



# Mossy Creek Cruzers Car Club



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A couple of years ago, a good friend and fellow Cruiser, Butch Grooms, brought up the idea of the Mossy Creek Cruzers Car Club starting a Junior car club at Jefferson County High School.

We discussed it at the meetings and decided it would be a great idea to do this. In this way we can ensure that the youth of today will have an interest in our classic and antique cars. We talked to the school board and to the Auto Mechanics teachers, Scott Noe and Carl Crigger, and they were all enthused about it. The Junior members had a criteria that they had to keep: good grades and good attendance. This is the second year that they have had this club.

Unfortunately, the man that gave us this idea, Butch Grooms, passed away back in the summer of 2015. But his legacy will live on through all of the good he did for everyone, everywhere he went. A finer man could not be found, he was always there to help the needy and to start things like the Junior club, not only in Jefferson County High School but in the high school in Morristown as well. He will always be missed!

The Junior club will be having a car show at Jefferson County High School on Saturday, April 30th from 9am till 3pm. Come on out and show these young people that we support their interest in these vehicles!!

The Mossy Creek Cruzers have decided to offer scholarships to seniors that are in the Junior club and that are going on to a technical school to take Auto Mechanics. The first one will be presented this month.

Now on to news about the Cruzers Car Show. Our main event will be held Saturday, July 9th, at Jefferson Middle School in Jefferson City, TN., from 9am until 3pm. A lot of planning goes into the show and has already started this year.

We are selling ads for our flyer to help raise funds to pay all expenses for the show and thus allow us to have more to donate to our charities and to the scholarships for the Junior Club.

We have had great response to this and lots of volunteers helping out with the selling of these ads. Our flyer will be larger this year thanks to these members. Lots of time goes into this and it is all on a volunteer basis. We have the

best members in the world!! Thank you to each one of you who so tirelessly donated your time and energy to this endeavor.

The flyer is just about full, I even had to add extra pages because of the response to the ads. By the first of the week of the 14th, I should have it totally finished and ready to go to the printer. The flyers will be back by the first or second week of April.

Then all members can take a stack of them and when you go to cruise-ins and car shows, take a few minutes for your club and give the flyers out to each vehicle. That will ensure that we have a great car show on July 9th.

This will be our 6th Annual Car show! The first show that we did, *we were not actually a club yet*, we were just talking about forming a club. We held it at Bush's Visitor Center in Chestnut Hill in 2011 and it was really well received. We put the show on with only seven people organizing it, Glenn Allred, Larry Boggess, Pat Dukes, Jim and Sue Burch, Connie and Charlie Leatherwood and just a couple of last minute volunteers. It was a great day and lots of people said it was the best show they had ever attended! That is one of the things that prompted us to organize the Mossy Creek Cruzers Car Club. We thought that if we had done such a good job when none of us had done this before.... what could we do with more experience!! So that is what led us to the Mossy Creek Cruzers shows of today! And each year Pat receives a lot of compliments about the show being so good!

In 2015, we made it even better by having Bass Pro Champion fisherman, Skylar Hamilton, being present and selling tickets for \$1 a piece for a free, 8 hour, fishing trip with him! Skylar travels all over the United States for Bass Tournaments and has done very well. We are so lucky to have this young man donate his time to help our charities. Now the best part: Skylar has volunteered to donate a fishing trip again this year! He will be set up in the same location as last year, right up front. So be sure to purchase a ticket, \$1 each or 6 tickets for \$5 and you may be the one to win this year. The winner last year was J.W. Spoon and he said he had a great time.

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## Cruising and Car Show Season!

Throughout the season, classic car cruise-ins draw lots of people a week, the reason, one person joked, is because "car people are kind of nuts".

Cruise-ins can be found nearly every day of the week and often offer more than just classic cars, with DJs and food vendors adding to the atmosphere of some of the cruise-ins.

In addition to weekly cruise-ins, annual events like the Mossy Creek Cruzers Car Show can draw 200 cars and lots of spectators.

Cars were a big deal to people who grew up in the 1950s and 1960s and still are. "People in it are in it for life."

In the case of many car enthusiasts, aging just means trading those younger years spent playing with Matchbox cars in the sandbox to taking their classic rides to a car show.

Each person has their own reason for attending these social gatherings comprised of grease monkeys and car nuts and depending who you ask, you'll get different answers as to what brought them there.

However, there is a common denominator: The attraction of muscle cars and the hot rods of yesteryear have come to define who these car owners are. Regardless of their age or race, car enthusiasts have become a tight-knit subculture of the American masses.

In some cases the allure of car shows is combined with a more noble cause. Some shows are put on to raise awareness and money for those who need it — such as the 6th Mossy Creek Cruiser Show which raises money for local charities and also provides a scholarship for a student at Jefferson County High School.

People who own these vehicles, said they are pleased that they were able to turn their interest of classic cars into something larger that can help people in need.

Each year, the Mossy Creek Cruiser Show brings in anywhere from 150 to 200 cars of all makes and models, from hot rods to import tuners.

A lot of the draw is nostalgia. You hear a lot of older folks saying they had a car like the ones here when they were growing up.

This is a chance for people to show up with their cars and just hang out. This is their night out with the guys & gals. Some of it is personal pride in having something they restored and just wanting a place to show it off with their friends.

For some, the shows are a "trip down memory lane." Some go to cruise-ins every week. People get a chance to see cars that might not have been seen since they were in high school, and see them in good shape.

There's a sense of camaraderie at the events. It's the people, it's getting to see other cars and getting a chance to take your car out and let other people enjoy it."

