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Getting Ready for a Car Show

A week or so before the Mossy Creek Cruzers Car Show, a group of car show committee members met at Pat Dukes' house, or rather garage, to get Silent Auction items, Door Prizes and Goody Bags ready for the July 8th Car Show at the American Book Company. It was work but also fun!!

We stuffed the small manila envelopes that is given out to each person that is registered. The envelope contains the card to place on your windshield, your dash plaque, schedule of events and any other pertinent item.

Thanks goes out to Jackie Swank for bringing food to this get together! Jackie is the person that does the "Jackie's Corner Recipes" in our newsletter each month. She is our "Betty Crocker". Thank you for going above and beyond!

I have had a lot of calls this week since the car show with people telling me that they enjoyed the show in spite of the high heat which was 92 degrees. We need to be sure that next year that we tell our participants to be sure to bring canopy's for shade. I have had no complaints. We are still the best!!



Jackie S.



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Dan



Rick & Bob



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Vic & Mark

What's the Best Classic Chevrolet Camaro?

Spurred on by Ford's release of the Mustang in 1964, Chevrolet released the Camaro and ignited the still-ongoing muscle car rivalry. The Camaro arguably



carried a much more aggressive look and helped define the shape of a "muscle car".

The first-generation Camaro was built on GM's F-platform, sharing it with the equally iconic Pontiac Firebird. The muscle car was available in both a coupe and convertible body style. Just like its rival, the Camaro was priced affordably for fun-loving owners.

This Camaro had no shortage of engine options, with twelve different engines available for the 1969 model year. The standard engines included a 3.8L straight-six making 140 hp and 220 lb-ft of torque or a 5.4L V8 making 210 hp and 320 lb-ft. A three-speed manual transmission was standard with an available two-speed semi-automatic and three-speed automatic transmissions.

An RS appearance package was available, as well as an SS performance package including upgrades to the chassis as well as a choice between a 5.7L and 6.5L V8 engine.

The most standout package, however, was the Z/28. The Camaro Z/28 was a virtually race-ready competitor to the Ford Boss 302. While its 4.9L V8 engine was advertised to output 290hp, the actual figure was closer to 360 hp. In addition, the muscle car came with a four-speed manual, upgraded suspension, and brakes, and added racing stripes.

While the RS treatment was purely cosmetic, the 'Super Sport' package incorporated performance upgrades - in this case a 396ci 'big block' V8 and sport suspension - an SS-specific bonnet, SS wheel covers, bucket seats, and with SS emblems in place of the RS items.

1967-1969 Chevrolet Camaro Price

How much is a Chevrolet Camaro? Looking at only the first-generation years from 1967 to 1969, pricing can be as high as \$800,000 for vehicles such as the Camaro ZL1, which made our list of the best muscle cars ever made. The bulk of the top-end priced vehicles will be those asking between \$85,000 to \$255,000 including modern resto-mods.

When we looked at the prices of actual listings on our site, most 1967 - 1969 Camaros were priced between \$50,000 to \$85,000 and we think there may be good buying opportunities here. On the low end, a running first-generation Camaro can be purchased for \$35,000 or less.

What's the Best Classic Ford Mustang?



Can you name a vehicle more iconic than the Ford Mustang? Playing a huge part in the pony and muscle car movement, the Mustang helped shape car culture throughout the '60s and '70s. Throughout its history, it's had no

shortage of amazing models. However, even with modern-day improvements, the classics still outshine the rest.

While we've analyzed Mustang listings to find out how much the classic Mustangs will cost you to buy, as a rule of thumb, the Fastback, depending on the installed options, should be the most expensive followed by convertible version and then the coupe. In terms of generations, the 1964 ½ through 1973 Mustangs command the most interest from buyers.

It's always hard to beat the original. With production beginning in late 1964, the first batch of Mustangs were referred to as 1964.5 model years. Despite the added confusion, these vehicles were given VINs indicating that they were 1965 models.

