



# Mossy Creek Cruzers Newsletter

Jefferson County, TN  
Car Club



March 2012

When we first started talking about a local classic car club, we were able to think of many reasons why you would want to join one. Interestingly, we couldn't think of any reasons why you wouldn't want to join an antique/street rod/classic car club. Maybe one day, something will come to mind, but until then, we'll just concentrate on all the great benefits you can expect from a car club membership - such as:

- Meeting new people who share the same interests.
- Activities that include the entire family.
- Getting maintenance tips and technical advice.
- Adding to the enjoyment of owning a classic vehicle.
- Keeping informed on classic car events and activities.
- Raise funds for charitable causes.

The first meeting of the Mossy Creek Cruzers Car Club was March 6, 2012. It was held at Shoneys in Dandridge and will be held there the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm. Come at 6:00pm to eat.

The President, Larry Boggess, started the meeting with a moment of silence. He then explained that the club is a non-profit organization that wants to promote interest in Classic, Antique and Street Rods through the development of local cruise-ins, car shows and other events. The intent of the club is to donate to various charities and families in need. The dues are \$20 a year and will be used to pay for expenses of running a club such as postage, printing, insurance and a website. We intend to have a few cruises to designated places, car shows, historic sites, etc. We encourage members & families to participate in the club and its activities.

This club will be run by the majority of members and not by one or two members. So attend meetings, offer suggestions, vote on items brought before the members, try to be involved in the club activities and volunteer your time.

We are not in competition with other clubs, we would rather all work together. Other clubs will be invited to join our cruise-ins, car shows and other events that we will have. A schedule of our events will be discussed at each meeting.

Glenn Allred, Vice President, was introduced to everyone by Pat Dukes, Secretary. Glenn spoke to everyone about the club T-shirts. He is finding sponsors to provide the money for our club shirt. He needs six spots on the back sold and has four so far. Hopefully we will get the other two soon so the T-shirt can be ordered. At that time we will need to get everyone's sizes. The shirts will be a sand color with the club logo on the front on the top left and will be in three colors. The back will have the logo and the six advertisers and will be all black. The shirts will be ordered soon and will be given to each member.

Pat also stated that Gene Honeycutt is the Treasurer of the club but was unable to attend the meeting due to a conflict of interest. He is working the polls at the election in Morristown.

What ever your interests are regarding car club activities, we hope you will enjoy being in the club. We are open to suggestions from everyone about ways to make our club more enjoyable to be a member. We are planning activities throughout the year and want a feeling of camaraderie with other members that motivates you to suggest activities that you would like to see happen. Car clubs are a great place to meet interesting people that doesn't get bored with all the "car talk". They actually enjoy hearing about the new carburetor that you installed to keep the car from bogging down and the body work that has been done to your car to make it customized and the new paint job. Also the talk about all the events we plan for the club.

*It just doesn't get any better than this!!*





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We had two guest speakers at the first meeting of the Mossy Creek Cruzers.

**Randall Anderson**, who has specialty vehicle insurance spoke to us about the value of having your car appraised. An accurate auto appraisal report is designed to assist your insurance company in establishing the proper replacement value coverage for your collectible vehicle. If you have an accident, the insurance group can give you whatever they think the vehicle is worth but if you have had an appraisal on your car, that is the amount they have to pay you. Your insurance person can give you the name of a certified appraiser who will give you an accurate and well documented auto appraisal for your car or truck.

Randall also offered his services to talk to you individually about insurance and the value of having a policy with a company that provides their clients specialty insurance. He is located in Knoxville.

Randall is also going to be one of our sponsors on our T-shirts and we really appreciate him!

**Nathan Manning**, who is with the Hard Time Street Rod Club in Newport, told us about a charity that he feels is very worth while. His suggestion was the Safe Harbor Child Advocacy Center, Inc., a non-profit corporation to serve the 4th judicial District, consisting of Cocke, Grainger, Jefferson and Sevier Counties. Safe Harbor was established by a group of impassioned individuals to provide necessary services in a child-focused and child-friendly home-like setting for our most victimized citizens...our children. In most cases, children have been abused by family members or people their family members knew and trusted. Working with law enforcement, Child Protective Services, specially trained medical and mental health providers and the District Attorney General's Office, their goal is to make the process gentler and less traumatic to the children who have suffered so much.

