# Happy Thanksgiving • November 2012

Volume 9 EDITOR: Pat Dukes

## CRUZER EVENTS in OCTOBER

We had our regular Mossy Creek Cruzers cruise-in on Friday nights but that has ended for the 2012 season. We need to decide if we want to remain in the Big Lots parking area or maybe find another place, somewhere the stores will be more open to the idea of us being there and offer us something for being there. We could check with McDonalds and Tractor Supply to see if they would like for us to be there. There would be three food places, McDonald's, Subway and Little Caesars Pizza. Perhaps they would offer food discounts like they did this season at Chick-Fil-A in Knoxville and give door prizes. What do you think about this? Please give us feed-back.



We had our special events! On Saturday, October 20th, we had our "Fill the Truck" with toys event at the American Legion Reneau Post 113 in Jefferson City. This was in

conjunction with the Ladies Auxiliary which had a fish fry to raise money to buy clothes and toys for needy children and toiletries for veterans that are in the nursing homes. The car cruise-in had quite a good turn-out of Cruzers and other car enthusiast. Hamblen County Car Club members also participated. We had five motorcycles join us.

The entertainment was really good. J.D. Cable and the Empty Bottle Band performed for us. They kept the crowd hopping!! Thank you J.D. for donating your time to this good cause! Tarr Chevrolet, which is across the street from the American Legion, also had an event going on so they, also, enjoyed the music from J.D.

We used Glenn Allred's red truck for receiving the toys. We had a big red nose on it and garland all around it. We had the "Peanut" characters standing all around and a blanket spread out with toys on it. That, with our signs, let people know what was going on.

But our *best* promoter during the show was Cruzer Bobby Greenlee! He stood out at the edge of the road with a stuffed animal in his hands and shook it and twisted and danced to draw attention. Then Michelle Tipton went down and helped him for a while! They were getting lots of people blowing horns at them!! Not sure if it helped with the

toys but it sure did amuse everyone!!

At the end of the day, the truck was about one third full but lots of the toys were small so maybe we got more than we think we did. We also had \$80 in cash donations which we will use to buy additional toys.

At the end of the day, we feel it was a success, maybe not as much as we would have liked but a success nevertheless!! We'll try it again next year!

On Sunday, October 21st The Mossy Creek Cruzers, The Hamblen County Car Club and THE DINER came together for a benefit in Sevierville. It was to benefit the people injuried or the families of the people killed that were in a church van wreck in September on Chapman Highway. Another car crossed the center line and hit the church van head on. The driver and one sixteen year old girl, Courteney Kalezweski were killed. Several others have long term, extensive injuries.

Cruzer June Howerton, lead the benefit. She went all over Sevier county getting door prizes for the people who registered for the show and was interviewed on TV as well as setting everything up. Pat Dukes helped by designing the flyers and being support and advice for June with many phone calls and visits back and forth!! Approximately 100 vehicles showed up for the event.

Thanks to the Hamblen County Car Club for bringing their trailer, sound system and for their support with this benefit. It was great sharing an event with you! Also the band they brought was very entertaining!

Thanks to THE DINER for their support and dedication to Sevier and surrounding counties! *Y'all are unbelievably kind and generous.* 

And lastly, thanks to all of the club members, MCC and HCCC, who volunteered their time and helped out in anyway that they could. We could not have done it without you. You're the best!!

# THE DINER



This is Howard and Susan, owners of the DINER. They invited the Cruzers back anytime for any event!! Great people!



## Meeting held at Shoney's in Dandridge - November 6th, 2012

Attended by 46 members and 3 guest.

The meeting was started by President Larry Boggess. Larry welcomed our guests, welcomed new members and then started our meeting with a prayer.

Before the Treasury report and the minutes were read, a guest from CEASE in Morristown was introduced, Dreama, and she talked about CEASE which is a home for abused women and children. She was asking for our help either with toys or with money to help ease their Christmas time. They also work with other counties by transporting the women and children to different counties to keep them safe from their abusers. After her presentation she left the meeting.

Secretary Pat Dukes read the minutes from the October 2nd meeting. Glenn Allred motioned to accept followed by John Abruzzo. Accepted as read by all.

