



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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September Meeting Minutes

Held at Cruiser's Inn on Henderson Highway. President **Mike Clayton** was not in attendance; Vice-President **Darren Kellner** called the meeting to or-



der at 7:06 pm. No new members in attendance. Secretary **Lorraine Buckmaster** read last month's meeting minutes. Treasurer **Maria Cadieux** had no financial updates. Membership Chair **Rick Johnson** was not in attendance, however no new members to report. Newsletter Editor/Web Manager **Murray Brown** reported on the updates on the website regarding the "revamping" of the Forum following suggestions by **Alan Ross**. A lot of activity has been generated from the new site with a constant increase in viewers". Social Chair **Maxine Clayton** was not in attendance. MAAC Representative **Terry Yurett** was not in attendance, however an email was received by the Executive indicating that she is "giving up" her representation of the MPA at future

Important Dates

- * **September 12**
Blue Bomber Football Game
Fab 50's Flashback Weekend
- * **September 14**
Marcus Walker Birthday
- * **September 15**
Maxine & Mike Clayton Anniversary
- * **September 18**
Blue Bomber Football Game
- * **September 23**
Crystal & Dave Anderson Anniversary
- * **September 26**
MSRA Toy Run
Farewell to Summer Final Cruise Nite
- * **September 27**
Terry Yurett Birthday
- * **September 28**
Brenden Spencer Birthday
- * **October 1**
Jerrit Lipski Birthday
- * **October 3**
Winnipeg Free Press Car Show
- * **October 5**
GENERAL MEETING
- * **October 8**
Blue Bomber Football Game
- * **October 9**
Deb Johnson Birthday
Gord Yurett Birthday

MAAC meetings. Members **Jim Beilby** and **Wade Weber** indicated that they both attend meetings regularly and will keep our members up-to-date with MAAC. Thanks **Jim** and **Wade**.

New Business
Tent Rental

The MPA tent rental was discussed, with finalization of a fee schedule to be maintained. A rental agreement has been



forwarded to **Mike** for his perusal and finalization. There have apparently been no rentals of the tent in the past three

years. A general reminder to members that the tent is available at no charge for functions they are hosting.

Bomber Parking Lot

Volunteers are URGENTLY needed. Members manning the lot on September 12 have established a "shuttle" from the Fab 50's Show n Shine to the lot. **Murray Brown, Jim Beilby, Maxine Clayton, John Kondracki** and **Maria Cadieux** will be looking after things for September 12 with **Jim Beilby, Lorraine Buckmaster, Darren Kellner, Maxine** and **Mike Clayton** scheduled for the Saturday Sept 18th game. Kick off is 2 pm.



Upcoming events. Dates to remember:

- ** September 12th -- Fab 50's Car Show at Garden City
- ** September 26th -- MSRA Toy Run at Revenue Canada, Stapon Rd. 10 am registration
- ** September 26th -- farewell to Summer Cruise Night at Pony Corral, 3 pm

Discussion was raised about **renaming Social Chair to "Events Coordinator"**. This will have to follow the Club Constitution to initiate changes. Complete details to be brought forward at next month's meeting, with the Executive to break down the duties defining the change and what specific duties would be upheld. Further discussion needed in this issue.

World of Wheels 2005

Members are to finalize participation in next year's event. **Murray** will email the membership to generate interest. "Theme" to be established when all members have finalized participation. Remember we are going in over the Easter long-weekend this year with WOW being held from Thursday to Saturday. Set-up will be Wednesday evening. The MPA has established itself as a major Club competitor; let's get together to bring another great display to fruition.

Manitoba Pontiac Association **name has been registered for another three years** as a non-profit organization.

50/50 Draw Winner Larry Soliak.

Thanks for taking our money Larry!!

Next meeting, Park Pontiac Boardroom, Tuesday October 5th.
Meeting adjourned 7:38 pm.

President's Message by **Mike Clayton**



So . . . Where did summer go? Oh, that's right, it never arrived this year. We did, however luck out weather wise on some days this year for events.