Parts of this statement was taken from their website which is: [www.safeharborcac.com](http://www.safeharborcac.com).

We will consider this when deciding which charities MCC will support.

We have the pleasure of enjoying a hobby while preserving the history and evolution of the automobile. We take pride in our accomplishments whether it is maintaining an original vehicle or an older vehicle that you may have upgraded. The evolution of our hobby, for example, depends on newer and especially younger members joining each year.

Too often we hear comments that younger people are not interested in the old car hobby. What's missing is our sincerity in approaching and introducing them to our hobby. The challenge is ours to take the initiative when it presents itself. It may be at a local event, charity function, church or school function, or at your next door neighbors. Ultimately, we have to be the aggressor. Let them hear the passion in our voices and know the passion is from the heart. Are you up to the challenge?

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## BUSH'S VISITOR CENTER & MOSSY CREEK CRUZERS CAR CLUB

A large car show is scheduled for Saturday, August 25th at the Bush's Visitor Center in conjunction with our club. The proceeds will help fund our charitable causes that the club chooses as well as any other expenses the club incurs with other events throughout the year. Car shows attract a lot of local attention and create a wonderful opportunity to increase public awareness regarding the preservation of these historic vehicles. Music, Food and lots of fun!! So mark your calendar now for this show, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.

### The schedule of the Mossy Creek Cruzers Cruise-ins are as follows:

We will host cruise-ins each Friday night from April through October. These are fun, social events. Other clubs, as well as people that don't belong to a club, will be invited to join us at these cruise-ins. This is a great way to raise public awareness of the club and attracts new members. Merchants who sponsor the event are rewarded with additional customers coming through their door - who only stopped by because of all the fabulous classic/antique/street rods lined up in their parking lot and the advertisement that they saw about the event.

**The First Friday evening of the month** is at the Bush's Visitor Center in Chestnut Hill. 5:30pm - 8:30pm. The cafe will be open and 50's and 60's music will be furnished as well as door prizes.

**The Second, Fourth & Fifth Friday evening** of the month will be at Big Lots in Jefferson City. 6:00pm - 9:00pm.

**The Third Friday evening of the month** will be in the Historic Mossy Creek District (downtown Jefferson City) 6:00pm - 9:00pm. There will be live music as well as door prizes.

Everyone is welcome to attend, whether you have a vintage car or just like viewing them!!

Life is Opportunity...  
Benefit from it.

Life is a Beauty...  
Admire it.

Life is a Dream...  
Realize it.

Life is a Challenge...  
Meet it.

Life is a Duty...  
Complete it.

Life is a Game...  
Play it.

Life is a Promise...  
Fulfill it.

Life is Sorrow...  
Overcome it.

Life is a Song...  
Sing it.

Life is a Struggle...  
Accept it.

Life is a Tragedy...  
Confront it.

Life is an Adventure...  
Dare it.

Life is Luck...  
Make it.

Life is Life...  
Fight for it.

(Mother Teresa)



# **LETTER From The PRESIDENT**



March 2012

Hello,

My name is Larry Boggess. At this time I want to welcome all members to the Mossy Creek Cruzers Car Club. Thanks to everyone that attended our first monthly meeting. We are a non-profit organization that intends to promote ownership, restoration and safe operation of Classic/Street Rods/Antique automobiles. We encourage planned trips, events and social activities for club members. The Mossy Creek Cruzers Car Club will raise money for local charities and needy families in Jefferson and surrounding counties. By working together we can be a blessing to our communities in these tough times.

I feel the Mossy Creek Cruzers Car Club is off to a great start. We had a great turn-out for our first meeting and a lot of interest and support in the community about the club. We have events planned and are constantly looking for things to do as a club. This is your club so support it and voice your opinion.