The financial report for October was read by Vice President Glenn Allred (Treasurer Gene Honeycutt was not present, he was working the voting polls) and motion to accept by Butch Grooms and the second from June Howerton. Accepted by all.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

June Howerton had a report about the benefit cruise-in that was held on Sunday, October 21st at the Diner in Sevierville. The benefit was for the family of Courteney Kawleswski who killed in a head on crash while riding in a church van and others that were injured in the wreck. The driver of the van was also killed. There were 96 registered vehicles, 18 of which were Cruzers, at the cruise-in and lots of door prizes were given out. June donated the majority of the money to Courteney's family and divided the rest into two parts to help the two most severely injured people in the wreck. The Diner has invited us back to have a cruise-in anytime we want to.

Doug Waild gave a report about the list he is making up of service people in the area so that when something happens we would know where to go to get service for our vehicles. He needs Auto parts stores, radiator shops, transmission repair (we have two members who are in the transmission business). Also wrecker services, mechanics, brake experts, and anything else for the list that you think we need.

Glenn had the club T-shirts with him at the meeting and they were available for the new members and for anyone that wanted to purchase an extra one.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

We talked about the toy drive that we held at the American Legion on October 20th. CEASE had requested the toys but also we have a Christmas in Jefferson County which ran out of toys last year before all the children were given toys. Pat talked to the Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce and one of their employees, Donna, is helping with Christmas in Jefferson County this year. She said the families have to sign up for the opportunity to get toys for their children. Sue Burch motioned to give \$250 to CEASE and it was passed. Butch Grooms motioned that the toys go to Christmas in Jefferson County, it was followed by a second from June Howerton and John Abruzzo at the same time and was passed by all.

Two cruise-ins are being held on November 10th:

The first one is at Someone Else's Treasures Flea Market from 9 to 5. Continental breakfast will be available as well as snacks all day and that is free to participants. Lunch is available for purchase from a vendor. The second cruise-in is a Veterans day cruise-in at THE DINER in Sevierville from 12 to 7.

The club weekly cruise-in at Big Lots was discussed and how to build it up so that people would start coming to it again. It was suggested that we do door prizes, and music but also suggested that we try to move it to the parking lot where McDonald's is. Then try to get McDonalds, Subway and Little Ceasar's Pizza to participant by offering free food and door prizes and furnishing music. In the Spring we will decide on this, meanwhile we will check with those businesses to see if they are interested in having us there.

The Mossy Creek Cruzers Thanksgiving dinner will be November 13th, 6:30 pm, at the Golden Corral in Morristown. The food will be paid for by the club.

The Christmas party will be our regular monthly meeting which will be December 4th at Shoneys in Dandridge at 6 pm. Ladies bring a gift for a woman and men bring a gift for a man, something around \$10. (members will be responsible for their dinner as usual).

Welcome to our new members.

David King motioned that we adjourn and it was accepted by all.



#### WINDOW CLINGERS FOR SALE

Don't forget that we have window clingers with our club's name and logo on them. It shows pride in our club to have these on your car windows telling everyone who we are.

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## **Happy November Birthdays!**

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11-7 ..... Ada Bonds

11-27 ... Phyl Morello

& Anyone else that I may have misse

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## Thanks to our Veterans, November 11th

Veterans Day originated as "Armistice Day" on Nov. 11, 1919, the first anniversary of the end of World War I. Congress passed a resolution in 1926 for an annual observance, and Nov. 11 became a national holiday beginning in 1938.

Veterans Day is not to be confused with Memorial Day--a common misunderstanding, according to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Memorial Day (the fourth Monday in May) honors American service members who died in service to their country or as a result of injuries incurred during battle, while Veterans Day pays tribute to all American veterans--living or dead--but especially gives thanks to living veterans who served their country honorably during war or peacetime.

Our thanks goes out to all Veterans, honor and respect them.

Be sure to go on-line and read

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## **November Events**

Nov 3 Hardees at Dandridge 5:30 to 8:00. Come inside.

Nov 6 MCC Monthly meeting at 7 pm at Shoneys, Dandridge. 6 pm to eat

Nov. 10 THE DINER'S Veterans Day Cruise-In, Open Cruise In. We honor our Veterans and their sacrifices. Trophies will be awarded for: Best of Show, THE DINER Pick, THE DINER RATS Big Cheese. NOON to 7:00 pm. Visitors enjoy Games, Drawings & Prizes (before 7:30 pm) Music by Gary's Sound Machine. (865) 908-1904. Sevierville, Highway 66, in front of Staples and Lowes.

Nov 10 Cruise-in at Someone Else's Treasures Flea Market, 2nd Anniversary celebration. 9am to 5pm. On hwy. 92 in Dandridge. Door prizes every hour. Continental breakfast furnished and snacks throughout the day. Lunch will be available for purchase. Call 865-696-7451 for info.

