



Ramblin' On (things you need to know)

The "Cruze for Pat" benefit for Pat Dukes and the National Kidney Foundation (NKF) held on Friday, April 11th was a huge success! Thank you to everyone who came out and participated.

The Board of Directors met on April 8th to review our by-laws. A few minor changes were made. The updated document may be found on our website. We also had a change in the Board of Directors. Pete Balzano has replaced Chris Davis. We thank Chris for his help.

Our Secretary position is currently unfilled. If you are interested, please contact Pat or any club officer.

The MCCC Cruise In scheduled for Friday, July 11th has been postponed until Friday, July 18th (our rain date) due to preparation for our July 12th Car Show.

If you are a member, and have not already volunteered for a role at our upcoming July Car Show, please contact Bob Latham or Doug Rodgers.

Benefit Car Show and Motorcycle Ride for Ripley Cannon to be held on Saturday, June 28th.

Cruise for Pat – A Huge Success!

Our May Cruise In, which was dedicated to Pat Dukes and the National Kidney Foundation (NKF) was a huge success! Cars from at least four local clubs (Mossy Creek Cruzers, Lakeway Mustang Club, Ford F-100 Club, and the Hamblen County Car Club) were present, as were trailers from both Mossy Creek and Hamblen County Car Clubs. Overall, it was an enjoyable evening.

Over \$1,600 was collected for the cause, which was incredible for the number of attendees. Bobbie Greenlee won the 50/50 raffle, but donated his portion back to the cause.

Rick Elder donated a one-year GoDaddy subscription and the services to update Pat's "Happy Hollow Creations" website (happyhollowcreations.com) to help Pat's craft business going forward. If you are a crafter, you need to check out Pat's patterns.

Thanks to everyone who participated!



Letter from the President

Hello Cruzers,

Here it is...FINALLY warm weather and Car Shows and Cruise-Ins!!! Always so much fun to get out and see friends, both new ones and old ones. We should plan on going to a lot of the planned events. There is no feeling like being in a line of classic/antique cars and traveling together! Oh, the looks that our cars get!! It makes a person just swell with pride. When we went to the Farmer's Daughter in Chucky, Tennessee, above Greeneville, there were 28 or 29 vehicles. Makes it feel like a parade! We need to do that again this year in the Fall of the year.

Get those vehicles out and do their yearly maintenance so they will be ready to go at the snap of the fingers. We have a schedule of upcoming events set up by Bobby Estes and they are all good, mostly to car shows, but we also should plan a few local places and go for a meal. The best one that I can think of that we should go to is Bush's Visitor Center. They have always been such good support for our club. We need to also support them by going there as a group. Their food is delicious. It is also interesting to go through their general store and the museum. Let's plan it!

Our car show is coming up on July 12th. Time is moving fast. We need Silent Auction items and gift cards etc. for the envelope board. Please help by trying to get a few of these things, we definitely need help this year, more than ever. When you go to a restaurant to eat, politely ask for the manager and request a gift card for a meal. Even if they can only give a \$15 dollar card, we can group that with another card to make it over the \$20 cost of the envelope. This is one of the most popular events that we have and usually sells out by 10:30.

At your car maintenance place ask for an oil change gift card, or a convenience store... places that you visit all of the time. Grocery stores, auto parts places where they generously will usually give a wash bucket full of items to clean a vehicle, car wash places Even Walmart may donate something to us. Tell the prospective customer about us giving back to our communities and that we are a non-profit 501(C)3 club and we just want to help. If everyone in the club would just get one card and one silent auction donation we would have enough! Please support your club by doing this.

We have plenty of our advertisement books just ready to give out. That would be a good way to get these things that we need for the silent auction and the envelope board. That way they feel like they are getting something in return.

