



REMINISCING the FIRST YEAR of the CRUZERS!

By: Pat Dukes

As the first year of the Mossy Creek Cruzers Car Club comes to an end, I am reflecting back on all the planning, designing, advice and guidance that Glenn Allred, Larry Boggess, Jim & Sue Burch and myself (Pat Dukes) put into forming this club. Uppermost in our minds was to create a club that we would all be a part of and that the members all had a say in what the club says and does. The end of the year will just be 10 months since we started in March of this year. The five of us met on many afternoons at Hardees in Jefferson City and we laughed a lot, were serious some of the time, and put our hearts into this new club. Each of us had been in other clubs and we discussed the good things about each of them and also the bad. We talked about having a large event each year and donating part of the proceedings to a charity which we had yet to designate.

We then talked to Gene Honeycutt about being our Treasurer because of his experience in several clubs around the area and we were so fortunate when he agreed to become one of our officers. He is definitely an asset to the club. He is the Chaplain of the Hamblen County Car Club and Public Relations Director.

We started talking to everyone we saw that had anything at all to do with cars and asked them questions about what they would like in a club and also if they would be interested in joining us. Almost everyone said yes and were very enthusiastic. I stopped people in grocery stores, drug stores and anywhere I ran into people that I thought might like to join us. *But I guess y'all all know how I like to talk!!*

We now have the satisfaction of a job well done with our club flourishing and growing by leaps and bounds!! We are so proud of the work we did to get us where we are today. We now have 89 memberships with 159 people! That is phenomenal!

Within these 10 months, we have traveled to Greeneville to the Farmer's Daughter Restaurant and to Chick-Fil-A Cruise-in in Knoxville a couple of times. We went together to the first cruise-in at the mall in Morristown with the Hamblen County Car Club and had dinner at Mountain Wood Cookins in Talbott (one of our sponsors). We went to the Moonshine Run in Newport together in June. We drove in the Fourth of July parade in Jefferson City and then went to Burger King afterwards. We had an end of summer picnic at Bud and Phil Morello's house at Baneberry and had 47 members attend. We held a benefit in Sevierville at the Diner for a church van wreck which we helped the family of a young girl that was killed as well as two other young people that were hurt in the accident that had long term injuries. We held a car show called "Fill the Truck with Toys" at the American Legion in Jefferson City to help the underprivileged children in our county. And also we put on a car show that we have had feedback on that was called one of the best car shows people had ever attended!! That was our Bush Visitor Center car show on August 25th. We had a great Thanksgiving dinner at Golden Corral with 72 members attending. On December 1st, we attended a benefit car show in Morristown that the Hamblen County Car Club put on. All of this plus our Friday night cruise-ins in Jefferson City and at Bush's Visitor Center. Whew...What a list of things we've done! *And this is only the beginning!!*

So what a year we've had!! To call our club a success is an understatement! I personally am so proud of the club and all the things we've done. It can only get better as time goes along.

With the coming of 2013, we would like to see the club grow even bigger and get better!! Re-enrollment will be coming up soon! This year the fee is \$20 but no shirts come with that this time unless you are a brand new member and then you will still get a Tshirt for you and your spouse/significant other.

Lets all chip in and give suggestions and ideas on what you would like for us to do and places that you would like for us to go. New committees will be set up in the new year.

Just remember, this club belongs to *all of us* and *we all have a say in how we represent ourselves to this and surrounding counties.* Our reputation is good now and growing better each day.

Let's stay proud!!





December 2012

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting held at Shoney's in Dandridge - December 4th, 2012

Attended by 54 members and 2 guest.

The meeting was started by Vice-President Glenn Allred. Glenn welcomed our guests, welcomed new members and then Gene Honeycutt started our meeting with a prayer.

One of our guests, Jim Potts, is a Jefferson County officer, lodge 61, as well as the Criminal Justice teacher at the high school. Pat asked Jim to come to our meeting to explain the "Cop taking a child shopping" program. Jim explained that an officer takes a child to Walmart and allows them to spend approximately \$100 on anything they want. Walmart then feeds them dinner. The process of choosing these children is very intense and they make sure that the children are not getting help from somewhere else as well. Pat thought this would be a good place to help with a donation from our club. At first there were lots of questions and discussion about it, some suggesting that members had not been asked about Jim coming or about this charity. We had asked for suggestions but none were mentioned.

Pat studied the needs around Christmas and thought this would be a good place to donate but had Jim to come so he could explain it and then have the members vote on it. After Jim explained everything, we thanked him for coming and he left.

The November financial report was given by Gene Honeycutt and had a motion to accept by June Howerton and a second from Jerry Tipton. Accepted by all.

