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# Ramblin' On (things you need to know)

The big news of the day is something we all have been waiting for. It is Cruze In Season Baby! We'll see everyone at the Jefferson City Big Lots Parking Lot on Friday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm. The Lakeway Mustang Club will be co-hosting. Everyone is invited!

Our first Cruise on Friday, April 11<sup>th</sup> will be dedicated to our President Pat Dukes and the National Kidney Foundation. Our goal is to get everyone – members from MCC, the Lakeway Mustang Club, the Ford F-100 club, the Hamblen County Car Club, and the Grainger County Ridge Runners – out to this event to raise money for Pat and promote awareness. Please spread the word to everyone with a classic car or truck so we can fill the parking lot.

The 2025 Program Books are completed and sent to the printer for printing. They look really good. Once printed, they will be distributed to let everyone know about our show and our supporting sponsors.

The Car Show Committee held their first planning meeting for our July 12 Hot Daze, Cool Ridez show at The American Book Company (Magnavox) in Jefferson City. There is a lot of work to do, and help is required. If you don't currently have an assignment, please contact Bob Latham or Doug Rodgers to obtain one.

All cool cars are supporting a Lakeway **POWER TOUR** sticker. Do you have yours? If you don't, you can read how to obtain one in this issue.

### Letter from the President

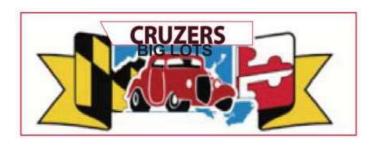
Hello Cruzers,

You have to love this time of year! Spring is in the air, and you can you feel the anticipation of a new Cruise In season.

We have made real progress in the first quarter of this new year. Our program books are at the printer, the Car Show Committee has started planning the July show, our newsletter is back on schedule, and our website updated. The year is young however, and we still need volunteer help in almost all areas, including leadership positions and event planning. As we gather this spring, please take a moment to discuss how you can help our club with one of our leaders.

Keep Cruzin'

Pat Dukes, President 865-363-5891





#### **APRIL BIRTHDAYS**



PUT THESE DATES ON <u>YOUR</u> CALENDAR!



It's Cruze In Season!



# **Upcoming Events**

April 5	Hamblen County Car Club Saturday Night Cruise Ins begi		
	420 W. Morris Blvd, Morristown, 4:00 pm		
April 11	MCC Cruze In, Big Lots Parking Lot, Jefferson City, 5:30 pm		
	Let's see everyone there!		
April 19	New Market Easter Parade, New Market, Stage at 4:00 pm,		
	Parade at 5:00 pm		
April 26	POWER TOUR: Sun Down on Sneedville		
	Meet at Shell across the bridge on Hwy 25, 2:00 pm		
April 26	Sundown in Sneedville, Main St, Sneedville, 4:00 pm		
April 26	FOP Car Show, Fred Miller Park, Morristown, 8:00 am		
April 26	Cruise In Against Cancer, Newport, 7:00 am		
May 3	Hamblen County Car Club Spring Angel Car Show,		
	Cherokee Park, Morristown, 9:00 am to 3:30 pm		
May 3	Hamblen County Car Club Downtown Cruise In,		
	Main Street, Morristown, 4:00 pm		
May 3	Lakeway Central Volunteer Fire Dept Show, Gold Team		
	Collision, 1031 E 11E, Jefferson City, 9:00 am		
May 9	MCC Cruze In, Big Lots Parking Lot, Jefferson City, 5:30 pm		
May 10	Tarr Chevrolet, 304 East Broadway (11E), Jefferson City,		
	9:00 am		
May 10	Cruise In & Swap Meet @ the Farm, Bulls Gap. 10:00 am		
May 17	POWER TOUR: Cruising the Crater, Middlesbrough		
	Meet at Shell across the bridge on Hwy 25, 2:00 pm		
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	Cruise In & Swap Meet @ the Farm, Bulls Gap, 10:00 am		
July 11	MCC Cruze In, American Book Company, Jefferson City		
	5:30 pm		
July 12	15 <sup>th</sup> Annual MCC Car Show – American Book Company,		

Jefferson City, 9:00 am to 3:30 pm

### **Cruise for Pat**

"Cruze for Pat" - A Benefit for Pat Dukes and the National Kidney Foundation (NKF)



Pat Dukes is a Charter member of the Mossy Creek Cruzers Car Club. She was the Club's first Secretary, a position she held for many years before becoming our Club President in 2019 and still holds today. She is the face of the club and has generously poured her time, creativity, heart, and soul into it.

Pat has kidney disease. There are only two options for treatment for this debilitating disease. The short term solution is dialysis treatment, which is usually 3 times a week, for 4 hours at a time. The long term solution is a kidney transplant, which has a five year waiting list.

In our appreciation to Pat, we are dedicating our very first Cruze In on **April 11**<sup>th</sup> to her and to the NKF. At this event, you can:

- Learn about being a "live" kidney donor.
- Sign up to be screened to be a "live" kidney donor.
- Learn about being an organ donor and how to sign up.
- Provide financial support:
  - Donate to help Pat's expenses.
  - Donate to the NKF.
  - Purchase some of handmade Pat's crafts.

Please join us at this event and spread the word. Let's get everyone with a classic car, truck, or other vehicle to the Big Lots Parking lot in Jefferson City on Friday night to honor our friend Pat and show our thanks and support!

Rain Date: Friday, May 9<sup>th</sup>. Same time, same place.





