



Ramblin' On (things you need to know)

Our new leaders have been elected and will take office on January 1, 2026. Thank you to Ashley Jones for volunteering to be our Secretary for the balance of 2025 and again in 2026.

Our 14th Annual "Fill the Truck with Toys" Car Show was a great success. Thank you to everyone who participated!

Our club Christmas Party is scheduled for Saturday, December 13th at Bob & Linda's home.

Letter from the President

What a cold and rainy evening we had at our Trunk or Treat on pre-Halloween night. We were at our usual cruise-in place in College Square in front of Auto Zone with Cruzers and Mustang Club and F150 trucks as well as friends giving out candy. There was just about 30 or 35 children that came through collecting candy from each of us! Way down from the last years but the weather just wasn't with us this time. This is our seventh year of hosting this Trunk or Treat and we look forward to it. The children are so humorous and some just learning to say Trick or Treat, cute as they can be. This is a fun way to end our cruise-ins of the year and now we can start planning the cruise-ins for next year.

As you all know, our booklet is the largest fund raiser that we have. It generates more money for our charities than anything else that we do. I volunteer my time to be the Graphic Artist on the book and also to sell a lot of the ads for it.

We need a few more people to volunteer to sell ads. Even if each member only sold one ad, that would help us immensely!! When you go to your barber shop or beauty shop, ask about an ad. Likewise to your local garage, wrecker services, restaurants, insurance offices, Realtors, doctor's offices, event places, hardware stores, craft stores, local police force and Sheriff. The ideas are endless. Each volunteer can have a price list and a sample of the 2025 book so the potential advertiser can see what the ads look like and the size that they are. I know I bring this up every year but it sure would be great if more members would give Bob and I help in getting the ads.

More Fun-Runs for 2026 for the Cruzers, The Lakeway Mustang Club and the F-150 Truck Club. If you have an idea of a place for all of us to go, drive our classics and maybe have a meal, just let Bobby Estes know. Bobby really puts a lot of work into getting great places and shows for us to go to. Car related places would be wonderful as well as great places to eat.

It just doesn't get any better than this!!

Pat Dukes, President

Meeting Minutes – November 4



Pat Dukes called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm. She welcomed a full room of members in attendance and introduced two new members to the group. Jackie Swank gave the opening prayer, and Bob Latham led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes from the last meeting were published in the newsletter.

Bob provided the Treasurer's report:

Beginning Balance: \$13,307.18, Activity: \$3,307.11. Ending Balance: \$16,614.29.

Rick E. asked about the \$600 for the "show banks". This was money to fund the cash boxes used throughout the show that was deposited back with the proceeds from the show.

Chris D. made a motion to accept the report. Seconded by Linda. Motion passed.

One \$700 check to the chamber, which represented cash donations made at the show, was not included in the above numbers due to timing. It will be included in November.

Our October show that was held on Saturday, October 11 at Bush Beans in Dandridge raised approximately \$3,400 in cash, plus a "truckload" of toys. Bob provided the details on what made up the funds (e.g., envelopes, donations, 50/50, etc.). Special thanks was given to Brooklyn Balzano who helped raise \$341 from her coin auction at the show. A date has not yet been scheduled for the delivery of the toys received.

There was an incident at the show which resulted in damage to an attendee's vehicle. The person who backed into the Corvette has a track record of causing issues at our shows. The past three incidents were discussed. As a result, the club is taking action to ban this person from future club shows and events. Two letters were written, one to announce the ban, and the other as a letter of apology. Rick E. read both letters out loud. A motion to accept the ban letter was made by Linda and seconded by Chris. It was approved. This letter will be sent via priority mail so that we have a record of delivery. A motion to accept the letter of apology was also made by Linda and seconded by Rob. It was approved.

Doug Rodgers, who is the 2026 Show Coordinator, requested ideas from everyone on how to make next year's shows better.

The club will use funds accumulated throughout the year to make cash distributions to our local charitable organizations, which include ten local fire departments, one rescue squad, Isaiah House, Appalachian Ministries (coats), and others.