A big thank you to **John** and **Sophie Kondracki** for allowing us to hold our Wind-up at their great estate. Our condolences go out to **Ed Greschuk** and family for the passing of Ed's father. September: The first thing that comes to mind is back to school and the Fabulous 50's Flashback Weekend. If any of you were able to attend the Sock hop and Car show, you had a great time.

It's also the month where you notice the days getting shorter as darkness starts setting in earlier and earlier. The cruising season is winding down. The final City Lights Cruise night at the

downtown Pony Corral was Wednesday the 8th and the Farewell to Summer final cruise night at the Pembina Highway Pony Corral is Sunday the 26th. Nominations for a new executive start next month, so start thing of some people you'd like to see in next year's executive.

See you soon and Keep on Cruzin'

Bomb(er)s Away!

There are only four more Blue Bomber football games this season! **Remember ... the GROSS proceeds from the parking lot go directly to the Club's charity, the *Variety Club of Manitoba*.** You joined the Club, now take an hour of your time to "give back" to the Club, please. Need more information? Contact **Mike Clayton**. Game times are:

Sunday	Sept 12	1:00 pm
Saturday	Sept 18	2:00 pm
Friday	October 8	7:00 pm
Friday	October 29	7:30 pm

Social by Maxine Clayton

Well, the BBQ at the Kondracki Ranch was a big hit! My thanks to all that assisted, and I hope that you enjoy the photos that accompany this issue. By the way, there are many OTHER photos on the Club's web site ... look in the Rogue's Gallery.

MAAC Update by Terry Yurett

MAAC is "on vacation" during July and August. Terry Yurett will update Members with MAAC news in the October issue.

Canadian Pontiacs by Murray Brown

EDITOR'S NOTE: I found this article while browsing through the Internet. Unfortunately, I did NOT jot down the source. This is the second of a two-part series.

Starting in 1955 Pontiac was still using Pontiac styling and some of the interior trim from Pontiac but they were built on a Chevrolet chassis with Chevrolet drivetrains. The Canadian Pontiac success came in 1955 when it shed its Chevrolet appearance and had full Pontiac styling with multiple body styles like convertibles and wagons. It had retained the Chevrolet power-trains and shortened chassis though!

The 1958 top of the line Pontiac Parisienne looked very much like the U.S. Bonneville but shared its shorter frame and drivetrain with the Chevrolet Impala. In the USA Pontiac sedan deliveries were available and based on the



Chevrolet sedan deliveries, until 1958. The 1959 and 1960 Pontiacs were scorned cars in Canada by many buyers for they had the large wide-track body placed on the narrow tracking Chevrolet chassis and was the cause of a few laughs. The 1959 Strato Chiefs and the 1960 and 1962 Laurentian were all six cylinder cars, which was unheard of in the US Pontiacs.



In 1962 when the Chevy II compact was introduced, in Canada its twin, the Acadian, was offered in Canada only. Also, when the mid-sized Chevelle appeared in 1964, GM Canada offered the similar Beaumont. The Pontiac cars were so successful in the Canadian market that by the early sixties the Canadian Pontiac Strato Chiefs, Laurentians and Parisiennes were challenging Chevrolet as the best selling cars in Canada!

By 1965 the famous Auto Pact between Canada and the USA made these "special" models redundant and manufacturers could now bring models back and forth freely across the border. 1970 models started blending together and all full sized Pontiac models were offered in Canada from the lowly Strato Chief to the big Bonneville.

Of special note, Canada exported many of its Pontiac cars over the years to its British Commonwealth countries where they were imported there with a minimal duty because is a member of the British Commonwealth whereas if the GM cars went to these countries from the USA they would be subject to a higher duty and therefore be less competitive in these countries. That is why many foreign English speaking nations are familiar with names like Parisienne, Laurentian, etc. Of interest to those in the USA, the Canadian Parisienne became available in the USA in 1983 before disappearing completely after 1986.

Pontiac has been a strong and respected name plate in Canada since they started building Pontiac cars in Canada 1926. The bulk of the Firebird cars for the North American market were built in the Oshawa and Ste. Therese plants. Ste Therese is now shut down, and the Firebird is no longer produced.

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 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.

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