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Saturday evening, December 14th, saw a gathering of Cruzers at the Senior Citizens Center in Jefferson City to celebrate the holiday season. It was quite a nice turnout.

Each person brought a gift for either a man or a woman. Then we played the left-right game where the men stand in a circle, and this time Carol Ehm read the story to the newly worded "Twas the night before Christmas".

Each time she said the word "right" they passed the gift to the right and when she said "left" they passed it back that way. It is a lot of fun and a lot of laughter as sometimes a person will have two or three gifts! Then it was time for the ladies to stand in



Merry Christmas to All

a circle and John Zieba read the poem again. The ladies got as mixed up as the men did so everyone was laughing and having a good time!

If you didn't attend, you missed a good time and a chance to walk around and talk to other members and get to know them better.

Next year we will probably find a new game to play. Although this left-right game is a lot of fun, we have played it for the last several years. So everyone, be on the look out for new games for us to play where we can win our present!! Maybe "Dirty Santa" where you get to pick the present you want and you open it BUT someone can take it away from you if they want it!

The Cruzers thank you to Deb Reynolds, Diedra Zieba and Jo Barnard for cooking the turkeys and ham for the party. And a big thank you to everyone that brought dishes to pass. Everything was delicious and lots of fun had by all! Merry Christmas to everyone!





The Mossy Creek Cruzers Car Club monthly meeting is held the first Tuesday of each month at Shoneys in Dandridge

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Letter from the President

Hello Cruzers,

I have been thinking what to write about for the December newsletter and I started thinking about all the Mossy Creek Cruzers have accomplished since we started in 2012. We didn't even have a name to begin with until Glenn Allred just said Mossy Creek Cruzers and that fit perfectly. When we started talking about a club all we had was five people wanting to get together and cruise in our cars. These are the five that started the club, Larry Boggess, Pat Dukes, Glenn Allred and Jim and Sue Burch. We didn't know if we wanted a club or just get together and cruise. We met with several people that were very knowledgeable about car clubs and what is involved with starting a club. One thing we all agreed on is we wanted a club where all the members have a say in running the club, not just a few people running everything.

That is why I encourage member participation. After a couple of months of meetings and a lot of discussion we decided to start the car club to help our community and enjoy the comaraderie with other car enthusi-

ast. The first official meeting was March 2012.

We needed officers for the club. Pat Dukes (me) was the obvious choice for Secretary. Actually the whole idea of the club probably started with Pat. Glenn couldn't be the President because of other commitments but volunteered to be Vice President. Glenn was a great asset to the club, he was a great leader and a very hard worker. Gene Honeycutt volunteered to be Treasurer and club Chaplain. He was also a great asset to the club with all the knowledge of the inner workings of car clubs and all the legalities involved. Then we come to Larry Boggess. He was left to fill the role as club President and did an excellent job. Club members, as well as the officers, helped make this the best club we can make it be.

The club has grown beyond what we expected in such a short time. The Mossy Creek Cruzers are a great group of people and I am proud to be a member of the club. We have good member participation in all our events.

Looking forward to 2020, we now have different officers. Pat Dukes is President and Joan Spoon will be Vice-President. Carol Ehm assumes the role as Treasurer and Cindy Gaylord will be the newly elected Secretary. The club has continued to have a great reputation among all of the clubs and car shows. I hear good things about our club and shows all the time!

We will be appointing committees to organize cruises, picnics, club dinners, etc. and new Board of Directors to help guide things.

The club needs you and your talents next year so volunteer where you

feel you can be the most useful and supportive to your club.

Lets all chip in and give suggestions and ideas on what you would like for us to do and places that you would like for us to go. New committees will be set up in the new year. Just remember, this club belongs to all of us and we all have a say in how we represent ourselves to this and surrounding counties. Our reputation is good now and growing better each day.

Let's stay proud!!

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!

Pat Dukes President and Newsletter Editor



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We don't need just members, we need people that will volunteer and help make the club good and strong!!

If you have a friend that meets this criteria, tell them all about us!

***** SUBMIT STORIES *****

Submit your story to the newsletter! If you have a funny or even a sad story about how you got interested in these wonderful old vehicles, just share it with us. Maybe it was working with your Dad on an old vehicle, or a neighbor had a really cool car or realizing after you were grown that this was something you were interested in!

So now it is your turn ... how about sharing a few stories, we won't laugh too long or hard, I promise!!

If you need help writing it, I'll help you. Just give me the facts and I'll put it in story form for you! If you write it, just give the story to me or call if you need help.

Pat Dukes

Prayers for the Sick

Dick Waldrop, Dan Gelacek,
Kathy Reading, Mike Reading,
Everett Fielden, and David King - Cruzers
Elmer Blanken, - Hamblen Co. Car Club
(if you know of anyone else that is sick,
passed away, or has had surgery,
please let Chaplain Joan Spoon know)

Condolences

Sympathy to Carroll Barnard in the loss of his sister



2019-2020 Upcoming Area Events



TO BE ANNOUNCED



Thanks

The Cruzers would like to thank Richard French for building a very nice wooden box to transport our United States flag back and forth to our monthly meeting at Shoneys. This will take care of the flag and keep it nice for a long time! Thank you Richard!

Fire Departments Donations

This year the Cruzers had decided to donate more money to each of the volunteer fire departments in Jefferson County and also the West Hamblen County Volunteer Fire Department. We gave each of them a letter and it stated that they had to be present at our December club meeting to receive their check or send someone in their place. We also were buying their dinner at Shoneys. But only four showed up. Hamblen County VFD, White Pine VFD, Chestnut Hill VFD and New Market VFD were the four that came to the meeting.



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