



Ramblin' On (things you need to know)

Our annual "Fill the Truck with Toys" show to be held at Bush Beans Visitor Center in Dandridge on October 11th is always a good time. Entry fee is a new toy.

We will have a special "Trunk and Treat" Cruise In on Thursday, October 30th at Big Lots from 5 to ???.

Nominations for our 2026 Leadership have been made. We will elect these leaders in November so they can start on January 1, 2026.

Letter from the President

It sure seems like this car season has gone by fast!! Hard to believe that the Fill the Truck with Toys Car Show is only a few days away! I sure hope we have a lot of members that show up and that will volunteer to help out. It is not for all day on most of them, just maybe a couple of hours. If you will volunteer see Bob Latham, Doug Rodgers or Pat Dukes.

On October 25th, the Cruzers and the Mustang club are meeting to drive to the Farmer's daughter in Chucky, TN, just past Greeneville. We are leaving Union Heights School at noon. It is off of exit 12 on 1-81. Go a mile or two and it is on the left or turn off of 11-E in Alpha at McDonalds and follow that road until you see the school (and a bunch of cars) on the right. We will leave promptly at noon. Be sure to have cash or a check, Farmer's Daughter does not take credit or debit cards. Bobby has made reservations.

On Thursday, October 30 we are having Trunk or Treat at Big Lots in Jefferson City. Decorate your car and yourself or not. Lots of kids come through ready for the candy!! Come and join us!!

At our regular meeting last night we elected officers. If there had been more than one running for an office, there would have been an election next month. Voted back in was Pat Dukes as President, Doug Rodgers as Vice-President and Bob Latham as Treasurer. We still did not have a Secretary until we started to leave. Then Jesse Wade's daughter volunteered to be the Secretary!! So now we have the main office positions filled.

Let's see if we can get a few more new members in our club. Pat has membership sheets so if you need them please let her know. Forms may also be downloaded from our website.

If you have anything that you would like listed in the newsletter, please let Rick Elder or Pat Dukes know. It is always interesting to read how people got interested in these classic vehicles.

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Election of Officers

The Mossy Creek Cruzers Car Club By-Laws, Article Four, Section 1 through 4 specify how elected officer positions filled. It covers Elected Positions, Nominations for Officers & Board of Directors, Voting for Officers and the Board of Directors and Terms and Term Limits. This process was followed at our general meeting held on Tuesday October 7.

The following officers have been nominated:

President: Pat Dukes

Vice-President: Doug Rodgers

Secretary: *Open, but we have a candidate!*

Treasurer: Bob Latham

The Secretary position will be nominated and voted on when a volunteer is found or steps forward.

No changes to the **Board of Director** positions were made. Our current board includes Rick Swank, Mike Wright, and Pete Balzano.

Those nominated must accept the position before being placed on the ballot for November for voting at our November general meeting. A copy of our current By-Laws may be found on our web site.

Sympathy

Another of the four founding members of Mossy Creek Cruzers Car Club has passed. The four belonged to a club in a different county and decided to start a club for Jefferson County. We worked so hard for several months before bringing it to the public. We were so surprised that at the first meeting, which was held at Shoney's, the room was full of interested people!



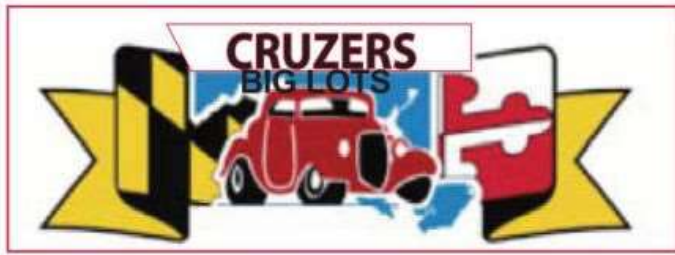
Glenn Allred served as Vice-President for most of the time that he was with the club. He was instrumental in the club with lots of ideas to make the club better. When his wife died, he moved back to Elizabethton and therefore left the club. Glenn was missed when he left and is still missed today. He was Glenn passed away about a month ago. RIP Glenn.

Don't Forget to Change Your Clock

It is sad to think about it, but Shorter days, and ultimately colder weather are coming. Daylight Saving Time ends, and we fall back to standard time on Sunday, November 2, 2025, at 2:00 AM. Don't forget to change all of you clocks by one hour.

