



Mossy Creek Cruzers Car Club



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..... **The year was 1955**

Rolling on the floor laughing!! Not that long ago!!

- I'll tell you one thing, if things keep going the way they are, it's going to be impossible to buy a week's groceries for \$20.
- Have you seen the new cars coming out next year? It won't be long before \$2000 will only buy a used one.
- If cigarettes keep going up in price, I'm going to quit. A quarter a pack is ridiculous!
- Did you hear the post office is thinking about charging 4 cents just to mail a letter?
- If they raise the minimum wage to \$1.00, nobody will be able to hire outside help at the store.
- When I first started driving, who would have thought gas would someday cost 25¢ a gallon? Guess we'd be better off leaving the car in the garage.
- I'm afraid to send my kids to the movies any more. Ever since they let Clark Gable get by with saying DAMN in GONE WITH THE WIND, it seems every new movie has either HELL or DAMN in it!
- I read the other day where some scientist thinks it's possible to put a man on the moon by the end of the century. They even have some fellows they call astronauts preparing for it down in Texas.
- Did you see where some baseball player just signed a contract for \$50,000 a year just to play ball? It wouldn't surprise me if someday they'll be making more than the President.
- I never thought I'd see the day all our kitchen appliances would be electric. They're even making electric typewriters now.
- It's too bad things are so tough nowadays. I see where a few married women are having to work to make ends meet.
- It won't be long before young couples are going to have to hire someone to watch their kids so they can both work.
- I'm afraid the Volkswagen car is going to open the door to a whole lot of foreign business.
- Thank goodness I won't live to see the day when the Government takes half our income in taxes. I sometimes wonder if we are electing the best people to government.
- The fast food restaurant is convenient for a quick meal, but I seriously doubt they will ever catch on.
- There is no sense going on short trips anymore for a weekend. It costs nearly \$2.00 a night to stay in a hotel.
- No one can afford to be sick anymore. At \$15.00 a day in the hospital, it's too rich for my blood.
- If they think I'll pay 30¢ for a haircut, forget it.

Submitted by Bill O'Connell

CLUB MEMBERSHIPS DUE

Just a heads up that the Mossy Creek Cruzers Car Club membership fees are now due. If you signed up in October, November or December of 2013, you are good through the end of 2014. If you're not sure when you signed up, just drop me an email and I'll look it up for you.

The fee to be a member is *still only \$20* for the year for you and your spouse or significant other, or one household member. You will receive one club T-Shirt free and then you can purchase a second one for the person that signed up with you or a second or third one for yourself. We just about have the shirts ready to go to the printer, just a couple of more ads to sell. The color of the shirt will be decided on at our March meeting.

Everyone that has already rejoined this year will receive their shirt when we receive them.

You can pay the dues at the meeting or mail to the address below.

**The Mossy Creek Cruzers Car Club meeting is held the first Tuesday of each month
at Shoney's in Dandridge at 7 pm. Come at 6 pm to eat!**

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RAMBLIN' ON

By Pat Dukes

As I ramble on and on about the cars and the club activities, sometimes I just run out of things to discuss!! I know, I know, what???? Pat can't think of anything to write or say?? What does that mean??? Well, sometimes the well just runs dry so I will need some help!!

As I have asked you before, we need some stories from members about how you got started with these antique and classic vehicles. Was it your Dad? Did he have a love of the classics? Or a neighbor, brother or friend, or did you just gaze at them as they drove past and wish you were driving one? Or how about American Graffiti where all the hot rods were so sweet! I know we always have a story somewhere in the back of our minds. So how about sharing with us... maybe if you do, then the next month maybe someone else will share. Tell a

funny story about things that has happened to you while working on or driving your vehicle or even a sad story, as I know we all have those too!

So since no one else submits any stories, I'll just try to write about some of my experiences with these unique cars. So here goes... I hope you'll enjoy it. Maybe next month it will be your story!

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One story I remember is about a 1955 Chevy that I owned and drove for years! It had a four speed transmission behind a 327 hi-performance motor with a competition 4 barrel carburetor and a beautiful metallic blue paint job. It ran really well but just had one fault to it. Sometimes when I would park it and then come back to it, the transmission would sometimes be jammed up until I couldn't get it in any gear. So then, no matter how I was dressed, it was time to get on the ground on my back and scoot underneath the car and flip the transmission levers until they released from the jam. Then I would just crawl out, look around just to see if anyone was laughing at me, jump in the car and take off with the tires leaving black marks. It was a fun time even when I did get into all types of trouble with this car, trouble like racing it all over Knoxville but never getting a speeding ticket! I drove this car for 10 years. Sure wish I had kept it but we all have stories like that about the cars that got away!

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I had another 55 Chevy that was bought on *April's Fool Day!!* So that should tell you a lot from the beginning! It must have been jinxed because of that. This is just one tale about this car but there were others, it just seemed to never get me back home but this day it finally broke me.

I drove it to work in Knoxville one day and I had to park it a couple of blocks from where I worked. It was an old part of town so the parking area was very rough. This car, too, would sometimes jam the transmission when you put it in reverse, it was also a 4 speed, but the gears were fine if you went forward! So in order to keep from crawling underneath it to get the gears unjammed, I tried to park it so that I didn't have to back up! I had parked it behind another car but knew the person that owned that car got off work earlier than I did so I would be able to pull straight out instead of backing it up. So, sure enough when I got to my car that afternoon, the other car was gone.

