

# **Mossy Creek Cruzers**

**Car Club** 



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Saturday evening, December 3rd, saw a gathering of Cruzers at the Golden Corral in Morristown to celebrate the holiday season. It was quite a nice turnout.

Each person brought a gift for either a man or a woman. Then we played the left-right game where the men stand in a circle, and this time Pat read the story to the newly worded "Twas the night before Christmas".

Each time she said the word "right" they passed the gift to the right and when she said "left" they passed it back that way. It is a lot of fun and a lot of laughter as sometimes a person will have two or three gifts! Then it was time for the ladies to stand in a circle and Simon (one of our youngest members) read the poem again. The ladies got as mixed up as the men did so everyone was laughing and having a good time!

Merry Christmas to All

If you didn't attend, you missed a good time and a chance to walk around and talk to other members and get to know them better.

So much laughter coming from our reserved room that I am sure other customers in the place would have liked to join us.



The Mossy Creek Cruzers Car Club monthly meeting is held the first Tuesday of each month at Shoneys in Dandridge

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SECRETARY NEWSLETTER EDITOR • MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR Pat Dukes 865-363-5891 mossycreekcruzers@aol.com Twas the night before Christmas, my battery was dead, My head gasket was blown, my tires had no tread. The car parts were placed on the workbench with care, In hopes the mechanic soon would be there.

The transmission was leaking, the oil-dry I spread, While visions of dollar-signs danced through my head. While surveying the problems, I started to weep, Cause I knew in my heart it wouldn't be cheap.

When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter, I threw open the garage door to see what was the matter. When what to my wondering eyes should appear, But a man delivering automobile parts for this year.

With a little old driver, so lively and quick,
I knew in a moment it must be Saint Nick.
With his band of mechanics, out of the truck they came,
And he whistled and shouted, and called them by name.

Now, Bruce! Now, George! Now, Earl and Fred! On Matt! On Bob! On, Charles and Ed! Let's get to work quickly on this poor old wreck, Although getting it running may be too much to expect.

The screwdrivers they glistened! The wrenches they flew!
I was anticipating a car that looked almost new!
They put on new tires, they fixed all the leaks,
I thought, "Maybe I'll get to a car show after all these tweaks!"

When suddenly Santa said, "There's no hope for this thing!"
"Let's get a car in here that has some real bling!"
He opened the trailer, he backed the car out,
And all the mechanics, they started to shout!

I could not believe it, it felt just so right!
It was better than my old bugeye Sprite!
Down the driveway came something no one has yet seen,
An MG Convertible in British Racing Green!!

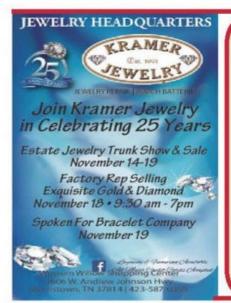
He laughed when he saw me, in spite of himself, Cause he was chubby and plump, a right jolly old elf. He said, "Consider this a gift from my green mittens, Cause you are going to the Car Show, it is written!"

I didn't know how to thank him, the mechanics they cheered, I wouldn't be stuck at home like I had feared. I hugged him and thanked him, my heart all a-quiver, He said, "I must go, I have toys to deliver!"

He sprang to his truck, to his team he gave a whistle, And away they all flew like the down of a thistle. But I heard him exclaim, as he drove out of sight, "Merry Christmas to all, and to all a good night!"

MERRY CHRISTMAS EVERYBODY!!

By: Dwight McCullough @ BMC British Automobile



#### Welcome New Members

Allen Williams New Market Sandra & Ronald Norton Strawberry Plains Bill & Debbie Colbach Jefferson City Mason Hewitt Knoxville Simon Salzman Knoxville Dustin Buckner Strawberry Plains Butch Mielke Jefferson City Marvin Henson Jefferson City





prayers for the Sick

David King • Bill Lampkin
5 yr old Charlotte Sierocinski of White Pine

If you know anyone else that is sick, call MCC Chaplain, Joan Spoon at 423-231-7906.

## Urgent Prayer Request

The Martin Sierocinski family, of White Pine, is having to relocate to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, for the next 6 weeks or so, to be near

their 5 year old daughter, Charlotte



Charlotte was diagnosed with a rare brain tumor (DIPG). She is a kindergarten student at White Pine Elementary and was a healthy, active child before taking ill recently.

Martin is a new teacher at the high school and does not have paid

leave yet. The family pleads for your urgent prayer support in their desperate situation.

Encouraging messages can be sent via facebook at "Princess Charlotte Super Strong". No get well messages.

Pat has asked everyone to send a Christmas card or just a happy card, sign it and mail it to:

Charlotte Sierocinski (Patient) St. Jude's Research Hospital

262 Danny Thomas Place (Mail Stop 108) Memphis, TN 38105

A lot of us signed cards at the holiday party last Saturday night but I just wanted to extend the opportunity to all of you also. When you sign your name, also put Mossy Creek Cruzers Car Club so they will know where they are coming from.

Please remember, No Get Well Cards or Get Well messages.

Thank you so much, Pat

January Meeting

For 2017, several votes will be requested, one of them being that a free dinner at Shoneys will be offered to one member that attends the meeting each month. It will be brought up at the January meeting and voted on. If it passes, a name will be randomly picked from all of the members that are signed in the book that night. We would like to do this every month.

So think about it and see how you would vote.

There recently was an article in the St. Petersburg, Fl. Times. The Business Section asked readers for ideas on: "How Would You Fix the Economy?" I think this guy nailed it! From a senior citizen around 80 yrs. of age. We aren't useless yet.

Dear Mr. President,

Please find below my suggestion for fixing America's economy. Instead of giving billions of dollars to companies

Instead of giving billions of dollars to companies that will squander the money on lavish parties and unearned bonuses, use the following plan. You can call it the "Patriotic Retirement Plan":

There are about 40 million people over 50 in the work force.

Pay them \$1 million apiece severance for early retirement with the following stipulations:

- They MUST retire. Forty million job openings - Unemployment fixed.
- 2) They MUST buy a new AMERICAN Car. Forty million cars ordered Auto Industry fixed.
- 3) They MUST either buy a house or pay off their mortgage Housing Crisis fixed.

It can't get any easier than that!!

P.S. If more money is needed, have all members in Congress pay their taxes..

Mr. President, while you're at it, make Congress retire on Social Security and Medicare. I'll bet both programs would be fixed pronto!

If you think this would work, please tell everyone you know. If not, please disregard.

2017 Car Show Flyer

We need to start thinking about our 2017 flyer for our annual car show. Please volunteer to try to sell a few ads.

From Your MCC Secretary

In 2017, we want to plan a lot of activities. To start, we need to all attend our cruise-in each Friday evening & support your club by coming to it when you can. We will try to have music at the cruise-in and we will try to sell 50-50 tickets so that we can have more money for our charities and maybe add a couple of new charities this year.

We also want to plan a few fun-runs for Saturdays and Sundays. If you have any suggestions, just let the officers know. We will try to appoint someone to be fun-run coordinator so they can plan a few runs for fun.

We should also try to increase our membership with new and old members. Talk to everyone you know that has an old vehicle or that is just interested in the classics. You do not have to own a classic to be a member, just have the love of them.

## \$20 Membership Dues are due in January, 2017