



Mossy Creek Cruzers Car Club



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Memorial Day Reflections

The "Memorial" in Memorial Day has been ignored by too many of us who are beneficiaries of those who have given the ultimate sacrifice in service to our country. Often we do not observe the day as it should be, a day where we actively remember our ancestors, our family members, our loved ones, our neighbors and our friends who have given the ultimate sacrifice. For many, Memorial Day is also a time to reflect on the sacrifices and services of the American Soldiers and Veterans. Memorial Day is an opportunity for us to express the special places they have in the hearts of American citizens.

It's important to remember that on Memorial Day, we honor those who died serving our country and protecting our freedoms.

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tragedy of September 11, 2001, has stirred all and reawakened the spirit of patriotism in all hearts and Americans in a special bond. The words 'United We Stand' and 'God Bless America' still hold stir our hearts. Show true patriotism and love for all those who have risked their lives for the America by putting up American flags in front of your houses, have parties with patriotic themes to honor military and ex-military men and women in your neighborhood and community.

Moment Of Remembrance

In 1996, a humanitarian organization, known as 'No Greater Love' surveyed children and asked them why do they think there is a holiday on Memorial Day. It was agonizing to hear their remarks that were all associated with barbecues and extended weekend parties and celebration, while they hadn't the vaguest idea about the sacrifices of the soldiers in whose honor it is celebrated. One of the children was even quoted as saying that this was the day when swimming pools open!

Thus, the organization came up with the idea of 'National Moment of Remembrance' to remind and let the future generations know about the real meaning of the holiday. The idea clicked with the President and Congress and since 1997, it became a standard American tradition. National Moment of Remembrance requires everybody to keep silent for a minute, exactly at 3:00 pm (local time) when 'Taps' is played and reflect on the glory of those who have shed blood for us. The federal government hopes to raise public awareness about the heroes and their valor by introducing this moment.

Origin And Birthplace Of Memorial Day

On May 5, 1868, the Grand Army of the Republic established Memorial Day as the national day to decorate the graves of the Civil War soldiers with flowers. Major General John A. Logan appointed May 30 as the day to be observed. Arlington National Cemetery had the first observance of the day on a grand scale. The place was appropriate as it already housed graves of over 20,000 Union dead and several hundred Confederate dead. Gen. and Mrs. Ulysses S. Grant presided the meeting and the center point of these Memorial Day ceremonies was the mourning-draped veranda of the Arlington mansion. Speeches were followed by a march of soldiers' children and orphans and members of the GAR through the cemetery strewing flowers on both Union and Confederate graves. They also recited prayers and sang hymns for the dead.

Congress and President Lyndon Johnson officially declared Waterloo in New York as the 'birthplace' of Memorial Day in 1966. It was said that on May 5, 1866, a ceremony was held to honor local soldiers and sailors who fought in the Civil War, businesses were closed for the day and residents furled flags at half-mast. It was said to be the first formal, community-wide and regular event.

In 1971, Memorial Day was declared a national holiday by Congress, who designated the last Monday in May as the day for its observance.

Monday in May is the day for its observance.
We walked among the crosses, Where our fallen soldiers lay.
And listened to the bugle, As TAPS began to play.
The Chaplin led a prayer, We stood with heads bowed low.
And I thought of fallen comrades I had known so long ago.
They came from every city across this fertile land.
That we might live in freedom. They lie here 'neath the sand.
I felt a little guilty, My sacrifice was small.
I only lost a little time, But these men lost their all.
Now the services are over, for this Memorial Day.
To the names upon these crosses, I just want to say,
Thanks for what you've given, No one could ask for more.
May you rest with God in heaven, From now through evermore.

Submitted by Pat Dukes

EVENTS

MAY 2017

- May 5,12,19,26 MCC Cruise In at Big Lots, Jefferson City
5:30 - 8 pm
- May 19 - 20 Smoky Mountain Studebaker Meet, Tally Ho Inn, 8314 TN Hwy 73, Townsend
- May 19 - 21 1955-57 Classic Chevy Roundup, The Inn at Christmas Place, Pigeon Forge
- May 20 Sundown on Depot, Depot St., Greeneville, TN
10 - 7 pm
- May 20 Unicoi Strawberry Festival & Car Display, Unicoi Elementary School, Unicoi
- May 26 - 27 Somernites Cruise Mopar Mania Showcase in Somerset, KY
- May 27 Wilderness Trail Rod Run, Historic Kingsport Train Station, Kingsport, TN
Mike Smith 423-676-4343
- May 27 The Diner's Memorial Weekend Cruise In, Sevierville
- June 2 - 4 Pontiacs in Pigeon Forge
- June 3 5th Annual Sharon Parrott Memorial Car Show, Mount Harmony Baptist Church 6500 Strawberry Plains Pike, Knoxville, 10 - 3 pm
865-712-3173
- June 3 Morristown's 3rd Annual European Car Show, Fred Miller Park, 411 W Morris Blvd., Morristown, TN 9 - 2 pm
- June 3 Jericho Rockin' Road Rally Car & Bike Show, Jericho Shrine Center, 1100 Jericho Dr., Kingsport
- June 6 MCC Club Meeting at Shoney's in Dandridge
- JULY 8th** **MOSSY CREEK CRUZERS CAR SHOW AT JEFFERSON MIDDLE SCHOOL**
- AUGUST 26** **MOSSY CREEK CRUZERS "Fill the Truck with Toys" held at Bush's Visitor Center from 10am until 3pm. Registration is a new, unwrapped toy that we donate to underprivileged children.**

