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Ramblin' On (things you need to know)

Happy New Year! The new year marks new leadership and a fresh start to another year. Let's make 2026 another great one!

Our annual membership campaign, which started in December, continues this month, focusing on renewal. Our membership year runs from January 1 through December 31 of each year. Thank you to the majority of members who have renewed. If you haven't yet, please pay ASAP to prevent becoming suspended (by-laws requirement).

Our February Meeting is Tuesday, February 3 at Shoney's in Dandridge, TN. The meeting starts at 6:30. Come earlier to eat.

2026 Membership Campaign – Have You Renewed?

The strength of our membership keeps this club operating. The more members we have, the more the club can accomplish and the more we can give to local charitable organizations. Our membership year runs from January 1 to December 31, 2026; thus all member dues are now due. Have you Renewed?



Dues is a modest \$20 per year, per member, which includes your significant other, or one other family member. These funds go to the administration of the club.

If you are an existing member and have paid your dues after October 1, 2025, then your dues is already paid through December 31, 2026. Thank you!

Regardless if you are a renewing member, or want to join as a new member, please print and complete the information on the form provided in this newsletter. Then bring the form and payment to a monthly meeting or mail them. To pay by snail mail, make your check payable to: Mossy Creek Car Club and send it to 562 N Highway 92, Jefferson City, TN 37760. Please do not send cash through the mail.

Have questions or concerns? Call or email Rick Elder (423-231-1326, relder@micromfgsys.com) or any member of the leadership team listed in this newsletter.

Letter from the President

Happy New Year!

As the New Year starts, we are home just wishing for Spring to come around and cruise-in season to start. A time to contemplate all the good things that we can do with these wonderful classic vehicles. Car shows, cruise-ins, power tours, and attending other vehicle related things, all the fun things.

The 42nd Annual Cabin Fever Car & Motorcycle Show in Knoxville, TN, is scheduled for January 9-11, 2026, at the Knoxville Expo Center, with hours from 5 PM-8 PM Friday, 8 AM-8 PM Saturday, and 8 AM-4 PM Sunday. The main Hamblen County car show, the "Winter Angel Expo," is scheduled for January 17-18, 2026, at the Great Smoky Mountain Expo Center in White Pine, TN, featuring classic cars, trucks, motorcycles, and more. So these are a good way to start the year.

This year we need to dedicate more time to the Mossy Creek Cruzers. Try to get more people interested in joining our club, attend more meetings regularly the first Tuesday of each month at Shoney's in Dandridge (6:30 pm) and volunteer at the two car shows. Attend our Friday night cruise-in at College Square Shopping Center (Big Lots). The number of cruise-ins per month will soon be determined.

Again it is time to publish our book, This may not seem important to some members, but we raise more charity money with this book than we do at our two car shows. We usually clear, after printing expenses, approximately \$7,500. If members would sell just one advertisement, it would take a lot of time and effort off of the three or four that do sell. If you need the ad price list, a list of who we donate to, copy of our non-profit through the government, 501(C)3 form, receipt forms for customers and one for the club, just let me know and I will supply them to you. Let's make this the best book ever!!

How to sell ads: It is very easy. Always ask for the owner or the manager. Explain to them that most of the money that the club makes goes to local charities. Last year it was over \$11,000! Show them the list of who we donate to and a copy of the 2025 book. We print 3,000 to 3,500 books each year and they will receive a stack of the books to give out as well as the ones we give out at car shows and cruise-ins. Be sure to get good artwork and what they want their ad to say to give to me for placement in the book. Ask if they need us to email a proof of their ad to them. The best places to ask for ads: restaurants, auto supply and repair places, barber/beauty shops, furniture stores, banks, doctors/dentists, heating and cooling companies, well diggers, police departments, real estate, vape and package stores, hardware, funeral homes, drug stores, flea markets, auctions, motorcycle shops, bakeries, pet spas, pizza cafes, campgrounds, marinas, tractor repair, jewelers, rv services, mercantiles, flooring, lawn care, tire stores, wrecker and towing companies, auto sales, chamber of commerce, tool guys, printing companies, and pawn shops. This is just a few suggestions. We need some new ads this year to give the book a fresher look, although our regular customers are special! Most people are glad to help out when they hear it is about charities, especially local charities. Please try to help out your club this year.

About my health: I am now doing dialysis, three times a week, 4 hours each time. That is an extremely long time to have to give up. The good thing is that I feel so much better! Thank y'all for all the prayers that have come my way.

