

# FRIGHTMARE MANOR



## REVEALING THE HAUNTED PAST OF HISTORIC TALBOTT, TENNESSEE

Intentionally ignored and buried in the Hamblen County records for many years, public interest has once again brought the Jeremiah Lexer murders to light. Once a dark blemish on the seemingly quiet East TN county, Hamblen County now receives notoriety as the birthplace and home of one of America's Earliest Known Serial Killers – Jeremiah Lexer. It is located at 7588 W. Andrew Johnson Hwy Talbott, TN 37877.

Lexer lived on a massive plantation on the outskirts of Hamblen County with his extended family from 1826-1902. Records show that he was a seemingly upstanding member of the community, with no notable grievances with either the government or neighbors.

Beginning in 1887, multiple missing people cases were reported to the Hamblen County Sheriff James Franklin Hayes over the next 15 years. These reports were considered unlinked and attributed to dangerous mountainous wildlife or becoming lost in the massive Appalachian Mountains. No one suspected that a quiet citizen was responsible for these suspicious disappearances. Tragically, it was discovered a murderer lived amongst them.

On July 5, 1902 Jeremiah Lexer took his own life after a brutal killing-spree that left his entire family slain and nothing but bloody carnage left for people to discover the following day. After his plantation was searched, the gruesome discoveries of over 30 bodies was a shock to the community. The blatant disregard for human life and extensive torture tactics discovered, sickened those who saw it. Some victims were locked in a giant ironclad room, within one of his barns, where they were left to literally starve to death. Many of the asphyxiations took place upstairs in his office. The victims' bodies were dropped by secret chute from his office to the basement, where some were meticulously dissected, stripped of flesh, crafted into skeleton models. Lexer also burned some of the bodies or placed them in lime pits and other chemicals for disposal. Within the basement were discovered two giant furnaces as well as pits of acid, bottles of various poisons, and even a stretching rack.

Recently, this property has been used as a restaurant but closed after too many documented accidents. Many blame the spirits of the past as previous workers cite specific examples of this property being infested with restless spirits. Some stories have included violent, paranormal activity – others passive experiences. Multiple paranormal groups have verified activity.

A little girl can often be seen in the 2nd bedroom, gazing out of the window, facing the East. Many people driving on 11-E report seeing a man with an axe outline peering out of the windows.

The Lexer murders were covered up and forgotten for years. The government officials who took it upon themselves to cover up these atrocities, for the good of the community, have long since passed, and the secret Lexer files were officially released in 1987. Today the Lexer Plantation serves as the home of Frightmare Manor – a highly successful and nationally recognized Haunted Attraction. This is privately owned property.

*The Mossy Creek Cruzers Car Club meeting is held the first Tuesday of each month at Shoney's in Dandridge at 7 pm. Come at 6 pm to eat!*





## OCTOBER 2013 MEETING MINUTES

### Meeting held at Shoney's in Dandridge October 1st, 2013

There were 29 members attending this meeting.

The minutes from the September meeting was given by Pat Dukes and the treasurer report was given by Glenn Allred. They were accepted by all.

Glenn thanked everyone again and gave the report on the Bush's show and gave a breakdown of the expenses and the profit.

Glenn asked that we donate \$200 to the Chestnut Hill Volunteer Fire Department for their help in setting up for the show at Bush's. A motion was made by Tom Kozial with a second from Robert Ferguson. It was passed by all.

Glenn made a statement about Leslie Brock and all of the things she does, behind the scenes, for our club. Leslie designed and maintains the Mossy Creek Cruzers web site and Facebook page. Although you rarely see her, she goes into the website and Facebook and updates everything from car shows and cruise-ins to pictures of all of our events, lists all of our car show sponsors along with their logos, posts the newsletters each month and just on and on. Leslie is a member and a great asset for our club. Glenn asks that you send her an email to [mossycreekcruzers@aol.com](mailto:mossycreekcruzers@aol.com) or to [www.facebook.com/mossycreekcruzers](http://www.facebook.com/mossycreekcruzers) and let her know that she is appreciated!! A thank you is a big motivator and it only take a couple of minutes!