What plans do you have for winter projects? Are you going to work on something fun, or just recharge the batteries waiting for spring?

Daylight Savings Time will return as we "spring forward" on March 8, 2026, at 2:00 AM.



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS



PUT THESE
DATES ON
YOUR
CALENDAR!



Upcoming Events

- October 10 **MCC Cruze In, Big Lots Parking Lot, Jefferson City, 5:30 pm**
- October 11 **MCC "Fill the Truck with Toys" Car Show – Bush Beans, Dandridge TN, 9:00 am to 3:30 pm**
- October 25 **POWER TOUR:** Farmer's Daughter. Meet at Union Heights School at 12:00 noon. Cash & checks only. No debit/credit cards.
- October 25 **3rd Annual Tri-County Lions Buddy Geene Memorial Cruise In.** 9 Am to 2:00 pm
Seymour United Methodist Church, 107 Simmons Rd, Seymour, TN
- October 30 **MCC Cruze In – Trunk & Treat, Big Lots Parking Lot, Jefferson City, 5:30 pm**
- November 1 **Cruzin to the Crossroads, Crossroads Cowboy Church, Greenville, TN. 11:00 am to 4:00 pm.**
- November 8 **4th Annual KOC Council 12838 Car Show, 10:00 am, 475 TN-92, Jefferson City, TN**
- January 10 & 11 **Cabin Fever Car Show, Knoxville, TN (Indoors)**
- January 17 & 18 **12th Annual Winter Angel Expo, 9:00 am (Indoors) Smoky Mountain Expo Center, White Pine, TN**

If you would like your event listed here, please send information to Rick Elder (relder@micromfgsys.com).



Cruise In Photos from Friday, September 12



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.

2025 Officers

President

Pat Dukes

865-363-5891

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Vice President

Doug Rodgers

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Treasurer

Bob Latham

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Secretary

Open Position

2025 Board of Directors

Rick Swank

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swanks06@yahoo.com

Mike Wright

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mikeyw59@gmail.com

Pete Balzano

423-312-3486

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Our Organization

Section 6 of our by-laws states: The members shall nominate and elect the following positions:

Car Show Directors – **Bob Latham, 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.

Charity Coordinator – **Open Position**

This individual organizes a committee to oversee all aspects of the Club's charity efforts. This includes: receiving and screening charity requests, recommending those that seem suitable, and bringing them to the membership for a vote.

Communications Coordinator – **Rick Elder, 423-231-1326, relder@micromfgsys.com**

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 maintains the club's website.

Public Relations – **Rick Swank, 701-300-2056, swanks06@yahoo.com**

This individual makes sure we get newspaper coverage in all of the free community calendars.

Membership Coordinator – **Open Position**

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

Chaplin – **Jackie Swank, 715-644-8891, swanks06@yahoo.com**

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.

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

Web Site

www.mossycreekcruzers.org

Facebook

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



Meeting Minutes – October 7



Pat Dukes called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. She welcomed the 21 members in attendance. Bob Latham lead the Pledge of Allegiance and gave the opening prayer.

Bob provided the Treasurer's report:

Beginning Balance: \$13,397.18, Activity: -\$93.03. Ending Balance: \$13,307.18.

Jackie made a motion to accept. Seconded by Linda. Motion passed.

The minutes from the last meeting were published in the newsletter.

The October show is this Saturday (October 11) at Bush Beans in Dandridge. According to Co-Show Coordinator Bob Latham: "We are Ready." Linda thanked everyone for the silent auction items, especially Jackie and Sherri. Bob announced that he is stepping down as Co-Show Coordinator after this week's show. Doug will continue to run the shows in 2026, and is looking for a second coordinator. Detailed show logistics were discussed for the show on Friday evening setup and all day Saturday. Pat was featured on WJFC, 1440 AM and 102.5 FM where she talked about the show.

Our last scheduled Friday Night Cruise In is Friday, October 10 at Big Lots. We also have a special "trunk and treat" Cruise In scheduled for Thursday, October 30. Bring Halloween Candy to the Thursday Night event and dress up if you wish.