Happy New Year to all!

Pat Dukes, President

Meeting Minutes – January 6



Pat Dukes called the meeting to order at 6:29 pm. She welcomed the twenty members in attendance. Bob Latham gave the opening prayer, and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Bob L. provided the Treasurer's report:

Beginning Balance: \$8,370.97, Activity: \$-99.23. Ending Balance: \$8,271.74.

Jackie made a motion to accept the report. 2nd by Linda L. Motion passed.

The minutes from the last meeting were published in the newsletter.

Pat thanked Bob and Linda for hosting the MCC Christmas Party in their home. It was a nice party for the 28 members and guests who attended.

Pat reviewed the process for selling advertisements in our program books. Ad sizes and prices, and a copy of our 501C letter, were handed out. Her health will not allow her to be involved selling as much as she has in the past and asked for volunteers. Pete recommended that we call first and let them know we are coming to minimize the number of trips to each establishment. This topic concluded with a discussion on members placing ads for their vehicles. This is allowed at the same published sizes/rates.

Committee Leader Nominations/Elections were held:

Communications Committee – Nominated: Rick Elder. Motion: Bob L. 2nd: Pete.

Car Show Committee – Nominated: Doug Rodgers. Motion: Linda L. 2nd: John M.

Chaplin – Nominated: Jackie Swank. Motion: Jackie. 2nd: Pete B.

Membership – Nominated: Pat Dukes. Motion: Bobby. 2nd: Linda L.

All were approved. They take office immediately.

Note that the Charities Committee was not filled as it is subject to being eliminated in the upcoming bylaws change and we did not have a candidate.

A Board of Directors meeting was scheduled for Monday, January 12 at the Texas Roadhouse in Morristown. The purpose is to finalize the bylaws that are currently under construction. Rick E. will contact the restaurant for a reservation for a table out of the main traffic flow.

Rick E. presented a sample of a 2026 calendar printed by the Hamblen County Car Club. The cars on the calendar belong to the members who are volunteering to work the upcoming Winter Angel Expo. They will be given to current members and the left overs sold at the 2026 shows or given as door prizes at the Saturday Night Cruise Ins. Custom Printing on Cumberland Street in Morristown did the printing. This was just an idea and a resource as Pat has been talking about making a MCC calendar.

The 2026 Cruise In Schedule was discussed. Pat delivered the assessment that the once a month schedule did not work very well and asked if we should go back to every Friday night? Pete B. added that the cruise ins are an important part of recruiting new members. Rick S. added we should invite other local clubs to our Cruise Ins. Bobby recommended we keep the existing schedule. Having a standard rain date (i.e. 3rd Friday) was discussed. No decision was made at this meeting.

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PUT THESE
DATES ON YOUR
CALENDAR!



Local Meetings

Get involved!

Everyone is welcome
to attend and learn
about these clubs:

- 1st Tuesday – **Mossy Creek Cruizers** – Shoney's, Dandridge, 6:30 pm
- 2nd Tuesday – **Lakeway Mustang Club** – Shoney's, Morristown, 7:30 pm
- 3rd Tuesday – **Hamblen County Car Club** – Holsten's, Morristown, 7:00 pm
- 5th Tuesday – **F-100 Club** – Shoney's Dandridge, 6:30 pm

Refrigerator Page

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Upcoming Events

January 10 & 11	Cabin Fever Car Show, Knoxville, TN (Indoors), 9:00 am
January 17	Hamblen County Car Club, 12th Annual Winter Angel Expo, (Indoors), Smoky Mountain Expo Center, White Pine, 8:00 am to 6:00 pm
January 18	Hamblen County Car Club, 12th Annual Winter Angel Expo, (Indoors), Smoky Mountain Expo Center, White Pine, 9:00 am to 2:00 pm
February 3	MCC Monthly Meeting, Shoney's, Danridge, 6:30 pm
March 3	MCC Monthly Meeting, Shoney's, Danridge, 6:30 pm
April 10	MCC Cruise In's Begin (2nd Friday)!
May 2	Hamblen County Car Club Spring Angel Expo, Cherokee Park, Morristown, TN. 8:00 am to 3:00 pm
July 11	15th Annual MCC "Hot Daze, Cool Ridez" Car Show, American Book Company in Jefferson City, 8:00 am to 2:00 pm.

If you would like your event listed here, please send information to Rick Elder (relder@micromfgsys.com).



