



# Mossy Creek Cruzers Car Club



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## January Newsletter

### Ramblin' On

Happy New Year Cruzers,

I hope everyone had a good New Years and are ready to start 2021. We have a lot to do in getting this year started off on the right foot.

As I sit here thinking of the Mossy Creek Cruzers, I realize how lucky I am to be a part of such a good club. I was lucky to be in on the start-up in March 2012. I am lucky in that I get to talk to everyone about the club and get them to gain interest in our club and thus more memberships. I feel lucky to be a part of a club that wants to help the communities that we live in and most of all I feel lucky in knowing all the friends I have made within the club, people in other clubs, and people not in clubs at all that are interested in these antique and classic vehicles.

The newsletter brings a lot of information but also the emails that I send out and our Facebook pages. If you are a member of Facebook, be sure to find the Mossy Creek Cruzers page. Leslie Brock does an excellent job of keeping the pages updated. You can make comments and suggestions on the pages. She also keeps our web site up to date with everything that is going on so check it out often, [www.mossycreekcruzers.org](http://www.mossycreekcruzers.org).

The officers of the Mossy Creek Cruzers decided to cancel our January meeting at Shoneys because of Governor Lee's speech about no more than 10 people in a group because of Covid. We decided it would be safer to do this. Hopefully we can get started back in February.

We can discuss everything at the February meeting, including Board of Directors nominations and discussion of whether we can have our yearly book ads sold and printed this year. Board of Directors nominees are Charlie Ehm (already on the board), Brad Goldsmith, Vic Rola and Rick Swank. We need a couple more if anyone would like to volunteer. The main duty is to go over our By-Laws and see if anything needs to be updated or changed. Pat Dukes, President, has to sit in on these meetings also but just to break a tie if there is one. Other things might come up too. Then the items will be brought before the membership at a regular meeting to be voted on.

Hopefully our cruise-ins at Hardee's can get started again soon. It was just starting to get a few people coming to it and we postponed it for a few weeks so guess we will have to advertise it to get people to attend it.

I am looking forward to car shows, cruise-ins, road trips, going to interesting places and also out-to-eat!!

Come and be a part of the Cruzers!



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## Letter From the President

Happy New Year Cruzers,

With a New Year starting, let's all hope and pray that 2021 will be better for the whole United States and the world, all of East Tennessee and hopefully our counties and homes.

Do any of you remember when we rode along with our parents in cars like the picture on page one? So many of us had parents with this type of car or even a newer or older one. Maybe that is where our love of these vehicles comes from.... memories of our childhood. When I was very young, my Dad had a new Ford, yellow and white, but I remember it, as I stood in the backseat and rode along thinking it was so pretty and not another thought in my head! Of course we didn't have seatbelts then so little kids just stood in the seats and took the tumbles when the driver stopped fast!! But those days were good and I feel like the best cars were developed then, or at least the classics, from the 30s through the 60s and even early 70s. With cars today, they are pretty but you can't tell one from another, they all look alike! You have to see the emblems to know what brand they are. That just takes all of the fun out of it!!

We need to try to pass this love of the classics to our grand children, and other youngsters, so they can continue to keep these older vehicles alive! Tell them stories about them, teach them how to tell one model from another (you know they won't be able to do that with these newer versions). Take them for rides so they can see the differences in them. That is the only way that our vehicles will survive!

Before I had seat belts installed in my '36 Oldsmobile, I took my granddaughter riding around in it in my back yard. I hit a pretty big dip and she said "Hey, don't do that! Take care of this car, it is going to be mine someday"!! It actually made me feel pretty good that maybe the Olds will survive!

I am writing this on Christmas Eve, just watching the snow for the first time for a white Christmas in a lot of years. It is beautiful but so dangerous! I can see the cars down on highway 92 just barely moving along. And the snow is still coming down pretty hard. There is already 5 inches on the ground here on the hill I live on. It will sure make it hard on people that have to get out on Christmas morning to go to their loved ones houses. Hopefully they won't have to go far! Just try to stay safe and be very careful!

12/25/2020 On Christmas morning, my daughter and I went to my granddaughter's house about 7 am. She only lives 4 miles from me. Highway 92 was very bad and I counted 12 cars that had slid off the road, in the middle and on the sides. But my old Tahoe just went right along with no problems at all! We felt lucky!

Keep Cruisin'!!