I jumped in my car, started it and pulled forward for about 12 feet and then the car just stopped moving. No matter how I revved the motor and tried to get it going, it just sat there but the back wheel was turning! So I got out and looked all around it. Much to my dismay, I had not noticed a cable fence that was laying on the ground. When I ran over it to get out of the parking lot, the post stood straight up and hung underneath the back fender of my car! *So now I have a car hung on a fence post!*

I walked back a block or so to a service station and got them to come over and bring a jack. They just stood scratching their heads trying to figure out how to get the car off a post!! They finally jacked it as high as they could and had to dig the post out of the ground to get it out from under the car. *Now I am feeling very foolish for this deed!* When they finally got it free, they let the jack down and the tire was flat and of course I had no spare tire! So they jack it back up, take the tire off, go to the service station to fix it and bring it back and put it on the car.

I drive it to the service station so I can pay them. So now I'm ready to go...right??? No, wrong!!! When I go back to the car, it won't start! Not a slow sound of trying to start but absolutely no sound at all, no clicking or anything. So out under the hood the guy at the station and I go. I finally see a wire way down low on the car that was not connected to anything and I point it out to him. I don't remember what the wire was but when he wired it back up, the car started. So now everything is fine and I'm on my way, right? Well the drive home was about 20 miles into Jefferson County. At about mile 15, I started to smell gas. Then I noticed a small amount of liquid on the front fender and on the windshield. I pull over to the edge of the road, leave it running in case it won't start again but with a brake on, and raise the hood. The fuel pump was shooting gas out over the fender. This was before cell phones so my only thought was to get the car home. I only had 5 miles to go. I jumped back in the car and took off. And believe it or not, I made it home!! The next day I traded this *April Fools Day car!!*

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Now if you would like to share a story with me, but don't feel that you can write it, just tell me about it and I'll write it for you.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb. 28 - Mar. 1 - Vintage Street Rodders of America
3rd Annual Magical Rod Run - Disney World Speedway in
Lake Buena Vista, FL. For more info contact:
Debbie and Jim Bledsoe at streetrod34coupe@yahoo.com

WINDOW CLINGERS FOR SALE

Show your pride at being a member of the
Mossy Creek Cruzers Car Club
by having a window clinger on your classic or antique car window
telling everyone that you are a member of this great club!
They could also be displayed on your everyday driver.
Easy to apply with a damp cloth & a squeegee!
They are \$3 each if you would like one (or more), just let Pat know.



With the freezing temperatures that we have had, I thought a few winter tips might be in order

How to Keep a Garage Door From Sticking to a Concrete Floor in Freezing Temperatures

A garage door can easily freeze shut during cold weather. Even if just a small amount of moisture collects between a garage door and concrete floor, it can freeze in very cold weather and make the door stick to the ground. Trying to thaw out your garage door in the freezing cold is not an enjoyable situation; it is much easier to take simple measures to prevent this very common winter occurrence.

Things You'll Need:

Soft bristled brush and WD-40

Instructions:

1. Raise the garage door to shoulder height, or whatever height is most convenient for you to access the bottom of the door.
2. Brush the bottom of the garage door to remove dirt and debris.
3. Spray WD-40 along the length of the bottom of the garage door, covering the entire surface that comes into contact with the concrete. WD-40 won't damage or corrode the door or concrete, and resists freezing.
4. Reapply WD-40 to your garage door once a month, or more frequently if needed, during the winter months. If the forecast calls for wintry weather and you have not applied the WD-40 for a while, reapply it before the cold weather hits.

TIPS FOR THE HOUSEHOLD

- **MAYONNAISE:** Use mayonnaise to remove child's permanent markings on the wall. Also use mayonnaise to clean jewelry: soak, wipe off and then rinse off.
- **VODKA:** 1 part Vodka to 2 parts water for excellent glass cleaner.
- **DISHWASHER:** Wash small garden tools after rinsing the dirt off, in the dishwasher.
- Also, in the dishwasher, wrap veggies with meat in thick foil. Cook at regular cycle, of course without detergent!! I haven't tried this but it sounds interesting!

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello all you Cruzers,

Here we are in February already! As we talked in the meeting this month the car show is not far off. July or August will be here sooner than we think. I hope everyone attends the March meeting so we can decide where and when the car show will be held. Be there if you want a say in this very important decision. As I see it, this is the most urgent business we should resolve. After this is resolved we can get on with the other club business.

I am compiling a list of businesses in our area that can be trusted to provide good work and services. If you have a business to recommend please call me or let me know at the next meeting. I have a few but am still collecting names. It can be any business not just automotive related. If you own a business, this is where it should be advertised. Other Cruzers will get to know you and we can share our experience.

Club membership fees are now due for 2014. If you joined or rejoined the club in October, November or December of 2013 your dues are paid for 2014. Call Pat or myself if you have any questions. You will receive 1 new club T-Shirt when they are printed. You can buy additional ones.

One suggestion brought up during the Tuesday meeting was that any club members owning a business may want to take a few minutes in the monthly meeting and talk to the members about what they do in their business. This will inform the members of the business and give it some exposure. Anyone wanting to do this can call me or let me know before the meeting starts. One per month and first come, first serve.

We have a few cruises in the works for this year. I hope all Cruzers plan to attend. We hope to have a picnic, possibly in the spring. We will be very busy this year so plan to attend and also help out. It is about time to get that cruiser out and get it ready for the road! I hope to see each one of you Cruzers out on the highway soon.

Remember the Cruzers we've lost so far this year. Cindy Drinnon and with John Jacobs being the latest. All will be missed.

Larry Bogness

NOTICE

The minutes will no longer be published in the newsletter. They will be sent to you in a separate email. They will be mailed to the ones without email, along with the newsletter.

FOR SALE

1931 Ford Roadster Pick Up - \$50K

1954 Mercury - \$20K

Call Tom Koziol for info: 423-237-3740

If you have any events that you would like listed, please let us know by e-mailing mossycreekcruzers@aol.com

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