To great acclaim, the Mustang debuted during the 1964 World's Fair in New York. More than 22,000 orders were placed within the first 24 hours alone. This version of the Mustang was launched in both a coupe and convertible body style, with the iconic fastback not introduced until halfway through 1965.

With a starting price of around \$2,300, the original Mustang sold like hotcakes, combining incredible power with a stylish design both inside and out. The base model featured a 2.8L straight-6 cylinder engine generating 101 hp with a three-speed manual transmission. Along with the six-cylinder engine, a 4.3 L V8 and 4.7L V8 were offered, making 164 hp and 210 hp, respectively.

A popular package for this model year was the GT Equipment Package. This included a V8 engine with mounted fog lamps, panel stripes, and upgraded disc brakes. The interior would also receive an upgraded instrument panel with more gauges.

How much is a 1964 ½ Mustang? We looked at 1964 and 1965 model years when analyzing the prices of actual listings on our site. The bulk of these Mustangs are in the \$35,000 to \$80,000 range with premium versions asking \$85,000 to upwards of \$115,000.

If you're in the market for a Fastback GT, most of them are priced between \$50,000 and \$120,000 but some examples have recently sold for between \$140,000 to \$220,000. The most expensive 1964-1965 Mustang we found listed on our site was asking \$390,000 and 1964 ½ "shorty" prototype sold at auction in 2015 for \$512,000!

If it were our money, we'd focus on cars in the \$40,000 to \$75,000 range as we think this is where the widest selection matched with quality exists. If you're looking for a 1964 ½ Mustang project car, you should be able to buy one for \$20,000 or less.



Jackie's Corner

By Jackie Swank



Buttery 3-Ingredient Shortbread Cookies

INGREDIENTS

1 cup unsalted butter, softened
1/2 cup sugar
2 cups all-purpose flour
Confectioners' sugar, optional

Directions

Preheat oven to 325°. Cream butter and sugar until light and fluffy, 5-7 minutes. Gradually beat in flour. Press dough into an ungreased 9-in. square baking pan. Prick with a fork.

2. Bake until light brown, 30-35 minutes. Cut while warm. Cool completely on a wire rack. If desired, dust with confectioners' sugar.

TRAGEDY AFTER OUR JULY 8TH CAR SHOW

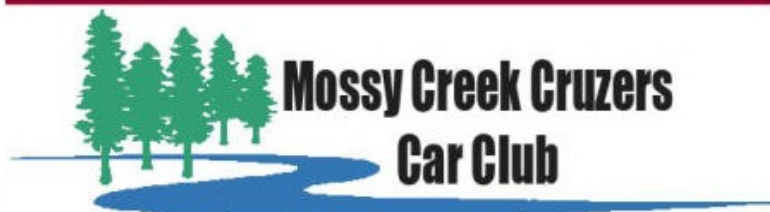
After a great day at our July 8th Car Show, a tragedy occurred. Charles (Chuck) Haire started his drive home to Dandridge. His 1966 Mustang broke down on the side of the road and since he was close to home, he decided to walk the rest of the way. The day was extremely hot with the temperature in the 90's.



When he got home, my understanding is that when he walked into his house, he collapsed and suddenly died.

He was a 1966 Graduate of Maury High School and was a veteran of the United States Air Force and the Vietnam Conflict.

Our sincere sympathy goes out to his family.



Why Do People Still Love Classic Cars?

By Petrolicious Productions Story by Ian Davies

In most cases, classic cars are rubbish. As James May once said, if they were any good, they'd still be made. Modern cars are faster, better handling, more reliable, more comfortable, cleaner, safer, more economical, and mostly cheaper to purchase, too. Basically, they're better in just about every way. Yet despite this, the clearly inferior classic car not only still exists, but is positively thriving these days. Why?

Classic cars compete on a completely different level. It's not about efficiency and speed, but about the experience, style, exclusivity and craftsmanship, all of which are universal and timeless. Classic cars not only appeal to car lovers, but also to lovers of engineering, design, art and history.

That is the reason why people do, and always will, love classic cars—and long may it continue.