For a complete list of Car Shows go to our website!!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Tony Trent (Barbara) • Jefferson City
Tom Kovacs (Sue) • White Pine
Bill Colbach (Debbie) • Jefferson City
John Zieba (Deedra Hall) • Morristown
Rich Blanken (Angelina Sloan) Jefferson City

Welcome to all our new members!! If you know others that would like to join, bring them to a meeting or cruise-in and see if they would be interested in joining!!

We enjoy meeting new people all the time!!

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Bill Lampkin • David King • Jim Katzbeck • Mike Reading
If you know anyone else that is sick,
Call Cruiser Chaplain Joan Spoon, at 423-231-7906.

FUN RUNS

2017 TENTATIVE FUN-RUN SCHEDULE

- May 18, Thursday Riverview Crossing, Knoxville
John Sevier at Asheville Hwy 6-9
- June 17, Saturday Moonshine Rod Run, Newport
June 17, Saturday New Market Volunteer Fire Department
Car Show and Craft Show
- Meet there after leaving the Newport Moonshine Run. It starts at 9 but we can be there by noon if you want to go to both & be judged at New Market.
- June 22, Thursday Riverview Crossing, Knoxville
John Sevier at Asheville Hwy 6-9
- July 8, Saturday Mossy Creek Cruzers Car Show Jefferson Middle School 9-3**
- July 29, Saturday Grainger County Ridge Runners
Car Show, Tomato Festival
- August 12, Saturday Carvers Apple Barn then to
Hamblen County Car Club Cruise-in
- August 24, Thursday Riverview Crossing, Knoxville
John Sevier at Asheville Hwy 6-9
- August 26 Fill the Truck with Toys at Bush's Visitor Center 10-3**
- Sept. 16, Saturday Greenville Ridge Runners Car Show
at Hardin Park *will check this date*
- Sept. 23, Saturday Morristown Fly in / Cruise in
Morristown Airport
- Sept. 24, Sunday Greenville Ridge Runners Car Club
Annual Picnic.
- October 14, Saturday Farmer's Daughter Restaurant,
Greeneville, TN. (Reservations)

TIMES AND MEETING PLACES WILL BE UPDATED ALL ALONG



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LETTER FROM CRUZER PRESIDENT

MAY 2017

Hello all you Cruzers,

We had a great May club meeting with plenty of input from the members. Participation is what we need in our club and members are getting better at voicing their opinion. Some times we get too concerned with membership numbers. It isn't so much how many members we have, it is the quality of our members. I think we have the best group we have ever had since the club began and the best participation in the club. I think nearly everyone at the meeting this month has volunteered to work the July Car Show in one way or another..... That is great! This is what we need in our club. We formed the club to have fun with our old cars and help others. I can see our members coming closer together and I can see we are going to have a great Car Show this year. If you missed the May club meeting and want to volunteer to help at the Car Show call Larry or Pat. We can use your help.

At the June and July meetings we will finalize the plans for the car show. And discussion will be held about cruises for the club, where and when. We have been so involved in getting ready for the car show that we need to lighten up and have some fun now!

Thanks to each and every Mossy Creek Cruiser for your participation!

Larry Boggess

President Mossy Creek Cruzers

MOSSY CREEK CRUZERS 7TH ANNUAL CAR SHOW SATURDAY, JULY 8TH, FROM 9AM - 3PM

The Mossy Creek Cruzers Car Show is growing near very fast!!! Less than two months left!! Can you believe that time is going by so fast?? It will be here before we know it.

The basic plan is underway with approvals from everyone about the place and time of the event. Larry Boggess is in charge of the show with help from the car show committee. If you would like to be part of the show committee just let Larry know at 828-280-2119.

The Applications for the car show on July 8th and the Vendor/ Craft/ Swap Meet Application are now available on the Mossy Creek Cruzers web site, www.mossycreekcruzers.org. Please share this with anyone that you know that might be interested in having a booth that day or showing a car. Email info to all of your friends!!

Lots of activities will be going on at the show including 50-50 tickets, games, door prizes and the judging of the cars.

There is a lot of space at the Jefferson Middle School and it will allow for our annual car show to continue to grow! If you will volunteer to help on Friday, July 7th, at the show site & during the show on the 8th, please let Larry know.