The sound system has now been paid for. As a lot of you know, a member bought the system for the club as a loan.

We have been selling 50-50 tickets at the Friday night cruise-in to repay him. A motion was made by Billie Ferguson to pay him with part of the proceeds from the 50-50 tickets that was sold at the car show. A second came from Phil Hackman. Passed by all.

June Howerton gave a report about the benefit car show for the 2nd Harvest Food Bank at the Diner and how plans are going. Pat Dukes will work at the registration booth with June, Michelle Tipton and Sharon McCaulley will be the 50-50 ticket sellers, and Jeannine Knowland will help with the door prizes. Trophies are being sponsored by Jack Maness and Howard at the DINER and dash plaques sponsored by a bank in Sevierville. June has barrels set up at the Food Citys.

The picnic was so much fun at Douglas Dam and if you weren't there, you missed a good time at a beautiful location. It was September 8th at the Douglas Dam Park.

The Greeneville Ridgerunners car club invited us to their annual picnic. It was a great place and good food. *Sadly, only 4 Cruzers attended.*

President Larry Boggess discussed the election of officers for next year and whether we wanted nominations from the floor or silent ballots. It was voted to have silent ballots. Three people were nominated for President but two declined and the other was the incumbent, so Larry will remain President for 2014. The same for Vice President, three nominated and two declined, so Glenn Allred, being one of the nominees, will again be Vice President. There were two nominees for Secretary, but one declined so Pat Dukes will remain Secretary. Now here is where it gets interesting, there were 8 nominees for the open office of Treasurer. Six respectfully declined and one was not present. Bill O'Connell said he would be interested so he will probably be the 2014 Treasurer and will be an asset to the officers as well as to the club.

A car show committee has been formed to find a place or decide if we want to remain at Bushs for our 2014 car show. Several places were suggested, Bush's again, Carson-Newman, the Jefferson Middle School on Highway 11-E in Jefferson City, Magnavox (over 500 spaces) in Jefferson City, Maury School in Dandridge and Jefferson County High School. Other places will be in consideration also. A date also needs to be set. In 2013 there were six car shows going on the same day as our show as well as the Bristol Nascar race. It would be beneficial to our club to have this on a different day. Glenn Allred will head this committee up. Others on the committee will be Tom Kozial, Robert Ferguson, Bud Morello, Bill O'Connell and Larry Boggess.

Also we have to get the "Fill the Truck with Toys" car show set up so there will be time to organize it. Watch for an email (or receive a phone call) with more details because this will be coming up soon.

The club's Thanksgiving dinner has been set up. Our regular monthly meeting is November 5th only this time it will be held at the American Legion in Jefferson City at 6pm. If you work later, just come on when you can! Meat will be furnished by the club and everyone is asked to bring a dish. We will NOT be at Shoneys for the November meeting.

A motion to adjourn was put forth by Robert Ferguson with a second from Bud Morello.





Hello Members,

At our October 1st meeting, nominations were brought forth for the officers of the Mossy Creek Cruzers. The President asked if the members would rather bring the names from the floor or have a silent ballot. They chose a silent ballot. In the minutes you can read the break down. As stated Larry Boggess will remain President, Glenn Allred will remain Vice-President and Pat Dukes will remain Secretary. There were 2 selected for Treasurer, one accepted and one was not there to accept or decline and that was Jim Burch. Bill O'Connell accepted the nomination so we will decide at the November meeting. Bill said he had been a Treasurer before so that will be extremely helpful!

We have a suggestion box at each meeting now so if you would like something discussed or can suggest a cruise for us to go on, please use this box if you would rather do that than speak up during the meeting. Larry reads each and every one of the suggestions.

The car show committee will soon be meeting and discussing the possibility of moving the show in 2014. Stay posted for updates on this.

### THANKSGIVING DINNER

The Thanksgiving dinner will be held at the American Legion in Jefferson City at 6pm on Tuesday, November 5th. If that is too early for you, please come on when you can. The club will furnish the turkey and the ham and members are asked to bring dishes to finish out our dinner. We have so much to be thankful for!! Please try to attend this fellowship club dinner

## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello all you Cruzers!

