



Ramblin' On (things you need to know)

NEXT CRUISE IN – Friday, September 11, 5:00 to 8:00 pm at Big Lots in Jefferson City. There will be two next month: October 9th and October 31st (trunk and treat).

NEXT CAR SHOW – “fill the Truck with Toys” on Saturday, October 10, 9:00 to 3:30 pm at Bush Beans. The entrance fee is a new unwrapped toy.

NEXT CLUB MEETING – Tuesday, October 6 at Shoney's in Dandridge, TN. All members are welcome to attend. 2027 Officers will be nominated. The meeting starts at 6:30. Come earlier to eat.

Letter from the President

We are getting so close to our “Fill the Truck with Toys Car Show! It is a great car show. Hopefully, there will be no rain this time around like our July show was! This is a more relaxed show than our July show. We usually have 100 to 150 vehicles at this one, not as big as the July show but the weather is usually more perfect, no sweater weather!

The car show committee has a few games lined up for this one to keep the spectators and car owners more occupied. The cookie walk is always a favorite, and we may have a surprise or two this year, some to make everyone laugh and have a good time.

We will still have the silent auction, envelope board and 50-50. And with the games you may be able to win a few dollars on some of them.

We give out 25 trophies in a random win. This gives people that usually don't win a trophy a chance to win one. There will be no judges. In 2025 it was a beautiful day, with 150 vehicles. Hopefully, we will get that many or maybe more.

Our cruise-in season will end as usual with a Halloween Trunk-or-Treat at Big Lots, in Jefferson City, on Friday, October 30. We invite children from all over to come and we usually have a lot of them. We will advertise it in the local newspapers and a sign out front of the shopping center. We still have planning to do at our regular meeting. Be sure to bring plenty of candy to give out.

Something to think about. In October, we have officer elections. If only one person is nominated for the job, they will get it, no need for an election with just one nominee. But if two are nominated, we will have a secret ballot election in November to pick the person. Mary Moore is doing an excellent job as secretary, and I hope to remain President.

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Meeting Minutes – September 1

Submitted by Mary Moore



The meeting was opened by President Pat Dukes with 12 members present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was followed by a prayer...

Bob L. gave the treasurer's report with a balance at the end of August of \$12,906.28

Chris G made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, seconded by Rick E and approved by all present.

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

Pat went over the items discussed at the Car Show Committee meeting on August 20 at Perkins Restaurant. She described Games that were suggested so the attendees would have activities during the day while the car show is going on. Suggestions were a Cookie Walk, Piston Toss, Fan Belt Toss, and have a "count the beans in the jar" contest. One suggestion for prizes was to take up the fees of the contestants and split the amount with the winner. Chris G suggested we use past years club T-shirts for prizes. There will be students there to help, and they could oversee the games. Think about all of these and we can decide on these at the next regular meeting.

We will also have our Envelope Boards and Silent Auction.

Workers should be at the show about 6:30 – 6:45 AM for set-up.

We need signs out on the main road, both sides of road. People are missing the turn off going through the curves.

We have one vendor so far, Hot dogs. Pete is looking for Funnel Cakes.

Pat has not heard back from the manager at Bush Beans about the dash plaques and other things. She will contact him again. Mike is bringing one golf cart.

Phil and Tom will sell shirts. Jackie and Sherry Silent Auction.

Brad and Norm Envelope Boards. We should have new boards by then.

A special "Trunk or Treat" Cruise In will be held on October 30th. This is in addition to our normal second Friday Cruise in. There was a discussion to change our 2027 cruise ins to the first and third Fridays. Signs would need to be changed.

Charities will be coming up. Pat said we had decided to add one VFD in Newport area because we had quite a few ads sold in our book this year. Phil recommended Del Rio VFD. Chris G made a motion to add Del Rio VFD to our charities list, Motion second by John M and approved by all present.

Upcoming events were discussed. These are on the "Refrigerator Page (page 4) and on the website.

October Meeting is Officer Nominations. Taking nominations from the floor. Pick your candidate and make sure they are willing. Elections will follow in November if there is more than one nomination for an office.

Our Board members are Rick Elder, John Moody, Mike W, Pete B, Bob Latham

Chris D made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Rick.

Meeting adjourned at 7:32 PM.

Presidents Letter

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Bob Latham is resigning as treasurer, but he said he would help anyone that takes the job. Also, I am not sure about the Vice-President. That Position needs to be over planning places for us to go as a club, and over the planning of the cruise-ins and cruises that we go on.

After the officers are nominated the Board of Directors needs to be elected, usually only three or five. Also, a chaplain to lead us in prayer, sends cards to the sick and to families of those who passed away.

We still need items for door prizes, our envelope board a silent auction. If you have something, please let us know.

