



Mossy Creek Cruzers Car Club



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Memorial Day Reflections

The "Memorial" in Memorial Day has been ignored by too many of us who are beneficiaries of those who have given the ultimate sacrifice in service to our country. Often we do not observe the day as it should be, a day where we actively remember our ancestors, our family members, our loved ones, our neighbors and our friends who have given the ultimate sacrifice. For many, Memorial Day is also a time to reflect on the sacrifices and services of the American Soldiers and veterans. Memorial Day is an opportunity for us to express the special places they have in the hearts of American citizens.

It's important to remember that on Memorial Day, we honor those who died serving our country and protecting our freedoms.

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tragedy of September 11, 2001, has stirred all and reawakened the spirit of patriotism in all hearts and Americans in a special bond. The words 'United We Stand' and 'God Bless America' still hold stir out hearts. Show true patriotism and love for all those who have risked their lives for the America by putting up American flags in front of your houses, have parties with patriotic themes to honor military and ex-military men and women in your neighborhood and community.

Moment Of Remembrance

In 1996, a humanitarian organization, known as 'No Greater Love' surveyed children and asked them why do they think there is a holiday on Memorial Day. It was agonizing to hear their remarks that were all associated with barbecues and extended weekend parties and celebration, while they hadn't the vaguest idea about the sacrifices of the soldiers in whose honor it is celebrated. One of the children was even quoted as saying that this was the day when swimming pools open!

Thus, the organization came up with the idea of 'National Moment of Remembrance' to remind and let the future generations know about the real meaning of the holiday. The idea clicked with the President and Congress and since 1997, it became a standard American tradition. National Moment of Remembrance requires everybody to keep silent for a minute, exactly at 3:00 pm (local time) when 'Taps' is played and reflect on the glory of those who have shed blood for us. The federal government hopes to raise public awareness about the heroes and their valor by introducing this moment.

Origin And Birthplace Of Memorial Day

On May 5, 1868, the Grand Army of the Republic established Memorial Day as the national day to decorate the graves of the Civil War soldiers with flowers. Major General John A. Logan appointed May 30 as the day to be observed. Arlington National Cemetery had the first observance of the day on a grand scale. The place was appropriate as it already housed graves of over 20,000 Union dead and several hundred Confederate dead. Gen. and Mrs. Ulysses S. Grant presided the meeting and the center point of these Memorial Day ceremonies was the mourning-draped veranda of the Arlington mansion. Speeches were followed by a march of soldiers' children and orphans and members of the GAR through the cemetery strewn flowers on both Union and Confederate graves. They also recited prayers and sang hymns for the dead.

Congress and President Lyndon Johnson officially declared Waterloo in New York as the 'birthplace' of Memorial Day in 1966. It was said that on May 5, 1866, a ceremony was held to honor local soldiers and sailors who fought in the Civil War, businesses were closed for the day and residents furled flags at half-mast. It was said to be the first formal, community-wide and regular event.

In 1971, Memorial Day was declared a national holiday by Congress, who designated the last Monday in May as the day for its observance.

Monday in May is the day for its observance.

We walked among the crosses, Where our fallen soldiers lay.
And listened to the bugle, As TAPS began to play.
The Chaplain led a prayer, We stood with heads bowed low.
And I thought of fallen comrades I had known so long ago.
They came from every city across this fertile land.
That we might live in freedom. They lie here 'neath the sand.
I felt a little guilty, My sacrifice was small.
I only lost a little time, But these men lost their all.
Now the services are over, for this Memorial Day.
To the names upon these crosses, I just want to say,
Thanks for what you've given, No one could ask for more.
May you rest with God in heaven, From now through evermore.

CRUISIN' & GROOVIN' IN DANDRIDGE, MAY 17TH • 9 AM UNTIL 4 PM

Once again I have reserved the spaces in front of the Drug Store for the Cruzers to be able to park together at this show. We have 14 or 15 spaces reserved. There will be dash plaques, goody bags, entertainment, games, 50-50 tickets and vendors all around, plus the trophies. There is a new restaurant opened on the corner in town, plus all the unique shops throughout town for the enjoyment of the people in town that day. Come early to ensure you get a space. \$10 entry fee.

MEMORY LANE CAR SHOW IN ROGERSVILLE MAY 24TH • STARTS AT 9 AM

This is a unique car show with a setting in a recreated fifties town. Lots of nostalgia items to see. It is like stepping back in time. The "town" has its own streets, a 1950s Diner, a barber shop, a 40's era car dealership, an ice cream parlour, a 3-lane bowling alley, a scaled down drive-in movie theatre, a church, a police department, a covered bridge, a swimming hole, post office, general store and a garage/service station. The last show they had was a couple of years ago and they had more than 900 cars and due to popular demand they are back!! Otis & Kathy Eldridge are the owners & creators of this town and has over 100 cars in his personal collection.

They offer dash plaques, specialty awards & have event T-shirts for sale. There will be a swap meet, concessions, live entertainment & a drive-in movie at dusk.

