

Jefferson & Surrounding Counties



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As I sit here at my computer, I think "What a different weather forecast than the one last month". It was so warm and beautiful when I wrote this for February, now in March, I listen to the rain drops hitting against the window and hear the wind howling outside the windows and it is cold! If you like different forecasts, just live in Tennessee!!

I had gone out and set the battery charger onto the Oldsmobile, with Cruzer Mike Reading's help. Thought it was time to get it out and rolling, then what do I hear? Snow in the forecast!! Tennessee just can't seem to make up it's mind. I saw the flowers starting to bloom, the roses with leaves all over the bushes, and now temperatures down to the twenties! Do you think it will kill the blooms? Hopefully not!

But real soon it will be time to roll these vehicles out and start the season with them. Our cruise-in at Big Lots Shopping Center will start the first Friday in April. Then we may gather up and cruise on up to CC Belle's on the same evening, just across the Hamblen County line on Highway 11-E, for their first cruise-in of the year and the kick off to a show they promote called Layd Out in the Park, which will be April 7th, 8th and 9th at Cherokee Park in Morristown. CC Belle is our biggest sponsor on our car club booklet that we print each year to raise money for our charities. Over 70 classes. The cost is \$35 in advance and \$40 the day of the show. Since they sponsor us, we should try to go to the show. On Friday evening there is a cruise-in at CC Belle which they have invited us to attend. So we thought that about 7:30 we would gather up and ride to CC Belle to at least make a showing. Please feel free to join us.

At the end of April, Saturday, the 29th, is our JUNIOR Mossy Creek Cruzers Car Show at Jefferson County High School from 9am until 3pm. Let's all try to attend to support these young people and keep them interested in these vehicles. Even if you just come for a short while, it would mean a lot to them. They have dash plaques made for all cars. Thanks to Carl Crigger and Scott Noe (teachers) for having this club. I went to their meeting in March and they seem very structured.

The sales on the charity booklet are doing extremely well this year. Thanks to Debbie and Bill Colbach, Bob Cross, Mike Reading, Joan Spoon, Larry Boggess and me (Pat Dukes) for all of the volunteering and venturing out in the name of our club! We almost have it full, just a few more to go and we each have a list of more people to talk to. The booklet will have the basic same look to it with all of our sponsors and their logos and lots of new ones this year. We each have volunteered our time as well as gasoline for our cars, that, to me, is *loyalty and pride* to our club. We need to "clone" each of these dedicated members!

Only 3 more weeks until the cruise-in starts! We have more things planned for this year for entertainment. We will have music playing each Friday evening and 50-50 tickets will be sold to make money for the club as well as a lucky winner each week. Tickets will be \$1 each.

Our car show will be coming up in less than 4 months, on July 8th. We will need help giving out the booklets at each car show you attend between now and our show. Since we have added a craft show and a swap meet, we need for members to give these registration sheets out too. Please volunteer to do this for your club.

If you have any news or articles to submit to the newsletter, just give to Pat or email to mossycreekcruzers@aol.com

Don't forget that the membership fees for 2017 are due. The fee remains \$20 for you plus your spouse or significant other. You can mail the fee in or bring it to the April meeting at Shoneys. Address at bottom of page to mail to.

The Mossy Creek Cruzers Car Club monthly meeting is held the first Tuesday of each month at Shoneys in Dandridge

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EVENTS

April 6-8 Corvette Expo, Laconte Center, Sevierville April 6-8 Pigeon Forge Spring Rod Run April 7,14,21,28 MCC Cruze In at Big Lots, Jefferson City5-8 pm April 7 Foothills Cruise In, Foothills Mall, 197 Foothills Mall Dr., Maryville, TN 5 pm

April 7-9 International Truck/Tractor Show and Swap Meet, Sevier County Fairgrounds, Sevierville

8 - 9 pm • Mark 865-679-7648

April 8 3rd Annual Car Show and Chili Cook off Holy Trinity Catholic Church, Highway 92, Jefferson

City 11 - 3 pm

Foothills Cruise In, Foothills Mall, 197 Foothills April 14

Mall Dr., Maryville, TN 5 pm

April 15 Halls Crossroads Car Show, 7202 Maynardville

Hwy., Knoxville 9 - 4 pm

April 21 Foothills Cruise In, Foothills Mall, 197 Foothills

Mall Dr., Maryville, TN 5 pm

Somernites Cruise Trucks Showcase, Somerset, April 21 - 22

KY

Cruise Against Cancer, Lowe's Home Improve April 22

ment, Newport 6 am - Midnight Nathan 865-

548-6152

April 22 Hot Rods and Yard Sale Spring Fling, 500 S.

