



**Mossy Creek Cruzers  
Car Club**



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## **CAR CRUISE *(WITHOUT THE CAR)***

**Submitted by Carol Ehm, Vice-President of the Mossy Creek Cruzers**

In the summer of 2012, I saw an ad for a classic car cruise to be held in February 2013. Living in New Jersey, at the time, the classic cars are in hibernation in February. But wait...this wasn't a classic car cruise that included the cars. It was an ocean cruise, out of Florida, to the Caribbean. The travel agent, whose father is a classic car enthusiast and gave her the idea, was looking for those who share the love of classic cars to travel together. This was going to be the second year that they were organizing the event. I took the ad to our cruise night and showed my friend. She said, "Let's do it!" So Charlie and I left the day after a major Nor'easter snowstorm (in fact, Charlie was snow blowing the driveway when the car service arrived and the airport had just reopened) and headed to the warm, sunny weather.

On that cruise, we met others, from all over the United States, who share our interest. Some of those individuals gave presentations, such as how to build a paint booth. We also had a private sock hop and had remote car races.

Since that 2013 cruise, we have joined the group on all of the subsequent trips, which have mostly been ocean cruises. But, the group now includes some renowned car builders, who not only provide informative sessions, but also bring fun into our events, such as couple model car building (which may involve the husband being blindfolded while the wife gives verbal instructions or the spouses having two hands tied together and each using one hand!). Von Hot Rod, a master pinstriper out of California (who gave a hands-on pinstriping class on one of the cruises) and

Tim Strange, award-winning rod builder and owner of Strange Motion outside of Nashville, and former host of "Search and Restore," typically join us every year. One year, Judy Wallace (Rusty's mom) accompanied us and told us interesting stories of life as a wife and mom of race car professionals. Rob Ida, of Rob Ida Concepts, is a third generation concept car designer and builder, known for the Tucker Torpedo. (Rob's grandfather was approved for a Tucker dealership when they were first introduced.) This year, in addition to Von and Tim, we were fortunate to have Aaron Hagar (Sammy's son) join us. Aaron, owner of Rat Runners Garage, is about the "Art of Resurrecting and Preserving Old Metal," which is an art based hot rod and custom shop that creates outrageous and over the top Rat Rods and restorations as well as motorcycles, painting and original art.

Our 2018 trip was a unique experience. Instead of an ocean cruise, we did a land cruise. We flew to California, where our trip started with a weekend at the Grand National Roadster Show (GNRS). Thanks to Von's connections, we were able to be there on Thursday, which is loading day and not open to the public. We were personally greeted by people such as Barry Meguiar, Rick Dore, Troy Ladd, Bruce Meyer and many others. One of the highlights of the weekend was (again, thanks to Von) being able to attend the GNRS Hall of Fame Dinner. While Von was busy wrapping up the show on Sunday, we did a tour of Hollywood and Beverly Hills. During the week, Von arranged for private tours at several shops, including Troy Ladd's Hollywood Hot Rods, Mooneyes, So-Cal Speed Shop, Walden Speed Shop, Barris Kustom, and Foose

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**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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Custom (with a tour by Chip, himself). We also toured Petersen Automotive Museum, which included a vault tour. One day we went to Huntington Beach where we enjoyed a whale watch boat trip. (We saw a ton of dolphins, but no whales!) We then ventured on to Balboa Island for lunch where we had surprise guests – Barry Meguiar and his wife and daughter. That evening, we went to the Detailing Pro Shop in Huntington Beach, where they had a weekly cruise night. Again, we were joined by a surprise guest – Mike Brewer of the Wheeler Dealer TV Show. On Thursday, we were treated to a wonderful lunch at Von's home, which is a showcase in itself. How many of you have a dragster propped up in your living room?!?!)

After that, it was off to the airport for a flight to Las Vegas, where we spent the next few days. There we visited the Shelby Museum, American Restoration and the WelderUp shop, home of the TV show "Vegas Rat Rods." Another stop was at Counts Kustom, where we had a very special behind-the-scene tour by Ryan.

One of the best parts of all of our trips is that we raise money for America's Vet Dogs. Vendors donate items that are auctioned off either as live auctions or silent auctions. The live auctions are very entertaining as bidders are determined to go home with the "prize"! For every \$6,000 raised, we get to name a dog. This year, with only 53 people in our group, we raised almost \$13,000! Captain Kate, the captain of our cruise ship was amazing. She stopped in on one of our sessions and donated two of the bridge tours for the auction. We've cruised many times and never have we seen the captain as often as we did this one (who, by the way, was the first American female cruise ship captain). She even stood at the top of the gangway the day we disembarked and shook hands with every single passenger. We unanimously agreed that the two names we wanted to submit for our dogs was "Captain" and "Kate" in honor of her.