I would like to thank all of my car friends for the cruise-in in May that was a benefit for me to deal with this kidney sickness that I have. When I have to start going to the doctor more, it will sure help me. I am on the kidney donation list at UT Transplant in Knoxville. I still need a couple of things done so I hope they will have a kidney for me soon. Again, thank all of you,

Keep Cruisin,
Pat Dukes
President
865-363-5891



JUNE BIRTHDAYS



PUT THESE
DATES ON
YOUR
CALENDAR!



It's Cruze In
Season!



Upcoming Events

- June 6 Cruise In @ Life Care Center of Jefferson City, 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. 336 W Old AJ Highway, Jefferson City
Free, Car Show, Food, Petting Zoo & Pony Rides
- June 7 **POWER TOUR:** Ridge Runners of Greeneville Car Show
Meet at Union Heights School, 9:00 am
- June 7 Ridge Runners of Greeneville Car Show, Hardin Park, 602 Cresent Dr, Greeneville, 10:00 am
- June 13 **MCC Cruze In, Big Lots Parking Lot, Jefferson City, 5:30 pm**
- June 14 Butch Grooms Memorial Car Show, Walters State CC, Morristown, 8:00 am
- June 14 41st Annual Moonshine Rod Run, Newport City Park, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm
- June 14 Cruise In & Swap Meet @ the Farm, Bulls Gap, 10:00 am
- June 21 Cruise 4 Refuge, College Square Mall, 2550 East Morris Blvd, Morristown, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm
- June 21 Mosheim "Remember When" Cruise In, 397 W School Rd, Mosheim, TN, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm
- June 28 Benefit Cruise In and Ride for Ripley. Colbach Motorcycle Sales, Morristown, TN. 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.
- July 18 **MCC Cruze In, Big Lots Parking Lot, Jefferson City, 5:30 pm**
- July 12 **15th Annual MCC Car Show – American Book Company, Jefferson City, 9:00 am to 3:30 pm**
- July 19 **POWER TOUR:** F-100/Mustang/Bronco show in Maggie Valley
Meet at Hardee's in Newport at 7:00 am
- August 8 **MCC Cruze In, Big Lots Parking Lot, Jefferson City, 5:30 pm**
- August 9 Cruise In @ the Farm, Bulls Gap, 10:00 am
- August 16 **POWER TOUR:** Shadow of the Mountain Car Show at Newport City Park. Meet at Hardee's at exit 8 on Interstate 81 at 7:00 am.
- September 12 **MCC Cruze In, Big Lots Parking Lot, Jefferson City, 5:30 pm**
- September 13 Cruise In @ the Farm, Bulls Gap, 10:00 am
- October 11 **MCC "Fill the Truck with Toys" Car Show – Bush Beans, Dandridge TN, 9:00 am to 3:30 pm**

By-laws Update

The MCC Car Club By-laws is a document that outlines the constitution and administration of the club. During the process of updating the club website (mossycreekcruzers.com) it was noticed that the by-laws had not been updated since 2021. Furthermore, roles listed in the newsletter, which were based upon the by-laws, were confusing. Both issues launched a review and update of the document.

The Board of Directors met on Tuesday, April 8th to review the current document. This article reviews some of the changes.

- Article Two: Membership, Section 3: Dues. What the members receive has been removed.
- Article Three: Meetings, Section 1C. This paragraph suggesting a meeting agenda was removed.
- Article Three: Meetings, Section 2. The sentence on emailing meeting announcements was removed. Only special meetings will be communicated via email.
- Sections for how the board of directors is nominated and voted on were cleaned up. In the process, Nominations and Elections of Operating Committee Leaders were moved to their own article (Article Six).
 - Article Four: Elections for Officer & Board of Directors, Section 1. Removed redundancy and moved the President being a member of the board to Article 5: Duties of the Board of Directors and Officers Section 4, Duties of the President.
 - Article Four: Elections for Officer & Board of Directors, Section 2. Removed redundant sentence on term limits. Term Limits are specified in Section 4.
 - Article Four: Elections for Officer & Board of Directors, Section 3. Moved sentence on voting to Article Three: Meetings, Section 3.
 - Article Four: Elections for Officer & Board of Directors, Section 4. No term limits were left as written.
- Article Five: Duties of the Board of Directors and Officers. Sections for each named role (Board of Directors, Past President, President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer) were aligned.
- Article Six: Nominations and Elections of Operating Committee Leaders was created. The process is similar, but not exactly to the Board of Directors and Officers.
- Article Seven: Duties of Operating Committee Leaders was created. This section outlines core committee functions to be staffed.
- Article Eight: Changes to the By-laws. New section added to specify the process to change the existing by-laws.
- Article Nine: Disbandment of the Club. Given an article number. Was previously in the by-laws but not numbered.

