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January Newsletter

Ramblin' On

MEMBERSHIP FEES ARE DUE IN JANUARY

2022 has started, and the first car show of the year will be January 8th, in Knoxville. It is called "Cabin Fever" and is at the Knoxville Expo on Clinton Highway. Then next weekend is the "Winter Angel Expo" at the Expo Center in White Pine. It is at the 1-81 Exit 8. It is sponsored by the Hamblen County Car Club. Both are very good shows so try to attend if you can! Lots of beautiful cars at both of these. (Both are inside the building shows).

Plans have been started for the 12th Annual Mossy Creek Cruzers' July 9th, Hot Daze • Cool Ridez car show. It will again be held at the American Book Company in Jefferson City from 9:00 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. It is a great place for a car show, lots of room, nearly 300 cars last year! Registration forms are ready and can be downloaded from the web-site, mossycreekcruzers.org soon. Or email and ask for one; mossycreekcruzers@aol.com.

Our second car show of the year is "Fill the Truck with Toys" which will be the second Saturday in October at Bush's Visitor Center in Chestnut Hill. Starts at 9:00 a.m. and goes to 3:30 p.m. The registration fee is to bring a new, unwrapped toy for a boy or a girl. (No Stuffed Animals Please). These toys are donated to under-privileged children for Christmas. This will be the Cruzers 11th car show for this one.

We have plans for lots of fun-runs for this year, thanks to Vic Rola. We have a breakfast at Lisa's Country Kitchen on January 8th. We are just meeting there since it is so cold, classic car or everyday driver. Then according to Vic we may wait til it warms up before he plans another one.

I always bring up our book! It is time to start selling the ads in it. As you know this is our best way to make money for our charitable donations. If all members would sell at least one ad, it sure would take a lot of stress off of the ones that sell most of them.

And then there is door prizes, silent auction prizes and raffle prizes that need to be gathered.

We have lots of charities depending on us, and we have lots of new ideas for our club!!

Come and join us!!

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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. 11 W South

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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

Letter from the President

Hello Cruzers,

Happy, Happy New Year for 2022.

Everyone stay well and Happy

Keep Cruzin'

Pat Dukes, President - 865-363-5891

Mossy Creek Cruzers Car Club
Meeting of MCC is still the first Tuesday of each month at Shoney's, but now starts at 6:30 P.M.



Jackie & Corneil

(Betty Crocker)

By Jackie Swank



Chocolate Fudge

INGREDIENTS:

3 Cups (18 OZ.) Milk Chocolate Chips

1 (14 oz.) can Eagle Brand ® Sweetened Milk

Dash Salt

1 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract

INSTRUCTIONS:

Line 8" or 9" pan with wax paper

MELT chocolate chips with sweetened condensed milk and salt in heavy saucepan. Remove from heat; stir in vanilla. Spread evenly in prepared pan.

CHILL: 2 hours or until firm. Remove from pan by lifting edges of wax paper; peel off paper. Cut into squares.



Submitted by: Pat Taylor Dukes

The Poem to the right was written by my first cousin, Tony (Butch) Taylor.

He is an amazing Writer! I saw this on his Facebook page & got his permission to reprint!
Enjoy!!

I guess it's time to post this again:
Special shout-out to ASAP Roadside Rescue

The Trucking Night Before Christmas

Twas the night before Christmas, and on all the roads,
Truckers headed home, having emptied their loads.
Headed east from Atlanta, with the hammer down,
To play Santa for my Baby, back in J-Town.
There was Dickie in a Freightliner, Gary a Mack,
Two Centurys, then a Pete, with a tanker out back.
And Terry with his log truck and me in my Pete,
We were in the middle, we had the best seat.
When under the hood there arose such a datter,
I hit the shoulder to see what was the matter.
Out the door I was gone in a flash,
Throw open the hood, find out what I'd trashed.
The smoke, the oil, it was all such a mess
I couldn't figure it out, I tried my best.
When headed west but what did appear,
A mobile service truck, amber lights flashing clear.
The young man driving was slender and quick,
My prayers have been answered, he could've been St. Nick.
The truck turned in the median and back he came,
Hollered at his helpers calling each one by name.
"Ray, and Dillon, and Donnie too,
This truck is trashed, this driver is screwed.
To the back of our truck, let's get our tools,
A computer, some gloves, and a turbo too."
Then in a twinkling, they were under the hood.
Wrenches flying, man are they good.
As I shook my head and was turning around,
He jumped from the truck, landing with a bound.
He was dressed in a uniform from his head to his feet,
It was covered in dirt, oil, water and grease,
A box full of tools he had in his hand,
The look on his face, one determined young man.
His eyes looked right through me, as by me he ran,
And fired up a generator in back of the van.
He returned with more tools and a box filled with parts.
I don't care what it costs, as long as this baby starts.
A harness full of wires he held tight in his teeth,
As he stripped each end from under it's sheath.
He had a smile on his face as they laughed, joked and talked,
Me, I was nervous, up and down the shoulder I walked.
He was slender and fit, along with his crew,
Each seemed gifted, they knew what to do.
A wink of his eye and a nod of his head
soon gave me to know i had nothing to dread
He spoke not a word as they finished their work,
He climbed in the truck and hit the key, it started with a jerk.
He gave his workers each a high five,
As he revved the engine, then from the truck he climbed.
He jumped in his van along with his crew,
I asked about the bill, what do I do?
But he yelled from the window as he drove out of sight
Merry Christmas to You and to All a Good Night.

By: Tony D Taylor

Tales From the Past Submitted by Jerri Adams

I grew up on a farm in southern Iowa. My daddy was a farmer but loved building and racing cars for fun. From as far back as I can remember I would sit in the garage/shop with him. I would fetch his tools, gap his plugs, he even let me turn a wrench or two saying that by the time I was a teenager I would be able to tear apart a 350 and put it back together on my own!

When I was 15, he decided to build me a car. He bought the body of a 37 ford from one of the high school teachers for \$50.00, used the motor from our old 59 Chevy that mom wrecked and paid \$10.00 for a pair of seats from a wrecked corvette. He put an automatic transmission in it and painted it a beautiful metallic light blue. It was dreamy! That was where my love for cars began.

Over the next many years, I have had some pretty nice old cars. Among them was my 67 Grand Prix I called my "pimp mobile", a 70 Monte Carlo and a 67 Camaro SS. Years of being a single mom and having to work lots of overtime to raise my two sons, left no time for cars except to get me back and forth to work. After being widowed, divorced and widowed again, I packed up and moved to Tennessee. I met Morris in January 2020 and he owned his 47 ford pickup, his 65 C10 pickup and his 56 Bel Air. I knew it was time to get back into cars again!

I set out to find a truly unique and gorgeous vehicle and I found my Gus! (See photo) He is a 56 Ford f100 panel truck. I started entering him in shows and he started winning lots of trophies for me!

Now I'm working on creating my next one. She is a 55 Chevy 2 door wagon named Elsa. (See photo) I hope I have as much fun showing her as I have had with Gus.

Let me know how it started for you.

Thanks,
Jerri

By: Jerri Adams



"GUS"



"ELSA"

Prayers for the Sick

Cyndi Swendsen
Henry Scott
Mike Reading
Chris Gaylord

See you in the
SPRING!!
April 1st, 2022
at Tractor Supply



Friday Cruise Nights



JANUARY