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Welcome New Members Garry Cullen Jerrry & Judy Petrotto Barrry & Linda DeLeva

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Cool Cars & Trains Winners



BEST CLASSIC: *Jack Gilleland, 1939 Chevrolet pick-up rat rod

BEST MODERN: Nick Stambo, 2022 Chevrolet Camaro LT

TOP 20:

Jim Keller, 1941 Plymouth Woodie Chris Christopherson, 1952 Packard 250 *Don Brock, 1962 Imperial LeBaron South Hampton David Harrup, 1931 Ford truck extended cab Stephen Thompson, 1950 Chevrolet 3100 pick-up *Andy Sarratt, 1931 Ford Rat-Rod David Jackson, 1954 Hudson Hornet **Joe Johnson**, 1966 Oldsmobile 442 (clone) Chuck Miller, 1957 Chevrolet Bel Air Marl Carr, 2022 Chevrolet Corvette James Porter, 1937 Ford Coupe Sam Ferrado, 1978 Pontiac Trans Am Charlie Morton, 1957 Ford Thunderbird *Andy Galt, 1964 Datsun L320 truck Dennis Vance, 1972 Ford Bronco Tropical Shade Tinting, 2017 Ford F-250 truck *Greg Rogers, 1974 Ford Off-road Bronco **Dave Williams**, 1982 American LeFrance Century pumper *Steven McKeague, 2015 Ford Roush Mustand *Jack Mobley, 1965 Ford Mustang

> SRM's Pick (Host's Award): *Alan "Dr. Z" Ziglin, 1959 Pontiac Bonneville

Sponsor's Award (Legacy Station): *Bobby Haralson, 2012 Chevrolet Corvette

Sponsor's Award (Karen & Steve O'Neal): David Parris, 1967 Pontiac LeMans

Coolest Cruiser (Club Award): Glen Fafara, 1961 Chevrolet Corvette

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Cool Cars & Costumes

Open Car Show & Halloween Co\$tume Contest Saturday, October 22nd Noon - 4:00 pm The Pink Pony 1837 Corporate Blvd Brookhaven, GA 30329 Fundraiser to END Breast Cancer!

Cool Cars at Briscoe Park

Saturday, November 12th 11:00 am - 3:00 pm Snellville's Briscoe Park 2500 Sawyer Pkwy (off Lenora Church Rd) Snellville, GA 30078 Fundraiser for "Shop With A Cop"

Cool Cars Holiday Party

Sunday, December 11th 1:00 pm Home of Karen & Steve O'Neal 2629 Summerfield Way NW Lawrenceville, GA 30044 Bring a Dish to share & Ornament to exchange

TOYS FOR TOTS

Toys for Tots Cruise-in Saturday, December 3rd NEW LOCATION for 2022! 11:00 am - 3:00 pm Handy Ace Hardware 3969 Lawrenceville Hwy Tucker, GA 30084

"Sweetheart" Cruise-in '23

Saturday, February 11th, 2023 11:00 am - 3:00 pm NEW & LARGER LOCATION!! Dave & Busters 2215 D&B Drive (I-75, Exit 261) Marietta, GA 30067

Snellville UMC Open Car Show

Saturday, April 15th, 2023 11:00 am - 3:00 pm Snellville United Methodist Church 2428 Main Street East Snellville, GA 30078

"OTHER" Car Show & Events of Interest in October

Saturday, October 29th 9:00 am - 2:00 pm Jackson United Methodist Church, 409 East Third Street, Jackson GA 30233. A GREAT Show with a "Cool" feel to it, worth the drive! Put on by our Club member, Beverly Coogler. *Info: Bev* @ 770-231-2470 email ngmcCoogler@gmail.com.