Nov 10 Hardees at Dandridge 5:30 to 8:00. Come inside.

Nov 11 10:45 am - Knoxville Veterans Day Parade on Gay Street.

Nov. 11 Morristown Veterans Day Parade. 5:30 pm. Line up begins at 4:30 pm at the Elks Lodge on E. Main Street in Morristown. It will end at the Hamblen County Courthouse where a Veterans Day ceremony will take place honoring all Veterans.

Nov 17 & 18 - Run to the Hills at Cherokee Park, Morristown. Includes a swap meet, food, vendors, music and barbecue. Admission S5 per day. For more information go to www.run2thehills.net or call 865-804-6617.

Nov 17 Hardees at Dandridge 5:30 to 8:00. Come inside.

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Nov 24 Hardees at Dandridge 5:30 to 8:00. Come inside.

The Mossy Creek Cruzers Car Club meeting is held the first Tuesday of each month at Shoney's in Dandridge at 7 pm. Come at 6 pm to eat!

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# Channel 10's Live at Five at Four

On Tuesday, October 16th, one of our Cruzers was on TV channel 10's Live at Five at Four. June Howerton was the guest on their show and was talking about the car show that is raising money for the family of Corteney Kaleweski and others that were hurt in the wreck. It was held at THE DINER in Sevierville on Sunday, October 21st. She invited area people to come, with or without a classic car, to help us with this event. June talked about the Mossy Creek Cruzers and about the Hamblen County Car Club and how we are coming together to promote this fundraiser. She did very well in representing us as a spokesman for our club.

During the event, Channel 6 and Channel 10 both interviewed June and others that were there. On Sunday night and Monday morning it was aired during the news shows.

Thank you June, for being such a good, energetic and caring member. We're proud of you!

## .... MEMBERSHIP DRIVE CONTINUES .....

The membership drive is still going on. If you need Mossy Creek Cruzers Applications to give out, you can get them from Pat Dukes or go to our website, www.mossycreekcruzers.org and print one out from there. If they sign up through you, just let us know their shirt sizes and turn the application and the \$20 in to Pat so she can record it before giving the money to Gene, our Treasurer. If they sign up now, their membership is good through December 2013. AND they'll get to come to our Christmas party and Thanksgiving dinner if they join now.

#### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!

September & October

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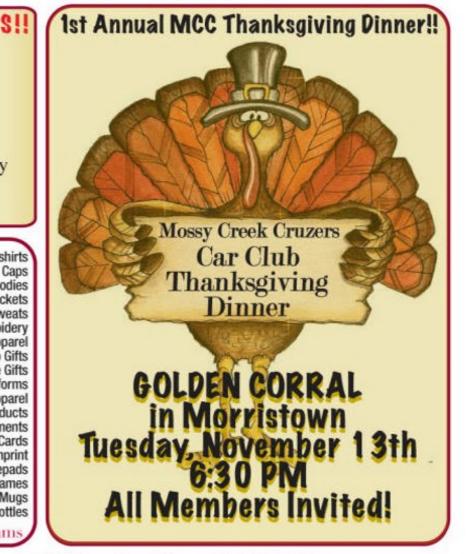
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# Bill Potts & his 63 Corvette

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When I first got out of service, I went to Balance Chevrolet in Morristown and bought a 1957 Chevrolet, 2 door sedan, from a cousin of mine who was a salesman there. I drove this car for the next six years.

In the summer of 1963 I traded in my 1957 Chevrolet for a 1963 white Corvette

Stingray convertible with an extra top from the same dealership and same cousin as my first car. It had a 327 engine with a 4 speed transmission. The cost of the car was a whopping \$4800! I drove it back to Rochelle, Illinois where I was working at the time. I drove it until the Fall of the year then drove it back to my Dad's house in Dandridge to store it in a tool shed for the cold season and not wreck it during the northern Illinois winters. I returned in March of 1964 to get my car and take it home.

I started back to Illinois by 25-W to highway 229 towards London, Kentucky. I encountered black ice on the roadway and it was very treacherous. At one point I started sliding and was not able to stop *until* I struck a Kentucky State Trooper *head-on!* He had moved into my lane while pulling around a wreck. My Corvette ran under the front of the trooper car pushing his radiator back into his engine.



After pulling my bloody face away from the steering wheel, I realized my car was still operable in spite of the hood and one of the flip up lights being damaged. I continued on through heavy snow going towards Indianapolis, where the hood decided to break loose and fly away into the snow banks, never to be seen again!!