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Local Car Club Meetings

Get involved! Everyone is welcome to attend and learn about these clubs:

- **Mossy Creek Cruzers** – 1st Tuesday, Shoney's, Dandridge, 6:30 pm
- **Lakeway Mustang Club** – 2nd Tuesday, Shoney's, Morristown, 7:30 pm
- **Hamblen County Car Club** – 3rd Tuesday, Golden Corral, Morristown, 7:00 pm
 - No December meeting
- **F-100 Club** – 5th Tuesday, Shoney's Dandridge, 6:30 pm



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Rick E. asked about the process used to select charitable organizations and determine how much to donate to each. Bob explained the existing process that begins with the list of organizations who received funds last year. That list is then discussed by the leadership team. The Treasurer then writes the checks and delivers them to the organizations, typically in November. A motion was made by Rick E. to complete 2025 with this existing process, but add the process to the by-laws in 2026. It was seconded by Mike. The motion was approved.

Our special Thursday Night “Trunk & Treat” Cruise In held on October 30th at Big Lots was a bust due to the damp and cold weather.

Plans for the club Christmas Party were announced. It will be held at Bob and Linda’s home at 2825 Woodland Drive in Rutledge on Saturday, December 13th. The Mustang Club is also invited. The club will purchase the meat. Everyone should bring a side dish or desert. Also bring a gift for the “Dirty Santa” game. A discussion on times, with respect to darkness, was held. The party will start at 4:00 pm.

Pat requested help for selling ads for the 2026 Program Book. As you are visiting local businesses, don’t be afraid to ask for their support. Ad sizes and costs will be made available.

Pat showed an example of a calendar that she thought would be a good way for our club to advertise our car shows and cruise ins. Instead of ads, members cars would be included. Pat will get pricing on the printing of such calendars.

Finally, elections of our 2026 Officers were held. All nominees accepted their nomination made last month. For:

Treasurer: Bob Latham. Motion by: Chris, 2nd by Rob. Approved.

Vice President: Doug Rodgers. Motion by: Linda, 2nd by Mike. Approved.

President: Pat Dukes. Motion by: Mike, 2nd by John. Approved.

The secretary position was left open as no one was nominated at our October meeting.

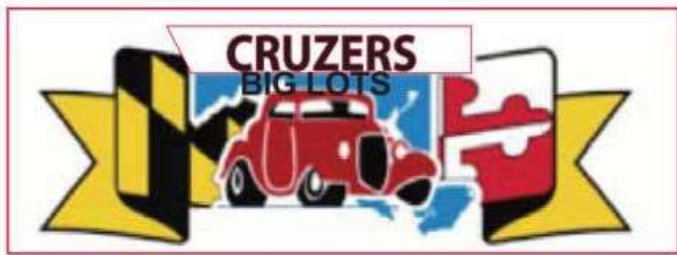
This team will take office on January 1, 2026.

Ashley Jones has volunteered to serve as our Secretary. She was nominated by Pat to fill that position for the balance of 2025 and then again in 2026. Linda questioned if the position is appointed or nominated. Rick E. checked Article 4, Section 4 of the current by-laws for compliance. Open positions are nominated. A motion was made by Chris. It was seconded by Jesse. The motion was approved. Ashley will join the above leadership team effective immediately and work with Rick E. to produce December’s minutes. Note that a copy of our current by-laws are on our website.

A motion to adjourn was made by Rick S. It was seconded by Chris and approved. The meeting ended at 7:39 pm.

2026 Membership Campaign

As 2025 ends, it is time to start our 2026 Membership Campaign. This starts with current members renewing on time. Dues paid now will extend your membership to 12/31/2026. You can also invite others to join using the membership application in this newsletter.



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS



PUT THESE
DATES ON
YOUR
CALENDAR!

