



Ramblin' On (things you need to know)

Our July 12th Car Show was a success. Funds earned add to our bank balance and will be donated to our charity organizations later this year. Thank you to everyone who participated.

We are now focusing on our October 11th "Fill the Truck with Toys" show to be held at Bush Beans Visitor Center in Dandridge. If you have time to help, please contact Bob Latham or Doug Rodgers.

Our Secretary position is currently unfilled. If you are interested, please contact Pat or any club officer.

Our club picnic will be held in White Pine on Saturday, August 23rd at 5:00 pm. More information is provided below.

MCC Open Positions

The Mossy Creek Cruzers (MCC) has several open management positions. The most significant is the Club **Secretary**, which is an elected officer position and is one of the few positions that is required by the State of Tennessee. This individual attends club meetings, records official minutes of discussions and decisions, and forwards them to the Communications Coordinator for publication.

We also have an opening for the **Charity Coordinator**. This individual oversees all aspects of the Club's charity efforts, including: receiving and screening charity requests, recommending suitable charitable organizations, and presenting them to Club Leadership and ultimately to members for a vote.

We also have an opening for the **Membership Coordinator**. This individual is responsible for promoting membership, collecting dues, and working with the community as a Club representative. This is a great role for an outgoing person who loves to meet and talk to people.

Finally, we need more specific operational help on our **Car Show Committee**, including distributing program books, putting up signs, and working at the activities (registration, silent auction, envelope board, etc.) on the day of the event.

Most of these positions only require up to two hours per month and someone will be available to help until you feel comfortable with the role and process.

The club can accomplish more with more people involved. We are at the point where we need to formally staff the all positions, or reorganize to eliminate those that are going unfilled. If you are interested, please contact Pat or any club officer.

Letter from the President

Count down is on!!!

"We are meeting today, Saturday, July 26th, 2025, at First Peoples Bank on 11-E on the west end of Jefferson City, TN. We are leaving at 5:00 PM to convoy to the Grainger County Ridge Runners Cruise-in. It is in Blaine at Food City parking lot. This will include the Mossy Creek Cruzers, Lakeway Mustangs, F-100 Truck Club, and the Hamblen County Car Club are all invited!! Even if you are not in a club, you are still invited!! Come and join us!"

This was the notice that was put on the Facebook/mossycreekcruzers site. All in all it was a good cruise-in. We actually left at 5:00 pm on the dot. I lead the convoy down 11-E with a total of 12 cars and trucks. It was quite impressive to see the long line of beautiful vehicles on the highway. Several more vehicles joined us after we arrived. We really should do more activities like this. We set up canopies so we would have shade. Bill Kibble, President of the Grainger County Ridge Runners was very welcoming when we arrived. All of the members were extremely nice and invited us to come back anytime.

We just need to get more members of all of the clubs to come together like this. It is so exciting to all get together to share our love for these vehicles. Bobby Estes has several events lined up for the rest of the season including a trip to the Farmers' Daughter in Chucky, TN, (above Greeneville) and also a picnic to be held at Bobby's church's pavilion.

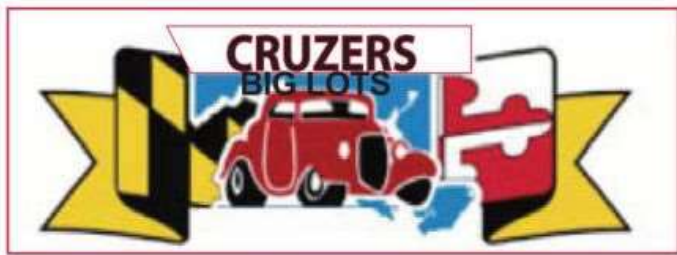
And of course we still have several Cruise-ins at Big Lots, always the second Friday of the month starting at 5:00 or 5:30. The one in October will be our annual candy giveaway to kids which is always so much fun. Usually around 150 or 200 kids all dressed in their Halloween finest!

