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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October Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:01 with 12 members in attendance. We have [money] in the bank account, and **Mike** advises that he has approximately [dollars] from last year's Bomber games plus the money we have collected so far this year. We still owe [an amount] to Variety Club.

The Christmas party has been booked at the Pony Corral Pier 7 for December 3rd from 1:00 to 4:00. Please respond to **Mike & Maxine** by November 10th if you will be attending.

Cruizin Downtown has held back \$1000 to be put towards the James Walker Education Fund. A social is to be held at a later date. There will be special runs of the Prairie Dog Central for Halloween and Christmas, and **Murray Brown** will be advising dates when available. Anyone interested in going as a group on one of these runs please contact **Maxine**.



Important Dates

* **October 21**
BLUE BOMBER HOME GAME

* **October 26**
Kara Lipski Birthday

* **November 7**
GENERAL MEETING

* **November 15**
Matthew Winters Birthday

* **November 20**
Sophie Lockhart Birthday

* **November 26**
Janelle Lemoine Birthday

* **December 3**
CHRISTMAS PARTY

* **December 10**
Maxine Clayton Birthday

Murray Brown sent out a membership list to all members. Some interesting spam has been caught on the Forum and he advises that the membership chair will be up for grabs at the next election.

MAAC has a balance in their bank accounts of [dollars]. The new constitution is now in place and copies are available. MAAC advises that it has been a quieter year for Sunday Nite Cruisin. There were over 800 cars registered this year for the Cruizin Downtown show. The tool program through Murrdoch MacKay is no longer taking place as new administration discontinued the extra programs such

as building cars for raffles. A new club has joined MAAC - the Red River Rat Rods. They specialize in "old school" style vehicles. MAAC is meeting with MPIC in October regarding "guaranteed values" on cars. The Fabulous Fifties Ford Club thanks other clubs and their members for attending the show at Garden City Shopping Centre. 1,200 cars were registered and another approximately 200 were turned away. The Government Vehicle Inspection Manual is expected to take another year to produce. World of Wheels has decided to present an award yearly to someone who's been involved in the automotive hobby for a long time. The first year's recipient will be Softy from Softy's Speed Shop.

Many Thanks to **Jim & Janice Beilby** for hosting this year's wind-up. Also thanks to **John Kondracki** for providing the prizes.

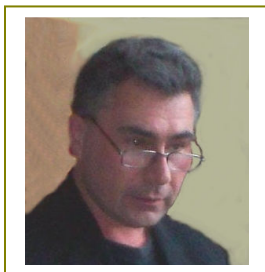
The next Bomber games are October 21st and the Grey Cup game. Anyone interested in helping out please contact **Mike Clayton**. Thanks to **John & Bev Dyck** for assisting when we were short volunteers.

There has been talk of combining the numerous GM Car Clubs into one large club. There would have to be some stipulations set before this could occur, such as one member from each old club to be on the executive, where should meetings take place, etc.

Nominations for the executive are open at the next meeting.

Congratulations to **Irv** for winning the 50/50 draw.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50. **Next meeting** – Park Pontiac Buick GMC Ltd's Boardroom on Tuesday, November 7 at 7:00 p.m.



President's Message

by

Mike Clayton

AAggghhh

Right now it's +2 Celsius and there is a howling wind coming from the north. **Bbrrr** it's **cccold** out there!

I'm sure that just about everybody by now has their car tucked away for the winter months. After such a GREAT summer ... which passed all too quickly ... we now settle down to a few months of getting ready for the 2007 Cruisin' Season.

Planning for 2007 takes on many facets besides our cars, of course. At the November General Meeting we'll all look forward to Club Members that are prepared to assist with the Executive roles in the next year. We need a Membership person for certain, and I haven't heard any rumblings about other positions as yet.

The Annual Meeting and Christmas Party is being held on Sunday, December 3rd, and the new Executive will be elected/announced at that time. The meeting portion of the December get-together is always very short so that we can all enjoy the great food and camaraderie that we've come to expect these many years.