So help us out when you can, we need you!!

IDEAS TO BUILD MEMBERSHIP

In order to keep our club growing, we need to promote it in every way we can think of. Just converse with people about the meetings, the cruise-ins at Big Lots and our car show on July 8th at Jefferson Middle School and on August 26th at Bush's Visitor Center in Chestnut Hill (Dandridge).

You can invite and bring guests to our meetings and cruise-ins and then follow up with them to see if they want to join. You can help by giving me suggestions of people to write to, businesses and personal addresses. I will write a generic letter about who the Cruzers are and what our goals are and will give you copies if you need them.

Word of mouth is a powerful instrument and can gain a lot of interest. Just network with coworkers, friends and family and tell them about the club and all of the good work that we do in promoting local charities in Jefferson and surrounding counties.

We can place flyers everywhere, not only about the annual car show, but about our club and our goals to help children with Christmas in Jefferson County for underprivileged children, and with sick children whenever it is needed as well as local Special Olympics.

Attend other organizational meetings and discuss the Cruzers whenever you can. This promotes membership with people who may not have known about Jefferson County having a classic and antique car club.

We should always publicize club successes, elections, events, in local and surrounding counties' newspapers so that we are always in the public eye.

Members need to talk about the club whenever possible. We need to contact previous car club members, not only ours but others as well. If you are on Facebook - share our Facebook page with all of your friends ... www.facebook.com/mossycreekcruzers.

Lets continue to keep our club expanding so each of you do what you can to help your club with this!!

CRUISE-INS AT BIG LOTS ON FRIDAY EVENINGS MAY 2017

The Mossy Creek Cruzers Car Club cruise-in at Big Lots on Friday evenings are going strong with more and more people showing up. It is a good place but you may want to consider bringing a tent or an umbrella to shade yourself from the sun. There is plenty of room for these tents and it helps out a lot. We always share the shade which helps us all get to know each other better!!

We have had music playing each week with the sound of fifties and sixties music drifting through the air. Brings back a lot of memories!! We plan to also sell 50-50 tickets to help with our car show and our charities.

So join us and show these magnificent vehicles, they bring a lot of attention!!

LETTER FROM CRUZER SECRETARY

Hello to each of you!

Each month as I sit here at my computer writing the newsletter, the meeting minutes, sending out emails to not only members but to prospective members and supporters and answering emails that come in with about 10 or 12 a day, I contemplate how much I care about this club and how proud I am of it and all of the things we have accomplished since our start up in March of 2012. I concentrate on it all the time constantly trying to come up with ways to make not only our shows better but our club better. We have helped so many people and organizations through the years from individuals to local non-profit groups and then 2016 helping every volunteer fire department in Jefferson County and the Rescue Squad as well as local Special Olympics.

The booklet has turned out to be a great way to raise money for our charities and it is fun to get out and sell the ads. Hardly anyone tells you no since they know it goes to our charities. It takes a lot of hours to set the artwork and layout but it is worth it because I feel a sense of pride in my artwork but also in the club for having a good and honest name. The booklet started out in 2015 as 12 pages and then in 2016 it went to 16 pages and finally in 2017 it is 20 pages long! I thought of this idea from being on the Old Time Saturday committee and we decided to publish a cook-book. We went out and sold ads for the cook book to pay for the printing of it so when we sold the books, it was about 75% profit. Thus our booklet was born from that idea.

We have a great car show committee which meets often to come up with more and more entertainment to keep the entrants happy and occupied. Each year we add more activities, this year adding a swap meet. Last year we added a craft and vendor show and already have 15 signed up for again this year for the craft show. Hopefully the swap meet will grow like this too. And we have plenty of room for more cars and trucks. Hopefully we will have the largest car show ever in 2017!

I would love for some of you to give me stories to place in the newsletter. It can be a funny tale or a serious story or something stupid that you did around cars when you were young. If you feel you can't write it and need help, I would be glad to help you with it. At one time I put several stories about my 1955 Chevy and myself and the stories I could get into with it. They are so funny now although at the time they were just aggravating!! Driving a souped up Chevy with a built 327 with a 4 speed could be quite funny at times! I think I may still have a couple of pictures of it somewhere, I will see if I can find one and put it here. Your story could be about how you became interested in the classic cars, maybe from your Dad or Mom or a neighbor, or a friend had one at school. Or maybe from a movie, anyone remember American Graffiti?

So this is all of my Ramblin' for now. Have a safe and wonderful week.

Pat Dukes, *Secretary, Newsletter Editor, Membership Director and Public Relations!*

MEMBERSHIP FEES

Don't forget that Membership Fees for 2017 are now overdue. You can mail the \$20 in to the address below, or call me and I'll meet with you. You can also rejoin at the meetings held at Shoney's on the first Tuesday of the month or at the cruise-in on Friday nights.

Let's keep the club family together by re-joining now.