If you are a member of any of these clubs, you made the decision to be a part of that club which includes events, car shows, and cruise-ins. You will realize just how great the clubs are and be glad that you are a member.

Be proud of any of the clubs that you are a part of; we are proud of you!!

Pat Dukes
President of the Mossy Creek Cruzers Car Club
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AUGUST BIRTHDAYS



PUT THESE
DATES ON
YOUR
CALENDAR!



Upcoming Events

- August 8 **MCC Cruze In, Big Lots Parking Lot, Jefferson City, 5:30 pm**
August 9 **POWER TOUR:** Cruise In @ the Farm
Meet at Ingles East at 9:00 am
August 16 **POWER TOUR:** Shadow of the Mountain Car Show at
Newport City Park. Meet at Hardee's at exit 8 on Interstate 81
at 7:00 am.
August 23 Lakeway Band "Fuel the Music" Car Show, Lakeway Christian
Academy, White Pine, TN. 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.
August 23 **MCC Club Picnic in White Pine, 5:00 pm.** More information to
come.
September 12 **MCC Cruze In, Big Lots Parking Lot, Jefferson City, 5:30 pm**
September 20 Cruise In @ the Farm, Bulls Gap, 10:00 am
September 20 Morristown Airport Annual Fly-in & Drive In, Morristown, TN
10:00 am to 3:00 pm.
September 27 Crusin' for Christ Car Show and Fall Festival, 10316 Rutledge
Pike, Corryton, TN, 9:00 am to 2:00 pm.
October 4 1st Annual Long and Low Customs Auto parts, Antiques &
Collectables Swap Meet, 3317 Mine Rd, Mascot, 8:00 am to
2:00 pm
October 4 Muscle Car Ministries Fall Cruise In, Rusty Wallace Ford,
Dandridge, TN. 9:00 am to 2:00 pm
October 10 **MCC Cruze In, Big Lots Parking Lot, Jefferson City, 5:30 pm**
October 11 **MCC "Fill the Truck with Toys" Car Show – Bush Beans,
Dandridge TN, 9:00 am to 3:30 pm**



Club Picnic

Our club picnic will be held, along with the Lakeway Mustang Club and the F-100 Owners Club, at the Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church, 549 N White Pine Road, Talbott, TN on Saturday, August 23rd at 5:00 pm.

The Lakeway Mustang Club will be providing the hot dogs, hamburgers, and buns. The church will be providing the ice. Please bring a covered dish, or your favorite desert, to share with everyone.

There is no charge for club members.

About Mossy Creek Cruzers

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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Secretary

Open Position

2025 Board of Directors

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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.

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>

Meeting Minutes – August 5



Pat Dukes called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm. She welcomed the 20 members in attendance. Bob Latham lead the opening prayer, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Bob provided the Treasurer's report:

Beginning Balance: \$10,496.62, Activity: -\$3,244.52. Ending Balance: \$13,741.18.

Jackie made a motion to accept. Seconded by John. Motion passed.

Bob provided breakdown of show income. Registration = \$2,040, Envelopes = \$1,260, Silent Auction = \$1078, Floating Dock Raffle = \$316, Vendors = \$270, Donations for 2 Children = \$191, and T-Shirts = \$155. The silent auction had expenses of approximately \$700. Not all invoices for show expenses have been received. 35 people worked the show. A motion to round up the Donations for the Children to \$200 was made by Bobby Estes, seconded by everyone and approved. Note that checks to charitable organizations will be made in November.

Car show improvement ideas were briefly discussed by the group. These included updating the show flyer, allowing more room for show car entrance to ease backing up onto the road, moving the registration tent, trophy classes, compilation of judging forms and announcement of the winners, and member parking. Vic recommended that member cars be parked with the show cars. A motion to do so was made by Jackie and seconded by Bob. All approved. This change will allow club members to compete for trophies providing independent (non-member) judges are used. Pat thanked the judges who worked the July show.