Due to the time factor of having our Christmas party after the meeting, Pat did not read the November minutes but will read them at the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Basically our old business was still discussing the donations that the club would be giving out. We agreed that at least \$1000 should be kept in the bank for money to put shows on with and other incidentals that come up. Most of the rest of it should be donated.

NEW BUSINESS:

It was brought up that Bill Miller, a loyal attendee of the cruise-in at Big Lots has passed away. Bill will be missed by lots of friends. Receiving friends was Thursday, December 6th.

Lots of discussion about the 501C3 or 5014C for non-profit groups. Gene has registered us as a non-profit group although not with the 501C3 because of the cost of it which is \$400 to \$600 dollars. Some of the members said that when they were soliciting donations for our door prizes that they were asked about our non-profit status. Others said no one had ever asked them anything.

We spoke of the committees we need for 2013 and lots of suggestions were made. For instance, Car Show Committee with someone being in charge, Activities and Events Committee to designate places for us to cruise to, eateries, and things for us to do together as a club. We definitely need a Charity Committee to find charities for us to donate to. We need a Door Prize and Solicitation Committee, a Membership Committee about how to recruit new members, Advertising and Promotions and Public Relations Committee. That should start us off right.

We will also be voting for Board of Directors so if you are interested in being on the board please let us know.

We spoke of charities again. The toys that we collected are going to be given to Christmas in Jefferson County, which gives them to underprivileged children.

Jane Kozial motioned that we give a total of \$1500, \$750 to the Christmas in Jefferson County and the other \$750 to the "Cop taking a child shopping program. John Abruzzo made the first to accept and Rick Tipton gave the second. It was accepted by the majority.

A couple of months ago it was brought up about the Officers and would we have new ones for 2013. It was voted on that the same Officers would remain in 2013 since they had not had a full year. It was motioned, and then a first and a second and passed by all.

Adjourned.

NOW the Christmas Party!

What a good time we had! Everyone had brought a gift, the men a man gift and the women a woman gift. Each person chose a gift. Then the ladies stood in a circle as Gene Honeycutt read the Left-Right story about the Mossy Creek Cruzers. Every time the word "left" was said, the gift moved left and every time "Right" was said the gift moved right. It is a fast paced story so the gifts were really going around!! Then it was the men's turn!! Pat Dukes stood in the center and read the same story. It was so much fun to watch...at one point one man had three presents in his possession and two had none!! But that was straightened out and the story read on. Whatever you ended up with was the gift that you got to take home!! I sure hope everyone enjoyed it!! Merry Christmas and a Happy new Year!!

**DON'T FORGET THAT THE JANUARY MEETING
IS THE SECOND TUESDAY, JANUARY 8TH**



Mossy Creek Cruzers Car Club



WINDOW CLINGERS FOR SALE

Don't forget that we have window clingers with our club's name and logo on them. It shows pride in our club to have these on your car windows telling everyone who we are. They are \$3 each if you would like one, just let Pat know.

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December Events

- Dec 1 Hardees at Dandridge 5:30 to 8:00. Come inside.
- Dec 4 MCC Monthly meeting at 7 pm at Shoneys, Dandridge. 6 pm to eat Christmas Party
- Dec 8 Jefferson City Christmas Parade - MCC Meet at 1st Peoples Bank, West end of Jefferson City at 1:00 pm
- Dec 8 Hardees at Dandridge 5:30 to 8:00. Come inside.
- Dec 15 Hardees at Dandridge 5:30 to 8:00. Come inside.
- Dec 22 Hardees at Dandridge 5:30 to 8:00. Come inside.
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BENEFIT CAR SHOW

Saturday, December 1st saw the Mossy Creek Cruzers at a benefit car show in Morristown. It was sponsored by the Hamblen County Car Club & held at Tractor Supply in Morristown. The benefit was for the family of a 4 year old boy who had died of cancer and to help his family with the medical and burial expenses of the child. A motorcycle club also participated with quite a few riders out on this beautiful, warm December day. Lots of cars attended but when they chose club affiliation present, the Mossy Creek Cruzers won the trophy for the most cars attending. Pat accepted the trophy for the club. At the end of the afternoon, it seemed that everyone had a great day! We raised quite a bit of money for the family, so indeed it was a great day!



Thanksgiving Dinner Held at Golden Corral

The Mossy Creek Cruzers had a wonderful Thanksgiving dinner at the Golden Corral in Morristown on November 13th. Seventy two members attended this event. The fellowship in this club is fantastic! Lots of new members were there and we introduced them to the membership and welcomed them to our club family.

We all have so much to be thankful for. For me, I am so thankful for this brand new club and all of the new friends I have made.

Let's keep this club together for a long time to come and do lots of good and helpful things for our community!

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!



