

MEMORY LANE CRUISERS CAR CLUB

Constitution and by-laws

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Article I Name and Emblem

- Section 1. The name of the club is the Memory Lane Cruisers, Inc. located in Clarksville, Tennessee. Memory Lane Cruisers is a non-profit corporation in the state of ~~TN~~. **Tennessee.**
- Section 2. The ~~Colors~~ **banner colors** of the club will be **sky blue and with white lettering.**
- Section 3. The club logo is the outline of the state of Tennessee overlapping a circle. A star is placed where Clarksville is located within the state. The words "Memory Lane Cruisers" is arched over the logo.**
- Section 4. The webmaster of the Memory Lane Cruiser website may create a logo for the site, unique from the official logo. The logo must be in good taste and represent the club in the appropriate manner.**

Article II Purpose

- Section 1. To promote interest in all types of vehicles.
- Section 2. To create and/or promote good fellowship and sportsmanship among all members of this club, as well as all members of this sport.
- Section 3. To uphold the principles of good government.
- Section 4. To conduct club functions and activities in a manner befitting members of this sport, and to encourage a better understanding of the restoring of vehicles, as a constructive family sport, among members of the public, press, and law enforcement agencies, and to benefit the community.
- Section 5. To **promote** and stress safety in driving, automobile maintenance, and overall vehicle operation.

Article III Membership

- Section 1. ~~There shall be only one type of membership in this club: Regular.~~
There shall be four types of membership:
- Lifetime – active members who have paid a one-time fee and attend a minimum of two (2) business meetings each calendar year.**

Annual – active members who pay dues annually.

Honorary – members voted by the majority of the club to have lifetime membership granted with no fees ~~are~~ paid.

Inactive Lifetime – ~~lifetime~~ Members who no longer participate in the business activities of the club, thus do not retain voting rights. Members will automatically be classified as inactive by not attending a minimum of one (1) business meetings per calendar year. Inactive members will receive all benefits of active members, except for the right to vote in any club decisions. Circumstances that prohibit the participation in business meetings may be taken into consideration but must be communicated to a board member.

- Section 2. Any person of good character interested in all types of vehicles is eligible for membership.
- A. Club membership is a family membership.
 - B. A family member, other than a significant other sharing the same residence, over the age of 18 will need to sign up as a separate member. ~~(Kids over 18)~~
 - C. For consideration as a family member, the spouse or significant other (by definition, someone in a similar relationship, serious boyfriend/girlfriend, common law spouse, or close friend) must be listed on the application along with the primary member's information.
 - D. Changes in family status may be updated at any time by submitting a new application form denoted "Update".
 - E. New members must be sponsored by a "MLC Buddy" at the time of signup. It is the sponsor's responsibility to ensure that the enrollee meets members of the club, knows of upcoming events, obtains information necessary to participate in such events and, in general, feels welcomed.

- Section 3. ~~All candidates desiring membership to this club must:~~
- ~~A. Fill in information on an application form and submit it to any current officer of the club with dues.~~
- All candidates desiring membership to this club must submit a completed application form, sponsored by a "MCL Buddy" to any officer of the club and pay the appropriate fee due.

Section 4. All members will strive to obey traffic laws and maintain their vehicle in areas of safety to sustain their membership.

Section 5. The membership of this club will not tolerate any excessive drinking

of alcoholic beverages, the use of drugs, and/or any form of street racing while involved in any activity of this club.

Section 6. A lifetime membership (~~beginning 12-99~~ effective December 1999) is membership in this club until you resign, until death, or ~~are until removed~~ removal from membership as a result of actions by the board and membership under the provisions of this Constitution by-laws. In the case of death, the surviving spouse or significant other will retain the life time membership. In case of removal, the spouse or significant other has the option to retain the lifetime membership under good standing or ~~to may withdraw~~ resign.

Section 7. The duration of a ~~regular~~ annual ~~club~~ membership is from the date the individual joins the club until Dec 31st with dues being prorated throughout the year (1 ~~Jan~~ Jul - 31Dec). The previous year's members are maintained on the club roster until January 31st, thus providing a 30-day grace period for payment of annual dues. After ~~such~~ grace period, unpaid members will be removed from the roster and will no longer receive benefits from the club until the dues are paid. Annual members may upgrade their membership at anytime by paying the balance of the lifetime membership providing the dues have been paid for that calendar year.

Section 8. Voting privileges of club membership will be for the family are extended to club members and spouse, or significant other (~~husband and wife or significant other~~ as defined in this these Constitution and by-laws), excluding children under ~~18~~ 16 years of age.

Section 9. Removal of Club Membership: Club membership is a privilege, which requires an appropriate commitment from each club member within their ability. Each club member will accept the responsibilities of club membership, and by acceptance agrees to promote the club and its activities. In the event a club member fails to meet these requirements, they may be ask to relinquish their club membership in accordance with the following conditions:

(1) Any club member, who by intentional negligent or reckless deed or action, harms or jeopardizes the reputation or assets of the club or assets of other club members, may be called before the club Board of Directors for review. Upon conclusion of the review, the Club Board of Directors may upon finding reasonable cause, recommend to the club membership that said member be removed from the club. Said member may then be removed, by a majority vote of eligible members at any regular Club Membership Business Meeting. If the club member being considered for removal is a

member of the Board of Directors the review will be conducted at a regular Club Business Meeting. Such action will be announced at the previous regular Club Business Meeting.

(2) Any club member who fails to remit their Club Membership Dues shall be considered removed from the club membership by January 31st, unless extenuating circumstances are communicated to a member of the board.