In 2020, Classic Car Cruisers, along with Von Hot Rod, are putting together another land tour. We will, again, visit southern California, but the shops and museums will be different. The trip will be from April 19-26. We will be renting out the Marconi Auto Museum where we will have a special catered luncheon and private tour. We will also be touring the Nethercutt Museum, the Automobile Driving Museum, and we will once again have a special dinner at Von Hot Rod's fantastic museum. Some of the shops we will be touring are Jimmy Shine Speed shop, Hot Rods and Hobbies,

Cambra Speed Shop, RMD Garage, Mike Brewer's, and John Force's shop. When touring the shops, you get to go behind the scenes of the shops getting a sneak peek of their current projects and get to meet and listen to the builders themselves as they tell you about what they are currently doing and some of the awesome things that they have done in the past. They are always open for questions as well. Again, an experience most people don't get to do on their own.

The tour will wrap up with VIP passes to the Benedict Castle Concours in Riverside, CA, the Historic castle that was in the original Hunch Back of Notre dame. The Concours is a fundraiser for Teen Challenge. (Teen Challenge USA operates on a holistic model of drug and alcohol recovery. This means that they are concerned with the body, mind, and spirit of those who come to their addiction recovery centers. Their vision is to see all people freed from addiction through the power of Jesus Christ! Their success rate is over 80%!) Our 2020 fund raising will be donated to Teen Challenge. This show features Pre-War and Post-War Classics, European Classics, Japanese Classics, Hot Rods, Muscle Cars, Low Riders, Race Cars, Specialty Cars, and some of the BEST Customs in the world. In addition to the VIP access to the car show, our group will be guests at a Castle Gala Banquet, and an afternoon tea and fashion show for the ladies. There will be a lot of who's who in the automotive world at the show whom you can mix and mingle with.

There will be many other surprises along the way! We would love to have you join us in 2020. Since most of the shops are not very large, the trip is limited to the first 50 people and half of the spots are already sold. To participate in this one-of-a-kind adventure, call Classic Car Cruisers - Sherry at 813-657-0844 or Kelly at 727-239-4471.

Every year, we look forward to seeing the friends that we have met over the years. They are all terrific (except when they out bid me on an auction item that I really want! In fact, we just went on a trip to Ireland with some of the car cruise group.

I have put together a photo book for each of the trips we have taken. If you would like to see pictures of the fun times we have enjoyed, please let me know and I will be happy to bring the books to a cruise-in or club meeting. To hear more about our past experiences, please reach out to Charlie or me.

*Submitted by Carol Ehm*



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## Letter from the Vice President

Hello Cruzers,

**CRUISIN' SEASON IS HERE** and we need your help. As you all may know, one of the organizations that we support is the Kingswood Home for Children. Kingswood is a private, residential home for ages 5-18 providing a safe, Christian home for children who need us most. Children who have been abandoned, abused, neglected, or displaced come to Kingswood and find shelter and safety and can begin putting back the pieces of their broken world. The kids at Kingswood live in cottages, designed with family in mind, with no more than 8 children per house parent. Each cottage is modern and spacious with a common kitchen, dining room and living room areas. The children share bedrooms with either two or three children living in each bedroom.

They have suggested that one of the best ways we can assist is to donate items needed for their day-to-day living. Below is a list of items that we would like to have everyone bring each week to the Friday night cruise-in. In the event of a rain out, you can bring the item the following week along with the item for that week.

First Friday of the Month	Laundry Detergent or Fabric Softener
Second Friday of the Month	Toiletry Items, i.e. Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Deodorant
Third Friday of the Month	Shampoo, Conditioner, Body Wash, Soap
Fourth Friday of the Month	Paper Products, i.e. Toilet Paper, Paper Towels

In the event a month has five Fridays (such as May), please bring any item you wish.

Forgot to bring something??? No problem...Big Lots carries all of the above items. Or...for those who prefer, cash donations will also be accepted and we will shop for you.

Someone will be sitting close to the trailer that you can drop the items off to.

If you have any questions, please contact Pat Dukes at 865-363-5891 or Carol Ehm at 973-650-5130.

The Mossy Creek Cruzers appreciate the help from all of you!!

