

Memory Lane Cruisers



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Business Meeting: 3rd Tuesday of each month at the Montgomery County Library...7:00PM

As I type this, I find myself recovering from my second major surgery in 18 months. Pretty sobering. I am very blessed to have such great friends and family and even more so for a Savior that loves unconditionally. We all love our cars, love rubbing on them, and showing them off. It's pride in our work. But those activities should never come before our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." If you don't have Jesus in your life, please feel free to approach me about it. There is nothing in life more important.

We had a great first cruise night as well as a show-n-shine. Great first turn-outs and great attendance. Very good start to the new cruising year. We have started meeting back at the Community Bank in Pleasant View across from the car wash and Sonic for anyone that wants to attend from 6 to about 9. Check in with us. Some Friday night(s) we'll head to Hendersonville to a great cruise-in at The Glenbrook Shopping Center. Any others we hear about we might attend too. A lot of us cruise to different cruise-ins on Saturday nights too. Those have all started as well so check the website.

The weather looks like it's cooperating now. Hope to see everyone at our next meeting and cruise night. God Bless.

Todd Rorie

Upcoming Local Events

April 24th: Collector Car Sellathon

April 25th: Rod Run to Franklin, KY

May 21 – 23: 5th Annual Good Guys Nashville Nationals at LP Field

May 22nd: 1st Annual Charity Car Show Bowling Green, KY. Car Show benefit for CASA.

May 28-29: High Speed Fun in Music City X, at the Nashville Super Speedway in Lebanon, TN.

May 29th: Heritage Days in Granville, TN. 9AM – Noon; \$15.00 fee. Dash plaques & trophies

May 29th: Random Rods 9th Annual Car Show, Rogersville, TN. Proceeds to American Cancer Society Relay for Life.

June 4 - 6th: 33rd Annual Riverfront Rod Run, Paducah, KY. Pre-1949. Pre-register before May 29, 2010

June 8th: Bowling Green, KY. HOT ROD POWER TOUR.

June 19th 18th Annual Open Car & Truck Show at the South Jackson Civic Center on 404 South Jackson St. in Tullahoma, TN,

June 27th: Wilson Bank & Trust Summerfest Antique Car Show. Murfreesboro, TN

For all the details, please visit the Local Events page of MLC website or contact Jim Hutchens.

The April Rod Run to KY.....

The April Rod Run to Franklin, KY promises to be a great ride on some of the areas most scenic roads. We will end up at the Southwest Grill for lunch in Franklin at 2:00PM. Then, the Manager of the Southwest Grill has invited local car clubs to participate in a parking lot car show after lunch. So stick around after you eat and visit with our friends from Kentucky.

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Great Cruizn Roads in TN

Cumberland River: Nashville to Land Between the Lakes

A 110-mile drive travels along the Cumberland River, passing historic Clarksville and ending at Land Between the Lakes National Recreation Area. On its way west, the Cumberland River dips into Tennessee to pass north of Nashville. It then heads northwest to Clarksville and reenters Kentucky before joining the Ohio River, nearly adjacent to where the Tennessee River also joins the Ohio. The strip of land between the two rivers is now a national recreation area called Land Between the Lakes because the rivers are dammed to create Lake Barkley on the Cumberland and Kentucky Lake on the Tennessee. Between Nashville and Land Between the Lakes, the Cumberland River flows through a countryside of small farms and small towns on Tennessee back roads. Special Attractions: Cumberland River, Harpeth Scenic River, Ashland City, Cheatham Lake, Clarksville, Dover, Fort Donelson National Battlefield, Land Between the Lakes, historic homes and buildings, scenic views, fall color, hiking, biking, fishing, hunting, boating, and wildlife viewing.

Side Trip off Highway 13.....

Driving Highway 13? Take a little detour about 3-4 miles south of Linden off of Hwy 13 and ride Highway 128 to Clifton. This little gem is a beautiful ride taking twists, turns, and hills that run not far from the Tennessee River. The length of the ride is about 16-17 miles one way from the turn off of Hwy 13 to Clifton. It's a fun little ride! Try and catch it in Springtime or during the turning of the colors in mid-October at it's best as it is absolutely breathtaking in the fall with the turning of the colors. Clifton is an old riverside town at which the paddlewheel steamboats travelling the Tennessee River would make stops.

