



**Mossy Creek Cruzers
Car Club**



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Ramblin' On

MEMBERSHIP FEES ARE DUE

Membership forms are on the web site mossycreekcruzers.org

The Cruise-in started Friday, April 1st at College Square (Big Lots) in Jefferson City. It is located on Highway 11-E which is heavily traveled. It was rather cold and the wind was blowing but we still had several cars attend. It is always so good to see people that we haven't seen in awhile. And as cars stopped to see the vehicles, they seemed glad that we were there again!! We were previously there for over 10 years, first with the Grainger County Ridgerunners and then when they decided to have their cruise-in in Rutledge, the Cruzers stepped in and took over this great spot!!

Congratulations

Rick Swank, our club Drag Racer, has won the Drag Racing's most prestigious trophy in Mooresville, North Carolina. He was in the Super-Gas class. This is the most sought after trophy in the world of NHRA Camping World Class Racing.



Only the very best can catch this award. Affectionately known as "Wally" in honor of the late NHRA founder, Wally Parks, by the thousands of NHRA competitors who seek it. It remains one of the biggest motivators for high-performance enthusiasts from the smallest one-car garage to one of the sport's most sophisticated centers of technology.

It is the ultimate quest for every drag racer, from the weekend warrior Super Street competitor to the 10,000-horsepower gladiators in Top Fuel. When they do earn one, they cling to it

with great passion because there's no guarantee they'll ever win another one! Such is the goal of every driver. However, many have spent countless hours and thousands of dollars chasing the dream, only to be denied time and time again.

It can even become an obsession to some drivers. It represents way more than a championship.

It is said that it transcends magic with the feelings it brings forth.

This trophy represents all the hard work and emotion that is put into the sport during the last three decades.

So congratulations Rick, we are very proud of you!!

Car Show Committee Meetings

The Car Show Committee Meetings are as follows: April 26 and May 31 and June 28. They will be held at Shoney's in Dandridge. We will be there at 5:30 and will eat then. As soon as we finish eating, the meeting will start. Everyone in the club is invited to join this meeting.
Suggestions

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Upcoming Events

8-Apr	MOSSY CREEK CRUZERS	BIG LOTS
	JEFFERSON CITY	5:00 PM
8-Apr	FOOTHILLS CRUISE-IN	FOOTHILLS MALL
	MARYVILLE	5:00 PM
9-Apr	HAMBLIN CO. CRUISE-IN	300 W. MORRIS BLVD
	MORRISTOWN	5:00 PM
9-Apr	GRAINGER CO. RIDGERUNNERS	FOOD CITY
	HWY 11W BLAINE	6:00 PM
14-Apr	BI-LO CRUISE-IN	2230 JOHN SEVIER HWY
	KNOXVILLE	5:00 PM
15-Apr	MOSSY CREEK CRUZERS	BIG LOTS
	JEFFERSON CITY	5:00 PM
15-Apr	FOOTHILLS CRUISE-IN	FOOTHILLS MALL
	MARYVILLE	5:00 PM
16-Apr	BUTCH GROOMS MEMORIAL CAR SHOW	
	FRED MILLER PARK MORRISTOWN	8:00 AM
16-Apr	HAMBLIN CO. CRUISE-IN	300 W. MORRIS BLVD
	MORRISTOWN	5:00 PM
16-Apr	GRAINGER CO. RIDGERUNNERS	FOOD CITY
	HWY 11W BLAINE	6:00 PM
21-Apr	BI-LO CRUISE-IN	2230 JOHN SEVIER HWY
	KNOXVILLE	5:00 PM
22-Apr	MOSSY CREEK CRUZERS	BIG LOTS
	JEFFERSON CITY	5:00 PM
22-Apr	FOOTHILLS CRUISE-IN	FOOTHILLS MALL
	MARYVILLE	5:00 PM
23-Apr	HAMBLIN CO. CRUISE-IN	300 W. MORRIS BLVD
	MORRISTOWN	5:00 PM
23-Apr	GRAINGER CO. RIDGERUNNERS	FOOD CITY
	HWY 11W BLAINE	6:00 PM
24-Apr	HARPER AUTO SQUARE CARS & COFFEE	
	WEST TOWN MALL KNOXVILLE	8:00 AM
29-Apr	BI-LO CRUISE-IN	2230 JOHN SEVIER HWY
	KNOXVILLE	5:00 PM
29-Apr	MOSSY CREEK CRUZERS	BIG LOTS
	JEFFERSON CITY	5:00 PM
29-Apr	FOOTHILLS CRUISE-IN	FOOTHILLS MALL
	MARYVILLE	5:00 PM
30-Apr	SHOW THEM OFF FUND RAISER	
	KARNS HIGH SCHOOL KNOXVILLE	10:00 AM
30-Apr	SEYMOUR SALUTES VETERANS CAR SHOW	
	VALLEY GROVE BAPTIST KNOXVILLE	9:00 AM
30-Apr	HAMBLIN CO CRUISE IN	300 W. MORRIS BLVD.
	MORRISTOWN	5:00 PM
30-Apr	GRAINGER CO. RIDGERUNNERS	FOOD CITY
	HWY 11W BLAINE	6:00 PM
30-Apr	CIRCLE YOUR WAGENS SEVIER CO. FAIRGROUNDS	
	SEVIERVILLE	6:00 PM
3-May	MOSSY CREEK CRUZERS CLUB MEETING	
	SHONEY'S DANDRIDGE	6:30 PM

Letter from the President

Hello Cruzers,

The Cruise-In at Texas Roadhouse on Monday, April 4th, was really fun!! Besides the Cruzers, there were members of the Hamblen County Car Club and the Mustang Club. Lots of friends that I hadn't seen in awhile. The Roadhouse offered free soft drinks. Some of the employees came out and picked their favorite cars. The winner won a free meal and the second runner up won \$15 off on their next bill there.