Hello all you Mossy Creek Cruzers,

I have been thinking about what to write about for the December news letter and I started thinking about all the Mossy Creek Cruzers have accomplished in such a short time. This time last year we didn't even have a name. All we had was about five of us wanting to get together and cruise in our cars. We didn't know if we wanted a club or just get together and cruise. We met with several people that were very knowledgeable about car clubs and what is involved with starting a club. One thing we all agreed on is we wanted a club where all the members have a say in running the club, not just a few people running everything.

That is why I encourage member participation. After a couple months of meetings and a lot of discussion we decided to start a car club to help our community and enjoy the comradely with other car enthusiast.

We needed officers for the club. Pat was the obvious choice for Secretary, she is a great asset to the club. We are lucky to have her in our club. Actually the whole idea of the club probably started with Pat. Glenn couldn't be the President because of other commitments but volunteered to be Vice President. Glenn is a great asset to the club also, he is a great leader and a very hard worker. Gene volunteered to be Treasure and club Chaplain. He is also a great asset to the club with all the knowledge of the inner workings of car clubs and all the legalities involved. Then we come to me, I was the only one left to fill the role as club President. I may not be the best President but I do my best and lean on Glenn, Pat, Gene and all you club members to help me make this the best club we can make it become.

The club has grown beyond what we expected in such a short time. The Mossy Creek Cruzers are a great group of people and I am proud to be a member of the club. We have good member participation in all our events.

Looking forward to next year we plan to have more cruises, maybe two car shows; we will talk about that and see what everyone thinks about two shows.

We will be more organized next year by appointing committees to organize cruises, car shows, picnics, club dinners, etc and by having a Board of Directors to help guide things. The club needs you and your talents next year so volunteer where you feel you can be the most useful and supportive to your club.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!

Larry Boggess
President Mossy Creek Cruzers

The Benefit Car Show held at the DINER on October 21 for Courteney, Kelsie and Garrette

There were 96 registered vehicles in all and 18 of them were Cruiser members. The following is the amounts that was collected: At Old Time Saturday - \$71.00, Bayou Seafood Show - \$54.50, the Muscle Car Museum - \$50.00 and the benefit car show - \$2495.25 with the benefit total being \$2670.75.

After June Howerton's expenses of \$440.80, we had \$2229.95 to be donated. Since the show flyer said it was for Courteney and others that were hurt in the accident, it was divided in the following way; \$1,000 towards Courteney's funeral and \$641.50 each to Kelsie Jones' family and Garrett Murrell's family to help with their medical expenses. They were both injured badly in the wreck.

We have received thank you cards from all of them.

We are so lucky to have a club *SO CARING* that we can help people out this way!

******* SUBMIT STORIES *******

Submit your story to the newsletter! If you have a funny or even a sad story about how you got interested in these wonderful old vehicles, just share it with us. Maybe it was working with your Dad on an old vehicle, or a neighbor had a really cool car or realizing after you were grown that this was something you were interested in!

So now it is your turn ... how about sharing a few stories, we won't laugh too long or hard, I promise!!

If you need help writing it, I'll help you. Just give me the facts and I'll put it in story form for you! If you write it, just give the story to me or call if you need help.

Pat Dukes



Mossy Creek Cruzers Car Club

December 2012



..... MEMBERSHIP DRIVE CONTINUES

The membership drive is still going on. If you need Mossy Creek Cruzers Applications to give out, you can get them from Pat Dukes or go to our website, www.mossycreekcruzers.org and print one out from there. If they sign up through you, just let us know their shirt sizes and turn the application and the \$20 in to Pat so she can record it before giving the money to Gene, our Treasurer. If they sign up now, their membership is good through December 2013. Glenn Allred will get their T-Shirts for them.

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The Mossy Creek Cruzers and friends will meet at First Peoples Bank in Jefferson City at 1:00 pm and will plan on leaving at 1:30 pm to go to the parade lineup. Pat has already registered us for however many cars we have attending. Please try to come out and ride in this so we can show our Mossy Creek Cruiser support for our community!!

Newport

Dec. 8th - 3:00 p.m. with the theme of "The Simple Gifts of Christmas" Parade staging will begin at 11:00 a.m. at the Cocke County High School. The parade will start at Debbie's Drive-In and will continue on Broadway heading east through downtown Newport and will conclude at Lincoln Avenue Baptist Church. For more information contact (423) 623-7201

New Market

Dec. 15th - 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. starting at the corner of Old Andrew Johnson Hwy and Reed Bull Road. Line-Up starts at 1:30 p.m. For more information contact (865) 475-3423.

Dandridge

Dec. 22nd - 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Downtown Dandridge. For more information contact (865) 397-3192

OUR JANUARY MEETING
will be held the
SECOND TUESDAY
in JANUARY!!

**The first Tuesday is New Year's Day
and we felt that other activities
might come first.
So see you at Shoney's at 7pm on
JANUARY 8th!!**

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