These changes have been approved. The complete document may be found on our web site.



About Mossy Creek Cruzers

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.

2025 Officers

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Open Position

2025 Board of Directors

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Our Organization

Section 6 of our by-laws states: The members shall nominate and elect the following positions:

Car Show Directors – Bob Latham, 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

This individual organizes a committee to oversee all aspects of the Club's charity efforts. This includes: receiving and screening charity requests, recommending those that seem suitable, and bringing them to the membership for a vote.

Communications Coordinator – Rick Elder, 423-231-1326, relder@micromfgsys.com

This individual shall be responsible for writing, editing, and maintaining a monthly newsletter for the Club and distributing it to members and other clubs.

Public Relations – Rick Swank, 701-300-2056, swanks06@yahoo.com

This individual makes sure we get newspaper coverage in all of the free community calendars.

Membership Coordinator – Open Position

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

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.

Web Site

www.mossycreekcruzers.org

Facebook

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

Meeting Minutes – June 3



Doug Rodgers called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm. Pat was in attendance, but was not feeling 100%. Doug welcomed everyone the 21 members in attendance, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and Bob Latham lead the opening prayer.

Bob provided the Treasurer's report:

Beginning Balance: \$11,021.50, Activity: -\$680.01.

Ending Balance: \$11,701.51. The club is in excellent financial shape.

Activity included two \$500 donations, one to Isaiah 117 and the other to Appalachian Ministries of the Smokies (AMOS).

Pete B. made a motion to accept. Seconded by Kathy. Motion passed.

The Car Show Committee met on Tuesday, May 27th. Highlights of the meeting included:

- Parking – Show cars, spectators and trailer parking will be separated.
- A special raffle for a floating dock will be held during the show. The dock is being donated by Bob and Linda Latham. All proceeds will go to the club.
- Set up for the show on Friday evening, July 11th at 6:00 pm. The Cruise In scheduled for that evening will be postponed until the following week (July 18th).
- More judges are still needed for the show. Rick E. will announce at the HCCC meeting to be held on 6/17. Judges will meet on Tuesday, June 24th at 6:00 at Perkins to discuss the process.
- Trophy classes were reviewed.
- A motion to limit the "People's Choice" award to those who registered a car for the show, and to those who donate was made by John and seconded by Sharon M. The motion passed.

Tim McCloud spoke about Ripley, a 6-year old girl who has complicated heart issues. She has undergone multiple surgeries in her short life. A Benefit Car Show and Motorcycle Ride will be held at Colbach Motor cycle Sales on Saturday, June 28th. Bobby Estes mention that his granddaughter Angie is also in need of prayer and support. A motion was made to provide donation "buckets" for both girls at our July show to help raise funds by Miranda and seconded by Denise. It was approved.

Bobby also reviewed upcoming Power Tour events. See the event calendar in this newsletter, or on our website, for up to date information.

A motion to adjourn was made by Sharon. It was seconded by various members and approved. The meeting ended at 7:30 pm.

Open Secretary Position

Mossy Creek Cruzers needs a Secretary to completely staff its required officers. This function is required by the State of Tennessee and by our own local by-laws.

In this position, you will attend monthly meetings, record and prepare meeting notes, and send them to the Newsletter Editor for publication. It only requires

If you are interested please contact Pat or any club officer.