Thank You,

Carol Ehm

Vice-President of the Mossy Creek Cruzers

## Prayers for the Sick

**Dick Waldrop, Dan Gelacek,**

**and David King - Cruzers**

**Elmer Blanken, - Hamblen Co. Car Club**

**(if you know of anyone else that is sick, passed away, or has had surgery, please let Chaplain Joan Spoon know)**



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## Upcoming Area Events

- May 24 KARC Fort Henry Mall Super Cruise  
Kingsport, TN • Benefit Ronald McDonald
- May 25 KARC Wilderness Trail Rod Run - Downtown  
Kingsport, TN
- Jun 1 Sharon Parrot Memorial Car Show • Mt  
Harmony Baptist Church • Knoxville, TN  
10 am - 3 pm
- June 4 MCC Club Meeting at Shoney's in Dandridge  
7:00 pm
- Jun 7, 14, 21, 28 MCC Cruise-in at Big Lots in Jefferson City  
5:30 - 8:00
- Jun 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Hamblen Co. Car Club Cruise-in, Morristown  
5:30 - 8 • Burger King
- July 2 MCC Club Meeting at Shoney's in Dandridge  
7:00 pm
- July 5, 12, 19, 26 MCC cruise-in at Big Lots in Jefferson City  
5:30 - 8:00
- July 6, 13, 20, 27 Hamblen Co. Car Club Cruise-in Morristown  
5:30 - 8
- July 6 9th Annual Mossy Creek  
Cruzers Car Show  
9 am - 3 pm  
Jefferson Middle School -  
Jefferson City  
Call 865-363-5891 for info**
- Aug 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 MCC Cruise-in at Big Lots in Jefferson City  
5:30-8:00
- Aug 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Hamblen Co. Car Club Cruise-in, Morristown  
5:30 - 8 • Burger King
- Aug 6 MCC Club Meeting at Shoney's in Dandridge  
7:00 pm
- Aug 23 - 24 Great Smoky Mountain Jeep Invasion,  
LeConte Event Center
- Aug 24 8th Annual  
Mossy Creek Cruzers  
"Fill the Truck with Toys"  
10 - 3 pm at  
Bush's Visitor Center Ball  
Park**

- Sep 3 MCC Club Meeting at Shoney's in Dandridge  
7:00 pm
- Sep 6 - 7 Shades of the Past, Pigeon Forge
- Sept 7 Rat Rod Car Show in Morristown.
- Sep 6, 13, 20, 27 MCC Cruise-in at Big Lots in Jefferson City  
5:30-8:00
- Sep 7, 14, 21, 28 Hamblen Co. Car Club Cruise-in, Morristown  
5:30 - 8 • Burger King
- Sep 7 Rat Rod Show at Fred Miller Park
- Oct 1 MCC Club Meeting at Shoney's in Dandridge  
7:00 pm
- Oct 4, 11, 18, 25 MCC cruise-in at Big Lots in Jefferson City  
5:30 - 8:00
- Oct 5, 12, 19, 26, Hamblen Co. Car Club Cruise-in Morristown  
5:30 - 8
- Oct 11-13 Autumn Leaves in Mt. Airy, NC • Veterans  
Park, 691 W. Lebanon St.
- Nov 5 MCC Club Meeting at Shoney's in Dandridge  
7:00 pm
- Nov 30 Toys for Tots - Quaker Steak & Lube - Pigeon  
Forge - Rain Date - Dec 1st. 10-3
- Dec 3 MCC Club Meeting at Shoney's in Dandridge  
7:00 pm



**Cruzers,**

**It is time for you to  
fill out the pre-registration  
form for the July 6th show.  
Sign up now for \$15! The  
day of show it will be \$20.**



## *Thanks to Gene and Deb Reynolds*

In April, Jefferson County High School, had a Senior Prom.... Yes, a SENIOR PROM for older individuals! Scott Noe asked me to see if I could get a few older cars there to have their pictures made with. The only one that were available was Gene and Deb Reynolds. As you can see from the pictures, the Criminal Justice students had their picture made with the car also. So, next year, let's see if we can schedule this so there are several vehicles available for this. As I have said before, we need to support the high school anytime we can and try to keep them young people interested in our vehicles! So again, thanks to Gene and Deb for helping out with this.



## Letter from the President

Hello Cruzers,

The time for our first car show is getting near!! Only seven more weeks!!! **SEVEN MORE WEEKS!!!** It is getting here so fast! School will be out next week and we need to get our signs put up, especially the one at the school. The one at the school is a 6 foot long sign that is put up on posts at the front of the school, out at the road. Larry will need help putting the signs up so if you can help him, please let him know asap. His phone number is 828-280-2119. The other signs go all over the place with most of them being signs on wire that stick in the ground to hold them up.

We also need **VOLUNTEERS** to help with the show. You can sign up at the club meetings **OR** at the cruise-ins. Remember, this is your club and we need you to help with our two shows of the year.

We have T-Shirts to wear the day of our show. They are lime green and have **STAFF** written on them. They will be given out to the volunteers the day before the show and turned back in as soon as possible after the show for use at the next show. Ask about them early to get your size!! The shirts will make it easy to find members of the club.

Please volunteer to help out the day of the show, we need all members of the club to help us out the day of the 2 shows. There are lots of small jobs if you don't want to do a lot of things!

I have included the registration form for the July 6th event at Jefferson Middle School. It is \$ 15 if you sign up ahead of time and then \$ 20 the day of the show if you decide to wait til then.



Pat Dukes

President, Mossy Creek Cruzers Car Club