If you would be interested in getting a group of Cruzers together to go to this show together, just let me know. I'll send out emails, place on Facebook and help you to organize it. Just let me know!!

For more info call Harold Swatsell @ 423-921-4447 or Bob Mallory 423-272-9904 or random-rods.com.



BLUE SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH CAR SHOW & FISH FRY JUNE 7 • 9 AM UNTIL 4 PM

This is always a fun show!! We usually meet at Lisa's Restaurant in Jefferson City around 7:15 or 7:30 AM. We eat breakfast there and then travel on over Highway 92 towards Rutledge to this show.

THIS IS THE SHOW THAT AWARDS THE CAR CLUB THAT HAS THE MOST MEMBERS' CARS ENTERED INTO THE SHOW. WE HAVE WON THE LAST TWO YEARS!!! LET'S SEE IF WE CAN DO IT AGAIN!!!! If you can't meet us for breakfast, at least try to come over later. There is a \$15 fee to enter.

The fish fry is delicious and they start serving at lunchtime. The cost for the fish fry is \$8. Music, door prizes, dash plaques and awards for the favorite cars.

Come on out and enjoy the fun!!

**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!**

The Applications for the car show on July 12th and the Vendor Application are now available on the Mossy Creek Cruzers web site, www.mossycreekcruzers.org. Please share this with anyone that you know that might be interested in having a vendor booth that day or showing a car. Email info to all of your friends!!

Lots of activities will be going on at the show including 50-50 tickets, games, door prizes and the judging of the cars for the top cars to be picked and photographed. Behind the show location, at the Jefferson County Fair Grounds, there will be a huge yard sale going on during the same time as our show. This should generate a lot of interest in the show.

There is a lot of space at the Jefferson Middle School and it will allow for our annual car show to continue to grow! If you will volunteer to help on Friday, July 11th, at the show site & during the show on the 12th, please let Glenn or Bud know. We also need help gathering door prizes to give out. We need to cover Morristown, White Pine, Newport, Dandridge, Sevierville, and any other area around here. We need volunteers so please help out.

IDEAS TO BUILD MEMBERSHIP

In order to keep our club growing, we need to promote it in every way we can think of. Just converse with people about the meetings, the cruise-ins at Big Lots and at BoJangles and our car show on July 12th at Jefferson Middle School and on October 11th at the DINER in Sevierville.

You can invite and bring guests to our meetings and cruise-ins and then follow up with them to see if they want to join. You can help by giving me suggestions of people to write to, businesses and personal addresses. I will write a generic letter about who the Cruzers are and what our goals are and will give you copies if you need them.

Word of mouth is a powerful instrument and can gain a lot of interest. Just network with coworkers, friends and family and tell them about the club and all of the good work that we do in promoting local charities in Jefferson and surrounding counties.

We can place flyers everywhere, not only about the annual car show, but about our club and our goals to help children with the Cops with Kids, Christmas in Jefferson County for underprivileged children, and with sick children whenever it is needed. We are also adding a few new children oriented charities.

Attend other organizational meetings and discuss the Cruzers whenever you can. This promotes membership with people who may not have known about Jefferson County having a classic and antique car club.

We should always publicize club successes, elections, events, in local and surrounding counties' newspapers.

Members need to talk about the club whenever possible. We need to contact previous car club members, not only ours but others as well. If you are on Facebook - share our Facebook page with all of your friends ... www.facebook.com/mossycreekcruzers.

Lets continue to keep our club expanding so each of you do what you can to help your club with this!!

MOSSY CREEK CRUZERS 4TH ANNUAL CAR SHOW SATURDAY, JULY 12TH, FROM 9AM - 3PM

The Mossy Creek Czruers Car Show is growing near very fast!!! Only two months left!! Can you believe that time is going by so fast?? It will be here before we know it.

The basic plan is underway with approvals from everyone about the place and time of the event. Bud Morello is in charge of the show with help from the car show committee. If you would like to be part of the show committee just let Bud 423-258-6867 or Glenn 423-231-9942 know.

We need volunteers to help with gathering door prizes and also the day of the show and possibly the day before the show. We need help in the parking lot and directing people from one point to the next point.

If you need documentation about our club to help gather door prizes, we have an "About Us" form and a "Donation Request" that you can give to the places you go to so they will know you are legitimate. If they ask what our charities are, we can say "Help Us Help Kids" which helps children in Jefferson & surrounding counties and we also help the 2nd Harvest Food Bank.

So help us out when you can, we need you!!

CRUISE-INS AT BIG LOTS ON FRIDAY EVENINGS & AT BOJANGLES ON SUNDAY FROM 2 TO 5.

The Mossy Creek Cruzers cruise-ins at Big Lots on Friday evenings are going strong right now and BoJangles on Sunday is continuing to grow each week. They are both good places but you may want to consider bringing a tent or an umbrella to shade yourself from the sun. There is plenty of room for these tents and it helps out a lot. We always share the shade which helps us all get to know each other better!! BoJangles runs it on their sign about the cruise in plus they have signs up at the doors and at the drive through window which seems to help get the word out.

