

# Mossy Creek Cruzers

## Car Club



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### Ramblin' On (things you need to know)

**FIRST CRUISE IN** – Friday, April 10, 5:00 to 8:00 pm at College Square Shopping Center. See you there!

Plans for the July Car Show are announced. The first planning meeting will be on Tuesday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at Perkins Restaurant in Dandridge, TN.

We are happy to announce that our program books have been received back from the printer and are currently being distributed to our local sponsors. This year our book is 32 pages long, but with a lot less filler. We thank all of our sponsors for their support and encourage all members to support these local businesses when they can.

Our next Meeting is Tuesday, May 5 at Shoney's in Dandridge, TN. All members are welcome to attend. The meeting starts at 6:30. Come earlier to eat. Did you know Shoney's serve breakfast on Tuesdays?

### Letter from the President

While the winter months felt like they were stuck in low gear, 2026 is suddenly shifting into overdrive—the first quarter is already behind us! The best part of the year is finally here. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone back out at our Friday Night Cruise-Ins and our upcoming car show this July!

Keep Cruisin'  
Pat Dukes, President



20th Annual  
Tom Cronan Memorial  
Golf Classic

**FRIDAY**  
**APRIL 24, 2026**

**PATRIOT HILLS GOLF CLUB**  
735 Constitution Drive  
Jefferson City, TN 37760



7:30 a.m. Registration

8:45 a.m. Welcome

9 a.m. Shotgun start



Register here

## Cruise In's – Yesterday & Today

When you ask a Baby Boomer to describe what a Saturday Night Cruise In looked like in the past, the response would often be like the movie “American Graffiti”, and later the TV Series “Happy Days”, where car loads of boys and girls cruised around town and often to the local burger joint. Some were looking for a race, some looking for mischief, some looking for love, but all were looking to pass time and have fun on a Saturday night.



With a few exceptions, a Saturday Night Cruise In in East Tennessee is relatively the same today. The amount of street racing has probably diminished, and the introduction of a designated parking lot as a gathering point may be the largest differences. Today's Cruise ins are not just for young people participating. Our Cruise Ins are events for family and friends of all ages.



## “Sister” Car Club Cruise In Schedules

The **Hamblen County Car Club**, our sister club to the East, has planned Saturday Night Cruise Ins from the first Saturday in April to the last Saturday in October. This year that is from April 4 to October 31, 2026. They will be meeting at the Health Star Physicians Parking Lot, next to Burger King, from 4:00 to 8:00 pm.

The **Grainger County “Ridge Runners” Car Club**, our sister club to the North, has planned Saturday Night Cruise Ins on every Saturday from March to October. This year that is from March 7 to October 31, 2026. They will be meeting at 180 Rutledge Pike Blaine TN. The Food City Parking Lot, from 6:00 to whenever.

You find both of these events on our monthly calendar. Everyone is welcome and both clubs are family friendly. Bring anything you drive.

For other cruise ins and car shows please see the Events Calendar in this publication or on our website.

## Meeting Minutes – April 7

*Submitted by Mary Moore*



The meeting was opened by President Pat Dukes with 19 members present. The Pledge of Allegiance was followed by the opening prayer.

Bob L. gave the treasurer's report with a balance at the end of March of \$15,986.86. He stated that he has since paid for the club AD books. He has the books in his truck and will pass them out after the meeting. Chris made a motion to accept the report as read, second by Phil G and approved by all present.

The minutes of the last meeting were printed in the newsletter.

Pat opened the discussion of the ad books talking about her computer failure at the last minute and losing the AD book. She called her ex-boss, and he helped her find it all and told her she needed a new drive with more memory to fix her computer problem. Pat said she was going to take him to dinner one day to thank him for recovering the ad book and sending it to the printer for her. She said her computer needed more storage memory, so she has ordered a drive and cable to get her computer running again. It cost her \$100 for the drive and cable. Jackie made a motion that the club should pay for the drive and cable, and dinner because Pat uses her personal computer for club business, this was seconded by Tammy and approved by all members present.

Pat brought some designs for new club shirts and dash plaques. Her designs were passed around for everyone to see. (Secretary note: At the last meeting Rob volunteered to bring some designs also. He was not present at this meeting.) BK Graphics was suggested as another vendor for T-Shirts.

Pat brought flyers for the two car shows this year and vendor applications. She has only printed 200 copies and will be sending them to printer soon. Doug said please note the new time for the July car show only. Starting at 8 A.M. and ending at 2:30 P.M. due to the hot temperatures in the afternoon.

Doug announced the **car show committee meetings** will start on APRIL 28, 2026, at 6:30 P.M. at Perkins Restaurant. EVERYONE is invited to attend to discuss ideas and give input. The following things will be discussed:

Volunteers

Judges (Members can enter their cars as long as they are not judging that class for awards.)

Door Prizes

Envelope contents

Silent Auction Items

Everyone should start now getting items for the envelopes and silent auction from businesses they deal with. All donations need to be turned in at meetings between now and the June 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting.

Linda stated she needs 100 registration cards and copies of the new schedule.

A new Jefferson City sign ordinance enforcer is now removing or ordering the removal of signs in the right of way. We will need to be aware of this new enforcement on temporary signs.

The Maynardville car show was very nice, and they had 300 cars there according to Pat.

Upcoming shows mentioned: May 2 Gold Team Collision, Jefferson City

Sherry M made a motion to adjourn, second by Chris G. Meeting adjourned at 7:15 P.M.



## Refrigerator Page

Print and Hang On Your Refrigerator for Reference

PUT THESE  
DATES ON YOUR  
CALENDAR!



