



**Mossy Creek Cruzers
Car Club**

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December Newsletter

Ramblin' On

2022 Mossy Creek Cruzers Officers

**The Mossy Creek Cruzers elected their 2022 Officers
at the November 2021 meeting at Shoney's in Dandridge.**

The President is Pat Dukes, a Charter member and one of the founders that originated the club in 2012. This will be her fourth term. She is also the Newsletter Editor.

The Vice-President is Jerri Adams who joined the club in 2020 and always participates in all events. She is an asset to our club. Her significant other is Morris Bowman.

Cindy Gaylord is Secretary and is a long time member of the Cruzers and has always been very active in the events of the club at the car shows and the cruise ins. She is a natural for the position of Secretary. Cindy is married to Chris.

Bob Lathum is Treasurer. With his background in finance, he is perfect for this position. He is married to Linda.

Jackie Swank is our Chaplain. She is married to Rick.

Vic Rola is our fun-run, drive out director.

Dan Gelacek is Car Show Director and Sergeant of Arms. **Dan is married to Suni.**

Burl Russell is the Co-Car Show Director. Burl is married to Teresa.

2022 Board of Directors are:

Vic Rola, Rick Swank, Dan Gelacek, Burl Russell and Morris Bowman.

We work closely together to keep this club as a family oriented and friendly club.

Come join us and bring your friends!!

We are a fun organization that brings all issues up with the members.
Our Cruise-In is April to October at Tractor Supply in Jefferson City. 5 til ?

**Remember that the monthly club meetings start at
6:30 now instead of 7:00.**

They are still at Shoneys in Dandridge,
on the first Tuesday of each month.

**MEMBERSHIP FEES
ARE DUE IN JANUARY**

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Mossy Creek Cruzers Car Club

First Tuesday
Monthly club
meetings at
Shoney's are now
at 6:30

Letter from the President

Hello Cruzers,

As 2022 begins, I have been elected as President of our club (again). I will try my best to continue the great work that our previous Presidents have done. We have such a great club and fantastic members and I will need all of you to help me achieve the goal of making it even bigger and better. Any suggestions that you may have, don't hesitate to bring them to the attention of the Officers or the Board of Directors.

Our 2022 Ad Booklet is ready for ads to be sold. If you would like to volunteer to sell the ads for our booklet, just let me know. The deadline in getting the ads sold is the middle of March. That way the booklets will be ready for the cruise-ins. We have a list of previous people that have advertised so that should make the sells easier. *Just let me know if you can help!* If all members sold just one or two ads, just think how great our book would be!! As it is, only three or four go out and sell all of them. Just ask people where ever you shop! Ask your barber or hair dresser, ask your mechanic, the store where you shop, the dry cleaners, the wrecker guy, your Doctor and Dentist, and best of all, the Restaurants!! They are all people that need to advertise their businesses and this is tax deductible to them! This book is our biggest money maker of the year!

So Help Me to Help Our Club This Year!!

Keep Cruzin'

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Prayers for the Sick

Cyndi Swendsen

Henry Scott

Mike Reading

Chris Gaylord



DECEMBER

The Mossy Creek Cruzers Car Club meeting is held the first Tuesday of each month at Shoney's in Dandridge. Come at 5:30 pm to eat and the meeting is 6:30 pm.



Jackie's Corner

(Betty Crocker)

By Jackie Swank

**This is a new
addition to the
newsletter
each month.
WELCOME
Jackie**

Three Ingredient Peanut Butter Cookies

Ingredients:

1 Cup Peanut Butter
1 Cup White Sugar
1 Egg



Directions:

Step 1

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C).
Line baking sheets with parchment paper.

Step 2:

Combine the Peanut Butter, White Sugar and
egg. Mix until smooth.

Step 3:

Drop spoonfuls of dough onto the prepared
baking sheet. Bake at 350 degrees F (175
degrees C) for 6 to 8 minutes. Do not over-
bake!! These cookies are best when they are
still soft and just barely brown on the bottoms.