So join us and show these magnificent vehicles, they bring a lot of attention!!

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 15 - 17	36th Annual F100 Supnationals - Pigeon Forge
May 17	Cruisin' & Groovin' Downtown Dandridge 9 am - 4 pm 865-323-6617
May 24	10th Random Rods Car Show Downtown Rogersville 6 - 10 pm
May 31	2nd Annual Sharon Parrott Memorial Car Show 10-3 pm -865-712-3173
May 31	Memorial Weekend Cruise In at The Diner in Sevierville Noon - 7
May 31	Mopar Mania - White Pine Expo Center
June 3	MCC Club Meeting at Shoney's in Dandridge • 7:00 pm
June 6,13,20,27	MCC Cruze In - Big Lots in Jefferson City 5:30 - 9 pm
June 7,14,21,28	Hamblen County Car Club Cruise In - Morristown
June 6-8	Pontiacs in Pigeon Forge
June 7	Blue Springs Baptist Church - Rutledge - 9am - 4 pm - Fish Fry!
June 7	Camaro/Firebird Summer Shine - Chilhowee Park, Knoxville 9 am - 3 pm
June 14	Greeneville Ridgerunners - Big Lots Greeneville 11-E Bypass 10 am - 3 pm
June 20-21	Moonshine Rod Run - Newport City Park
June 21	New Market Park - Fire Dept Car Show. Starts 9 am. For info: 865-740-6601
June 20-21	Vintage Street Rodders of America 4th Annual Ohio Nationals, Medina OH
June 21	10th Annual Summerfest at New Market Park call 865-475-1417 10 am - 3 pm
June 28	White Lightning Trail Festival Cumberland Gap - Arts, Crafts, Antiques, Car Show
June 28	June Jam Cruise In at The Diner in Sevierville more info 2-9 pm
June 28	White Lightning Trail Festival, Cumberland Gap, TN, 865-585-7386
July 1	MCC Club Meeting at Shoney's in Dandridge 7:00 pm
July 4, 11,18, 25	MCC Cruze In - Big Lots in Jefferson City 6 - 9 pm
July 5, 12, 19, 26	Hamblen County Car Club Cruise In - Morristown
July 12	Mossy Creek Cruzers Annual Car Show to be held at Jefferson Middle School on Hwy 11-E in Jefferson City, 9am - 3pm
July 26	Hot Nights, Cool Cars Cruise In at The Diner in Sevierville 2 - 9 pm
July 26	Cruise-In for Christ - Talbott Baptist Church 10 am -3 pm. \$10 fee
August 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	MCC Cruze In - Big Lots in Jefferson City 6 - 9 pm
August 2, 9, 16, 23, 30	Hamblen County Car Club Cruise In - Morristown
August 5	MCC Club Meeting at Shoney's in Dandridge 7:00 pm
August 30	Back to School Cruise In at The Diner in Sevierville more info 3 - 10 pm
September 2	MCC Club Meeting at Shoney's in Dandridge 7:00 pm
September 5, 12, 19, 26	MCC Cruze In - Big Lots in Jefferson City 6 - 9 pm
September 6, 13, 20, 27	Hamblen County Car Club Cruise In - Morristown
September 5 - 6	Shades of the Past Rod Run - Pigeon Forge
September 12 - 14	Pigeon Forge Fall Rod Run
September 20	Hardin Park cruise in - Greeneville Ridgerunners 602 Crescent Dr. 10 am - 3 pm \$10 fee Cash prizes, Music, Food & Games
September 26 - 27	Vintage Street Rodders of America 5th Annual Thunder Road Rod Run - Piney Flats, TN
September 26 - 28	Super Chevy Show - Bristol, TN
September 27	Kick Back Kruse In at The Diner in Sevierville 3 - 10 pm

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CHAPLAIN To Be Determined

MEMBERSHIP FEES

Don't forget that Membership Fees for 2014 are now due. You can mail the \$20 in to the address below, or call me and I'll meet with you. You can also rejoin at the meetings held at Shoney's on the first Tuesday of the month or at any of the cruise-ins, Friday nights or Sunday afternoons. You will receive two new T-Shirts for re-joining.

Let's keep the club family together by re-joining now.

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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Rick Thompson (Diane)
Joe Ivy (Gail)
Mark Butterworth (Mike-brother)
Terry Isbel (Carol)
Billy John Cureton (Kim)

Bobby Collins
Everette Fielden
Ray Randolph (Ann)
Korey Kibodeaux (Tina)
Tony Cate (Toni)
Chuck Johnson (Casey)
David McGhee (Debbie)

Welcome to all our new (and fairly new) members!! If you know others that would like to join, bring them to a meeting or cruise-in and see if they would be interested in joining!!

We enjoy meeting new people all the time!!

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please keep David King in your thoughts and prayers. David had heart surgery and is still in the hospital after about three weeks and then still has to go into re-habilitation before being released.

Also keep Charlie McDaniel in your thoughts and prayers. Charlie has been sick for quite a while and we hope he is better soon!

Both of these members have been in our club since it started. If you know of someone who is sick, please let me know.

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