This cruise-in will be the first Monday of each month through October. Try to come to it!

Keep Cruzin'

Pat Dukes, President - 865-363-5891



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



Jackie's Corner

By Jackie Swank



Chocolate Butterscotch Haystacks

INGREDIENTS:

- 2 Cups of bittersweet chocolate chips
- 4 Cups crispy chow mein noodles
- 1 Pkg (10 to 11 ounces) butterscotch chips

DIRECTIONS:

1. In a microwave or large metal bowl over simmering water, melt chocolate chips and butterscotch chips ; stir until smooth. Gently stir in noodles.
2. Drop by rounded tablespoonsful onto waxed paper-lined baking sheets. Refrigerate 10-15 minutes or until set.
3. Eat and enjoy!



Friday Cruise Nights

**College Square,
Big Lots
Jefferson City
5:30 PM**



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Season just beginning!!

As car shows have started popping up all over the place, we need to mark our calendars for our two shows of the year. First show is Saturday, July 9th, at the American Book Company in Jefferson City. The second one is at Bush's Visitor Center, in the ball park behind Bush's, and it is Saturday, October 8th and it is in Dandridge (Chestnut Hill area). Both of these shows are for our charities. We have a lot of fun and can also help our community at the same time.

When this club started, in 2012, our main goal was to be together and enjoy our cars and the people that were members or even just interested in vehicles like these. But our other goal was to help our communities with various charities. We have succeeded in both! We have some fantastic members and if you would like to be a member, just let us know.

We also planned day trips to places in East Tennessee to eat and to tour auto places. If you have suggestions about places to go, contact Vic Rola at vicrola1@gmail.com. Vic does a great job with planning our outings. We plan on having more outings this year.

As you know our cruise-in is Friday evenings at Big Lots in Jefferson City starting around 5:00 or 5:30. On Saturday evenings, the Hamblen County Car Club has their cruise-in next to Burger King on Morris Blvd in Morristown. Their cruise starts around 5:30. Both of these are fun places to be. And now Texas Roadhouse, in Morristown, has invited the Cruzers, the Hamblen County Club and the Mustang club to come to their parking lot, which will be marked off for us on the *first Monday of each month through October*. They will offer us a free soft drink with our meal. We could meet in Jefferson City and go up there together. We will discuss this at our meeting. It starts at 4:00 PM.

Membership fees are due. You can sign up with any Officer of the club. Lots of fun to be had during this season!! Trips, Food, Companionship!

By the way, the books are ordered and have arrived. The flyers have arrived also. If you are going to another cruise-in or car show please take a few of these with you to give out to the vehicles that are there. You can get flyers and books at the cruise-in on Friday evenings.

We also need to deliver books to all of the customers who advertised with us.

My Classic Car Story

By Bob Latham

I have literally been a car guy for my entire life. My Mom told me that my first word was “car:”. Go figure!

How I came to own my Trans Am.

A friend of mine told me that she was in charge of registrations for an up-coming car show. She asked me to come to the show and help her with the ones that weren't preregistered. “It'll be fun”, she said. Indeed it was!

I got to the show, parked my car, and started walking toward the front gate. I saw this guy get into a white Trans Am. He fired it up and moved to a different spot. Turns out, they wouldn't let him register. The show was for 1972 and older cars. The Trans Am was a '78. I was a Pontiac guy, so I had to take a look. I did a circle around the car, and when I got to the front, I saw that it was for sale. **RUH ROH!!**

I had looked at a lot of cars by this time. Everything I had looked at was either absolutely beautiful, and I couldn't afford it, or it was a nice paint job on top of a bunch of rust, and I knew I didn't want anything to do with it. This one was nice, mostly original and it was reasonably priced. Linda was working that day, so I called her and told her that I had found my car. I wanted her to see the car before I bought it.

Meanwhile, this other guy “Baldy”, was looking at the car. He was peeling back the trunk mat, looking under the hood, and on the phone. Crawling under the car, checking out the interior, and on the phone. The owner of the car, Jim, kept taunting me, jingling the keys in my face! He knew how much I wanted the car. I told him I had to have the wife's blessing.

So, Linda shows up about an hour later. She took one look at it and said, “Looks good to me”. I said to Jim, “Let's go for a ride” While out on the test-drive, Jim said, “You know, if you don't buy my car, that other guy IS going to buy it”. I said I knew that.

We drive back to the car show, and Jim and I agreed on a price. I gave him \$100 to hold the deal until Monday.

So, on Sunday, “Baldy” called Jim and offered him more money for the car. Thankfully, Jim declined, saying he had already sold the car.

“Baldy” had told Jim that he was going to give the car to his 16-year-old son. More than one person has told me that I saved that kids life, because he would have wrecked it for sure. Saved the Trans Am too!

With any luck “Izzy” will be fixed soon so that I can take her to the cruise-ins and car shows.



Thank you Bob, for sharing this with us!! It is a great story!!!

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SUBMIT A STORY... JUST GIVE IT TO PAT AND SHE WILL TYPE IT OUT AND PLACE IT IN THE NEWSLETTER. IT HELPS US GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER BETTER!