Natchez Trace: Nashville to the Mississippi State Line

This 136-mile drive follows the approximate route through Tennessee of the old Natchez Trace, which once connected Nashville with Natchez, Mississippi. As early as 1785, farmers and merchants of Middle Tennessee and Kentucky transported their products on flatboats down the Cumberland and the Mississippi Rivers for sale at Natchez and New Orleans. Since this was before the advent of steam power, there was no easy way to get the boats back upriver, and so the boats were dismantled and the lumber sold. The way home was then overland by foot or horseback through hundreds of miles of Choctaw and Chickasaw lands. Treaties with these Native Americans in the early 1800s allowed the United States to establish a road through their lands linking Natchez with Nashville. Soon after, the Natchez Trace was designated a post road and the U.S. Army made improvements, widening the track and bridging streams as the trace became a busy thoroughfare. Special Attractions: Nashville, Belle Mead Plantation, Warner Parks, Harpeth Scenic River, Natchez Trace Parkway, Leipers Fork, Gordonsburg, Hohenwald, Meriwether Lewis Park, Buffalo River, historic homes and buildings, scenic views, fall color, hiking, biking, boating, fishing, and wildlife viewing.

State Road 49.....

If you want a great scenic ride, then find your way to SR 49 between Pleasant View and Dover, TN. This roadway has been written up to be one of Tennessee's finest for motorcycling. But you can equally enjoy the curvy twisty road in your classic car as well.

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March Meeting Highlights

Each year, MLC seeks applicants from local high schools who qualifies for our two \$750.00 Scholarships for college, university or technical school. This year, we had only one application that qualified.

The club awarded Amber Vanderlee a \$750.00 Austin Peay Scholarship. We applaud Amber for her academic achievement and wish her well as she enters into Austin Peay.

Thanks to Sharri Benton for submitting to the staff an excellent list of local charities that could use our support in 2010. Sharri has invited a representative from the Safe House to speak at our April meeting.

The Car Show planning is underway and if you know of someone interested in sponsoring a plaque or trophy, please let us know. Frances Mays and Jim Hutchens are storing the door prizes for the Cruise In's and Car Show.

RIVERS AND SPIRES PARKING - April 17th

We are to set up to park at a angle along Commerce Street between the Court House and the Leaf-Chronicle building, and also utilizing the parking lot at the Leaf-Chronicle. Should we need additional spaces, we can further extend down Commerce street on the Leaf-Chronicle side of the street going toward First Baptist Church. This should give us plenty of room to display 20-25 cars. We will meet in the same parking lot as last year and be ready to head out at about 8:00 or thereabouts.

Chaplains Corner

Contact Marvin Phibbs if you are aware of anyone that should be added to the list.

In our thoughts and prayers

Rick Steiert
Ray & Ruth Helwig
Mary Livingston
Shirley Stokes

May Birthdays

Yvonne Jones	May 4 th
Glen Ezell	May 9 th
Julie Jones	May 10 th
Vicki Miller	May 14 th
Larry Appleton	May 15 th
Marilyn Ezell	May 27 th
Tony Tanner	May 28 th
Gary Vanderlee	May 31 st

Do I have your Birthdate????

Memory Lane's Newsletter

If you have anything you would like to include in the club's newsletter, just send it to:

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How to Align Your Cars Headlights

Driving along one evening it comes to your attention that other drivers are consistently flashing their headlights at you. You don't know them and you haven't seen any signs of a speed trap. The other drivers may be trying to let you know your headlights are out of alignment.

Every driver knows from experience that being blinded by another car's headlights is not only annoying but also dangerous since it results in vision being impaired. Straightening the headlamps out may be a little time consuming, but it is worth the effort.

Most makes and models come equipped with headlight adjusters. Sometimes these adjusters are for vertical aim only. In this situation if the problem is horizontal the job will become a try and check the aim practice in patience. Horizontal imbalances are usually caused by a faulty alignment in the headlight housing of the front end. The only recourse left to you is to adjust the housing, check the alignment, and repeat until the level is acceptable.

Whether trying to adjust headlights vertically or horizontally or both, a bubble level will be your best friend. Here is a quick run down on how to get Betsy's eyeballs straight. Be sure to park the car on a flat, level surface. If possible have the car face a blank wall, neutral colors like white or gray work best. Avoid any internal light shining on the car.

Another useful tip before you begin the headlight alignment is to make sure the tire pressure is correct. If the tires have too little pressure it will throw off the level of the lights. Once the tires have proper air pressure, the bubble level becomes invaluable. A tape measure will make the process go more smoothly as well. Place the car exactly 25 feet away from the wall you are using to check the lights.

Find the center of each headlight and mark with a piece of tape. Turn the lights on and look at the wall to determine how far off center the lights are pointing. After turning the lights back off make the appropriate adjustments and check again. Repetition is the name of the game here.

This method will work for straightening the lights both vertically and horizontally. Other steps that may make for a more perfect alignment are to use tape to accurately mark the center of the windshield and tape the reference wall to mark where the lights should be hitting.

