



Ramblin' On (things you need to know)

Due to the inclement weather on Friday, April 11th, the "Cruze for Pat" benefit for Pat Dukes and the National Kidney Foundation (NKF) has been rescheduled for our next Cruise In on Friday, May 9th. Please come out to support two great causes.

The Board of Directors met on April 8th to review the by-laws. A few minor changes were made, but the new document has not yet been approved. Once approved, changes will be published.

Our program books have been printed and are in the process of being distributed to local businesses for both shows the July and October shows. The show committee has met twice and will be ready!

Cruise for Pat – Rescheduled for Friday, May 9th

A Benefit for Pat Dukes and the National Kidney Foundation (NKF)



Pat Dukes is a Charter member of the Mossy Creek Cruzers Car Club. She was the Club's first Secretary, a position she held for many years before becoming our Club President in 2019 and still holds today. She is the face of the club and has generously poured her time, creativity, heart, and soul into it.

Pat has kidney disease. There are only two options for treatment for this debilitating disease. The short term solution is dialysis treatment, which is usually 3 times a week, for 4 hours at a time. The long term solution is a kidney transplant, which has a five year waiting list.

In our appreciation to Pat, we are dedicating our Cruze In on **May 9th** to her and to the NKF. At this event, you can:

- Learn about being a "live" kidney donor.
- Sign up to be screened to be a "live" kidney donor.
- Learn about being an organ donor and how to sign up.
- Provide financial support:
 - Donate to help Pat's expenses.
 - Donate to the NKF.
 - Purchase some of handmade Pat's crafts.

Please join us at this event and spread the word. Let's get everyone with a classic car, truck, or other vehicle to the Big Lots Parking lot in Jefferson City on Friday night to honor our friend Pat and show our thanks and support!

Letter from the President

Hello Cruzers,

Do any of you remember when we rode along with our parents in cars that were so cool?

So many of us had parents with this type of car or even a newer or older one. Maybe that is where our love of these vehicles comes from.... memories of our childhood. When I was very young, my Dad had a new Ford, yellow and white, but I remember it, as I stood in the back seat and rode along thinking it was so pretty and not another thought in my head! Of course we didn't have seatbelts then, so little kids just stood in the seats and took the tumbles when the driver stopped fast!! But those days were good, and I feel like the best cars were developed then, or at least the classics, from the 30s through the 60s and even early 70s.

With cars today, they are pretty, but you can't tell one from another, they all look alike! You have to see the emblems to know what brand they are. That just takes all of the fun out of it!!

We need to try to pass this love of the classics to our children, grandchildren, and other youngsters, so they can continue to keep these older vehicles alive! Tell them stories about them, teach them how to tell one model from another (you know they won't be able to do that with these newer versions). Take them for rides so they can see the differences in them. That is the only way that our vehicles will survive!

Before I had seat belts installed in my '36 Oldsmobile, I took my granddaughter riding around in it in my back yard. I hit a pretty big dip, and she said "Hey, don't do that! Take care of this car, it is going to be mine someday"!! It actually made me feel pretty good that maybe the Olds will survive!

These are memories about the "Good Ole Days". I know most of our members have stories about this and how you came to love these classics. Why not share them with us so we can all enjoy them! Your stories can be happy or how you were stranded with a car break down or how you raced on the highways. It helps us know each other and how we learned to appreciate these classics. Just go back in your memory!

Keep Cruising and enjoy these times,
Pat Dukes
President

Local Car Club Meetings

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

Mossy Creek Cruzers – 1st Tuesday Every Month, Shoney's, Dandridge, 6:30 pm

Lakeway Mustang Club – 2nd Tuesday Every Month, Wendy's East, Morristown, 7:30 pm

Hamblen County Car Club – 3rd Tuesday Every Month, Golden Corral, Morristown, 7:00 pm

F-100 Club – 5th Tuesday of the Month, Shoney's Dandridge, 6:30 pm



MAY BIRTHDAYS



PUT THESE
DATES ON
YOUR
CALENDAR!



It's Cruze In
Season!



Upcoming Events

- May 9 **MCC Cruze In, Big Lots Parking Lot, Jefferson City, 5:30 pm**
Benefit for National Kidney Foundation & Pat Dukes
- May 10 Tarr Chevrolet, 304 East Broadway (11E), Jefferson City, 9:00 am
- May 10 FOP Car Show, Fred Miller Park, Morristown, 8:00 am
- May 10 Cruise In & Swap Meet @ the Farm, Bulls Gap. 10:00 am
- May 17 **POWER TOUR:** Cruising the Crater, Middlesbrough
Meet at Shell across the bridge on Hwy 25, 2:00 pm
- May 17 WCRK/Country Legends 2025 Strawberry Festival, 8:00 am to 3:00 pm. 510 W. Economy Road, Morristown
- May 17 Sundown On the Depot, Downtown Greenville, TN. 9:00 am
- June 6 Cruise In @ Life Care Center of Jefferson City, 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. 336 W Old AJ Highway, Jefferson City
Free, Car Show, Food, Petting Zoo & Pony Rides
- June 7 **POWER TOUR:** Ridge Runners of Greeneville Car Show
Meet at Union Heights School, 9:00 am
- June 7 Ridge Runners of Greeneville Car Show, Hardin Park, 602 Cresent Dr, Greeneville, 10:00 am
- June 13 **MCC Cruze In, Big Lots Parking Lot, Jefferson City, 5:30 pm**
- June 14 Butch Grooms Memorial Car Show, Walters State CC, Morristown, 8:00 am
- June 14 Cruise In & Swap Meet @ the Farm, Bulls Gap, 10:00 am
- June 21 Cruise 4 Refuge, College Square Mall, 2550 East Morris Blvd, Morristown, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm
- July 11 **MCC Cruze In, American Book Company, Jefferson City 5:30 pm**
- July 12 **15th Annual MCC Car Show – American Book Company, Jefferson City, 9:00 am to 3:30 pm**
- July 19 **POWER TOUR:** F-100/Mustang/Bronco show in Maggie Valley
Meet at Hardee's in Newport at 7:00 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.