Here we are in October already! Where has the year gone? We had a great club picnic. I appreciate all the good cooks in the club and Robert for being the grill master. Good food and good company ..... what more could you ask for?

We also had a great car show this year although our club attendance was very low. I appreciate all that did attend our show. The members need to support the club and it's functions. The members that did attend along with all our guest had a great time. I tried to speak with everyone there and did not get the first complaint. Sorry there was a misunderstanding over the parking. Max informed me we had the use of the field all along.

We also had a few great cruises so far this year. We didn't have much club participation in many of them though. We will have more cruises before the year is out. Cruises are one of the most asked for things in the suggestion box. It takes some planing to put a cruise together so come on out when we have one, enjoy the fun and participate in your club. I hope to see everyone at the Thanksgiving Dinner at the American Legion in Jefferson City on November 5th at 6 PM. This will be in place of our normal monthly meeting which is usually held at Shoneys.

I hope to see everyone at the Club Car Show October 5 which is a benefit for the 2nd Harvest Food Bank which covers 18 counties. June has put a lot of time and effort into this show so at least help her out by attending the car show if you can, to help out with the show. WAY TO GO JUNE!!! (This show is over now but thanks to June for all of the work she put into this show).

I don't like to name names but we have some really great tireless workers in your club. When you see a club member doing a good job go up to them and thank them for their hard work in the club. Some of us are too bashful to go out asking for donations or can't do physical work for instance. We can go up to a fellow member, that is working hard for the club, and give them a pat on the back, let them know they are appreciated.

Larry Boggess  
President Mossy Creek Cruzers



## Benefit for the 2nd Harvest Food Bank Car Cruise-In

Oct. 5th - 1 PM - 5 PM - The DINER in Sevierville. To enter a classic car bring a non-perishable food. Spectators are free. Call 231-832-3505 for more info.

## 28th Annual Old Time Saturday

Oct. 5th - 9 AM - 10 PM - Downtown Jefferson City. Crafts, music, games and entertainment. Free admission. Call 865-475-7367 for more info

## Scarecrows at the Park

Oct. 5th - 8:30 AM set up. Fred Miller Park in Morristown. Fall into family fun with decorating your scarecrow. They will be displayed around the trail at the park for the public to enjoy thru October. Scarecrows are to be decorated and judged by 11:30 on October 6th and will stay in the park until Nov. 1st. for BOO Fest. Prizes will be awarded to 1st and 2nd place.

For more info call Jennifer at 423-586-0260 or visit [www.mymorristown.com/parkrec/scarecrows2013.pdf](http://www.mymorristown.com/parkrec/scarecrows2013.pdf).



## Knoxville Gunslingers Walking Tour

Sept. 4th - Oct. 9th From Gay Street in Knoxville to the river & beyond.  
\$17.95 for adults. Must pre-register. Call 865-309-4522 for more info.

## Dandridge Arts Excursion

Oct. 12th - 10 AM - 4 PM. Features local arts and craftsmen demonstrations throughout the Dandridge Business Community. Free admission. [www.mainstreetdandridge.com](http://www.mainstreetdandridge.com) for more info.

## Rogersville Heritage Days

Oct. 11th - 13th - 9 AM - 10 AM - 5 PM (opens at 12 noon on Sunday). Quaint shops as well as crafters, food and entertainment. Downtown Rogersville. Free admission. Go to [www.rogersvilleheritage.org](http://www.rogersvilleheritage.org) for more info.

## Frightmare Manor

Sept. 21st - Nov. 3rd - 8 PM - Hwy. 11-E, Talbott.  
The Victorian Era, Lexer Plantation House is the epitome of True Terror. You are stepping back in time and seeing inside one of America's earliest known serial killers - Be Aware of your surroundings and be on guard. No one can hear you scream once inside Frightmare Manor - True Terror Exists Here. General admission - \$23 and the Nightmare at Frightmare is \$38. (refunded if all four levels are completed.) 865-471-2878 or [www.frightmaremanor.com](http://www.frightmaremanor.com) for more info.