Club Social Media

Web Site



www.mossycreekcruzers.org

Facebook



<https://www.facebook.com/MossyCreekCruzers>

About Mossy Creek Cruzers

Founded in 2012, the Mossy Creek Cruzers (MCC) car club consists of a group of car enthusiasts dedicated to helping with charities in Jefferson and surrounding counties, while supporting our passion for cars. It is our intent to share in the fellowship by raising funds through the events that we plan. Our events are family oriented. We are a 501(C) non-profit organization.

2025 Officers

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Pat Dukes

President

*Acting Chairman of the Board

Operating Committee Leaders

Article Six of our by-laws states: The members shall nominate and elect the following positions:

Car Show Directors – *Doug Rodgers*

This individual organizes a committee to conduct any car shows sponsored by the Club. The position requires commitment to the club through promotion, advertisement, participant involvement, and public relations.

Charity Coordinator – *Open Position – Pending Bylaw Change*

This individual organizes a committee to oversee all aspects of the Club's charity efforts.

Communications Coordinator – *Rick Elder*

This individual shall be responsible for writing, editing, and maintaining a monthly newsletter for the Club and distributing it to members and other clubs. Position also includes publicity and maintains the club's website.

Membership Coordinator – *Pat Dukes*

This individual is responsible for promoting membership, collecting dues, and working with the community as a Club representative. They must maintain a membership roster of all member types.

Chaplin – *Jackie Swank, 715-644-8891, swanks06@yahoo.com*

This individual leads all meetings with a prayer. They check on member's health and family situations and sends flowers/cards or appropriate condolences when required.

The MCC Car Club Newsletter is an official publication of the Mossy Creek Cruzers Car Club. It is created and distributed electronically each month. All news articles, photographs, and items of interest are welcome for consideration for publication, but subject to editing. Submission deadlines is the date of the MCC monthly meeting. Members who do not have email may receive the newsletter by snail mail upon request.

Leadership Changes and Thanks

First of all, we express our thanks to the outgoing leaders for their efforts over the past year. The club experienced another great year due to their commitment, dedication and teamwork. Those officers and committee leaders are listed in the 2025 (Outgoing) column below.

	2025 (Outgoing)	2026 (Incoming)
Officers		
President	Pat Dukes	Pat Dukes
Vice President	Doug Rodgers	Doug Rodgers
Treasurer	Bob Latham	Bob Latham
Secretary	Linda Latham	Ashley Jones
Past President	<i>Inactive</i>	<i>Inactive</i>
Board of Directors		
Elected #1*	Rick Swank	Rick Swank
Elected #2	Mike Wright	Mike Wright
Elected #3	Pete Balzano	Pete Balzano
Elected #4	<i>Open</i>	Rick Elder
Committee Leaders		
Car Show	Doug Rodgers	Doug Rodgers
Communications	Rick Elder	Rick Elder
Membership	<i>Open</i>	Pat Dukes
Chaplin	Jackie Swank	Jackie Swank

* = Serves as the Chairmen of the Board

We would also like to express our welcome to our incoming team of leaders and thank them for volunteering with our organization. We look forward to their leadership in producing another fantastic year in 2026!

Request for Help Selling Program Book Ads

We are looking for volunteers to assist in selling advertising for our 2026 Program Books to local businesses. These books will feature our "Hot Daze, Cool Ridez" July and the "Fill the Truck with Toys" October car shows, be an advertising tool for those shows and sponsors within, and represent a main source of income for our club.

We can assign you to local organizations that were in last year's book, you can visit new local organizations, or both. These organizations do not need to be car related; they just need to offer their products and services to our affluent market.

There were over 100 sponsors in our 2025 program book, thus this is a large, and very important, undertaking. The types of businesses are diverse. Basically, any local business that you purchase a product or service from is a candidate.

If you have some time and are interested, please call or email Pat Dukes (865-363-5891, mossycreekcruzers@aol.com) or Bob Latham (301-602-7498, bobgoespostal61@yahoo.com).

Fun Facts:
3,500 Published in 2025
100+ Advertisements
32 Pages

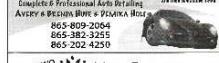
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Holiday Event Coverage – Club Christmas Party

The annual Mossy Creek Car Club Christmas Party was held on Saturday, December 13th at Bob & Linda Latham's home in Dandridge. The well attended party (28) was highlighted by great food and hospitality.

