

Mossy Creek Cruzers

Car Club



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Ramblin' On (things you need to know)

Winter subsiding, and “springing forward” with time, starts to build the excitement of another car show season. Early spring shows are beginning to be scheduled, and it is time to get your vehicle ready, so you don't miss out on early events.

Watch the Upcoming Events column in this newsletter and on our website for events local to our Jefferson County area. The website will contain more information, including addresses and contact information (if provided to us).

Program Book sales are going well thanks to more members soliciting ads. Thanks to Bob, Chris D., and Phil who sold ads this year and to Pat who designs them. They should hit the press shortly.

Our next Meeting is Tuesday, April 7 at Shoney's in Dandridge, TN. All members are welcome to attend. The meeting starts at 6:30. Come earlier to eat.

Longer Days = Springtime Car Time Is Coming!

What is the first sign that Car Show season is coming? Longer Days!

On the last day of February, the sunset was at 6:27 pm with 11:22:25 of daylight.

On March 7, the day before Daylight Savings Time (DST) takes place, sunset will reach 6:33 pm, with 11:38:21 of daylight. DST will propel the sunset to 7:34 pm on Sunday night. They say we lose an hour of sleep, but the excitement of another six months of Car Show season will help offset that effect.

Make sure you change your clocks on Saturday night, March 7th!

On April 10th, the night of our first Cruise In, sunset will be at 8:02 pm, with 12:56:20 of daylight.

On June 21, the longest day of the year, sunset will be at 8:53 pm, with 14:37:32 of daylight.

We don't usually care about the time the sun sets throughout the summer months, but after Labor Day, it begins to become obviously sooner. On October 9, the night of our last Cruise In, sunset will be at 7:05 pm, with 11:30:06 of daylight.

Standard Time will return as we “fall behind” on Sunday, November 1, 2026, at 2:00 AM. Sunset will be at 5:36 pm with 10:40:43 of daylight.

Letter from the President

This is just a little history on the book that we sell and design each year. When the Mossy Creek Cruzers was organized in 2012, we were content for three years just going on cruises to different places and having an occasional picnic. By 2015 we decided we needed and wanted to do more for our local communities. We had already started with a few charities, but wanted to do more. I thought back to when I was on the Old Time Saturday committee for years. We needed more money to keep the festival going. We decided to make a cookbook and to sell ads in it. I found a company that specialized in fund raising books. I started collecting recipes from everyone I knew. The ads that I sold paid for the complete book, including the printing, except for \$60! We ended up selling over 400 books for quite a profit.

Thus came the idea of the Mossy Creek Cruzers advertising book. It started out with 8 pages and now has grown to 32 pages. It is very successful and we make money for our charities.

Bob Latham and I go out selling together and this year we had very good help with Chris Davis and Phil Gibson. They all did an excellent job and sold over 100 ads of which a lot of them are new ones this year.

We are running ahead of schedule by having the extra help! The book should be printed and ready to give out by the end of March, This is our biggest fundraiser of the year.

We have lots of cruises and Power Tours to go on this year. The first one being a small cruise in to Power Equipment Plus in New Market. Free hot dogs and no registration fee.

The next one is in Maynardville on March 21. We have two groups going. One is a Power Tour, and they will meet at the Shell Station on Hwy 25 at 8:00 am. They will go to Maynardville through Tazwell. The second group is meeting in Jefferson City at First Peoples Bank and will travel through Mascot and take back roads to Maynardville. We will meet at the bank at 8:00 am.

Try planning on going on some of these cruise-ins this year, You might just find out that you really love them!!

Keep Cruisin'
Pat Dukes, President



20th Annual
Tom Cronan Memorial
Golf Classic

FRIDAY
APRIL 24, 2026

PATRIOT HILLS GOLF CLUB
735 Constitution Drive
Jefferson City, TN 37760



7:30 a.m. Registration

8:45 a.m. Welcome

9 a.m. Shotgun start



Register here

Cruise Ins to Start on Friday, April 10, 2026

April marks the beginning of the Cruise In season. Our 2026 Cruise Ins will be held on the 2nd Friday of each month. The first is Friday, April 10, 2026, from 5:00 pm to dusk (weather permitting) in front of the Big Lots stores at 264 E Broadway Blvd, Jefferson City, TN 37760. The rain date will be the 3rd Friday (if needed).