Pat Dukes

President and Newsletter Editor



## FOR SALE

### 1980 CJ7 JEEP

original paint  
in good condition  
New top, new interior  
New am/fm CD radio  
All new wiring and lights  
New ignition  
New tilt steering column  
New power brakes  
Mechanically sound

Asking \$16,000

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The year is 1910,  
over one hundred years ago.  
What a difference  
a century makes!  
Here are some statistics  
for the Year 1910:

The average life expectancy for men was 47 years.  
Fuel for this car was sold in drug stores only. (See picture to the left).

- Only 14 percent of the homes had a bathtub.
- Only 8 percent of the homes had a telephone.
- There were only 8,000 cars and only 144 miles of paved roads.
- The maximum speed limit in most cities was 10 mph.
- The tallest structure in the world was the Eiffel Tower!
- The average US wage in 1910 was 22 cents per hour.
- The average US worker made between \$200 and \$400 per year.
- A competent accountant could expect to earn \$2000 per year,
- A dentist \$2,500 per year,
- Sugar cost four cents a pound.
- Eggs were fourteen cents a dozen.
- Coffee was fifteen cents a pound.
- The American flag had 45 stars.
- The population of Las Vegas, Nevada was only 30!
- Crossword puzzles, canned beer, and iced tea hadn't been invented yet.
- There was no Mother's Day or Father's Day.
- There were about 230 reported murders in the ENTIRE U.S.A.!
- Try to imagine what it may be like in another 100 years.

# 2021

## Birthdays

We would like to include  
*birthdays*  
in our newsletter  
so we can personally wish you a  
Happy Birthday!  
Please submit the  
**Month and Day ONLY**  
and email it to  
mossycreekcruzers@aol.com.

## Now isn't this clever. This is one great idea!!

I have a friend who used Solar Lights inside the house at night when the electric power went off during a hurricane. Stick them in jars and bottles and they give off plenty of 'free light' in each room. Put them outside in the daytime and bring them back inside at night for several days when the power is off. They are safe to use and cheaper than batteries.

It is recommended to bring a Solar Light into your own house one night to test it for yourselves. Due to a thunderstorm, the power was lost for about 5 hours one night. We were scrambling around in the darkness, looking for matches, candles, and flashlights. Then we looked outside and noticed the Solar Lights shining brightly all around the yard. We walked outside and brought several of the solar lights inside. We stuck the Solar Light pipes into plastic drink bottles, with weights in them, and they made the nicest, brightest, safest, lighting you could imagine. We put one in the bathroom, one in the kitchen and in the living room.

There are many types of Solar Lights available. We bought quite a few and put them all around our yard. They look nice and do not attract flying bugs like the outdoor lights around our doorway. The lights we have fit into 20-oz. water bottles and also fit into most larger 2 liter bottles. If you need a weight in the plastic bottle to keep them from tipping over, put in a few of the colorful flat marbles they put in aquariums and vases. You can also use sand, aquarium gravel, or whatever you have available.

The Solar Lights are perfect inside our home. They burn all night when needed and next day just take them back outside where they recharge and are ready for use again when needed. Solar Lights are the perfect light solution for power outages. Give it a try!



## ..... MEMBERSHIP DRIVE .....

A membership drive is on. If you need Mossy Creek Cruzers membership applications to give out, you can get them from Pat Dukes or go to our website, [www.mossycreekcruzers.org](http://www.mossycreekcruzers.org) and print one out from there. If they sign up through you, just let us know their shirt sizes and turn the application and the \$20 in to Pat or Carol so they can record it before depositing the money to our bank.

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!



## 2021 Upcoming Area Events

TO BE ANNOUNCED

PUT THIS  
on YOUR  
CALENDAR!



Wishing you a New Year that's...  
sparkling with fun...  
bursting with joy...  
& crackling with laughter!



**Happy  
New Year!**

**WANTED**  
**Your Story**  
**about Your**  
**Car or Truck**  
**for our**  
**website**  
**& Newsletter**

We would like to put pictures about your car and/or truck in our newsletter and on our club's web site.

Please share your story about how you acquired your automobile with us.

Send this info to [mossycreekcruzers@aol.com](mailto:mossycreekcruzers@aol.com).

We appreciate your taking time to share this info with us.

## Prayers for the Sick

Billy John Cureton • J.C. Davis  
Dick Waldrop • Richard French

## Fire Departments Donations

This year the donations were down because of the cancelation of our July show and the rain-out of the Fill the Truck With Toys show. The pandemic has caused so much trouble and down time, not only for our club but for businesses, schools and everything except essentials. We sent each of the Jefferson County Volunteer Fire Departments a check and also the West Hamblen County Volunteer Fire Department but not as much as last year. Hopefully 2021 will be better and we can go back to our regular donations