Anyone is invited to contact me any time there is an issue, suggestion about the club or constructive criticism for me. I can be reached at 828-280-2119.

Larry Boggess

President

Mossy Creek Cruzers Car Club

***Not too happy  
President  
on March 17th***



## **DONATIONS:**

When we first got our club started with just a few of us sitting around and discussing it, we made a few decisions. One decision was that we would again be the group that conducted the Bush's Visitor Center Car Show. Max Fultz, of Bush's Visitor Center, had dealt with us in 2011 and was very happy that Jefferson County now has a club and he is even joining the club. About three or four weeks ago Sue Burch sent out letters to a lot of businesses, not just here but nationally, to request door prizes and gifts to put in the bags of the first 100 people to sign up for this show. We have started getting catalogs, stickers, pencils, banners, post cards to send in for catalogs from those companies. We have received four or five and it is interesting to get these boxes and open them to see what is in them! It is great that those businesses are supporting our brand new club!! Very soon we will start seeking donations of door prizes from local businesses in Jefferson, Cocke, Hamblen and Sevier Counties. If you would like to volunteer to help with this just let us know, either at the next meeting or via e-mail.

**Thank you, Sue, for all the hard work!**

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### LOCAL CRUISE-INS & FUN RUNS

Saturday, March 24th

Hamblen County Car Club Fun Run

to Clint's Barbeque in Sevierville

Leaving at 12 noon

Hamblen County Car Club

College Square Mall • Morristown

Every Saturday, May through October

6:00 - 9:00

Hardee's Gang Cruise In

Exit 417 • Dandridge

Every Saturday night all year 5:30 til ?

### **FOR SALE & SEARCHING FOR**

Items for Sale or items that you are looking for can be listed in this newsletter. Just let Pat know by either email, call her or have it written up and give it to her at the meeting. Must have by the first Tuesday of the month in order to get it in the newsletter.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY  
all  
March Birthdays**

## **OUR SPONSORS**

Mountain  
Wood  
Cookin'

**Walmart**   
Save money. Live better.

**KRAZY  
KOLORS**

Automotive Repair &  
Custom Paint & Body Shop - Dandridge

**Randall  
Anderson  
INSURANCE**

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Each month we would like to add a story or two from our members about how you started liking the antique, classic and street rods that are so much a part of our lives. Was it from your Dad or a friend down the street? This would be a great way for us to get to know each other better! It can be whatever type of story that you would like it to be, an event, a funny episode of the old cars, drag racing, or just anything you would like to share with us. Tell us about your first classic vehicle, what kind it was and where you got it. Did you start out young liking the cars or has it been a love that came along later in your life. Pat is starting out with a story of her own.

*Next month, it's your turn!! Let's all do this!!*

### **MY LOVE OF CARS by Pat Dukes**

The passion for hot rod cars started in my teens and not only do I love hot rod cars but I love fast hot rod cars. The faster, the better! My first car was a 1957 Chevy, silver and white. It was already slightly old so I thought I was something driving it.

I guess my love of old Chevy's comes from my ex-husband. When we were dating he had an old 1950 Chevy convertible. It was primed a dark gray color and ran really good but the funny part was that when you put the top up on it, there was only a frame, no cloth!! So it was definitely a fair weather car! Once we went to the lake, and as it always happens in East Tennessee, a quick summer storm came up. It was pouring the rain and we had no shelter, so we opened the trunk of the car and sat in it until the rain stopped!! We had packed a picnic lunch and there we sat, in the trunk, eating our food!!

He worked on the cars that he had, with me right there with him, looking over his shoulder, until I have learned a lot about cars. I understand the pistons, rings, valves, lifters, crank shafts and just about anything else there is to know about a car. I don't know if I could repair one or not but I could definitely tell someone else how to do it! I'm pretty good at supervising.

The only thing I didn't retain was his temper. When something would not be going right, he would throw a tantrum!! I remember being with him at his Grandmother's house, in the back yard, and we were working on the car. I can't remember what the problem was, but suddenly he jumped up with a wrench and proceeded to knock the windows out of the car!! So now not only was the motor giving him trouble, but he had no windows in the car and it still had no top!! All I could do was laugh which did not go over very well either!!

