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Kingswood Home Car Show

By Carol Ehm

September 21st was a beautiful, sunny day – perfect for a car show. Under the direction of club Member Dan Gelacek, this show was a fund raiser for the Kingswood Home for Children. But this was no ordinary car show. The children from Kingswood, along with their house parents, attended the event. They enjoyed all the activities that were planned for them, including a bounce house, jewelry making, corn hole, bike decorating, tractor-pulled airplane rides, and the Shriners' Elmo train rides. We enjoyed music provided by "Elvis". The children each received a raffle ticket for a door prize. Of course, Dan provided enough prizes that each child received at least two door prizes! They were so excited when their numbers were called! The children also judged the cars and voted for their favorite. While "yours truly" won, I did have an unfair advantage. The majority of the children were female so, of course, they were partial to a pink T-bird!!! The day was a big success – raising quite a bit of money for Kingswood. If you've never spent any time with these children, I highly encourage it. They are amazing! They have wonderful social skills (thanks to Kingswood) and are so appreciative of everything done for them. We are planning a Trunk or Treat at Kingswood on Wednesday, October 30th. Come out and see for yourselves how so little can mean so much to these wonderful young people. (Watch your e-mail for further information.)

Thanksgiving/Christmas Holiday Dinner

The Mossy Creek Cruzers plan to have our holiday dinner on Saturday, December 14th at 6:00 pm. It will be held at the Senior Citizens Building in Jefferson City. The club will supply the meat and condiments and everyone should bring a dish. Several members have volunteered to cook turkey and ham! A list will be provided to choose what you will be bringing. Please come at 5:00 pm to help set everything up. Turn across at Weigels in Jeff City and go to the second block, it is around the corner. More info at our next meeting.

Officers for Next Year

Once again we have all ladies as the Officers of the Mossy Creek Cruzers Car Club. Only one was nominated for each office so there will be no election in November. Pat Dukes will remain as President and Cindy Gaylord will will Secretary. Carol Ehm and Joan Spoon changed places with Joan being the Vice-President and Carol will be the Treasurer. This takes effect in January, 2020.



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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Letter from the President

Hello Cruzers,

LET IT REALLY SINK IN - THEN CHOOSE. (I read this and thought, it is too good not to pass on. Pat)

John is the kind of guy you love to hate. He is always in a good mood and always has something positive to say. When someone would ask him how he was doing, he would reply, "If I were any better, I would be twins!"

He was a natural motivator.

If an employee was having a bad day, John was there telling the employee how to look on the positive side of the situation.

Seeing this style really made me curious, so one day I went up and asked him, "I don't get it!"

You can't be a positive person all of the time. How do you do it?"

He replied, "Each morning I wake up and say to myself, you have two choices today. You can choose to be in a good mood or ... you can choose to be in a bad mood. I choose to be in a good mood."

Each time something bad happens, I can choose to be a victim or...I can choose to learn from it. I choose to learn from it.

Every time someone comes to me complaining, I can choose to accept their complaining or... I can point out the positive side of life. I choose the positive side of life.

"Yeah, right, it's not that easy," I protested.

"Yes, it is," he said. "Life is all about choices. When you cut away all the junk, every situation is a choice. You choose how you react to situations. You choose how people affect your mood.

You choose to be in a good mood or bad mood. The bottom line: It's your choice how you live your life."

I reflected on what he said. Soon thereafter, I left the job to start my own business. We lost touch, but I often thought about him when I made a choice about life instead of reacting to it.

Several years later, I heard that he was involved in a serious accident, falling some 60 feet from a communications tower.

After 18 hours of surgery and weeks of intensive care, he was released from the hospital with rods placed in his back.

I saw him about six months after the accident.

When I asked him how he was, he replied, "If I were any better, I'd be twins... Wanna see my scars?"

I declined to see his wounds, but I did ask him what had gone through his mind as the accident took place.

"The first thing that went through my mind was the well-being of my soon-to-be born daughter," he replied. "Then, as I lay on the ground, I remembered that I had two choices: I could choose to live or...I could choose to die. I chose to live."

"Weren't you scared? Did you lose consciousness?" I asked. He continued, "...the paramedics were great.

They kept telling me I was going to be fine. But when they wheeled me into the ER and I saw the expressions on the faces of the doctors and nurses, I got really scared. In their eyes, I read 'he's a dead man'. I knew I needed to take action."

"What did you do?" I asked.

"Well, there was a big burly nurse shouting questions at me," said John. "She asked if I was allergic to anything. 'Yes, I replied.' The doctors and nurses stopped working as they waited for my reply. I took a deep breath and yelled, 'Gravity'."

Over their laughter, I told them, "I am choosing to live. Operate on me as if I am alive, not dead."

He lived, thanks to the skill of his doctors, but also because of his amazing attitude... I learned from him that every day we have the choice to live fully.

Attitude, after all, is everything.

Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself.

Each day has enough trouble of its own." After all today is the tomorrow you worried about yesterday.

Pat Dukes, President, Mossy Creek Cruzers Car Club

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Upcoming Area Events

- Oct 17,24 Crossroads Cruise-In Asheville Hwy at John Sevier Hwy. Knoxville, 5:30 - ?
- Oct 18,25 MCC cruise-in at Walmart in Jefferson City 5:30pm - 8:00pm
- Oct 5 Annual Fall Regional Shelby/Mustang & Ford Meet, Maggie Valley Festival Grounds, 3374 Soco Road, Maggie Valley, NC
- Oct 19,26, Cruise-in Morristown across from Rural King 5:30 - 8
- Oct 19,26, Hamblen Co. Car Club Cruise-in Morristown 5:30 - 9
- Oct 5,12,19,26 Clinton Highway Cruise-in 5104 Clinton Hwy Knoxville
- Oct 11-13 Autumn Leaves in Mt. Airy, NC • Veterans Park, 691 W. Lebanon St.
- Oct 25-27 Smokin Rods in the Smokies Pre-1949 Car Show, Maggie Valley Festival Grounds, 3374 Soco Road, Maggie Valley, NC
- Oct 30 Mossy Creek Cruzers "TRUNK or TREAT" at Kingswood Home for Children - to be held at Kingswood starting at 5:30.
- Nov 5 MCC Club Meeting at Shoney's in Dandridge 7:00 pm
- Nov 23 Toys for Tots, Quaker Steak & Lube, Pigeon Forge (Rain Date Nov 24) 10-3. This is Bob Millard's car show. (one of our judges). Registration is bring a toy. We will plan to go together as a club.
- Dec 3 MCC Club Meeting at Shoney's in Dandridge 7:00 pm



Mossy Creek Cruzers Car Club

A Reminder for things to bring to the Cruise-In at WalMart for Kingswood Home for Children! ONLY TWO MORE CRUISE-INS!!

Bring whatever is most convenient for you. Snacks (non-Perishables) Shampoo, Conditioner, Bath Soap, Paper products

I would like to *THANK* everyone that have been bringing items to our cruise-in each Friday evening for Kingswood Home for Children. It is a great cause! Thanks, Pat

Prayers for the Sick

Dick Waldrop, Dan Gelacek, Kathy Reading, Mike Reading, Everett Fielden, 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)

Mossy Creek Cruzers CRUISE-IN

Due to the parking lot at Big Lots, having sink holes, we have moved to Walmart in Jefferson City next to the Car Care Center Friday evenings from 5:30 - 8:00