July 8th Car Show

After a week of heavy rain and storms, Saturday, July 8th was a beautiful, sunshiny day. Although very hot and humid, the Mossy Creek Cruzers Car Show was a huge success. Almost 200 vehicles all in one place!! There were rat rods, unfinished but in the works vehicles and totally beautiful vehicles. The show was held at the American Book Company in Jefferson City. We thank the American Book Company very much for allowing us to use the large parking lot.

Thanks to the club members for working that day, we were a little under-staffed but we managed it. And a special thanks to Bob Latham for stepping up and being the car show director this year.

Our local charities and volunteer fire departments will be very happy when we present them with checks to help support them. Our charities are: Isaiah 117 house, Appalachian Ministries of the Smokies, Scottish Rites Shoes and Socks for children, the Criminal Justice Class at Jefferson County High School (they furnish help to us with students)s, Cops with Kids shopping spree for Christmas, Stepping Out (Teaching That Transforms Lives) and 13 Volunteer Fire Departments and the Rescue Squad.

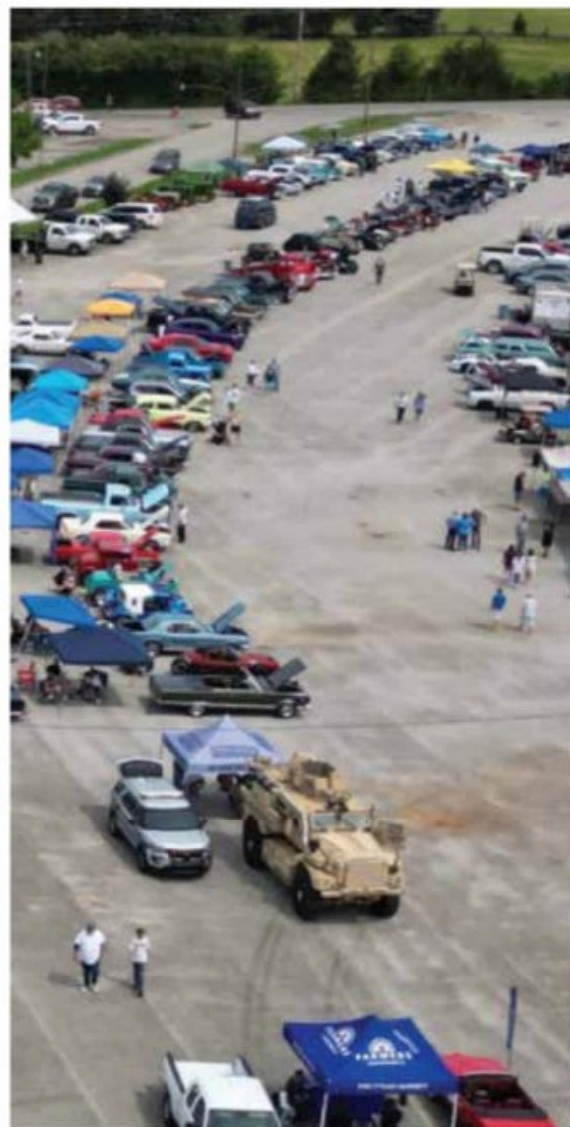
There were around 75 trophies awarded to many beautiful vehicles and it was no easy task choosing the winners!

After our October 14th Car Show at Bush's Visitor Center, we will be donating toys to under-privileged children through the Chamber of Commerce. In 2022 we had eleven tables with toys stacked 2 and 3 deep to donate. A very proud moment!

I feel that next year will be our largest show yet! Information will be fore coming soon so you can mark your calendars. Everyone and all cars welcome!!



Thanks to Jim Potts for taking pictures with his drone.