He decided to buy a 1955 Chevy, two-door post. It was a nice car, two-tone turquoise and white, with nice seats of the same color and a stock motor and transmission. We drove it that way for awhile.

Then the hot-rodder came out in him and he decided to stoke it up a little. We went to Reeder Chevrolet and bought a 327 crate motor with 365 horsepower (more motor than anyone needs). He proceeded to pull the old motor and transmission to put these new ones in. The transmission was now a 4 speed. Then came the nice mag wheels for the car. So it was shaping up into a real speed demon! It had cut-out caps on it to give it more speed so lots of times he would stop at the side of the road and take the caps off. Cut out caps are in the pipes before you get to the mufflers so it not only made it faster, it also made it louder as if it had no mufflers at all. The color was still the same.

Then came the day when we lived on Washington Avenue, in Knoxville. He had been out and was racing up and down the road with the cut-out caps off, you know, just out showing his butt!! I had walked to the yard and watched him go by the house at about 90 miles an hour!! Now this was on a residential street in Knoxville! Then he came back by, then he came by again only this time a Police car was speeding behind him. Rather than stopping he chose to outrun the Police! So I would see him go by and the Police car was getting farther and farther back. Then I saw him go up the next street over, which he had already done a couple of times. He came speeding up in front of the house and slammed on the brakes just long enough to tell me to open the garage doors. Then he took off again. I ran to the back of the house and opened the doors and stayed there at the garage. He went by a couple of times with the Police fading way back from him. The I heard him coming again and this time he slammed on the brakes and darted into our driveway and into the garage yelling at me to close the garage doors behind him. He shut the motor off and we just stayed where we were for quite a while. I walked into the house and looked out the window and saw police cars going up and down all the streets around us for the next hour or so. They never found the car. But the car had to stay hidden because for the next few days, the police were all over the neighborhood.

Then one night after midnight, he and a friend took off in the car. Of course this time it had the cut out caps screwed on so the motor was now quiet and they drove it slowly to a paint and body shop. So the nice turquoise and white 55 Chevy would now be a beautiful medium blue color and did not look anything like the speed demon that had been all over the neighborhood. It could be parked proudly in the driveway and no Policeman ever questioned us about the identity of the car.

Shortly after that, the interior was redone with Black leather, rolled and pleated seats. It was truly a beautiful hot rod.

He raced frequently out on the streets of Knoxville, never being beaten! The car was amazing and he was a fantastic driver! The only time he came close to being beaten was racing on the part of I-40 interstate that was not complete, from Cherry Street to Rutledge Pike. It was a brand new SuperBee Plymouth and it was bad. They ran once and the 55 bogged down so they ran again. There was only inches between them when he won.

He drove the car for a long time, even long after I was gone from his life. But years later he told me that he decided to paint the car gun metal gray and that it thought it was a squirrel and climbed a tree!!

Thus the end of the beautiful, fast, speed demon of a car!! But my love of cars has never ended!

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# Awesome



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You remember driving the bumper cars at amusement parks or a fair, don't you? They were so much fun.....Well, now what do you do with old Bumper Cars?

Yes, you read that right; these little beasts are street legal.

They run on either Kawasaki or Honda motorcycle engines and co-opt vintage bumper car bodies into the most awesome form of mini-car we've seen in too long. There are seven of these little monsters floating around California and they're all the creation of one man, Tom Wright, a builder in the outskirts of San Diego who figured the leftovers of the Long Beach Pike amusement park needed a more dignified end than the trash heap.

They were originally powered by two cylinder Harley Davidson Motorcycle engines but they rattled like heck because of the two cylinder Vibration and Tom replaces them with four cylinder Honda or Kawasaki 750's And a couple have been measured as capable of 160 MPH, which is terrifyingly fast in machines with such a short wheel-base.

By the way, they are almost indestructible in accidents!

(And check out the license plates!)



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