

NEWSLETTER
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Ramblin' On (things you need to know)

Our Board of Directors (BOD) have completed the updates to the current bylaws and membership has approved them at the February meeting. See the article below.

Our annual membership campaign, which started in December, continues this month. It is not too late to renew or join. New members are welcomed anytime.

Program Book sales are going well thanks to more members soliciting ads.

Spring car shows are beginning to be scheduled. Watch the Upcoming Events column in this newsletter and the Events page on our website for those local to us.

Our March Meeting is Tuesday, March 3 at Shoney's in Dandridge, TN. The meeting starts at 6:30. Come earlier to eat.

The Name Mossy Creek "Car" Club

Even though our official name is the Mossy Creek Car Club, the club is not just about cars. All types of motor vehicles are accepted at our cruise ins and events, including:

- Antique cars and trucks (Built prior to 2001) – Using 25 years as the definition of antique.
- All manufacturers – Domestic and foreign.
- Foreign cars – European and Japanese.
- Stock and custom.
- Low riders.
- Jeeps.
- Rat rods.
- Square bodied trucks.
- Vans and panel trucks.
- Tuners.
- Drifters.
- Muscle cars.
- Family cars.
- And yes, we even enjoy motorcycles and trikes.



This list is not exhaustive. In other words, *everyone is welcome*. If what you drive is your passion, and it is safe to drive, bring it out. It is just easier to refer to all of these generically as "cars".

Letter from the President

This is the time of the year that we sell ads for our program book. Sales of these ads are way ahead of time this year because there are four of us doing the work. Over half of the ads from last year plus a few new ones have already been sold. Thanks to Bob Latham, Chris Davis, and Phil Gibson for selling ads. They are doing a fantastic job. Chris is selling around Dandridge and Phil is selling some in Dandridge and Newport. We go out every couple of days and sell a few ads and are trying to get a few new ones as well. I have already placed them in the book and that is a major feat. The books will probably be printed and back to us earlier because of this extra help. Just think how well we could do if a few more members sold just one or two!

Our charities are so important to the club. Giving back to the communities that we live in gives a special feeling of pride to our members.

Although the book is our best money maker for our charities, we also enjoy the tours that we go on. In 2026 we will be going to more car shows, cruise-ins, and Power Tours with the Lakeway Mustang Club and the F-150 Truck club. Thanks to Bobby Estes for setting these up. He started inviting the Cruzers to go with them on these tours so several of us joined the Mustang Club so that we can help them also. And Bobby and Betty Estes joined our club.

Mossy Creek Cruzers have been a club since 2012. In 2011 a lot of Jefferson County and Hamblen County people were members of the Grainger County Ridge Runners, but we decided to start a club in Jefferson County. Four of us started the Cruzers: Glenn Allred, Jim Burch, Larry Boggess and me. It took several months to plan how we wanted the club to be. Then in March of 2012 it officially started and we met at Shoney's in Dandridge where we still meet today. . By August we had over 100 memberships! Sure would be nice to have that many again. Maybe if we work harder we could get back to that many!

Our cruise-in starts again the second Friday in April, the 10th. It will still be co-sponsored by the Lakeway Mustang Club and the Lakeway F-150 truck club. Come about 5:00 or 5:30 and stay as long as you want to! We will try to have 50-50 tickets and music and a few other things to keep everyone entertained.

And last but not least, I have got on a regular schedule of dialysis, and I am feeling so much better. Hopefully, I will also get back to my craft painting soon. Thanks to everyone for all of the prayers that have come my way.

Pat Dukes, President

Club Member Decals

If you are an active Mossy Creek Cruiser Car Club member then you should be displaying our member static cling decal showing our logo on your ride. You can pick one up at our monthly meetings or by coming out to our Friday Night Cruise Ins. These are no charge to members.



Meeting Minutes – February 3



Pat Dukes called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. She welcomed the nine members in attendance. Bob Latham gave the opening prayer, and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Bob L. provided the Treasurer's report:

Beginning Balance: \$8,271.74, Activity: \$2,830.12, Ending Balance: \$11,101.86.

The increase in activity was due to the selling of ads for our Program Books. Bobby E. made a motion to accept the report. 2nd by John M. Motion passed. Bob commented that the \$4,000 collected in January as a record. Over one half of last year's ads have been sold.

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

Rick E presented the final changes to the by-laws that were approved by the Board of Directors in January. Bob L. made a motion to accept the revised by-laws. 2nd by Phil. Motion passed.

We still have one open seat on our Board of Directors due to the resigning of Rick Swank. Pat asked John Moody if he would be interested and he said yes. Bob L. made a motion to nominate John to the position. 2nd by Bobby E. Motion passed. For those who do not know John, he is an active member, seen frequently at Club meetings and events, and the President of the Lakeway Mustang Club.

Bob L. made the recommendation for a charity committee to manage who we will make charitable contributions to. That committee however, was just removed from the by-laws because it had gone unstaffed. The new process, outlined in the by-laws, places the responsibility on the Club Officers.

Pat will recommend a firehouse in Newport be added to the list of this year's recipients. The process to update the list of organizations begins in September.

Pat read a very nice thank you letter received from Isaiah 1:17 for our 2025 contribution to them.

Our October Car Show held at Bush Beans in Dandridge has been confirmed for October 10th, which is the second Saturday. The second Saturday has been reserved for the next 5 years. Pat is in the process of designing the T-shirt designs for this year's shows.