Bobby Estes reviewed the following events:

- The Lakeway Mustang Club will meet next Tuesday (October 14th) at Shoney's in Morristown at 7:30 pm. There will be a Cruise In in the parking lot before the meeting at 6:30.
- The final Lakeway Power Tour to the Farmer's Daughter is scheduled for October 25th.
- See the event calendar in this newsletter, or on our website, for up to date information.

Nominations for the 2026 Officers were held as follows:

- Treasurer: Bob Latham. Motion by: Pete, 2nd by Sherri.
- Secretary: Open Position.
- Vice President: Doug Rodgers. Motion by: Bob, 2nd by Linda.
- President: Pat Dukes. Motion by: Jackie, 2nd by Sherri.

All nominees accepted their nomination. Voting will be at our November meeting so they can start on January 1, 2026.

A motion to adjourn was made by Chris. It was seconded by Linda and approved. The meeting ended at 7:20 pm.

Local Car Club Meetings

- Get involved! Everyone is welcome to attend and learn about these clubs:
- **Mossy Creek Cruzers** – 1st Tuesday, Shoney's, Dandridge, 6:30 pm
- **Lakeway Mustang Club** – 2nd Tuesday, Shoney's, Morristown, 7:30 pm
- **Hamblen County Car Club** – 3rd Tuesday, Golden Corral, Morristown, 7:00 pm
- **F-100 Club** – 5th Tuesday, Shoney's Dandridge, 6:30 pm



Letter from the President *(continued from page 1)*

Next regular meeting for the Mossy Creek Cruzers is November 4th at 6:30 at Shoney's in Dandridge and the Lakeway Mustang club's meeting is November 11 at 7:30 at Shoney's in Morristown. You will be welcomed at either meeting.

As I write this message, we are coming up on our final Cruise In and Car Show for the 2025 season. All systems are go for our annual October Car Show at Bush Beans. If you have never attended one of these shows, you will love the intimacy of the Bush Beans facility. Admission is at least one new toy so we can help less fortunate children have a Merry Christmas. Please bring plenty if you can.

It has been another fast season, our club has worked hard, and we have been very successful. We look forward to helping our local charitable organizations again later this year. Thank you to everyone who has helped contribute to that success.

I am looking to slowing down now and enjoying the upcoming holidays, but you know I will miss seeing everyone over the winter. At this point we do not have all of the local parades on our event calendar so you will need to stay connected, so you do not miss any.

Pat Dukes
President, Mossy Creek Cruzers Car Club

Autumn is a Great Time to Take a Drive

Now that the Tennessee heat has subsided, escape the routine with a nice fall drive down Tennessee backroads. Go out and explore. When was the last time you took a ride with 'nowhere to go'?

Cruise to find colorful foliage, find an apple orchard, pumpkin patch, corn maze or even a farmer's market. Find somewhere that serves fresh hot cider, or your favorite pumpkin flavored drink.

In case you don't know, it is perfectly legal to ride with the top down and the heat on!

Mark Your Calendar!

The Mossy Creek Cruzers "Hot Daze, Cool Ridez" Car Show is scheduled for Saturday, July 11, 2026, at the American Book Company in Jefferson City.

In order to reduce exposure to the summer heat, the time of the show has been changed to run from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm. All show cars must be registered by 11:00 am to be included in the judging.

See You There!





Mossy Creek Cruzers 14th Annual Fill the Truck with Toys



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MOTORCYCLE
SHOW**

- FOOD • MUSIC •
 - 50-50 •
 - SILENT AUCTION •
 - DOOR PRIZES •
 - TROPHIES •
 - ENVELOPE BOARD •
 - CASH PRIZES •
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Unwrapped Toy



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150
Entrants**

FOR
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PURPOSES ONLY

Bob Latham • 301-602-7498
Pat Dukes • 865-363-5891

Visitor Center

RAIN OR SHINE

LOCATION: 3901 US HWY 411 (Ballpark) • Dandridge, TN 37725

Saturday, October 11, 2025 • 9 a.m. until 3:30 p.m.

Bring with you OR Mail registration to:

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

Name: _____ **Date:** ____/____/2025

PLEASE PRINT

Address: _____ **City, State, Zip** _____

E-Mail: _____ **Phone:** () _____

Club Affiliation: _____ AREA CODE

Vehicle Year & Make _____ **Car** ☐ **Truck** ☐ **Jeep** ☐

SIGNATURE _____

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