

Mossy Creek Cruzers

Car Club



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Ramblin' On (things you need to know)

The second month of car show season is revving up. There are many events to choose from on any given weekend.

NEXT CRUISE IN – Friday, May 8, 5:00 to 8:00 pm at College Square Shopping Center. See you there!

Plans for the July Car Show are under way. The next planning meeting will be on Tuesday, May 28th at Perkins Restaurant in Dandridge, TN.

Our next Meeting is Tuesday, June 2 at Shoney's in Dandridge, TN. All members are welcome to attend. The meeting starts at 6:30. Come earlier to eat.

Letter from the President

May is always our favorite month—the birds are singing, the pollen is (unfortunately) falling, but most importantly, the local roads are finally ready for some spirited driving. Now that the frost is officially in the rearview mirror, it's time to pull off the covers and let those engines breathe.

If you haven't been out to a car show yet, what are you waiting for?

Keep Cruisin'
Pat Dukes, President

Where is the Mossy Creek?

If you are a member of the Mossy Creek Cruzers Car Club and are not originally from this area, you may have asked this question.

There is actually a Mossy Creek that starts near the Volunteer Spirits Package Store on Route 92, flows under Mount Horeb Road and along Hicks Road, before crossing the Andrew Johnson Highway just East of the Nystar plant. It then snakes around the downtown area and spills into Cherokee Lake.

The name comes from the description by settlers of vivid green moss developed around a creek near the early settlement (1788). Mossy Creek was the original name of Jefferson City until 1901 when Jefferson City was incorporated, and a new name given to honor Thomas Jefferson.

Today, "Mossy Creek" is more of a district which encompasses Jefferson City and has ties back to the railroad era and Civil War history. We are proud to use it in the name of our club.

Meeting Minutes – May 5

Submitted by Mary Moore



The meeting was opened by President Pat Dukes with 17 members and 2 guests present. Our guests were Rick Anderson and Terry Britt. The opening prayer was followed by The Pledge of Allegiance.

Bob L. gave the treasurer's report with a balance at the end of April of \$13,037.91. Pete made a motion to accept the report as read, second by Jackie and approved by all present.

The minutes of the last meeting were printed in the newsletter. Mary Moore said if anyone had changes they thought were needed to let her know.

The car show committee meeting held on April 28, 2026, at 6:30 P.M. at Perkins Restaurant had 6 members in attendance. There was a discussion on the number of classes in the show and the number of trophies to be awarded. Some wanted to increase the number of classes and decrease the number of trophies per class. Those present at the planning meeting decided this needed to be discussed at the general meeting with more members input. Pat stated that the number of trophies to be given out was printed on the flyers people took and gave out at the last meeting. The number would be close to the same. Discussion followed through the current classes and numbers, the addition of Jeeps and separation of trucks from cars. At the end of the discussion Bobby E. made a motion to keep everything the same for this year and make the changes for next year. This motion was seconded by John M and passed with 12 members voting for the motion.

Pete B. suggested raising the vendor fees from \$30 to \$50. This also had some vendors already signed up for this year. Bob suggested we could raise the entry fee. Keep the \$20 for pre-registers. Linda made a motion to raise selling vendors fees to \$40. Jackie seconded the motion and 11 members voted for this increase with one opposed.

Brooklyn, daughter of Pete, is a vendor but all her proceeds go to the club. Pete requested that her booth be inside the tent to be near him due to special needs. Jackie made a motion to have Brooklyn's booth inside the tent. This was seconded by Rob and approved by all present.

Registrations were discussed in reference to being able to read the registration cards. Especially for announcing trophies. Then it was brought up that cars wishing to be judged should be there no later than 11:30. Mossy Creek Car Club members can be included in the judging as the judges are not club members. The color stickers will be used again this year to designate class. Cars being judged should have their hoods up and trunks open.

Mike was thanked for providing the tents for the show. Especially in the heat of the day. Pat said she would contact the West Hamblen County Fire Department about having their fire safety trailer at the show.