The October show was also discussed. There will be two show planning meetings, both to be held on the last Tuesday of the month (August 26th and September 30th) at 6:00 pm at Perkins in Dandridge. Silent auction items are a concern. It is requested for everyone to bring one item to the next club meeting on September 2nd. Doug is reorganizing the trailer. Pat needs all signs with dates back for a date change.

Bobby shared the details of the club picnic which will be held, along with the Lakeway Mustang Club and the F-100 Owners Club, on Saturday, August 23rd at 5:00 pm. See article above.

Bobby also reviewed upcoming Power Tour events. See the event calendar in this newsletter, or on our website, for up to date information. A motion to hold a special "Trunk & Treat" Cruise In on Thursday, October 30 at Big Lots in Jefferson City was made by Oscar. Linda seconded it. Approved.

Pat has Mossy Creek Car Club "Member" stickers. See her if you need one.

A motion to adjourn was made by Linda. It was seconded by Chris and approved. The meeting ended at 7:40 pm.

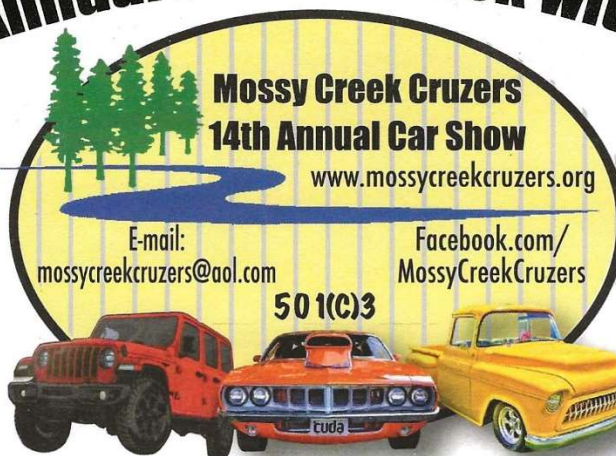
Local Car Club Meetings

- 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, Wendy's East, Morristown, 7:30 pm
- **Hamblen County Car Club** – 3rd Tuesday, Golden Corral, Morristown, 7:00 pm
- **F-100 Club** – 5th Tuesday, Shoney's Dandridge, 6:30 pm





Mossy Creek Cruzers 14th Annual Fill the Truck with Toys



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CAR/TRUCK
JEEP
MOTORCYCLE
SHOW**

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 - **50-50 •**
 - **SILENT AUCTION •**
 - **DOOR PRIZES •**
 - **TROPHIES •**
 - **ENVELOPE BOARD •**
 - **CASH PRIZES •**
- Registration is a new,
Unwrapped Toy**



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for First
150
Entrants**

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**Bob Latham • 301-602-7498
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Visitor Center

RAIN OR SHINE

LOCATION: 3901 US HWY 411 (Ballpark) • Dandridge, TN 37725
Saturday, October 11, 2025 • 9 a.m. until 3:30 p.m.

Bring with you OR Mail registration to:
Mossy Creek Cruzers • 562 North Highway 92 • Jefferson City, TN 37760

Name: _____ **Date:** ____/____/2025

PLEASE PRINT

Address: _____ **City, State, Zip** _____

E-Mail: _____ **Phone:** () _____

Club Affiliation: _____ AREA CODE

Vehicle Year & Make _____ **Car** ☐ **Truck** ☐ **Jeep** ☐

SIGNATURE _____

Liability: Entrants, Participants and Spectators, by execution of this form, Release and Discharge the State of Tennessee, Jefferson County, and the City of Dandridge, Mossy Creek Cruzers, Bush's Visitor Center, the Sponsors, Promoters, or Assistants, their Officers, Directors, Employees, Agents, Servants, Members and Representatives, Property, and anyone else connected with the presentation of Bush's Visitor Center and Mossy Creek Cruzers Club Car Show from any and all known or unknown damages, injuries, losses, judgements, and/or claims from any cause whatsoever that may be suffered by an entrant or participant to his/her person or property.