## 38th Annual Gatlinburg Craftman's Fair

Oct. 10 - 27th - 1- AM - 6 PM (5 PM on Sunday)  
the award-winning Gatlinburg Craftsmen's Fair opens the doors of the Gatlinburg Convention Center to the public with the 38th Annual show. Call 865-436-7479 for more info.



## Echo Valley Corn Maze

Sept. 14 - Nov. 3rd - Jefferson City - General admission ages 3-11 - \$5.00 - Adult - \$7.00. The Works - Ages 3-11 - \$8.00 - Adult - \$10.00.  
Call 865-591-7343 for reservations or more info.

## Ballinger Farm Crazy Corn Maze

Oct. 20th - Nov. 2nd - Fri. - 6 PM - 11 PM, Sat. 10 AM - 11 PM and Sun. 1 PM - 6 PM. \$10 (groups of 20 or more get discount). Corn Maze, hayrides & pick your own pumpkin, jumpy house, farm animals that children can pet. You can bring your own smores and hot dogs and roast

them or eat at the concession stand. Located straight across from the campgrounds at Cherokee Dam. For more info visit [www.ballingerfarmtn.blogspot.com](http://www.ballingerfarmtn.blogspot.com) or call 865-475-7513.

## 38th Annual Rose Center Mountain Makins

Oct. 26th - 10 AM - 5 PM and Oct. 27th - 11 AM - 5 PM - Mountain Makins is a weekend folk life festival celebrating the traditions of Appalachia. Mountain Makins is a weekend folk life festival celebrating the traditions of Appalachia through music, dance, fine art, juried crafts, storytelling, demonstrations, regional authors, children's activities, food and more. The event draws approximately 7,000 visitors. The festival is housed in and around Rose Center, Admission: \$5. Go to [www.rosecenter.org](http://www.rosecenter.org) for more info.



## Morristown BOO Fest

Oct. 28th - 5 PM - 8 PM - Fred Miller Park. This frighteningly spectacular event is for ages 2 to 12 on the Trick-or-Treat Trail. There will be decorated booths by local businesses. For more info visit [www.mymorristown.com/boofest-2013/](http://www.mymorristown.com/boofest-2013/)

## West Hamblen County Volunteer Fire Department

Oct. 31st - 5:30 PM - 8 PM - They will be distributing candy to Trick-or-Treaters.

## Downtown Dandridge Halloween

Oct. 31st - 5:30 PM - 8 PM - Dandridge always has Halloween Night downtown for Trick-or-Treaters. It's right in the heart of downtown. Its a safe place and the kids always have a great time.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct. 4, 11, 18, 25

Mossy Creek Cruzers at Big Lots in Jefferson City  
Cruise-in through October 6 pm - 8 pm

Oct. 5, 12, 19, 26 HCCC Cruise-in at College Square Mall in Morristown 6pm - 9 pm

Oct. 5 Old Time Saturday Car Show 9am - 4pm  
Jefferson City

Oct. 5 Mossy Creek Cruzers at the DINER 1pm - 5pm  
Sevierville. Benefit for 2nd Harvest Food Bank  
Bring non-perishable food.

Oct. 12 Main Street Morristown Car Show 1pm - 4pm  
\$20 fee. Benefit for the HCCC Angel Tree

Oct. 5 - 6 Circle Yer Wagens - Volkswagen Show & Swap  
Meet - Sevier County Fairgrounds

Oct. 18 Blast to the Past Cruise In Carson Newman University Rear Lot of Maddox Student Activity Center  
5:30 - 9 pm

Oct. 18 - 19 Corvette Expo Sevierville Convention Center.  
Oct. 19 The Way's Car & Bike Show at the Diner in Sevierville  
2 - 5 pm

Oct. 26 The Diner's 10th Anniversary Cruise in 2 - 8 pm  
Nov. 5 Cruzers Car Club Meeting Shoney's in Dandridge  
7:00 pm

Nov. 9 The Diner's Veterans Day Cruise in Noon - 7 pm

# FOR SALE

**FOR SALE: 1931 Ford Roadster Pick Up.**

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If you have any events that you would like listed, please let us know by emailing [mossycreekcruzers@aol.com](mailto:mossycreekcruzers@aol.com)



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## Bud & Phyl Morello's Great Adventure

We're out here in Colorado trying to visit our son Ben and we thought that on the way we would go to the Grand Canyon since we had never been there. Beautiful place but it is a shame it is loaded with smog from the cities.