Bobby E. is working on the Power Tour dates and destinations. So far, March and April have been confirmed. See the details in the Upcoming Events column in this newsletter. May and June are under construction. Bulls Gap Cruise Ins have been scheduled for 2026, but many are in conflict with other area events. Phil asked where these events can be seen. Bobby indicated that these are all on Facebook.

Our Club Secretary has not shown up at the last few meetings, so Pat will give her a call.

A motion to adjourn was made at 7:30 by John M. 2nd by Bobby E. Approved.

Post Meeting Note: From a club perspective, the Events page on our website shows all local events that I have been made aware of. The short term portion of that schedule are also listed in this newsletter. Members should therefore start here. Facebook is great for immediate notification, but depending on your feed, posts may be difficult to find later.



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

Refrigerator Page

Print and Hang On Your Refrigerator for Reference

Upcoming Events

March 3	MCC Monthly Meeting, Shoney's, Danridge, 6:30 pm
March 7	2nd Annual Vendor & Car Show - Maury Middle School, Dandridge, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm
March 8	Daylight Savings Time! 2:00 am
March 20	SPRING BEGINS! 10:46 am
March 21	POWER TOUR to Thunder Road in Maynardville Meet at Shell Station in Bean Station at 8:00 am Thunder Road Car Show & Swap Meet, Wilson Park, Maynardville, 8:00 am to 4:00 pm
March 21	Hamblen County Car Club Cruise In's Begin. Every Saturday Night, 4:00 to 8:00 pm, Healthstar Physicians/Burger King, Morristown.
April 4	MCC Monthly Meeting, Shoney's, Danridge, 6:30 pm
April 7	MCC Cruise In's Begin
April 10	Every 2nd Friday, 5:00 to 8:00 pm Big Lots, Jefferson City
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 Schol Showdown & Swap Meet, Mascot, 8:00 am to 2:00 pm
May 5	MCC Monthly Meeting, Shoney's, Danridge, 6:30 pm
May 8	MCC Cruise In (2nd Friday)!

Send your event to our Communications Coordinator for listing here.

Club Social Media

Web Site



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.

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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.

By-Laws Update

The MCC Car Club By-laws is a “living” document that outlines the constitution and administration of the club. It must be consistently updated to ensure that they represent guidelines for how the club operates (saying what we do) and auditing that club leaders are working within those guidelines (doing what we say). Changes were recognized in the existing document, and a new draft was created.

The Board of Directors met on Tuesday, November 25 to review changes against the current document and the new draft. The following changes were made at that time (see December 2025 newsletter).

- Members. We added member statuses and a new section for removing an active member.
- Board of Directors. The number of BOD members and the role of the President as part of the board were discussed. The total number of BOD members, including the President and Past President, must be odd. Because it is not currently, one additional director will be added immediately. The President has the same rights as other BOD members.
- Election Process. All Board of Director, Club Officers, and Committee Leaders are nominated and elected. There are none appointed. Processes for all three levels were discussed and updated.
- Duties of stated roles were discussed and updated.
 - The Charities Committee was eliminated. Two new by-laws articles states the charitable giving process to organizations and another to individuals and families.
 - The Public Relations position was put under communications.
 - A new Events Committee to manage cruise in production and fun runs was added.
- Many minor changes eliminating redundancy and making the document more readable.

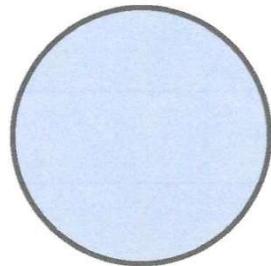
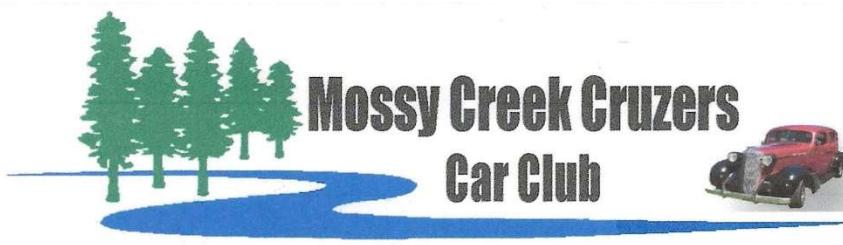
A follow-up meeting of the Board of Directors took place on Monday, January 12th to complete the review of Articles Seven through Eleven. This is a summary of the balance of the document.

- It was decided not to add an Event Committee. Redundancies were removed.
- New – Article EIGHT: Donations to Charitable Organizations was added. This article defines a charitable organization and captures the process that Bob L. used this past year, but adds more specific timing. Emergency distributions are limited to \$500.
- New – Article NINE: Donations to Individuals and Families was added. This article specifies the process for helping club members and their families in need. Emergency distributions are limited to \$500.
- Article TEN – Specifies that a quorum (majority) of BOD members will be required for any by-laws changes.

These changes were approved by the BOD on January 13th.

These were reviewed and discussed at the February meeting and voted on by the membership. They will go into effect immediately and will be posted publicly on our web site.

Just one final note on the By-laws. It is up to every member, whether a Club Officer or not, to hold our leaders accountable for following the by-laws document. Likewise as a volunteer leader, you must understand the by-laws and govern according to them. That does not mean we cannot have fun. It just means we must honor and respect the guidelines established for the Club.



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

2026

\$20.00 Per Year

(includes spouse or significant Other)

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

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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