If you really want to learn about your fellow members, try playing the "Dirty Santa" game with them! Their true colors will emerge.



We are happy to report that we had no fist fights again this year and a good time was had by all.

Meeting Minutes – January 6

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It was noted that having our Cruise Ins on Friday night provides the opportunity for us to attend other local car club events held on Saturday night. It was suggested that we meet and cruise together to a chosen event at least once a month.

Bobby Estes is working on the 2026 Power Tour schedule. Not all major events have announced their show dates yet. 27 people attended the first cruise of the year to Rogersville on New Years Day.

Pat provided an update on her health. She is currently doing dialysis in Dandridge three days a week for four hours a day. While this is cramping her schedule, she is feeling good.

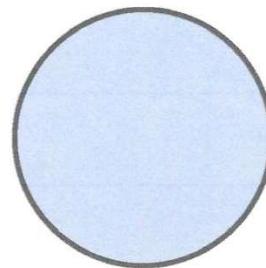
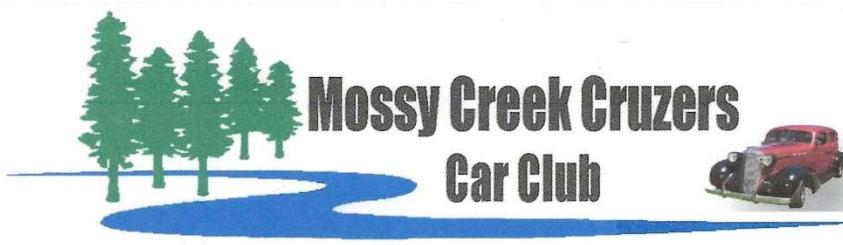
Bob L. opened a discussion on Club support for Pat. He presented a plan to give Pat \$1,000 to help with medical related expenses. Rick S., who is not against helping Pat, cautioned us that this amount is setting a bad precedence. He recommended a lower amount, and if more is needed, suggested we do another fundraising event. A motion was made by Mary K. to accept Bob's plan and 2nd by Jackie. The motion was approved with two members in opposition. Bob presented Pat with a check.

A motion to adjourn was made by Linda L. and 2nd by Rick Elder. The motion was approved and the meeting concluded at 7:36.



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2026

\$20.00 Per Year

(includes spouse or significant Other)

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Spouse/Significant Other: _____ **Birthday:** Month ____ Day ____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

E-mail Address: _____

Phone: _____ **Cell:** _____

Date Dues Paid: _____

Vehicle Year: _____ **Model:** _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

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**Meeting is the first Tuesday of the month.
It is held at Shoney's in Dandridge
(Exit 417)
6:30 pm, Come at 6:00 pm to eat.**

**MEMBER of the
Jefferson County
Chamber of Commerce**

The goal of The Mossy Creek Cruzers Car Club is to promote a way for antique and/or classic vehicle enthusiast to spend time together, to have quality time with our families, other individuals and club members. We encourage planned trips, events and social activities for members as well as sharing information about local car shows and cruise-ins. The Mossy Creek Cruzers promote and share a common interest in the preservation, restoration and enjoyment of antique and/or classic vehicles. It is our intent to share in the fellowship of our communities by donating to various charities. We conduct club functions and activities in a manner befitting members of The Mossy Creek Cruzers Car Club and we reserve the right to deny membership to individuals for certain reasons.

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SILENT AUCTION SUNDAY 1PM
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Entry Form: Discount for Registration by 12/31/25

Registration: Please Note Quantity:

Vehicles for the show: Qty: _____

Vendor Booth (10x10) \$30 Pre / \$35: Qty: _____

Registration Amount \$30 Pre-Reg / \$35 After 12/31: \$ _____

Name (Please Print): _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Vehicle Info: Year: _____ Make/Model: _____

Vehicle Info: Year: _____ Make/Model: _____

Club Membership: _____

Car/Motorcycle Show Pre-Registration Prior to Dec 31, 2025

Vehicle Set-up Friday Jan 17th 10-6pm & Saturday Jan 18th 8am-Noon

Signature: _____

*****Note*** No tire cleaner or trailers allowed on the show floor**

Liability Release: Entrants, Participants and Spectators by execution of this form, release and discharge the sponsors, promoters, volunteers or assistants, their officers, directors, employees, agents and representatives against any and all known or unknown damages, injuries, losses, judgments, and/or claims from any cause whatsoever that may be suffered by entrant to his/her property.

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