This year the Christmas Party is being held at the new Pony Corral on Pembina Highway. Maxine has booked everything, and we'll be in our own "party

room". Santa Claus will be there, of course, and the little tikes in our lives will enjoy seeing him!

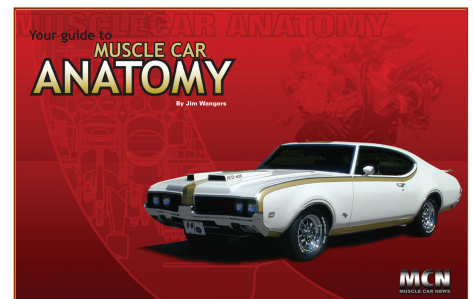
This newsletter also contains an article by me that outlines what's being happening behind the scenes with a few of the General Motors related clubs in the city. I urge every one of you to read the article thoroughly and let me know of your thoughts, concerns and questions as soon as possible.

Here's hoping that I hear from you shortly and I look forward to seeing all of you at the November 7th General Meeting!

Mike

Read On by Murray Brown

Once you've finished this issue of your Club Newsletter, take a moment and consider reading a new magazine. It's available as a subscription, or can also be picked up at Canadian Tire, Chapters, Sobeys and London Drugs.



Called **Muscle Car News** it contains **Canadian** stories about muscle cars. Available for only \$24.95 plus GST for a 12-month subscription, it is crammed with great photos and decent write-ups. Tech tips, Editor ramblings, How-to's ... plus some great shots of **Canadian** muscle cars!

Those of you with Internet access can sneak a peek at the magazine at www.mcnmagazine.com

Social by Maxine Clayton

The Christmas Party will be held on Sunday, December 3rd at the NEW Pony Corral on Pembina Highway.

Please let me know as quickly as possible how many in your group are coming, and for those with little people in your family, I'll need to know soon so that Santa Claus can show up with his bag full of toys!



And after the next General Meeting in November, why not join many of us at Tim Horton's beside Future Shop on Regent Avenue?

See you there!

Blue Bomber Home Games 2006

The last Home Game in 2006 for the Blue Bombers is coming up. At the last game, we were very short of volunteers. Please jot down October 21st on your calendar, and call Mike Clayton NOW so that you can assist with the parking lot.

SAT	Oct 21	Sask	6:00 pm
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Your commitment of one hour is a small way of helping out with the Club's charity, the Variety Club.

2006 Meeting Dates

Jot down these dates for the 2006 meetings!

The November meeting will occur at Park Pontiac Buick GMC Ltd., located at 1459 Regent Avenue West, in the Boardroom on the 2nd floor.

November 7 December 3

December 3 is the Annual Meeting and Christmas Party. The meeting is always very short so that there is more time to PARTY ON!

The Club's Forum by Murray Brown

Those who have visited the Club's Forum recently will note that they have to log in at times. This is a result of some of that nasty *spam stuff* that's going around. **Alan Ross** caught a few of these and after the *spam* appeared to be persistent, anybody who now wants to register must go through a little different process than before. And to prevent errant *spam* from being posted, the user must not only pre-register and be verified, they must also log on. This prevents *spam robots* from placing junk on the Forum.

GM Club of Manitoba by Mike Clayton

Those who attended the last General Meeting heard about a possibility of a new Car Club being formed, perhaps to be called the GM Club of Manitoba. There have been recent discussions amongst various GM-related Clubs in Winnipeg that feel there might be some merit in having a larger group under the GM "umbrella".

The discussions occurred as a result of a number of factors, including declining membership numbers, inadequate human and financial resources for club shows and events, few volunteers for charity campaigns, and minimal numbers of members and family for various social events. Succinctly, times have changed from when the various clubs were formed and lifestyles and family commitments, coupled with apathy from some, has resulted in clubs such as ours floundering and on the brink of demise.