Uncoming Events

July 27-29	Smoky Mountain Flywheelers Tractors • Sevier County Fairgrounds • 8:00 am
August 1	MCC Monthly Meeting • Shoney's Dandridge • 6:30 pm
August 19	Shadow of the Mountain Car show • Newport City Park • 8:00 am
August 24-26	Great Smoky Mountain Jeep Invasion • LeConte Center • Pigeon Forge
September 5	MCC Monthly Meeting • Shoney's Dandridge • 6:30 pm
September 14-16	Pigeon Forge Rod Run
October 3	MCC Monthly Meeting • Shoney's Dandridge • 6:30 pm
October 14	Fill the Truck with Toys • Bush's Visitor Center Ball Park • Dandridge (Chestnut Hill) 9 - 3:30 • For info call Bob @ 301-602-7498 or Pat @ 865-363-5891
November 7	MCC Monthly Meeting • Shoney's Dandridge • 6:30 pm
December 5	MCC Monthly Meeting • Shoney's Dandridge • 6:30 pm

WATCH FOR ALL OF THE CRUISE_INS.

The Cruzers Cruze-In is each Friday at Big Lots in Jefferson City. Hwy 11E • 5:00 pm

The Hamblen County club cruise-in is every Saturday night in front of Subway in Morristown •
Andrew Johnson Hwy.

Grainger Co. RidgeRuners Cruise-in is held in Blaine, TN at Food City. • Hwy 11W * Saturday evenings

Minutes from July Meeting

The discussion at the July Meeting was basically all about the July Car Show at the American Book Company. Everything was covered.

Break-down of classes at Car Show

1930 & below	•	13 Vehicles
1940's	•	10 Vehicles
1950's	•	23 Vehicles
1960's	•	52 Vehicles
1970's	•	20 Vehicles
1980's	•	7 Vehicles
1990's	•	6 Vehicles
2000 & Above	•	31 Vehicles
Motorcycles	•	4 Motorcycles

There were several registration forms that did not list their vehicle year & model. We had a total of 181 registration forms. Great turnout!!

I feel that next year we need to change the classes of vehicles to be judged. There are too many differences in the year classes with not enough vehicles to get as many trophies.

As we get more & more newer vehicles, we should break them down into two or three classes. And maybe first one should be 1940's & below. Also put 1980's & 1990's together.

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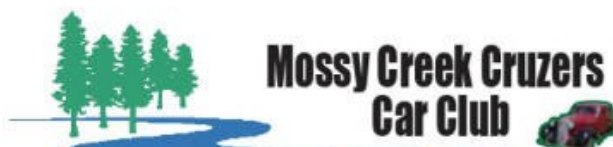
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Letter from the President

October 14

Fill the Truck with Toys

Now that we have the July 8th Car Show behind us, it is time to start thinking about the October 14th Show at Bush's Visitor Center in Dandridge (Chestnut Hill). We again need a few Silent Auction items as well as goody bags and door prizes. The judging will be easier because there are fewer vehicles. It is handled differently and ensures that people that normally do not win will have a chance to win a trophy.

Registration is to bring a new, unwrapped toy that is then donated to the Chamber of Commerce to be given out to under-privileged children for Christmas. Toys can be for small children through teenagers.

Pat Dukes, President

Prayers for the Sick!!

Tom Hultz

Mike Reading

Jesse Wade (Elvis)

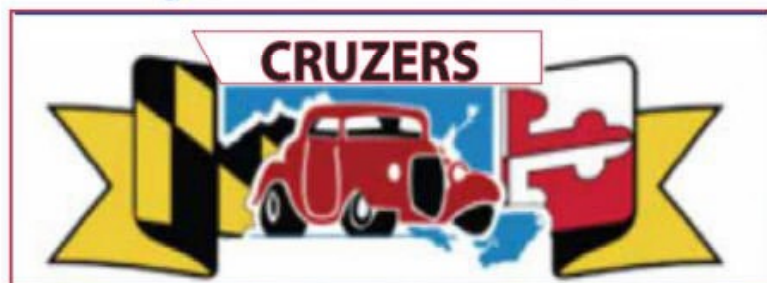
Jackie Israel (Vic Rola)

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JULY BIRTHDAYS



Cruise-in is on Fridays. 5:00 to ??

Hope to see you there!!



**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.**