Phil Gibson brought up his discussion with the EMA Director of Cocke County about where a donation could be given in the county. He stated that Director Esway said the rescue squad is paid for under the EMA budget and the volunteer fire depts each received a large grant this year. Esway stated that recently a 35-year fire chief (retired) of Del Rio VFD passed and his widow is in need of assistance.

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Meeting Minutes – May 5 (continued)

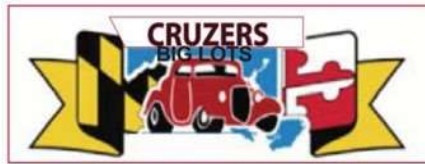
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Macie Reed is handling a fund to help her. Jackie suggested the donation go to Del Rio VFD, and they can decide to donate it to her if they want to as we give to volunteer fire departments in Jefferson County.

Pat discussed a couple that was very active a few years ago and participated with the club when they were giving away food and milk to families in need. The husband died and Stella continued to participate with the club while that program was active. Now Stella has had a heart attack and lost her job. Pat asked the club to donate \$250 to her. Jackie made a motion to donate \$250.00 to Stella McCambell. Motion was seconded by Chris and Rob. 11 members voted to approve the donation.

Bobby still wants to do a power cruise to Middlesboro, KY. He suggested May 16, but many members were busy. He still wants to schedule it and those who go will get a Lakeway Power Tour later this year. Sneedville got cancelled in April due to weather, it is now scheduled for June 6. Morristown show to benefit Isiah House June 20. \$25 per car, 9 am to 3 pm at the mall.

Linda made a motion to adjourn, second by Mike. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 P.M.



But My Car Is Not “Show” Ready

Many people will not bring their automobiles due to a perceived lack of quality. Almost every automobile driven to our events are “works in process”. There is always something else we would do, if we had the opportunity and resources (i.e., money, time, place, etc.) to do so.

While every owner aspires for their car to be “Barrett Jackson” quality, all but a few will actually reach that level. Barrett-Jackson is an American collector car auction company headquartered in Scottsdale, Arizona. It was founded by Scottsdale business partners Tom Barrett and Russ Jackson. Barrett-Jackson auctions typically feature celebrity owned vehicles or those featured in films, and some vehicles are auctioned to benefit various charities.

At any of our events, you will find automobiles somewhere between “Barrett Jackson” quality and your daily driver. It is not the quality of your automobile that matters, it is your passion for that automobile. You may be surprised how quickly you find someone else that shares your passion.

The most important factor in your decision to “show” your car is safety. It must be safe to drive and comply with all motor vehicle laws and inspection requirements.

So wax the paint around the rust spots, polish the chrome around the flaking, throw a blanket over the torn seats, and get it out there. Start attending Cruise Ins and register for the 2026 “Hot Daze, Cool Ridez” Car Show in July.



PUT THESE
DATES ON YOUR
CALENDAR!



Local Meetings

Get involved!

Everyone is welcome to attend and learn about these clubs:

- 1st Tuesday – **Mossy Creek Cruzers** – Shoney’s, Dandridge, 6:30 pm
- 2nd Tuesday – **Lakeway Mustang Club** – Shoney’s, Morristown, 7:30 pm
- 3rd Tuesday – **Hamblen County Car Club** – Holsten’s, Morristown, 7:00 pm
- 5th Tuesday – **F-100 Club** – Shoney’s Dandridge, 6:30 pm