A positive example of what can be accomplished is from The Chevrolet Car Club of Victoria of Australia. All of us can appreciate that there are few GM North American vehicles in Australia and as a result one Club was formed to meet the needs of a few with the largest number of active participants.



Their foundation is that the Club "has many friendly members enjoying a vast range of General Motors vehicles, including daily driven vehicles, to concours winning show cars. Our members interests vary with cars such as Chev, Pontiac, Buick, Oldsmobile, GMC, Oakland, Maple Leaf, Cadillac, Corvette, Camaro, TransAm, Firebird, commercial, and many more, and range from rare veteran or vintage vehicles to the more modern current models. Fostering the preservation and restoration of ALL models of: Chevrolet, Corvette, GMC, Pontiac & Oakland cars and commercial vehicles. Holds regular Monthly meetings, Social events, Swap meets, Concourse

etc. Encouraging and facilitating information flow and technical advice. We publish a monthly magazine containing technical articles, wanted/for sale ads lots more!

Before I again meet with some of the other Clubs, which include not only us but also the 5-6-7 Chevrolet and Northern Impala Association, I need YOUR input as to your feelings about proceeding. Certainly there are many questions to be answered, such as "Will there be one monthly meeting?" to "What will the annual dues be?" to "What about our current charity?"

I encourage each of you to send me your thoughts, questions and comments by e-mail, or pick up the 'phone and give me a call. This is an item that has been growing in concept amongst several of the clubs in Winnipeg and a decision should be made soon.

Pontiac Trivia Time!

Think you know your Pontiacs? Take this test ... and don't cheat by looking at the answers at the end! Courtesy of the Arkansas Pontiac Association's website at <http://www.arkansaspontiacs.org/>



1. What is the rod length of all production Pontiac V8 engines?
a) 6.535 b) 5.925 c) 6.825 d) 6.625
2. What was the smallest Pontiac V8?
a) 269 b) 326 c) 350 d) 327
3. What is the advertised duration of the Pontiac Ram Air IV cam?
a) 280/288 b) 260/268 c) 308/320 d) 275/285
4. In what year were more Super Duty Trans Ams and Formulas produced?
a) 1973 b) 1974
5. What was the highest production year of the Trans Am?
a) 1969 b) 1973 c) 1977 d) 1979

6. What year did GM issue the racing ban that terminated Pontiac's factory racing efforts?
a) 1962 b) 1963 c) 1964 d) 1965
7. In 1969 John Delorean was transferred to another GM division. What was it?
a) Buick b) Oldsmobile c) GMC Trucks d) Chevrolet
8. What year did Pontiac break through to become number three in total sales behind Chevrolet and Ford?
a) 1960 b) 1961 c) 1962 d) 1963
9. What was the last year for the polycast honeycomb wheels to be available on Trans Ams?
a) 1974 b) 1975 c) 1976 d) 1977
10. What was the first year that Pontiac offered four wheel disc brakes?
a) 1977 b) 1978 c) 1979 d) 1980



The owner of this Club Member's car is a Pontiac Trivia King. Who is his wife?



The owner of this Club Member's car has another collector vehicle. What is it?

- 1 d All Pontiac production engines carry the same rod length of 6.625 inches.
- 2 a The 269 cubic inch V8 was introduced to the public in 1955.
- 3 c The advertised duration of the Pontiac Ram Air IV cam was 308/320.
- 4 b The total production for SD Trans Ams/Formulas were 252 in 1973, 943 in 1974.
- 5 d 1979 was the top production year for Pontiac Trans Am with 117,109 units produced.
- 6 b In 1963 GM issued a ban on all factory supported racing efforts.
- 7 d John Delorean was promoted to the GM position at Chevrolet in 1969.
- 8 a In 1960 Pontiac took the number three spot for total sales of automobiles.
- 9 c 1976 was the last year honeycombs were available on the TA, including the gold ones for the SE package cars.
- 10 c Four wheel disc brakes were offered in 1979 on Trans Ams ordered with the WS6 suspension package.