I finally got the Corvette home to Illinois but the next week I was driving to work and got stopped by the Illinois State Police for having no hood and an inoperable headlight! I then had the car repaired right away and it was as good as new!

During the summer of 1964, it doubled as a car to drive to work but on the weekends I also drove it on the drag strip. The only revision I did to it was changing the tires

to racing slicks. The drag strip was in Oswego, Illinois and it showed in class 2A Sports.

Later in 1964 I got married.

In the summer of 1965 I returned back to Tennessee for a vacation, still in the Corvette but this time with a wife and baby and pulling a one wheel trailer for luggage and putting the baby to bed in the area right behind the seats! Very crowded indeed! When we started on the return trip back to Illinois, we were stopped by the Indiana State Police for speeding. He asked where I was going so fast and I told him the baby was out of milk and we were looking for a store! The Trooper said that if I didn't slow down, I wasn't going to need the milk!! He gave me a warning and sent me on my way!

In 1966 we came back to Tennessee and again went to Balance Chevrolet. I traded my beautiful, *single man* Corvette in on a 1966 Impala family sedan.

And now these days, my love of 1957 Chevrolets has come back to me and I now own three of them, two station wagons and one sedan but no more Corvettes for me, especially not white ones!!



Submitted by: Bill Potts

#### \*\*\*\*\* SUBMIT STORIES \*\*\*\*\*

This is the type of story that I would like to see submitted each month!! If you have a funny or even a sad story about how you got interested in these wonderful old vehicles, just share it with us. Maybe it was working with your Dad on an old vehicle, or a neighbor had a really cool car or realizing after you were grown that this was something you were interested in!

We all have a story or a memory, I know I've told a few in these newsletters about the predicaments I used to get into when driving a souped up 55 Chevy when I was in my twenties and thirties!

So now it is your turn ... how about sharing a few stories, we won't laugh too long or hard, I promise!!

If you need help writing it, I'll help you. Just give me the facts and I'll put it in story form for you! If you write it, just give the story to me or call if you need help.

Pat Dukes



### Letter from the President, Larry Boggess



Cool weather is here and the holidays are just around the corner. I hope everyone is planning to attend the club Thanksgiving dinner Nov. 13th. Thanks for all the help with the cruise-in at the American Legion and Sunday for the benefit cruise-in. A big thank you goes out to June Howerton for all the hard work she put into the benefit cruise in and also to Glenn and Pat for all they did with the American Legion Cruise-in. I am sorry I couldn't make the cruise-in but I was on my honeymoon.

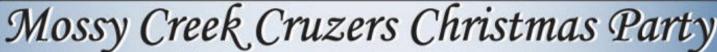
I thought I would talk a little about wiring this month. Some of our antique automobiles have new wiring and some may have the original wiring and others may have a combination of both old and new. Have you ever been driving down the road at night and wonder why your head lights aren't very bright? It may be dirty headlights or it could be a voltage drop across a splice in the wiring. Solderless crimp connections are good but over years the wore crimp can work loose. If it is a situation where voltage drop is extremely important solder makes a better overall connection. It is more resistant to heat and voltage loss. To properly solder a wire strip about 3/4 inch length of insulation from each wire. Cut a length of heat shrink wrap that will cover the exposed wire and about 1/2 inch of exposed wire on both sides. Twist the wires together and heat the wire with a soldering iron away from the insulation on each side, but keep from overhearing the wire. Apply the solder to the wire itself, close to the insulation, not to the iron. Applying solder to the iron and not the joint will result in a cold solder joint, and that's not good. Let the wire melt the solder. The solder will flow up the wire to the heat. From there, remove the iron, let the joint cool, and cover with heat shrink wrap. A good solder is 60/40-tin/lead rosin core solder. Also check any other connections for corrosion. Now maybe those headlights may be a lot brighter.

Thanks to everyone for coming to the meeting on Tuesday night. We had a great turn out and some very good ideas from you members.

Remember this is your club so make it what you will,

Larry Boggess

President Mossy Creek Cruzers



This year we will be holding our 1st Annual Christmas Party at Shoneys on Tuesday, December 4th, our regular meeting night at 6 p.m.

Ladies bring a gift for a lady and Men bring a gift for a man.

All gifts should be valued around \$10.

Please have them wrapped and designated men or women.

These gifts will be part of our entertainment.
A short meeting will be held after we eat

then let the games begin!!

(This is our regular monthly meeting, as always members will be responsible for their own meals)

