



# Mossy Creek Cruzers Newsletter

Jefferson County, TN  
Car Club



May 2012

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Pat Dukes  
&  
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The Meeting of the  
Mossy Creek Cruzers  
is the first Tuesday  
of each month  
at Shoney's in Dandridge

It is finally official; **CRUISIN' SEASON IS HERE!** So get those cars out, clean them up and get ready to roll! Now that the Hamblen County Car Club has started their cruise-ins on Saturday nights, it makes us all complete. The Mossy Creek Cruzers started in April with their cruise-ins on Friday nights but now we have another place to go, as a club, or alone. We also have the Hardee's Gang Cruise-in in Dandridge which is a year-round event every Saturday night.

The winter hasn't been too hard on us this year but it is just something about winter that wants you to keep those cars garaged and covered as we suffer through "cabin fever". We wait and wait throughout the Winter and plan so many things that we'll do when warm weather gets here. Then, you see a flower blooming and *our whole outlook changes!* We start looking right away for places to go and things to do that involve these antique, classic and street rod cars and trucks. When we pass another on the highway, or even in town, we throw up our hands at them and are so glad to see them out and about!

There are shows in Knoxville and shows in Sevierville and then all the local shows and cruise-ins, so many family oriented places with lots of things to do. Now it is simply a choice of how to schedule the places you want to go. With plenty of ideas that should be easy, but that is not always the case. Belonging to a good club that promotes ideas and plans events help us to decide. So whether it is the Mossy Creek Cruzers Car Club or the Hamblen County Car Club, we will be planning events and shows that we will all be invited to attend. These two clubs are promoting each other in a positive light and we feel that is the way it should be. Pat

*Cruise-in April 20th at  
Historic Mossy Creek District*







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## MEETING MINUTES

### Meeting held at Shoney's in Dandridge - May 1st, 2012 - 7:00 pm.

Attended by 22 members and 2 guests.

The meeting was started by a prayer by Gene Honeycutt.

The floor then turned over to President Larry Boggess and he welcomed everyone. Secretary Pat Dukes read the minutes from the March 6th meeting. Accepted as read by all.

The treasury report read by Treasurer Gene Honeycutt. Accepted as read by all.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

Glenn Allred reported that all the advertisement spaces on our club T-shirt has been sold and the T-Shirts ordered. He will need everyone's sizes.

Nathan Manning addressed the club and thanked us for coming to the Cruise Against Cancer and said they raised over \$13,000. Nathan and wife Jessica, joined the Mossy Creek Cruzers tonight.

Our club insurance has been paid and it is through Elite Insurance Group in Knoxville. It covers all of our events. We have also been incorporated which protects the members and officers.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

##### Area Events coming up:

May 12th - Strawberry Plains Festival & Car Show.

May 12th - Heritage Center in Morristown. Club may attend.

May 19th - Dandridge Cruisin' n' Groovin'. Club is attending.

May 19th - Morristown FOP at Fred Miller Park

May 26th - Moon Pie in the Smokies at Fairgrounds in Newport.

June 2 - Mopar at the Smoky Mountain Expo.

June 2 - Blue Springs Baptist Church in Rutledge. Club is attending.

June 15th and 16th - Moonshine Run - Newport City Park. We will discuss next month.

The Muscle Car Museum in Sevierville is a possible fun-run and a stop at the Diner to complete the run. Larry has checked on this and we will discuss it more at the June meeting.

Gene Honeycutt has been nominated to be the chaplain of our club. He accepted and the motion passed.

Pat Dukes can order window clingers for the windows of our cars with Mossy Creek Cruzers logo on it. They are \$5 a piece. We will discuss to see if enough want them to warrant ordering them. Also the magnetic signs for the side of the vehicle...she will discuss the price at the next meeting.

It was voted that we donate \$100 to the Mossy Creek Historic District to help them with the cost of our cruise-in on the third Friday night of the month.

Pat is still asking for stories from members about their experiences with our cars or even just a story about themselves. You can reach Pat at 865-363-5891.

The Lions Club Carnival starts this week in Morristown behind Shoney's. \$20 armbands to ride all rides.

