



Ramblin' On (things you need to know)

NEXT CRUISE IN – Friday, August 14, 5:00 to 8:00 pm at Big Lots in Jefferson City.

NEXT CAR SHOW – Saturday, October 10, 9:00 to 3:30 pm at Bush Beans. The entrance fee is a new toy.

SUMMER PICNIC – Saturday, August 22, 5:00 pm. Join the Ford F-100, Lakeway Mustang, & MCC Car Clubs at Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church, 549 N White Pine Rd, Talbott, TN, 5:00 pm. Rain or Shine. Mustang Club is providing Hamburgers and Hot Dogs and Buns. Plates and Cups. The church has an ice machine. B ring a side dish, desert, or soft drinks.

NEXT CLUB MEETING – Tuesday, September 1 at Shoney's in Dandridge, TN. All members are welcome to attend. The meeting starts at 6:30. Come earlier to eat.

Letter from the President

I know we all wished for an overcast, cooler day for our July 11th car show, but we definitely got more than we bargained for!! The rain was merciless all day. Each time we thought it was letting up, it would start again. We were all soaked throughout for the whole day. Thank goodness for the two huge canopies that Mike Wright provides for us each year. Thank you so much Mike! The two together are 80' x 20'. Those canopies allowed us to stay for the day. We had one small canopy that totally collapsed, dumping water all over paperwork, and other things under it.

Even though it rained we continued with the car show because our flyer had said "rain or shine." Where we usually have over 200 vehicles, we had 31 vehicles that came and registered. I want to thank them for coming out in the rain and most all spending time with the club under the big canopy. We still had our 50-50 tickets, our envelope board, and our silent auction. The bad part is that we had the nicest things ever in the silent auction. BUT we had a few things left for our October 10th car.

I definitely want to thank all of our members for volunteering, even in the rain, and Brad Goldsmith for helping Norm Johns all day with the envelope board. Bobby Estes managed to get two new members for the club so thank you Bobby. Jacki Bowling and Sherry Miller did a great job with the silent auction and Linda Latham for helping them set the auction up. Chris Gaylord and just about everyone else helped with setting up everything on Friday evening and getting it put up in the trailer on Saturday after the show and helping Mike Wright with his huge canopy. Kathy Reading, Kim Swendsen and Mike Wright kept up with the registration and door prizes. Mary Moore and Pat Dukes went out whenever they could, in spite of the rain, selling 50-50 tickets. Tom Hultz and Phil Gibson sold t-shirts.

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Meeting Minutes – August 4

Submitted by Mary Moore



The meeting was opened by President Pat Dukes with 18 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 July of \$12,921.28. He reported on the results of the car show by type of income as follows: Silent Auction \$812, Envelope Boards \$660 (Noting some envelopes left over for October show), Brooklyn (Silver Coin Raffle) \$410, T-shirts \$355, 50/50 \$78.50, and Vendors \$60. He also stated we have lots of trophies left over for October show.

Bob L made a request for prayers for his daughter who has a medical condition. He went on to state that he would like the club to be prepared to nominate a new treasurer to take over in the new year. He said he would help whoever takes the position in the transition. Pat Dukes then indicated she would probably need a replacement as President of the club. Nominations for replacements will be requested in October. Elections will be held in November with new officers starting on January 1.

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

The July show re-hash. No rain dates. We had lots of rain as we all know. It could have been worse. We actually made a little money and have trophies for the next show left over. We signed up two new members. The students helped at the gate.

Our triangle sign needs to be repaired. Norm built it originally, He volunteered to fix it if we can get it to his house. Pat D said she would contact Cherokee towing and see if they can get it to Norm's. Pat will try to paint it if the lettering is not all faded out.

Next Friday night is our monthly cruise-in, Aug 14, then Sept 11, Oct 9, and Halloween Oct 30.

Pat had flyers for local car events. They were forwarded to Rick E. for inclusion in this Newsletter (see Page 5) and on our website.

Pat said she is working with the Jefferson County Post about news coverage.

Pat read a short message sent to her from Isaiah 1:17, one of the charities we donate to, about the services they provide.

Bobby reviewed a list of local shows that he was informed of.

Steve brought up a concern about the envelope boards. He volunteered to make some sturdier boards. Pat asked him to keep receipts for any expenses.

Our next car show is October 10 at Bush Beans. It was suggested that committee meetings start now to have time to get organized. John M made a motion to have the first committee meeting on October 20th at Perkins at 6 PM. Come at five if you want to eat first. This was seconded by Rob and approved by all in attendance.

Chris D made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Second by John M.
Meeting adjourned at 7:38 PM.

Classic & Modern Vehicles Needed for Upcoming Films and Commercials!

Submitted by Rob Rutledge, owner of USA Movie Cars

We are a picture car company, providing Cars on screen for TV Shows, Commercials, Movies, Events and more. We have some upcoming productions in the summer and fall of 2026 and need modern and classic cars of all types, and all years from 1900 to modern day in your state. (especially 1920-1995).

We would LOVE to put some of your members' cars in TV Shows, Films, Events and more this year and next! Our site, USA Movie Cars is 100% free. Car owners can place their cars on our site (usamoviecars.com) and when TV shows and films are looking for vehicles like yours, we help make that happen!