See you there!



What is the Lakeway Power Tour?

The Lakeway **POWER TOUR** is the brainchild of Bobby Estes; President of the local Ford F-100 Club. He was listening when car enthusiasts were asking to take destination rides together as a group. You got to admit, riding in a long line of classic automobiles is pretty cool and going to local destinations together is a great social experience.

If you never travelled as a pack, there are different roles that are assumed, such as:

- The leader – Responsible for taking the correct road at a pace where everyone can keep up.
- Followers – Keeping a safe distance from the vehicle in front of you, but also making sure the person behind you has not dropped back too far.
- The caboose – Responsible for making sure the pack stays together.

Typically, there are also some mechanics in the ranks just in case someone has a problem.

In the old days, flashing lights and pulling to the shoulder signaled to the group that there was an issue. Today, cell phones between cars makes communication a lot easier. Working together during rides actually builds camaraderie among the group and reduces the stress of driving classic vehicles any distance.

Not only did Bobby start organizing “Power Tour” rides, but he also created these window stickers for those who participate. Have you got yours yet? If not, check out the upcoming events.



Meeting Minutes – March 3

Submitted by Mary Moore



The meeting was opened by President Pat Dukes with 21 members present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was followed by the opening prayer.

Bob L. gave the treasurers report with a balance of \$14,631.86. He stated that the funds from the ad sales were the majority of deposits since last month. Chris made a motion to accept the treasurers report as given, seconded by Jackie and approved by all members present.

The minutes of the last meeting were printed in the newsletter.

Pat brought up that our secretary has resigned from that position due to family responsibilities and that she had discussions with Mary Moore to see if she would be interested in the position and she had answered that she would. John M. nominated Mary Moore for the position of Secretary. Chris made motion to accept the nomination, seconded by Jerry Miller. Motion approved by members present.

Club shirts were next on the agenda. New shirts are needed before the first car show. There are still some of last year's shirts available. Bob brought up the cost of shirts and Pat discussed needing a new design for the shirts. Rob said he could work on a new design. There were numerous suggestions for new supplier including one in the local area, Alan Murphy 865-606-6445.

Pat discussed the car show books are almost ready . We need a few more single and double ads to complete.

The Triangle trailer was discussed. It has been fixed up and will be parked around town to advertise the car shows.

Car show committee meetings will be starting after the end of March.

Pat will have the flyer ready for the first show in a few days. Cruise ins will begin on April 10th at 5 P.M.

Upcoming shows mentioned:

Maury Middle School in Dandridge March 7

Outdoor Power Plus Cruise In March 14th (limited space).

Maynardville March 21st. Two starting points, the Shell Station in Bean Station (**POWER TOUR**) and one at First Peoples Bank in Jefferson City.

Please see the Events Calendar in this publication or on our website.

Chris made a motion to adjourn, second by Phil G.

Club T-shirts

We are overstocked with club T-shirts from past seasons. These will be available at our next meeting or at the first Cruise In on April 10th. Sizes small to large are \$20, X-large and up \$22.

Questions? Contact Doug Rodgers.



Refrigerator Page

Print and Hang On Your Refrigerator for Reference

PUT THESE
DATES ON YOUR
CALENDAR!



Local Meetings

Get involved!