On the way out we had to stop three times to get our motor home fixed from overheating. Finally we had it flushed in Albuquerque at a cat dealer.

We ventured on to the canyon and stayed five days.

We also saw some Indian ruins and sunset crater in Flagstaff, AZ.

After the Grand Canyon we went to Mesa Verde, just west of Cortez, AZ. More ruins but you had to climb down steps and explore inside the ruins and then climb a series of wood ladders to get to the top. I am having a little trouble at 7000' altitude.

After we left Mesa Verde we went to the four corners monument where four states, Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona and Utah meet. I sat on all four states at once. Never knew my butt was that big!

After leaving we went to Durango, Colorado and were going to try to make it to Montrose, Colorado which was only 150 miles.

We never made it to Montrose because you guessed it, major "Brown Pants Roads" worse than Escalante and the Merced canyon.

It seemed like the switchbacks would never end. Down one mountain from 12,000' passes to 7000' towns about three times all within about 20 miles.

We had to stop for the night in the town of Ouray, Colorado, nestled between 13,000' peaks on all sides at 7900'. The reason we had to stop was that my brakes and wheels were so hot you couldn't touch them and I was too tired to continue and Phyl was getting nervous with the curvy roads.

I used the exhaust brake and overrode the transmission to drop down into first gear.

We found a campground in town and I had a beer to calm myself.

After talking to other campers they said that after most campers take that road once, they never do it again!

I agree!

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To determine the myths about the antique vehicle license plates, I thought I would do the research and find the actual code of law about them. We have all heard that you can only drive in parades, to shows or cruise-ins but a lot of us drive them a lot more often. So read the article below to determine your ideas about them.

## TENNESSEE ANTIQUE MOTOR VEHICLE LAW

Antique Motor Vehicle Per Tennessee Code Ann 55-4-111, A person may register a vehicle as an "antique motor vehicle" providing that certain requirements are satisfied.

The vehicle:

- Must be a motor vehicle over twenty-five (25) years old and have a non-modified engine and body.
- Can be used for participation in, or transportation to and from, club activities, exhibits, tours, parades, and similar uses as a collector's item.
- Can only be used for general transportation on Saturday and Sunday, and
- Can be used on any day for the purpose of selling, vehicle testing, or obtaining repairs to or doing maintenance on the vehicle.

NOTE: Both cars and motorcycles may be considered antique motor vehicles, if all provisions are met as stated above.

No renewal required. The registration is a permanent registration and is not required to be renewed annually. Once assigned, the license plate cannot be reassigned to another vehicle.

Violations. Any person violating the provisions of Tennessee Code Ann. 55-4-111 will be restricted from participating in Tennessee Antique Motor Vehicle plate program for five (5) years from the date of the violation, will be asked to surrender the license plate and will be required to pay the full vehicle registration price for operating the vehicle. An example of a violation would be operating the vehicle for general transportation purposes on a day other than Saturday or Sunday.

Display of the antique motor vehicle plate. The antique plate can be mounted on the rear of the vehicle or the owner may display, on the rear of the vehicle, a license plate from an era when the manufacturer of such vehicle occurred, as long as the antique vehicle plate is maintained in the vehicle and is readily assessable and produced upon request of any law enforcement officer.

Vintage License Plates: Instead of registering a vehicle with the standard antique motor vehicle plate, a person may choose to register an antique motor vehicle with an official vintage Tennessee license plate of an era when the vehicle was manufactured, and may display that license plate as their official Tennessee vehicle registration on the rear of the vehicle. Provisions for vintage plates may also apply to motorcycles.

All other provisions of Tennessee Code Ann 55-7-111 must be followed to avoid forfeiture of the registrant's antique license plate.

Cost of registration. Class (C) Antique Vehicles - registration fee is \$27.75, plus any applicable county fees.



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