Support & Prayers Requested

Benefit Cruise In and Motorcycle Ride for Ripley



There's a critical situation unfolding for Ripley, who has faced a tough battle since birth with a heart condition called Tetralogy of Fallot. After undergoing several open-heart surgeries, she needs yet another one this month. It's heartbreaking to think of what she's endured, and now, the stakes are high once again.

This surgery is essential for Ripley to have a chance at a healthier future, but it comes with significant costs. The burden can feel overwhelming, but every contribution, no matter how small, makes a meaningful impact. If you're able to help, your support could truly make a difference in her journey toward recovery.

The Mossy Creek Cruzers are helping raise funds to support Ripley & her family while she undergoes this next necessary surgery. There are two ways to help financially:

1. Join us at a Benefit Car Show and Motorcycle Ride for Ripley
When: Saturday, June 28th
Where: Colbach Motorcycle Sales, 1830 N Davy Crockett Pkwy, Morristown, TN 37814
Times: Cruise In. 9:00 am to 4:00 pm
Motorcycle Ride: 1 pm to 4 pm
Good times, activities and food trucks.
All cars and bikes are welcome.
2. Donate through Ripley's Go Fund Me Page: <https://gofund.me/b00e7671>



You're prayers are also welcomed.

Thank you for considering this. Every bit of generosity counts, and it brings hope to those who are fighting against the odds.

Car Story – One Of A Kind: The 1970 Chrysler 300 Hurst Convertible

This car was owned by Cruiser member Tim McCloud's father

You older gearheads may recognize this ride, as it's the Hurst 1970 Chrysler 300H that was known as the "Parade Float." During the early 1970's the Hurst Chrysler 300 was seen across the country at drag races, stock car races, and other automotive events promoting the Hurst Shifter brand. The Parade Float is a convertible that's coated in the iconic gold and white Hurst paint job with a giant shifter on the rear and a platform for the famous Miss Hurst, aka Linda Vaughn, to stand on.



The car paraded around several drag races and other events in the early '70s before it was sold to a retired man in Florida. In 1976 it was purchased from that man's estate by Steve McCloud, a famous Mopar collector who owned the first 1955 Chrysler 300 ever produced.

After McCloud's purchase, the car seldom made appearances, only showing up for the occasional Hurst reunion shows in the late '80s and '90s. Since the late '90s the car's location has been unknown, but it had been in storage by Steve McCloud.

Hurst's Upscale Promotion

In 1969 Jim Wangers was the VP for Hurst, he wanted to help promote Hurst Shifters to the public by using a car that stood out, one that was powerful yet luxurious. Chrysler's high performance luxury full-size 300 was the perfect choice. With a mix of straight edge sedan styling and rounded lines the 300 was an attention grabber.

Powering this massive oat is a 440 TNT engine that puts out an estimated 375 horsepower produced by a combination of a steel crankshaft, open chamber heads, and an AFB four-barrel carburetor. This massive mill is connected to a 727 Torqueflite automatic transmission. Other features included power seats, telescopic steering wheel, search tune AM/FM stereo and a dual rear seat speaker.

Today, Tim McCloud, Steve McCloud's son, is still an avid collector of Mopar vehicles as well as others. He is a proud member of the Mossy Creek Cruzers.

Local Car Club Meetings

- Get involved! Everyone is welcome to attend and learn about these clubs:
- **Mossy Creek Cruzers** – 1st Tuesday Every Month, Shoney's, Dandridge, 6:30 pm
- **Lakeway Mustang Club** – 2nd Tuesday Every Month, Wendy's East, Morristown, 7:30 pm
- **Hamblen County Car Club** – 3rd Tuesday Every Month, Golden Corral, Morristown, 7:00 pm
- **F-100 Club** – 5th Tuesday of the Month, Shoney's Dandridge, 6:30 pm



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Saturday, July 12th, 2025

9:00 am - 3:30 pm

Car Show Registration

**\$15 Pre-Registration
\$20 Day of Show**

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