Meeting adjourned. Submitted by Pat Dukes





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## LETTER From The PRESIDENT Larry Boggess

**THE  
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68  
MEMBERS!!**

Hello everyone, Thanks to the members that went on the fun-run to Hamblen County Car Clubs cruise-in, the first one of the season. We gathered at Big Lots parking lot in Jefferson City and left at 3:30 heading to the Mountain Wood Cookins' Restaurant, where we had a great meal and several of our members from Morristown met us there. Bob Thomas, owner and club member, even gave the club members a discount on each meal. From there we headed over to the HCCC Cruise-in at the Morristown Mall and had a great time there. We were welcomed by HCCC which has been so good to support the Mossy Creek Cruzers in our functions. I wish all the Mossy Creek Cruzers Car Club members could have joined us. It is a beautiful sight and feeling cruising down the highway in a line of old cars with people that share the same passion for the automobile. I know club members have other interests but any time you have the opportunity to go on a cruise with us, it will put a smile on your face.

I know it may seem early but the August 25th Mossy Creek Cruzers - Bush Car show will be here before we know it. We will need volunteers to work the show. Anyone that wants to volunteer should contact Pat Dukes or myself, Larry Boggess. We need people to work the parking lot with Larry and also a couple to work the sign up booth with Pat.

**ALL MEMBERS;** Attend meetings, voice your opinion, go on club cruises and fun-runs and volunteer. The Mossy Creek Cruzers is your club so get involved all you can or want to, suggest things, speak up at the meetings and help make this a great club. We are definitely on the way to achieving this!!

Larry

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## MEMBERSHIP UPDATE FROM SECRETARY, PAT DUKES

The Mossy Creek Cruzers now has 39 memberships with a total of 68 members!! We feel so proud of each and every one of you for making this club so special!! Welcome to each and every new member as well as our original members. As Larry said above, try to attend meetings, speak up about what you would like the club to become and help us achieve that! Without the members, we would cease to exist, so you and your opinions are valuable to the club. Everyone has a say in what we do. Larry, Glenn, Gene and I may officiate at the meetings but what you have to say is just as important as what we say. So join in, we are there to hear from everyone. Let's continue to make our club grow and try to produce the best show possible for our Bush's Visitor Center Show on August 25th.



# Oldest American Motorcycle Brings \$155K at Auction

## TRIVIA

From  
ClassicCars.com

By Larry Edsall



A 1903 Indian, a bike believed to be the oldest American-made motorcycle, sold for \$155,000 as motorcycles, cars, railway accessories and other items from the estate of Charlie Adler Jr., were disbursed at a Wolfe Industrial Auctions event in Frederick, Maryland.

*"This motorcycle predates the Harley -- the bike most Americans associate with homegrown motorcycles,"* said Steve Rinker, an Indian motorcycle restoration specialist from Romney, West Virginia. *"The handful of 1902 Indian models that were built were deconstructed, their parts used to build the 1.75-horsepower 1903 models. And as far as we know, this is the only unrestored 1903 still in existence."*

*"What makes this bike particularly intriguing is that it's never been restored. Except for a few nuts and bolts used for early repairs, this bike is all original,"* added Josh Ruby, the Wolfe auctioneer. *"And I do mean 'bike.' This is one of the most primitive motorized vehicles you'll ever see -- a real peek into what innovation looked like over a hundred years ago."*

For 30 years, the 1903 Indian was hung on a dentist's wall, and then was stored -- first in a garage and later in a basement. The bike has been owned by Adler's family since the 1950s.



# The "Getting to know the Members" section

This is an article about the Mossy Creek Cruzers' President, Larry Boggess. It was published in the newsletter from the company where he worked in North Carolina upon his retirement after 35 years of service. Larry, enjoy this retirement!!



On Larry's last day at work, he showed up dressed like this instead of his steel toed shoes, etc. as a joke on everyone!

In the past years while still working, Larry Boggess' response to the question, "When are you going to retire?" has been quite accurate. He would immediately respond with the number of nights, days, hours, minutes and seconds remaining. Then it was finally zero night shifts, zero day shifts, zero hours, zero minutes and zero seconds. No more complicated math for Larry!

Larry Boggess, originally from West Virginia, had never heard of Progress Energy (CP&L) before coming to the Carolinas. He met and married a girl from Asheville and they made their home there. He started looking for a job. He knew a guy who worked at Carolina Power & Light. He said CP&L was a pretty good place to work, so Larry just "worried the crowd to death" until they gave him a job at the Asheville Garage.

On November 24, 1975, Larry started his new job - which wasn't exactly what he expected. During his first day, his job was to beat tires off their rims. In those days, there weren't fancy machines to remove the rims from the tires - it had to be done with mallets and muscles. But, the good outweighed the bad. It was the first job he ever worked where he only worked three days and got a paid holiday off!