> Davy Crockett Parkway, Morristown 8-3 pm

865-809-8363

April 27 - 29 All Truck Nationals, Pigeon Forge

Foothills Cruise In, Foothills Mall, 197 Foothills April 28

Mall Dr., Maryville, TN 5 pm

April 29 The Diner's Patriots Freedom Cruise In, Sevier

ville

April 29 1st Annual Heels & Wheels Car Show (Women

> exhibitors only) Open to Cars, Trucks & Motor cycles, City Garage Car Museum, 210 S. Main St., Greeneville, TN 10 - 2 pm Brenda West 423-

638-6971

MCC Club Meeting at Shoney's in Dandridge May 2

7:00 pm

May 5,12,19,26 MCC Cruze In at Big Lots, Jefferson City 5 - 8 pm





2017 TENTATIVE FUN-RUN SCHEDULE

April 8th, Saturday Knights of Columbus Chili Cook-off. Catholic Church on North Hwy 92 in Jefferson City 11-3

April 22, Saturday Cruise Against Cancer - Newport, Lowe's Home Improvement April 27, Thursday Riverview Crossing, Knoxville

John Sevier at Asheville Hwy 6-9 April 29, Saturday JUNIOR Mossy Creek Cruzers Car Club at Jefferson Co High

School 9-3 Picnic (more info later) April 30, Sunday

May 18, Thursday

May 13, Saturday Cruise to Bush's Visitor Center will

need reservations for lunch Riverview Crossing, Knoxville

John Sevier at Asheville Hwy 6-9 June 17, Saturday Moonshine Rod Run, Newport June 22, Thursday Riverview Crossing, Knoxville John Sevier at Asheville Hwy 6-9

July 8, Saturday Mossy Creek Cruzers Car Show Jefferson Middle School 9-3

July 29, Saturday Grainger County Ridge Runners Car Show, Tomato Festival

August 12, Saturday Carvers Apple Barn then to

Hamblen County Car Club Cruise-in August 24, Thursday Riverview Crossing, Knoxville John Sevier at Asheville Hwy 6-9

August 26 Fill the Truck with Toys at Bush's Visitor Center 10-3

Sept 16, Saturday Greeneville Ridge Runners Car Show

at Hardin Park will check this date Morristown Fly in / Cruise in

Sept 23, Saturday Morristown Airport

Sept 24, Sunday Greeneville Ridge Runners Car Club

Annual Picnic.

October 14, Saturday Farmer's Daughter Restaurant,

Greeneville, TN. (Reservations)

TIMES AND MEETING PLACES WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT A LATER DATE

prayers for the Sick David King • Bill Lampkin

Jim Burch • Jim Katzbeck • Sharon McCaulley

If you know anyone else that is sick, call MCC Chaplain, Joan Spoon at 423-231-7906.

••• SKYLAR HAMILTON HAS AGAIN DONATED A FREE FISHING TRIP •••

Skylar is a Bassmaster Elite Series angler from Dandridge, Tennessee. When he is not tournament fishing, he guides on Douglas and Cherokee Lake. Skylar's love for bass fishing started at an early age, during trips with his father, Larry Hamilton, and grandfather, Ralph McKinney.

Skylar started fishing the Bassmaster Open's at 16 years old. His first Open event was on Douglas Lake, he finished in 23rd place. Although he had a solid tournament, especially at a young age, Skylar was not satisfied.

After a few years of sharpening his fishing skills, Skylar's breakout season came in 2016. He won the opening Central Open event on the Arkansas River. Along with the trophy and prize, the win also qualified him for the 2017 Bassmaster Classic. Skylar followed his first Open win with a Top 12 finish on Louisiana's Red River (7th place).

Going into the final Central Open (Atchafalaya Basin), Skylar needed to finish in the top 50 to secure a Bassmaster Elite invite. Day 1 was tough. He brought in 7lb-15oz, was in 84th place and out of the Top 5 in AOY standings. Under pressure, Skylar bounced back on Day 2 with 11lb-7oz, jumped to 48th place in the tournament, and moved to 3rd in the AOY standings – CLINCHING HIS SPOT ON THE 2017 BASSMASTER ELITES!

Accomplishments

Qualified for 2017 Bassmaster Elites (3rd overall Central Opens).

Qualified for 2017 Bassmaster Classic (1st place finish at Central Open #1)

2016 Central Open #2 (Red River, LA) - Top 12, 7th place.

2016 Central Open #1 (Arkansas River, OK) – Top 12, 1st place.

2015 Southern Open #3 (Lake Seminole, GA) – Top 40, 27th place.

2015 Central Open #2 (Ft. Gibson Lake, OK) – Top 40, 14th place.

2014 BassFest (Chickamauga Lake, TN) - 52nd overall.

2014 BassFest 2nd Chance (Nickajack Lake, TN – 1st place.



Letter From the Cruzer President

Hello Everyone,

This is Larry Boggess, President of the Mossy Creek Cruzers. We have quite a few activities planned for this year. We have car shows, cruise-ins, fun-run cruises and a picnic. I look forward to talking to, and working with, each member throughout the year. We can make plans to help our communities and each member should plan on attending the monthly meetings so that we each have a say in what the club plans. Also the members should plan on volunteering to help with club functions. Together we can make our car club stronger and help our community where ever we see a need. I look forward to hearing suggestions from all of you for the year!

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President