Refrigerator Page

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Upcoming Events

- May 8 **MCC Cruise In, 5:00 to 8:00 pm, Big Lots, Jefferson City**
- May 9 16th Annual Crusin’ with the Cops, Fred Miller Park, Morristown, TN. 8:00 to 3:00 pm
- May 9 Grainger County Ridge Runners Car Show, Blaine Ball Park, Blain, TN. 9:00 to 3:00 pm
- May 9 Cruise In & Swap Meet, Bulls Gap Park, 229 N. VFW Rd, Bulls Gap, TN. 10:00 to 4:00 pm
- May 16 WCRK Strawberry Festival, Economy Rd, Morristown, TN. 8:00 to 4:00 pm
- May 26 **MCC July Show Planning Meeting, Perkins American Food, Dandridge, TN. 6:00 to 7:00 pm**
- June 2 **MCC Club Meeting, Shoney’s Dandridge, 7:00 to 800 pm**
- June 6 **POWER TOUR** to Sneedville Cruise In, 2:00 pm. Meet at Shell Station in Bean Station and Caravan to the show.
- June 5 Sundown in Sneedville, 4:00 to 8:00 pm
- June 12 **MCC Cruise In, 5:00 to 8:00 pm, Big Lots, Jefferson City**
- June 12 Butch Grooms Memorial Car Show, Downtown Morristown, TN 5:00 to 9:00 pm
- June 13 Cruise In & Swap Meet, Bulls Gap Park, 229 N. VFW Rd, Bulls Gap, TN. 10:00 to 4:00 pm
- June 20 2nd Annual Cruise for Refuge, College Square Mall, Morristown, TN 9:00 to 3:00 pm
- June 30 **MCC July Show Planning Meeting, Perkins American Food, Dandridge, TN. 6:00 to 7:00 pm**
- July 7 **MCC Club Meeting, Shoney’s Dandridge, 7:00 to 800 pm**
- July 11 **16th Annual MCC Car Show, American Book Company, Jefferson City, TN 5:00 to 2:30 pm**

Send your event to our Communications Coordinator (relder@micromfgsys.com) for listing here.

Club Social Media

Web Site



www.mossycreekcruzers.org

Facebook



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

About Mossy Creek Cruzers

Founded in 2012, 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. We are a 501(C) non-profit organization.

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Pat Dukes

President

Operating Committee Leaders

Article Six of our by-laws states: The members shall nominate and elect the following positions:

Car Show Director(s) – *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.

Communications Coordinator – *Rick Elder*

This individual shall be responsible for writing, editing, and maintaining a monthly newsletter for the Club and distributing it to members and other clubs. Position also includes publicity and maintains the club's website.

Membership Coordinator – *Pat Dukes*

This individual is responsible for promoting membership, collecting dues, and working with the community as a Club representative. They must maintain a membership roster of all member types.

Chaplin – *Open*

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.

If you would like to volunteer to lead or work on a committee, please contact one of the people listed on this page.

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 deadline is the date of the MCC monthly meeting. Members who do not have email may receive the newsletter by snail mail upon request.



**Mossy Creek
Cruzers & Lakeway Mustangs
CRUISE-IN**

**Will be the 2nd Friday
of each month April - October**

College Square Shopping Center
on Highway 11E in Jefferson City (TN)
(Big Lots)

From 5:00 pm till 8:00 pm.

exception: July 10th, That night at
AMERICAN BOOK COMPANY (day before show)

**This will be
every second Friday
of the month (April thru October)**

***Let's all plan to attend &
make it a successful event.***

Hosted by the Mossy Creek Cruzers and Lakeway Mustang Club

**Restaurants available
Circle S, a Mexican and KFC**

**Cruise-in Dates: April 10th, May 8th, June 12th,
July 10th, August 14th, Sept 11th and Oct 9th**

16th Annual Mossy Creek Cruzers Car Show 2026 AMERICAN BOOK COMPANY

Previously Magnavox Parking Lot
403 E. Old Andrew Johnson Hwy. • Jefferson City, TN 37760

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100 TROPHIES

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for
First 150

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NEW TIME!

Saturday, July 11th, 2026
8:00 am - 2:30 pm

Car Show Registration

**SPONSORING
LOCAL CHARITIES**

More Information Call:

Pat Dukes • 865-363-5891

Bob Latham • 301-602-7498

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

RAIN or SHINE

REGISTRATION FORM:

Mail this sheet to:

Mossy Creek Cruzers Car Club • 562 North Highway 92 • Jefferson City, TN 37760

Name: _____ Date: ____ / ____ / 2026

PLEASE PRINT

Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____

E-mail Address: _____ Phone: (____) _____ - _____

Club Affiliation: _____ **Entry Amount:** \$ _____

CAR TRUCK JEEP _____

Year and Make of Vehicle _____ Signature: _____



Silent Auction

50-50

\$20

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OPEN TO:

- CARS • TRUCKS •
 - JEEPS •
 - MOTORCYCLES •
- SHOW**

Canopies Welcome



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