Larry was eventually transferred to Walters as Dam Attendant, and later to Walters Plant Operations. During his first days as operator, Bruce Medford taught Larry to maintain a questioning attitude. Larry would think he knew the answer and Bruce would seriously and repeatedly ask him "are you sure? Are you sure?" This frustrated Larry to the point that he was about to "throw down the hard hat." That skillful training method finally proved beneficial. Now, Larry will testify to Bruce's great training methods."

While working with the company, Larry has gone through several challenging events. He has endured two divorces, his first

son was born two months premature, torrential rains flooded his uninsured home, and a fire totally destroyed another home. During all these occasions, the Company had been there for him. The Progress Energy family supported him by giving him time, money, and helping hands with the various clean-ups. He would miss the people more than anything else - especially those who worked in Hydro Operations.

Several people, including Larry, shared some little-known Larry Boggess stories: One night shift at the plant, Larry started hearing voices! He was concerned he was really losing his mind. As it turned out, those voices were just contractors working in the Walters Tunnel.

Another disclosed, "It is odd for a man to work for a company for 35 years and still not know day from night." This statement stemmed from one of Larry's afternoon naps at home. He woke up, thought it was morning, and called in to work to apologize for being late to work when he wasn't supposed to be there until the next shift.

Finally, we understand that Larry was arrested for robbing a bank. Although he didn't actually do it, he was scared to tell anyone about it.

Larry's co-workers described him as confident, witty, friendly, outgoing, fun to be around, knowledgeable of his job, and one of the most "make-you-feel-welcome" personalities. Operator Mike Hill summed it up best, "I hated seeing Larry leave. I have worked with him a lot, and I don't want to see him go".



What are Larry's plans for retirement? He started planning in May, 2010, when he bought a refurbished pontoon boat, complete with rocking chair! Larry also plans to travel the United States in his motor home. His first trip will most likely be to Myrtle Beach via the Tillery Plant, then to Florida. He also plans to visit Wyoming Glacier Park. Larry says if he runs out of money, he may just "rob a bank or something"!!

**Larry Boggess' 1937 Customized Dodge**

**Write your story and turn it in to Pat so we can get to know you too!**





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# The day the Alligator came to a Cruise-in

For the past several years, there has been a cruise-in going on every Saturday night, starting around 6:00 pm. There are all types of classic vehicles that show up, starting with cars from the 1920's and on up. There are original cars and trucks, modified cars and trucks and even rat rods there each and every week. Music from the fifties and sixties is playing and everyone has a good time. We go inside and eat the delicious food then get out our lawn chairs and sit around and talk until late at night. A lot of people just drive through and look at the vehicles and quite a few of them park and walk along each vehicle and talk with the owners.



But on one particular Saturday night, something totally different arrived at the cruise-in. A man driving a van stopped in. He walked around talking to everyone and was very friendly and outgoing and introduced himself as Ken Henderson. He said he had something in his van that he would like to show to every one.

He walked to the front of the restaurant and drove his van to the back and parked it. He had three dogs with him, he let them out, fed and watered them and secured them with long leashes to the front of his van. He opened the back and got a table out, walked about 15 yards and set it up and put a cloth over it. He was talking to us about animals and reptiles the whole time he was doing this. He explained that even reptiles can be trained and he would prove that to us. He reached into the back and started pulling something out and it was an alligator! It was about 6 feet long. He lifted it up just as you would a child and placed its body against his shoulder. Its tail reached to the ground. It was very calm and just rested upon his chest as he carried it to the table.

Her name was Babe and she was about 11 or 12 years old and he had owned her for a long time. He sat her on the table, with her tail draping all the way down to the ground. He said she was very tame and that anyone that wanted could pet her. Everyone was very reluctant to actually touch her. Mr. Henderson asked Babe to give him a kiss and she actually held her head up a little so that he could kiss her, which he did. All of a sudden, there were people all over the place looking at her and petting her.

He only had her out of his truck for about a half hour as he explained that they were on their way to Coney Island, New York where Babe and the other reptiles in his van would be on display throughout the summer. In the van he had two more alligators, several snakes and even a rooster that would sit on top of his head.

If you want to view Ken at work with his alligators, go to Google and then type in Ken's Alligators. It was quite a sight to see and it made the evening very unusual.

You just never know what will turn up at an open cruise-in.

By Pat Dukes (true story)







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## Fun-Runs

Marked in yellow we will try  
to attend as a club

Some of these events are things that the Mossy Creek Cruzers are planning on attending and the information about where to meet, etc will be under each event. Then a few of these are listed in case you might want to attend but they aren't club events.