Servings: 6 **Yield:** 1 dozen

Upcoming Events

- January 4 MCC Club Meeting, Shoney's
Dandridge, **6:30 PM**
- January 7-9 38th Annual Cabin Fever Car
Show, 5441 Clinton Hwy.
Knoxville Expo Center
- January 15-16 Winter Angel Expo,
Great Smoky Mountain Expo,
1615 Agricultural Park Blvd.
White Pine
- February 1 MCC Club Meeting, Shoney's
Dandridge, **6:30 PM**
- February 4-6 2022 Knox Auto Show
Knoxville Convention Center
701 Henley Street, Knoxville
- March 1 MCC Club Meeting, Shoney's
Dandridge, **6:30 PM**
- March 18-19 Spring Corvette Expo
Pigeon Forge
- March 23-26 Ponies in the Smokies,
Pigeon Forge
- April 1 MCC Cruise In
Tractor Supply on 11-E
Jefferson City (ea. Friday at 5:00)
- April 2 Jokers Wild Car Show
Grainger Co. High School
2201 W. Hwy. 11W South
Rutledge
- April 5 MCC Club Meeting, Shoney's
Dandridge, **6:30 PM**
- April 7-9 Pigeon Forge Spring Rod Run
Pigeon Forge
- May 3 MCC Club Meeting, Shoney's
Dandridge, **6:30 PM**
- May 5-7 National Street Rod Association
South, Chilhowee Park,
3301 E. Magnolia Ave. Knoxville

Tales From the Past Submitted by Pat Duker

Over the years of writing the newsletter, I have asked members to write something for publication for all the members to read. Whether it is funny, sad or how you came to love these wonderful vehicles, it would be interesting for the others to read and get to know each other and have a good laugh or maybe a good cry!! So once again I will print one of my tales with the '55 Chevy that I drove for 10 years. You can turn your stories in to Pat for publication.

I once had a metallic blue 1955 Chevy, two door post, very nice car. It had a 327 engine and a four speed transmission. At that time it was my daily driver.

There came a time when I was ready to get it upholstered and had a new straight seat to put in it. I had a gap of about 6" half circle cut out of the seat where the shifter could come back farther so I could pull the seat up closer to the steering wheel. Then I could reach the gas, clutch and brake and still be able to change the gears. I had the seats done in black rolled and pleated leather. I brought the seats home and friends were putting the seats back into the car for me.

I lived in Knoxville and was used to driving in all the traffic. Then came the day that I drove it to downtown Knoxville. I was on Neyland Drive and turned up the hill, *THE STEEP HILL*, to get up to Henley Street, the main street in town. Now this wasn't just a hill, it was an extremely steep mountain of a hill! About half way up, the traffic in front of me stopped so that stopped me, with a car very close behind me. So when it was my turn to go, I popped the clutch so as not to roll back into that other car *but then it happened!!* My brand new seat that my "friends" had installed for me, came loose from the floorboard and slid back! That in turn made me go back and jerked my feet off of the gas, clutch and brake. I slid down and got both feet on the brake so as not to go back into the car behind me and my arms were wrapped around the steering wheel trying to just hold on!!

But now I'm in a prone position and can no longer see the street in front of me! The car behind me finally realized I was in trouble, *as was he if I ran into him*, so he backed up and then went around me! When no one was behind me I slowly let off the brake and let the car roll against the curb where it would rest until I could get the seat pulled back up and then I could get the motor started and the transmission in low gear.

I finally got the seat positioned where it was supposed to be...sat there a moment contemplating how much worse it could have been...and waited till there was no traffic coming (just in case) and went on up the hill and on my merry way (until I would get into a different predicament with this car at another time).

This is funny now but it sure wasn't funny that day!! Now if I can share this story with you of one of the unpredictable things that happened to me, you should be able to share a story too!! Let's all have a good laugh!!

By: Pat Duker

I love this short ode to getting older!

" Whose business is it, if I choose to read, or play on the computer, until 4 AM, or sleep until noon? I will dance with myself to those wonderful tunes of the 50s, 60s & 70s, and if I, at the same time, wish to weep over a lost love, I will.

I will walk the beach, in a swim suit that is stretched over a bulging body, and will dive into the waves, with abandon, if I choose to, despite the pitying glances from the jet set. They, too, will get old.

I know I am sometimes forgetful. But there again, some of life is just as well forgotten. And, eventually, I remember the important things.

Sure, over the years, my heart has been broken. How can your heart not break, when you lose a loved one, or when a child suffers, or even when somebody's beloved pet gets hit by a car? But broken hearts are what give us strength, and understanding, and compassion. A heart never broken, is pristine, and sterile, and will never know the joy of being imperfect.

I am so blessed to have lived long enough to have my hair turning gray, and to have my youthful laughs be forever etched into deep grooves on my face. So many have never laughed, and so many have died before their hair could turn silver.

As you get older, it is easier to be positive. You care less about what other people think. I don't question myself anymore. I've even earned the right to be wrong.

So, to answer your question, I like being old. It has set me free. I like the person I have become. I am not going to live forever, but while I am still here, I will not waste time lamenting what could have been, or worrying about what will be. And I shall eat dessert every single day (if I feel like it).

MAY OUR FRIENDSHIP NEVER COME APART, ESPECIALLY WHEN IT'S STRAIGHT FROM THE HEART!

You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream. (by C.S. Lewis).