(3) Resignation: Any club member may resign their club membership at any time by delivering a letter or email of resignation to any member of the Board of Directors. The effective date will be the effective date placed upon the resignation. In the absence of a date it will be assumed that the date it is delivered is the effective date of the resignation. Once a resignation is accepted by the Board of Directors, it may not be rescinded. Persons may apply to renew the membership by submitting a new application, which will be reviewed by the Board Members. Any application meeting these criteria must have a MLC sponsor.

Article IV Dues

Section 1. Dues for club members are \$25.00 per year. Prorated for new members only.

1 Jan thru Jun 30 June	\$25.00
1 Jul thru 30 Sep	\$20.00
1 Oct thru 31 Dec	\$15.00
Life Time membership	\$250.00 \$175.00

Section 2. Dues are to be paid by December 31st for the next membership year.

Section 3. If dues are not paid by January 31st, membership will be terminated.

Section 4. When new members join the club, dues are payable at this time.

Section 5. Dues for a lifetime membership is \$250.00, payable one time.

Article V Club Officers

Section 1. The elected officers of the club include President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Activities Director, and Chaplin. Club officers are elected for a term of one year

Section 2. A majority of the Board of Directors constitutes a quorum at any meeting of the Board of Directors.

Article VI Election/Voting

- Section 1. The Club President may appoint a Nominating Committee made up of at least three Club Members. The nominating committee will then canvas the current Club Officers to determine if they wish to seek re-election to their current position or be nominated for any other position. The nominating committee shall also canvas the general membership to seek those who may be interested in an elected position.
- Section 2. All nominees for office must be a member in good standing.
- Section 3. All elected officers and Board of Director members must remain members in good standing for the duration of their terms in office.
- Section 4. All officers and directors are elected at the November meeting.
- Section 5. Nominations must be made by the Nominating Committee or from the floor during the regular October Business meeting.
- Section 6. All voting in this club will be a show of hands or secret ballot. A majority of the membership present will carry. Amendments to the **Constitution and** by-laws will require a two-thirds majority of the membership present to carry.
- Section 7. At a general membership business meeting a majority vote on any motion made by a member of the club and seconded will carry.

Article VII Duties of Officers

- Section 1. The President will preside over all meetings of the club; serve as chairman of the Board of Directors; act as ex officio member of all committees; issue the call for regular and special Board of Directors meetings; schedule regular elections and be sure they are held in accordance with this constitution; and carry out directions of the Board of Directors.
- Section 2. The Vice President will perform all duties of the President in his/her absence. The Club Vice-President will annually recruit three regular club members to verify that the financial records of the club are in order. A written report will be delivered to the Board of Directors upon its completion.
- Section 3. The Secretary will record and maintain the minutes of the club meeting, maintain membership records; record members present at meetings; give notice of all regular and special meetings of the

membership and Board of Directors, based on directives from the President; supervise all records of the club. In the absence of the President and Vice-President will act on their behalf. The secretary is responsible for the news letter. An additional individual may act as editor of the news letter.

- Section 4. The Treasurer will collect dues; collect all other income due the club; maintain the club accounting books. Make payment from club funds when so ordered by the Board of Directors for repetitive organizational business matters and as ordered by the Club Membership on all other financial situations; and make monthly reports of the club's financial status to the Board of Directors and club membership.
- Section 5. The Activities Director coordinates all club social activities. He/she will make reports at the regular meetings. The Activities Director may use selected members to assist in planning activities or suggestions.
- Section 6. The Board of Directors constitutes the Executive Board of the club, responsible for the execution, through its officers, of the authorized policies; by majority vote. Fills vacancies in any office of the Board of Directors; and submits to the club during regular business meeting any recommendations affecting the policies of the club.
- Section 7. The Club Chaplin will be responsible for the aid and comfort of the membership that may be experiencing difficulties or illnesses in the family.

Article VIII Meetings

- Section 1. A majority of members present is required for passage of any business brought before the club at the membership business meetings. A minimum of 25 members or ¼ the membership, whichever is smaller must be present to conduct a business meeting.
- Section 2. Regular membership business meetings will be held the Third Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm.
- Section 3. Special membership meetings and special Board of Directors meetings may be called by the President.
- Section 4. Roberts Rules of Order will be applied during meetings to effect Parliamentary Procedures; unless otherwise amended and provided for in the **Constitution and** by-laws.
- Section 5. The order of business for all meetings of the club and the Board of

Directors is as follows:

- A. Call to Order
- B. Introduction of Visitors
- C. Special Announcements
- D. Approving of Minutes from previous meeting
- E. Approval of Treasurers Report
- F. Reading of Correspondence
- G. Secretary's report
- H. Treasurer's report
- I. Committee Reports
- J. Unfinished Business
- K. New Business
- L. Announcements
- M. Adjournments

Article IX Safety Check

- Section 1. Every active member of the club will strive to have his/her car as safe as possible.
- Section 2. Each member's vehicle should contain a fire extinguisher that is easily accessible.

Article X Delegations

- Section 1. Delegations of one or more members may be appointed by the President, but are subject to approval of the Board of Directors, to represent the club at an convention, meeting, or assembly that may be deemed necessary. Any and/or all delegations are authorized to exercise only those powers specifically vested in them by the Board of Directors.

Article XI Amendments

- Section 1. The club constitution and **Constitution and** by-laws can be amended at regular business meetings of the membership to which there is a quorum (25 members or ¼ the membership whichever is smaller) Notice will be published in the news letter at least one week before the proposed amendment is voted upon. Passage of a change in the by laws will require a two thirds 2/3 majority vote of the members present.