### **May 12 - Heritage Center in Morristown. No charge.**

The Hamblen County Car Club will meet at Shoney's in Morristown at 11:30 am for lunch then travel on to Heritage. If the Cruzers want to go with them, we could meet at Big Lots in Jefferson City to leave at 10:45 and travel up to Shoney's to go along with HCC. Gene Honeycutt brought this up at the May 1st meeting. Heritage is a nursing home and they just drive through and let the residents see all of the old cars. The residents really enjoy this.

### **May 12 - Strawberry Plains Festival. No charge.**

The club is not going as an event but if you as an individual wants to go, it will be at Rush Strong School starting at 9 am.

### **May 16 - WEDNESDAY - LifeCare Nursing Home - Jefferson City**

Just meet there at 2pm for the residents to see the cars. This is a Hamblen County Car Club event but the Mossy Creek Cruzers have been invited by Butch Grooms

### **May 19th - Dandridge Cruisin' & Groovin' Cruise in. No charge**

We meet at Shoney's in Dandridge to leave at 8:30am. We go to Dandridge to the street cruise-in as a club function. Door prizes will be given out.

### **May 26th - Moon Pie in the Smokies - Not sure if charge or not.**

The club is not going as an event but if you as an individual wants to go, it will be at the Newport Fairgrounds.

### **June 2nd - FOP show - Morristown**

The club is not going as an event but if you as an individual wants to go, it will be at Fred Miller Park starting at 9am.

**June 2nd - Blue Springs Baptist Church Car Show and Fish Fry** - \$15 for show and an extra charge for the food. The club that attends with the most members wins \$100 for their club. Let's all try to achieve this. We will meet at Lisa's Country Kitchen (at the corner of hwy 92 and Old A.J. Hwy.) at 7:15 am and have breakfast. Then we will travel on to Blue Springs Baptist Church on Hwy 92 just before Rutledge.

### **June 15th and 16th - Moonshine Run - Newport - \$25 day of show**

We will discuss where we will meet at the June meeting. Great show put on by the Hard Times Street Rod Club at the Newport City Park Usually 450 or 500 cars attend so we will need to go early both days.





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## Event Schedule

**MAY 11th - Mossy Creek Cruzers - Big Lots in Jefferson City**

MAY 12th - The Heritage Center in Morristown

MAY 12th - Strawberry Plains Festival - Starts at 9am

MAY 12th - Hamblen County Car Club Cruise-in at the mall in Morristown

MAY 17th - HCCC Club meeting 6pm for dinner, 7pm for meeting

**MAY 18th - Mossy Creek Cruzers - Downtown Jefferson City - Historic Mossy Creek District**

MAY 19th - Hamblen County Car Club Cruise-in at the mall in Morristown

**MAY 25th - Mossy Creek Cruzers - Big Lots - Jefferson City**

MAY 26th - Hamblen County Car Club Cruise-in at the mall in Morristown

**HARDEE'S  
in DANDRIDGE**  
Every Saturday  
Evening

**JUNE 1st - Mossy Creek Cruzers - Place to be announced**

JUNE 2nd - Big Bubba's Fun Run - 2012 Mosheim Fun Days

JUNE 2nd - Blue Springs Baptist Church Car Show & Fish Fry - Rutledge - \$15 fee plus food price

JUNE 2nd - Hamblen County Car Club Cruise-in at the mall in Morristown

**JUNE 5th - Mossy Creek Cruzers - Meeting at Shoney's in Dandridge - Eat at 6 - meeting at 7.**

**JUNE 8th - Mossy Creek Cruzers - Big Lots Jefferson City**

JUNE 9th - Morristown Shriners Car Show - Cherokee Park

JUNE 9th - Hamblen County Car Club Cruise-in at the mall in Morristown

**JUNE 15th - Mossy Creek Cruzers - Historic Mossy Creek District - Downtown Jefferson City - starts at 5:30.**

JUNE 16th - Hamblen County Car Club Cruise-in at the mall in Morristown

**JUNE 22nd - Mossy Creek Cruzers - Big Lots - Jefferson City**

JUNE 23rd - Hamblen County Car Club Cruise-in at the mall in Morristown

**JUNE 29th - Mossy Creek Cruzers - Big Lots in Jefferson City**

JUNE 30th - Hamblen County Car Club Cruise-in at the mall in Morristown