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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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

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

Meeting Minutes – May 6



Pat called the meeting to order at 6:33 pm. Bob L. led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance and an opening prayer. Pat added that Jim Bunch, who was a Charter member, passed away.

Bob provided the Treasurer's report:

Beginning Balance: \$14496.39, Activity: -\$2,214.35.

Ending Balance: \$12,282.04. The club is in excellent financial shape.

Pete B. made a motion to accept. Seconded by Tom H. Motion passed.

Note that Jesse W. donated two speakers to the club, thus the PA project has been completed.

Old Business:

We are 2 months away from the July 12 show. The Car Show committee met on April 29th to continue planning. The following issues were reviewed:

- Trophy classes – Keeping the same except for combining the last two “year” classes. They will now be 1980 to 2005, and 2006 to 2025.
- Knoxville Mayor, the Honorable Glenn Jacobs will be attending.
- Judges will be invited to the June Car Show Committee meeting for pre-show coordination and instructions.
- Food trucks have been scheduled. A discussion on if they need to be licensed was held. Pat will be contacting each to verify.
- Silent auction and door prize items are needed.
- Old t-shirts stored in the trailer will be sold at a reduced rate. Doug R. recommended a “package” of one old and one new be offered.
- Envelope items are needed.
- Volunteers to help operate the show on Juny 12th are needed.
- Vehicle registration will close at noon.
- All attendees will pre-pay or pay as the enter the show. This includes vehicle owners, vendors, and food trucks. A motion to approve was made by Pat M, seconded by Jackie B, and approved.
- A pre-registration ticket has be prepared. They will be snail mailed to the person so they can show it at the gate and then bring it to the registration table.
- The generator can not be stored long term in the trailer.

Should is rain on the second Friday night prohibiting a MCCC Cruise In, the rain date for will the 3rd Friday night.

Watch Facebook for local events, including the Lakeway Power Tour. They are many events to choose from on most weekends.

New Business:

Chris Davies has resigned from the MCCC Board of Directors. Pete Balzano was nominated to replace him by Jackie B. Linda seconded the motion, and it was approved. We thank Chris for his service and look forward to seeing him at club events.

Jackie B. made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Mike S, and approved.

15th Annual Mossy Creek Cruzers Car Show 2025 AMERICAN BOOK COMPANY

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Saturday, July 12th, 2025

9:00 am - 3:30 pm

Car Show Registration

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

**RAIN or SHINE
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About My Car: 1974 Pontiac GTO

By Bob Latham

A Brief History

The Pontiac GTO is generally recognized as the car that started the Muscle Car era. It was the first car to stuff a larger - displacement engine into an intermediate (mid-size) body style. At the time, GM restricted mid-size cars to a maximum engine size of 330 cubic inches. PONTIAC BROKE THE RULES!

Introduced for the 1964 model year, it was originally an option package available on the Tempest-Lemans A-body line. It became its own model in 1966, with its unique serial number (beginning with 242) through the 1971 model year. From 1972 until 1974, it reverted back to an options package, with the 1974 model being based on the Ventura, rather than the Tempest/Lemans model line-up.

My 1974 Pontiac GTO

My GTO is a rare, low-production car. With a total of only 7,058 produced, my car is one of 2,317 hatchbacks built, and one of the only 687 hatchbacks built with 4-speed manual transmissions.

And although exact numbers are unknown, it is estimated to be one of 5-10 that left the factory with special-order Starlight Black paint. It is truly a rare car. All 1974 GTO's came equipped with Pontiac built 350 cubic inch 4 barrel carb motors. My car retains the original numbers, matching engine, and 4-speed transmission. It currently has 107,000 miles on it. Oddly, it has power brakes but manual, non-power steering. It also retains the original, Safe-T-Track (posi) rear end. Even though it was not equipped with air-conditioning (a muscle car sin!) it was pretty-well-equipped with bucket seats, dual side sport mirrors, an AM/FM radio (not stereo) with rear seat speaker, chrome window moldings complete tinted glass, front and rear floor mats, and a heavy duty battery and radiator. The original sticker price was \$4,387.66.

This GTO was originally sold by Leist Pontiac in Rockwell City Iowa. It spent most of its life in Iowa, and the last 10 years in Laramie, Wyoming. I acquired the car in November 2023. I am (at least) the fourth owner, although I can only trace ownership back to 1985. I don't know how many owners it had in its first 11 years. I am trying diligently to keep it as original as possible. After all, they're only original once! Even though it will never be (as long as I own it) a true "show car"; I am enjoying driving my rare, classic 1974 GTO. It turns a lot of heads, and gets lots of thumbs-up!



Elements of a Car Story

Telling stories about cars is not difficult for most of us. Of course, there are stories where your car was a much a character as your family and friends that rode in it, but have you researched the Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) to learn about your car? How many owners has it had? How did you acquire it and why? Did you have a favorite car you departed with and why? What have you done to your car in terms of major changes or restoration? All of these are part of any story.

If the actual writing is the issue, please contact Pat or Rick. We can help you put your story into words.