Keep on Cruisin'
Pat Dukes President
865-363-5891

"Milk House Built" Brand & Local Brotherhood

In a world where every side hustle comes with a QR code and a social media campaign, Bobby and Wayne Estes are running their garage on a strictly old-school wavelength.

Tucked away in their converted milk house, the brothers spend their free time doing what they love most: wrenching on Ford builds by hand. There's no shop front, no slick branding strategy, and no invoice waiting for you at the end of the day. The milk house has naturally transformed into a local sanctuary for area gearheads, friends, and family who appreciate grease, metal, and mechanical grit over commercial hype.

The Badge of Honor

If you happen to spot one of their custom rides cruising down the road, you might notice a small sticker on the back. It reads simply: **Milk House Built.**

- No phone number.
- No website.
- No business pitch.



That minimal badge isn't an advertisement—it's a mark of craftsmanship and camaraderie. It signifies a machine built with patience, shared passion, and a nod to classic garage culture, where the only currency that matters is the pride in a job well done alongside people who share the vision.

For Bobby, Wayne, and the neighborhood car enthusiasts who drop by to talk shop, the milk house isn't a commercial enterprise. It's proof that the spirit of the local hot-rod brotherhood is alive, well, and built to last.



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
- 1st Thursday – **Hamblen County Car Club** – Davy Crocket Restaurant, Morristown, 7:00 pm
- 2nd Tuesday – **Lakeway Mustang Club** – Shoney's, Dandridge, 7:00 pm
- 5th Tuesday – **F-100 Club** – Shoney's, Dandridge, 6:30 pm

Refrigerator Page

Print and Hang On Your Refrigerator for Reference

Upcoming Events

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| Sept 11 | MCC Cruise In, 5:00 to 8:00 pm, Big Lots, Jefferson City |
| Sept 12 | "So Long Summer" Festival, JCHS, 8:00 am to 3:30 pm |
| Sept 19 | Cruise in & Swap Meet, N VFW Rd, Bulls Gap, TN, 10 am |
| Sept 19 | Morristown Airport Fly-in & Drive In, Morristown, TN 10 am to 3 pm |
| Sept 25 | Car Show at Mooresburg Elementary School, 6 to 8:00 pm
305 TN-31, Mooresburg, TN 37811 |
| Sept 26 | Crusin' for Christ Car Show & Fall Festival, Corryton, TN
10316 Rutledge Pike, Corryton, TN 37721, 9 am to 2:00 pm |
| Oct 3 | Cruise-In at the Crossroads, 3 to 7:00 pm, 785 Main Street, Bean Station, TN |
| Oct 3 | Muscle Car Ministries, Rusty Wallace Ford, Dandridge, TN, 9 to 2:00 pm |
| Oct 9 | MCC Cruise In, 5:00 to 8:00 pm, Big Lots, Jefferson City |
| Oct 10 | 15th Annual "Fill the Truck with Toys" Car Show, Bush Beans (Ball Park), Dandridge, TN 9:00 am to 3:30 pm |
| Oct 17 | POWER TOUR to Cruisin' the Crater, Middlesboro KY.
Meet at Shell Station on 25E in bean Station at 2:00 pm |
| Oct 30 | MCC Cruise In, Trunk & Treat, 5:00 to 8:00 pm, Big Lots, Jefferson City |
| 2027 | |
| Jan 15 | Hamblen County Car Club's 13 th Annual Winter Angel Expo, White Pine, TN (indoors), Noon to 6:00 pm |
| Jan 16 | 8:00 am to 6:00 pm |
| Jan 17 | 9:00 am to 3:00 pm |



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.

2025 Officers

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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 – Doug Rodgers

This individual organizes a committee to conduct any car shows sponsored by the Club. The position requires commitment to the club through promo on, 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 members' health and family situations and send 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 the 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 deadlines are 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 15th Annual Fill the Truck with Toys



**OPEN
CAR/TRUCK
JEEP
MOTORCYCLE
SHOW**

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

Registration is a new,
Unwrapped Toy

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Visitor Center

RAIN OR SHINE



**Dash
plaques
for First
150
Entrants**

FOR
REGISTRATION
PURPOSES ONLY

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

Saturday, October 10, 2026 • 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:** ____/____/2026

PLEASE PRINT

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

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

Club Affiliation: _____ AREA CODE

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

SIGNATURE _____

Liability: Entrants, Participants and Spectators, by execution of this form, Release and Discharge the State of Tennessee, Jefferson County, and the City of Dandridge, Mossy Creek Cruzers, Bush's Visitor Center, the Sponsors, Promoters, or Assistants, their Officers, Directors, Employees, Agents, Servants, Members and Representatives, Property, and anyone else connected with the presentation of Bush's Visitor Center and Mossy Creek Cruzers Club Car Show from any and all known or unknown damages, injuries, losses, judgements, and/or claims from any cause whatsoever that may be suffered by an entrant or participant to his/her person or property.