The shows and cruise-ins offer us a chance to chat with friends they've bonded with over their love of cars. They're usually nice people to begin with. We have been told that you never met a car guy who wasn't nice. The social aspect of the events is a strong appeal. It's the same interest, it doesn't matter what kind of car.

It is said that one of the reasons people are drawn to classic cars is because it was from a more flamboyant time in the industry, when people took pride in being different. Cars spell freedom for people. We are definitely a car-related culture. The nostalgia functions as a sort of fountain of youth. The cars keep us young.

For others car shows are a chance to share an experience with sons and daughters as much as an opportunity to reminisce about their own childhood. The children are already already talking about the day they can get their license and drive one of the cars to a show.

In the summer months, it's common for car owners to see the same groups of people at different shows and get to know each other and their vehicles and become true friends.

Typically you meet up with a bunch of your buddies and tell the same stories you told the last time you were together. It really becomes a tight-knit social group.

So get those cars out, don't just put them away in a garage and forget them. Drive them to one of your local cruise-ins and talk to people, trade stories and make lots of new friends!

Enjoy Cruisin'.

## MEMBERSHIP FEES ARE DUE

As we go into another year of this fantastic car club, it is time to rejoin and be a part of all the fun times! We have a great club and a very good car club committee with 9 or 10 volunteers to help with the show as well as sell the ads to promote our flyer. Larry Boggess has volunteered to be the Car Show Director this year. You can rejoin anytime, just call Pat Dukes, the car club Membership Director. Or print a membership form from our web site, [www.mossycreekcruzers.org](http://www.mossycreekcruzers.org) and mail it to Mossy Creek Cruzers, 562 N. Highway 92, Jefferson City, TN 37760. Still only \$20! Make check payable to Mossy Creek Cruzers. Can't wait to hear from you!!

The Mossy Creek Cruzers Car Club monthly meeting is held the first Tuesday of each month at Shoneys in Dandridge at 7:00 pm. Come at 6:00 pm to eat before the meeting!

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**Happy Birthday**  
**MARCH**  
**MCC MEMBERS**

## Prayers for the Sick

David King • Tom Koziol

Tom Hultz • Sharon McCaulley

If you know anyone else that is sick, call MCC Chaplain, Joan Spoon at 423-231-7906.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

- March 12 Cruise in to the DINER in Sevierville. Meet at Smoky Stadium to be police escorted in to the DINER. Leave the stadium at noon. Take canned foods or non-perishable to their food ministries. 12 til 5.
- March 12 Cruise Night at Quaker Steak & Lube - Sevierville, TN
- March 17-19 Myrtle Beach Run to the Sun - Myrtle Beach, SC
- March 18-19 Corvette Expo - Sevierville Convention Center, Sevierville, TN
- March 26 New Market Easter Parade, Easter Egg Hunt and Cruise-In. See ad below for details.
- April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Mossy Creek Cruzers Cruise-in at Big Lots in Jefferson City, TN
- April 2 Knights of Columbus Chili Cook Off and Car Show. Holy Trinity Church, Highway 11-E. Jefferson City, TN
- April 7-10 Spring Charlotte Auto Fair - Charlotte Motor Speedway, Concord, NC
- April 8-10 Lay'd Out in the Park-3075 Hall Rd Morristown, TN 37814 - Sponsored by CC Belle
- April 15-17 Goodguys 2nd North Carolina Nationals - North Carolina State Fairgrounds, Raleigh, NC
- April 23 8th Annual Cruise Against Cancer - Lowes Home Improvement, 120 Epley Rd, Newport, TN (6AM to 11:55PM)
- May 6, 13, 20, 27 Mossy Creek Cruzers Cruise-in at Big Lots in Jefferson City, TN
- May 7, 14, 21, 28 Hamblen County Car Club Cruise In at College Square in Morristown. 5:30 to 8.
- May 13-14 Ramp Festival - Open Car Show - Cocke County Fairgrounds Newport - 423-608-4519.
- June 4 Sharon Parrott Memorial Car Show - 10am - 3pm - Mount Harmony Baptist Church- 6500 Strawberry Plains Pike, Knoxville, TN. - For info call 865-712-3173.
- June 3, 10, 17, 24 Mossy Creek Cruzers Cruise-in at Big Lots in Jefferson City, TN
- June 4, 11, 18, 25 Hamblen County Car Club Cruise In at College Square in Morristown. 5:30 to 8.
- July 9 6th Annual Mossy Creek Cruzers Open Car Show - Jefferson Middle School, Jefferson City, TN - for info 865-363-5891.
- July 23 Cruise In For Christ - 10am - 3pm. Talbott Baptist Church, Talbott, TN - For more info call 423-587-0355 or 423-748-8005.



Cruise Against Cancer (8th-Annual)

Cruise Against Cancer, Saturday, April 23rd, 6am - 11:55pm held at Lowes in Newport, TN. On behalf of the Hard Times Street Rod Club & Celebrate Life Cancer Support Group, you are invited! 8th Annual Event. Rain or Shine.



Quaker Steak & Lube  
March 12, 2016  
Sevierville, TN

Lay'd Out At The Park 2016  
April 8th 9am - April 10th til 2pm  
3075 Floyd Hall Rd,  
Morristown, TN  
Presented by CC Belle



New Market Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Team are planning their 5th Annual Easter Parade, Easter Egg Hunt and Cruise-In. to be held Saturday, March 26th. It will start with a parade lining up on Old AJ Highway at Lost Creek Golf Club at 11am and the parade will begin at 11:30, ending at the Roadside Park. Everyone is welcome to be in the parade (floats, cars, etc). The Easter egg hunt will follow and the event will finish up with a car cruise-in. For more info, contact 865-475-1417 or 865-740-7928.