If you or any of your members have any questions, feel free to reply (<https://usamoviecars.com/>) and we'll answer them as best we can.

- Cars are always insured by the production.
- Cars are usually parked.
- Always a memorable experience.
- All gigs are paid, \$400/day+
- Payment is usually same day.

In addition, we donate to your car club for your help and connections. Our recent gigs in 2026 include Bruno Mars, Kane Brown videos, TV shows for Apple TV, Fox, and events for the US Navy, NASCAR, and others.

Thanks for taking time to read this, and we look forward to working with you and your members!

Rob Rutledge, USA Movie Cars
602-882-2705

August = Prime Time!

If spring is just warming up the engines, **August is the prime time of the car show season.**

By late summer, the lineup is set and the real crowd-pleasers are out in full force. Cruise-ins across the country pack local parking lots and main streets with polished chrome, rumbling V8s, and flawless custom paint. Car owners aren't just showing off, they're making the most of every warm evening before the cooler autumn breeze brings the season to a close.

Whether you're rolling in with a classic of your own or just walking the rows with an ice cream in hand, August offers the best shows of the year. Grab a lawn chair, swing by your local meet, and soak in the horsepower while summer is still at its peak.



Presidents Letter

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Pete Balzano always does a great job as our announcer, and DJ and Brooklyn Balzano always help out by having a booth of her own and donating to the club. Thanks to Bob Latham for being all over wherever he was needed. And thanks to Doug Rodgers, for picking up the golf carts on Friday and taking them back on Monday and for setting up the barriers at the ABC lot and then taking them back down. John Moody and our Jefferson County High School Criminal Justice students both worked the gate as cars came in and wherever else they were needed. Rick Elder and Pete Balzano set up the sound system and got it put back up at the end of the show. And of course, a thank you to our judges who all showed up in spite of the rain. The judges are Rick Anderson, Zack Gilliam, Vic Rola, Roch Bernard, Charles Tipton, John Alexander, and Allen Sizemore. We appreciate their effort and hope we can depend on them for next year's judging. We had three of the food vendors arrive and set their trailers up and kept us all fed even in the rain.

If I have missed anyone, I am sorry!! We have such great members especially to show up in the rain! You don't know how much I appreciate each and every one of you!!

Now let's start thinking about our Saturday, October 10th show, at Bush's Visitor Center around in the ball field. Pat will get the sign dates done so we can get the signs out about 6 weeks before the show. And we have a lot of flyers that need to be given out at cruise-ins and car shows. I will have them and our book at our monthly meeting at Shoney's on August 4th, at 6:30 as usual, and the cruise-in on August 14th, the second Friday in August, at Big Lots in Jefferson City starting at 5 pm. You can take as many as you want and go out at other places. We need help giving them out, not only at cruise-ins and car shows but automotive, hardware, wrecker services, restaurants, insurance and real estate offices and places where we sold ads for our book. They usually need quite a few of both.

I just want to thank everyone that helped us, in spite of the rain, at our July show. Hopefully our October 10th show will be a beautiful, cool day with sun shining down on our wonderful little club and our "Fill the Truck with Toys"!!

Keep cruisin'

Pat Dukes, President of the Mossy Creek Cruzers Car Club
865-363-5891





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

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Upcoming Events

- Aug 8 Cruise in & Swap Meet, N VFW Rd, Bulls Gap, TN, 10 am
 Aug 14 **MCC Cruise In, 5:00 to 8:00 pm, Big Lots, Jefferson City**
 Aug 15 Shadow of the Mountain Car Show, Newport City Park, Newport TN. 8:00 am to 7:00 pm.
 Aug 20 **MCC "fill the Truck with Toys" Car Show Meeting, Perkins Restaurant, Dandridge, TN. 6:00 pm (come early to eat)**
 Aug 22 Fuel the Music Car Show, Lakeway Christian Academy, White Pine, TN, 10 am to 2 pm
 Aug 22 Summer Picnic, Ford F-100, Lakeway Mustang & MCC Clubs 549 N White Pine Rd, Talbott, TN, 5:00 pm. Rain or Shine.
 Aug 27 Jefferson Park Dandridge Car Show, 914 Industrial Park Rd, Dandridge, TN 5:00 to 7:00 pm. Cars arrive @ 4:00 pm
 Sept 1 **MCC Club Meeting, Shoney's Dandridge, 6:30 to 7:30 pm**
 Sept 11 **MCC Cruise In, 5:00 to 8:00 pm, Big Lots, Jefferson City**
 Sept 12 "So Long Summer" Festival, JCHS, 8 am to 3:30 pm
 Sept 19 Cruise in & Swap Meet, N VFW Rd, Bulls Gap, TN, 10 am
 Oct 3 Cruise-In at the Crossroads, 3:00 to 7:00 pm, 785 Main Street, Bean Station, TN
 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**



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(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 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. Posi on also includes publicity and maintains the club's website.

Membership Coordinator – Pat Dukes

This individual is responsible for promo ng 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 & 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**



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.