Everyone is welcome to attend and learn about these clubs:

- 1st Tuesday – **Mossy Creek Cruzers** – Shoney’s, Dandridge, 6:30 pm
- 2nd Tuesday – **Lakeway Mustang Club** – Shoney’s, Morristown, 7:30 pm
- 3rd Tuesday – **Hamblen County Car Club** – Holsten’s, Morristown, 7:00 pm
- 5th Tuesday – **F-100 Club** – Shoney’s Dandridge, 6:30 pm

Upcoming Events

- March 7 2nd Annual Vendor & Car Show - Maury Middle School, Dandridge, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm
- March 8 Daylight Savings Time! 2:00 am
- March 14 Outdoor Power Plus Cruise In, New Market. 9:00 am
- March 20 **SPRING BEGINS!** 10:46 am
- March 21 **POWER TOUR** to Thunder Road in Maynardville
Meet at Shell Station in Bean Station at 8:00 am
- March 21 Club Caravan to Thunder Road in Maynardville
Meet at First Peoples Bank in Jefferson City at 8:00 am
- March 21 Thunder Road Car Show & Swap Meet, Wilson Park, Maynardville, 8:00 am to 4:00 pm
- April 4 Hamblen County Car Club Cruise In’s Begin.
Every Saturday Night, 4:00 to 8:00 pm,
Health Star Physicians/Burger King, Morristown.
- April 7 **MCC Monthly Meeting, Shoney’s, Danridge, 6:30 pm**
- April 10 **MCC Cruise In’s Begin**
Every 2nd Friday, 5:00 to 8:00 pm, Big Lots, Jefferson City
- April 16 Spring Rod Run, Pigeon Forge
- April 25 Cruise Against Cancer, Newport City Park, 7:00 am to 7:00 pm
- April 25 **POWER TOUR** to Sneedville Cruise In
Meet at Shell Station in Bean Station at 2:00 pm
- April 25 Sneedville Cruise In, Downtown Sneedville, 4:00 pm to ????. Arrive early for parking.
- May 2 Hamblen County Car Club Spring Angel Expo, Cherokee Park, Morristown, TN. 8:00 am to 3:00 pm
- May 2 Old School Showdown & Swap Meet, Mascot, 8:00 am to 2:00 pm
- May 8 **MCC Cruise In, 5:00 to 8:00 pm, Big Lots, Jefferson City**

Send your event to our Communications Coordinator for listing here.

Club Social Media

Web Site



www.mossycreekcruzers.org

Facebook



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

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. We are a 501(C) non-profit organization.

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Pat Dukes

President

Operating Committee Leaders

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

Car Show Director(s) – *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.

Communications Coordinator – *Rick Elder*

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 includes publicity and maintains the club's website.

Membership Coordinator – *Pat Dukes*

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

Chaplin – *Open*

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.

If you would like to volunteer to lead or work on a committee, please contact one of the people listed on this page.

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



**Mossy Creek
Cruzers & Lakeway Mustangs
CRUISE-IN**

**Will be the 2nd Friday
of each month April - October**

College Square Shopping Center
on Highway 11E in Jefferson City (TN)
(Big Lots)

From 5:00 pm till 8:00 pm.

exception: July 10th, That night at
AMERICAN BOOK COMPANY (day before show)

**This will be
every second Friday
of the month (April thru October)**

***Let's all plan to attend &
make it a successful event.***

Hosted by the Mossy Creek Cruzers and Lakeway Mustang Club

**Restaurants available
Circle S, a Mexican and KFC**

**Cruise-in Dates: April 10th, May 8th, June 12th,
July 10th, August 14th, Sept 11th and Oct 9th**

16th Annual Mossy Creek Cruzers Car Show 2026 AMERICAN BOOK COMPANY

Previously Magnavox Parking Lot
403 E. Old Andrew Johnson Hwy. • Jefferson City, TN 37760

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First 150

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NEW TIME!

8:00 am - 2:30 pm

Car Show Registration

SPONSORING LOCAL CHARITIES

More Information Call:

Pat Dukes • 865-363-5891
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Silent Auction

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Envelope Board

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- SHOW**

Canopies Welcome

FOR
REGISTRATION
PURPOSES ONLY

\$15 Pre-Registration
\$20 Day of Show

RAIN or SHINE

REGISTRATION FORM:

Mail this sheet to:

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

Name: _____ Date: ____ / ____ / 2026

PLEASE PRINT

Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____

E-mail Address: _____ Phone: (____) _____ - _____

AREA CODE

Club Affiliation: _____ **Entry Amount:** \$ _____

CAR TRUCK JEEP _____

Year and Make of Vehicle _____ Signature: _____

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