Upcoming Events

November 8 4th Annual KOC Council 12838 Car Show, 10:00 am,
475 TN-92, Jefferson City, TN

2026

January 10 & 11 Cabin Fever Car Show, Knoxville, TN (Indoors)

January 17 & 18 Hamblen County Car Club, 12th Annual Winter Angel Expo,
9:00 am (Indoors), Smoky Mountain Expo Center, White Pine,
TN

If you would like your event listed here, please send information to Rick
Elder (relder@micromfgsys.com).

Local Christmas Parade Schedule

Thursday, December 4 Morristown 6:00 pm
Saturday, December 6 Washburn 1:00 pm
Line up at 1936 Liberty Hill Rd in Washburn

Saturday, December 6 White Pine 4:00 pm
Line up in Shopping Center beside Farrar
Funeral home

Saturday, December 6 New Market 6:00 pm
Line up on road in front of the previous Lost Creek Golf Course

Saturday, December 13 Jefferson City 5:00 pm
Line up at 4:00 pm on West Main St.

Saturday, December 20 Piedmont 10:00 am

Saturday, December 20 Dandridge 1:00 pm
Line up at Maury School

Note: If line up information is not provided, then no driving, just spectators.



Images from our October 10th Cruise In**14th Annual “Fill the Truck with Toys” Car Show Video**

It was another beautiful “Saturday in the Park” for a car show. The infield was filled with beautiful cars and many spectators. In addition to filling the truck with toys, we collected \$700 for local kids. This will help make Christmas more merry for many.



Use your smartphone camera to scan this Quick Response (QR) code and watch the video.

Images from our October 11th Car Show

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.

2025 Officers

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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.

Communications Coordinator – **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. Position also maintains the club's website.

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.

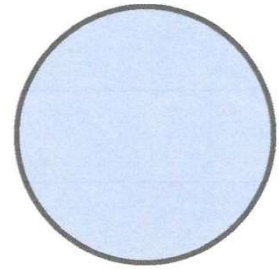
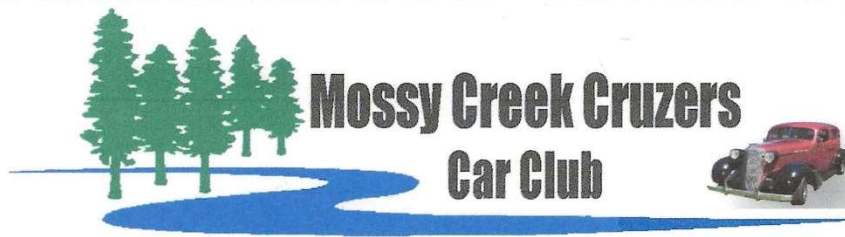
The MCC Car Club Newsletter is an official publication of the Mossy Creek Cruzers Car Club. It is created and distributed electronically each month. All news articles, photographs, and items of interest are welcome for consideration for publication, but subject to editing. Submission deadlines is the 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/MossyCreekCruzers>



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 2026

\$20.00 Per Year

(includes spouse or significant Other)

Name: _____ Please Print **Birthday:** Month _____ Day _____

Spouse/Significant Other: _____ **Birthday:** Month _____ Day _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

E-mail Address: _____

Phone: _____ **Cell:** _____

Date Dues Paid: _____

Vehicle Year: _____ **Model:** _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

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**Meeting is the first Tuesday of the month.
It is held at Shoney's in Dandridge
(Exit 417)
6:30 pm, Come at 6:00 pm to eat.**

**MEMBER of the
Jefferson County
Chamber of Commerce**

The goal of The Mossy Creek Cruzers Car Club is to promote a way for antique and/or classic vehicle enthusiast to spend time together, to have quality time with our families, other individuals and club members. We encourage planned trips, events and social activities for members as well as sharing information about local car shows and cruise-ins. The Mossy Creek Cruzers promote and share a common interest in the preservation, restoration and enjoyment of antique and/or classic vehicles. It is our intent to share in the fellowship of our communities by donating to various charities. We conduct club functions and activities in a manner befitting members of The Mossy Creek Cruzers Car Club and we reserve the right to deny membership to individuals for certain reasons.

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