### Local Meetings

*Get involved!*

Everyone is welcome to attend and learn about these clubs:

- 1st Tuesday – **Mossy Creek Cruzers** – Shoney’s, Dandridge, 6:30 pm
- 2nd Tuesday – **Lakeway Mustang Club** – Shoney’s, Morristown, 7:30 pm
- 3rd Tuesday – **Hamblen County Car Club** – Holsten’s, Morristown, 7:00 pm
- 5th Tuesday – **F-100 Club** – Shoney’s Dandridge, 6:30 pm

### Upcoming Events

- April 7 **MCC Monthly Meeting, Shoney’s, Danridge, 6:30 pm**
- April 10 **MCC Cruise In’s Begin**  
**Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday, 5:00 to 8:00 pm, Big Lots, Jefferson City**
- April 11 Hamblen County Car Club Cruise In  
Every Saturday Night, 4:00 to 8:00 pm,  
Health Star Physicians/Burger King, Morristown.
- April 16 Spring Rod Run, Pigeon Forge
- April 25 Cruise Against Cancer, Newport City Park, 7:00 am to 7:00 pm
- April 25 **POWER TOUR** to Sneedville Cruise In  
Meet at Shell Station in Bean Station at 2:00 pm
- April 25 Sneedville Cruise In, Downtown Sneedville, 4:00 pm to ????. Arrive early for parking
- May 2 Hamblen County Car Club Spring Angel Expo, Cherokee Park, Morristown, TN. 8:00 am to 3:00 pm
- May 2 Old School Showdown & Swap Meet, Mascot, 8:00 am to 2:00 pm
- May 2 Car Show, Gold Team Collision, Jefferson City
- May 8 **MCC Cruise In, 5:00 to 8:00 pm, Big Lots, Jefferson City**
- May 9 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Crusin’ with the Cops, Fred Miller Park, Morristown, TN. 8:00 to 3:00 pm
- May 9 Grainger County Ridge Runners Car Show, Blaine Ball Park, Blain, TN. 9:00 to 3:00 pm
- June 12 **MCC Cruise In, 5:00 to 8:00 pm, Big Lots, Jefferson City**
- June 13 Cruise In and Swap Meet, N VFW Rd, Bulls Gap, TN. 10:00 to 4:00 pm
- June 20 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Cruise for Refuge, College Square Mall, Morristown, TN 9:00 to 3:00 pm

Send your event to our Communications Coordinator ([relder@micromfgsys.com](mailto:relder@micromfgsys.com)) for listing here.

### Club Social Media

Web Site



[www.mossycreekcruzers.org](http://www.mossycreekcruzers.org)

Facebook



<https://www.facebook.com/MossyCreekCruzers>

## About Mossy Creek Cruzers

Founded in 2012, 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. We are a 501(C) non-profit organization.

### 2026 Officers

#### President

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#### Pat Dukes

President

## Operating Committee Leaders

Article Six of our by-laws states: The members shall nominate and elect the following positions:

### Car Show Director(s) – *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.

### Communications Coordinator – *Rick Elder*

This individual shall be responsible for writing, editing, and maintaining a monthly newsletter for the Club and distributing it to members and other clubs. Position also includes publicity and maintains the club's website.

### Membership Coordinator – *Pat Dukes*

This individual is responsible for promoting membership, collecting dues, and working with the community as a Club representative. They must maintain a membership roster of all member types.

### Chaplin – *Open*

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.

If you would like to volunteer to lead or work on a committee, please contact one of the people listed on this page.

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 deadline is the date of the MCC monthly meeting. Members who do not have email may receive the newsletter by snail mail upon request.



**Mossy Creek  
Cruzers & Lakeway Mustangs  
CRUISE-IN**

**Will be the 2nd Friday  
of each month April - October  
College Square Shopping Center  
on Highway 11E in Jefferson City (TN)  
(Big Lots)**

**From 5:00 pm till 8:00 pm.**

**exception: July 10th, That night at  
AMERICAN BOOK COMPANY (day before show)**

**This will be  
every second Friday  
of the month (April thru October)**

***Let's all plan to attend &  
make it a successful event.***

***Hosted by the Mossy Creek Cruzers and Lakeway Mustang Club***

**Restaurants available  
Circle S, a Mexican and KFC**

**Cruise-in Dates: April 10th, May 8th, June 12th,  
July 10th, August 14th, Sept 11th and Oct 9th**

# 16th Annual Mossy Creek Cruzers Car Show 2026 AMERICAN BOOK COMPANY

Previously Magnavox Parking Lot  
403 E. Old Andrew Johnson Hwy. • Jefferson City, TN 37760

**FOOD TRUCKS**

**MUSIC**

**DOOR PRIZES**

APPROXIMATELY  
100 TROPHIES

Dash Plaques  
for  
First 150

**Cash Prizes**



NEW TIME!

**Saturday, July 11th, 2026**  
**8:00 am - 2:30 pm**

Car Show Registration

**\$15 Pre-Registration**  
**\$20 Day of Show**

RAIN or SHINE

**REGISTRATION FORM:**

Mail this sheet to:

Mossy Creek Cruzers Car Club • 562 North Highway 92 • Jefferson City, TN 37760

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/2026

PLEASE PRINT

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

AREA CODE

**Club Affiliation:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Entry Amount:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

CAR  TRUCK  JEEP  \_\_\_\_\_

Year and Make of Vehicle \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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15th Annual Car Show

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**Silent Auction**

**50-50**

**\$20**

**Envelope Board**

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  - JEEPS •
  - MOTORCYCLES •
- SHOW**

Canopies Welcome

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REGISTRATION  
PURPOSES ONLY