# **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

# **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 President Pat Dukes

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#### Vice President Doug Rodgers

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#### Treasurer Bob Latham

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Secretary

Open Position

#### 2025 Board of Directors

#### Rick Swank

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#### Mike Wright

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#### Chris Davis

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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.

# Newsletter Editor – *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/Mo ssyCreekCruzers

# **Meeting Minutes - April 1**



Pat Dukes called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Fifteen members and guests were present. One of our guests was former MCC President Anne Randolph. Jackie Swank led the group in prayer. Bob Latham led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Bob provided the Treasurer's report:

Beginning Balance: \$12,574.65, Activity: + \$1,821.89.

Ending Balance: \$14,396.34. The club is in excellent financial shape.

A public address system was purchased. Remaining items still need to be purchased, including a generator. A Honda generator was recommended due to how quiet they are.

The project is reported to be under the \$2,500 budget.

Chris Gaylord made the motion to accept. Second by Mike Squires. Report was accepted.

Findings from the March 25<sup>th</sup> Car Show Committee meeting was discussed at length, including:

- Help is required on the day of the show.
- A list of show tasks, and volunteer names will be produced.
- We have a concern about non-members working the show getting hurt. Bob is checking the insurance policy.
- A diagram of the lot will be produced for food trucks, club areas, trailer, and spectator parking.
- More games = more money, but requires more help.
- Chris Davis is looking into radio advertising with the Jefferson City station.
- Reducing the number of trophies was discussed. The length of time to present 10 trophies per class was the main issue, not cost. In the end, Linda Latham made a motion to keep the same number. Rick Swank seconded. The motion passed.
- Cars belonging to MCC club members are not judged at the July show.
- A question was raised about the discount offered to the Grainger County Ridge Runners Car Club for the "most member" trophy mix-up at the October show.

The next meeting will be on the last Tuesday of April at Perkins in Dandridge.

A new version of the MCC website is up and running, but not 100% migrated.

Rick Elder presented the idea from Pete Balzano to dedicate the April 11 Cruise In to Pat and the National Kidney Foundation. All proceeds from that evening will go directly to Pat.

The Board of Directors will be meeting on Wednesday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at Perkins in Dandridge at 11:00 am to review the by-laws. The existing by-laws is on the website.

The program book went to the printers on March 31 and should be back in a few weeks.

Linda Latham resigned as Secretary due to personal reasons. Pat is currently looking for someone to replace Linda for this is a position, which required by the State of Tennessee.

Rick Swank made a motion to adjourn at 7:45 pm. Mike squires seconded. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned.

# 15th Annual Mossy Creek Cruzers Car Show 2025 AMERICAN BUUK CUMPANY

Previously Magnavox Parking Lot

403 E. Old Andrew Johnson Hwy. . Jefferson City, TN 37760

#### FOOD TRUCKS Silent Auction Mossy Creek Cruzers MUSIC 50-50 **15th Annual Car Show** DOOR PRIZES www.mossycreekcruzers.org \$20 APPROXIMATELY E-mail: Facebook.com/ **Envelope Board** mossycreekcruzers@aol.com MossyCreekCruzers 100 TROPHIES OPEN TO: Dash Plaques · CAR · TRUCK · for · JEEP · First 150 · MOTORCYCLE · Cash Prizes Saturday, July 12th, 2025 SHOW 9:00 am - 3:30 pm Canopies Welcome FOR REGISTRATION Car Show Registration PURPOSES ONLY SPONSORING \$15 Pre-Registration More Information Call: \$20 Day of Show Pat Dukes • 865-363-5891 RAIN or SHINE Bob Latham • 301-602-7498 REGISTRATION FORM:

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# What is the Lakeway Power Tour?

The Lakeway **POWER TOUR** is the brainchild of Bobby Estes; President of the local Ford F-100 Club. He was listening when car enthusiasts were asking to take destination rides together as a group. You got to admit, riding in a long line of classic automobiles is pretty cool and going to local destinations together is a great social experience.

If you never travelled as a pack, there are different roles that are assumed, such as:

- The leader Responsible for taking the correct road at a pace where everyone can keep up.
- Followers Keeping a safe distance from the vehicle in front of you, but also making sure the person behind you has not dropped back too far.
- The caboose Responsible for making sure the pack stays together.

Typically, there are also some mechanics in the ranks just in case someone has a problem.

In the old days, flashing lights and pulling to the shoulder signaled to the group that there was an issue. Today, cell phones between cars makes communication a lot easier. Working together during rides actually builds camaraderie among the group and reduces the stress of driving classic vehicles any distance.

Not only did Bobby start organizing "Power Tour" rides, but he also created these window stickers for those who participate. Have you gotten yours yet? If not, check out the upcoming events.



# **Driver's License Changes**

Beginning on May 7, 2025, everyone must have a REAL ID, or another approved Federally issued ID, such as a passport, to enter certain Federal buildings, military bases and nuclear power plants or board commercial flights within the United States.

The REAL ID Act of 2005 established minimum security standards for license issuance and production. These standards provide an additional level of security to protect your identity. It also prohibits Federal agencies from accepting driver licenses and ID cards from states that do not meet the Act's minimum standards.

Since its inception, REAL ID drivers licenses have gone through two revisions. The first placed a gold circle with a star in the right corner of the license to indicate it is REAL ID compliant. Considered legacy, these credentials are valid until their expiration date.

In 2024, the State of Tennessee launched a new credential design. New REAL ID compliant driver licenses and Identification credentials have a black circle with a star in the right corner.