Getting your headlights in proper alignment may not be a fun job, but other drivers will thank you and your car won't have that cross eyed look.

Source: carjunk.com

Headlight Assembly

It is very important for a vehicle of any kind to have headlights as they are used to provide illumination at night or in poor visibility so that you can see where you are driving. Without them driving would be quite difficult.

There are different parts to a headlight. The headlight assembly is the entire housing that the bulbs are placed in.

The headlight lens which would just be the front glass or the plastic to change or alter the look of the vehicle.

When buying a headlight assembly, you would buy them for each side of the vehicle – either a right or left assembly as they are not usually sold in pairs. Whereas headlight sealed beams or bulbs are sold either individually or in pairs.

There are many different types of headlights for many different types of vehicles, so depending on the year of the vehicle that you have, it may have:

Sealed beam headlights

Replicable halogen bulbs

HID headlights.

Sealed beam headlights are more often used on older vehicles and they are the dimmest of all the headlights that you can get. If you upgrade to halogen headlights you will be able to get more light in many different styles from:

Super white

Blue

Purple

Yellow

But it will all depend on what headlight bulbs you decide to get.

The best headlight is a HID or a High Intensity Discharge headlight. These can sometimes also be called Xenon headlights. These are the brightest lights and they will light up the most area that you can get. You will also find that HID headlights will usually have either a purple or a bluish tint to them.

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The Memory Lane **Autumn Run 2010** Car Show is scheduled for September 25th at the Montgomery County Veterans Plaza on Pageant Lane.

As you know, this is our primary function to raise funds to cover club expenses and share with local charities. As in the past, the club would appreciate your involvement in gathering door prizes and selling plaque sponsorships.

This year we plan on having 50 – TOP Winners plaques, plus 15 – Specialty Awards.

To sponsor a TOP 50 plaque we ask for a \$35.00 sponsor fee. The sponsors name will be on the plaque and the sponsors name will be announced during the Awards presentation. The fee for the Specialty Awards is \$50.00 and the sponsors name will appear on the award, the sponsor may choose the winner, their name announced during the Awards presentation, plus their names and/or website link will appear on our website. Lastly, we have a Corporate Sponsor fee of \$300.00. This year we are pleased to have **Wyatt-Johnson Buick GMC** as one of our sponsors. Their name will appear on one or more plaques, their name announced during the Awards presentation and their name / website will appear on our website for at least ONE year. We could use more if you can help us.

If you would like to donate door prizes or sponsor one of the club's plaques, please contact either Francis Mays or Jim Hutchens or see them at one of the club's functions.

Thanks in advance for your involvement.



The Story of BIG JOHN

At one of most dangerous 90 degree turns in Carrol County near the corner where four county meet ----lives Big John. Big John is known far and wide for his fast-fast car and operates a old general store on the banks of Caney Fork River near the home of our ex VP. Big John was one of the biggest " dew runners" in the mid 56'. Big John drove one of the fastest 56 with exhot engine and a real lead foot that had worn at hole in the floormat. All of his dealers were pushing Big John for a load, but the state lawmen were cracking down with the help of the Feds. Big John heard of a wildcat operation over in the neighboring county in the Billy Goat Ridge area. So Big John and Jim headed out late one dark night in the cool December air to find the dew in the dark 56. Jim didn't go for fast driving or riding shotgun, but he need of some fast bucks for Christmas. As the dark blue 56 glided around the sharp curves, roaring up and down the hills and hollers, the 56 dark blue was losing no time. Jim was frozen stiff as th was bracing with feet, breaking into a cold sweat as they crossed in Moore county line climbing up to Billy Goat Ridge, then swinging a sharp right down in to Still house Holler Valley. As they arrived at the shotgun house. the entire family came out on the porch with the hounds just a barking. After the price and amount was agreed upon, the family headed into the deep dark woods to bring out 60 gallon of 100 proof plus. Within 30 minutes the dark blue 56 was loaded and on the move with the hounds howling in the back ground over roar of the dark blue 56. A few side roads detours were make to lose anyone that may be following the dark blue 56. Big John place only a few miles northeast of Cedar hill dam on State route56. As Big John rolling a long at a fast pace through Bear Valley, he ran up behind a truck with a load of chickens in crates. The feathers were flying everywhere and sticking to the dark blue 56, because of a mist rain. The road that crossed Caney Fork River was on top Cedar Hill Dam was not completely finished. Big john heart was pumping fast and Jim was so scared his two front teeth were ratting. The Feds had warned Big John they were going to catch him. As the dark blue 56 rolled of the South end of the dam, the pedal was to metal and away the 56 roared into the dark of the night to their unloading place. You can see, Big John had another life other than the general sore day job. By the way Big John and Jim was twin brothers The PO"BOY