MONTHLY & WEEKLY CRUISE-INS:

Second Saturday (through October), 11:00 am - 2:00 pm, Tucker Main Street Cruise-in. On Main Street in Tucker, *Entry:* \$5. "Sweet 16" awards plus Sponsor awards. Info: TuckerCruisers.com

Last Saturdays (year round), 9 am - Noon, "Caffeine & Chrome" at Gateway Classic Cars, 1870 McFarland Pkwy, Suite 300, Alpharetta, GA 30005. *Entry is FREE!*

Every Monday, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm, (last Cruise-in October 24th). Summit Racing, 20 King Mill Rd, McDonough, GA 30253. Halloween Family Cruise, Saturday, October 22, 4:00 -7:30 pm. Info: www.SummitRacing.com

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Santa Cop Cruise-in Winners



BEST CLASSIC: Jim Keller, 1915 Ford Model T BEST MODERN:

Leslie Rios, 2019 Chevrolet Corvette Z06

BEST COP CAR:

Georgia State Patrol, 2021 Dodge Challenger BEST TRIBUTE LAW ENFORCEMENT CAT:

Dylan Holcomb, 1965 Ford Galaxie (Mayberry Sheriff)

<u>TOP 20</u>:

William Reid, 1965 Jaguar XKE Ted Fischer, 1936 Ford Roadster Dan White, 1955 Oldsmobile 88 Holiday *Andy Sarratt, 1962 Chevrolet Bel Air John Stone, 1955 GMC 100 *Alan "Dr. Z" Ziglin, 1972 Buick Riviera *Jack Gilleland, 1939 Chevrolet pick-up Rat Rod Doug Richardson, 1949 Willys Jeepster Jimmy Fischer, 1936 Ford Phaeton Dennis Vance, 1972 Ford Bronco Troy Reeves, 1952 Jeep M38 Military *Charlie Chizzolin, 1956 Ford F100 Scot Donaghy, 1972 Ford Bronco Rachael Nalley, 2022 Ford Mustang Mach 1 *Greg Rogers, 1974 Ford Off-road Bronco *Art Coates, 1964 Ford Galaxie 500 XL convertible *Tony Stout, 1970 Pontiac GTO Jim Head, 1969 Ford LTD Chris Christopherson, 1952 Packard 250 *Don Brock, 1962 Imperial LeBaron South Hampton FOP's Pick (Most Likely to Meet a Cop): Charlie Bruce, 1967 Chevrolet Camaro **Sponsor's Award (Gateway Classic Cars):** Ronald Moultrie, 1973 Ford Mustang Mach 1 Host's Award (Handy Ace Hardware): *Mike Dickinson. 1968 Pontiac Firebird 400 **Coolest Cruiser (Club Award):** DeKalb County Police, 2021 Chevrolet Tahoe



It's FALL and time for a Club Jacket or Windbreaker!

We offer two different jackets: a light weight wind-breaker (\$75 & \$80*) and a 3-season jacket (\$95 & \$100*), both available in several colors.

We also have Cool-Dry polo shirts with the Club logo embroidered on the left chest, available in a variety of colors (\$35 & \$40*). We can also get long sleeve shirts, just ask!

These items are made to order, so please contact Rick for more details at 404-732-6842 or RNE680@mindspring.com. (**indicates additional charge for 2X and larger.*)

Club T's \$18 (S-XL) & \$20 (2X & 3X). *T-shirts are Available at all Club*

events

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September Charity Report

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We had TWO major shows during the month, on the first and last Saturdays.

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The **Southeastern Railway Museum**, where we collected over **\$1600**, in a show that was almost cancelled by the weather, and the "Santa Cop" Cruise-in, that featured near perfect weather!

"Santa Cop" collected nearly **\$3,000!** This total includes entry donations, 50/50 raffle sales (the winner donated \$100 back) \$400 from our auction and another \$400 donated by our food vendor, Skip's Hot Dogs!

For a show that had fewer than expected show cars, we were *THRILLED* with the "bottom line!" This amount will go far to help provide a brighter Christmas for some local underprivileged school kids.

New Policy on Entry Fee Donations:

Since our beginning, we have *ALWAYS* had the policy of **"A Donation of Your Choosing"** for our Registration fee. Well, no longer! At the train show, someone threw in 88 cents and another threw in 3 tokens. This did not set well with Rick, as it costs more than that to print the entry form and Car ID cards for each car!

Soooo . . . a re-wording of our donation policy will go into effect at our Santa Cop show, saying "A Suggested Minimum Donation of \$20." Although we won't stand over entrants to see what they put in, we hope this will help the bottom line, our show proceeds and the amount we raise for our charities.

We hope this works well and doesn't cause any issues or hardships, most shows charge at least \$20 entry fee.

Thanks for your cooperation!

In Our Prayers . . .

Please keep **Joel Rutledge's** wife and family in your prayers. Joel passed away on September 22nd after a battle with brain cancer. Joel will always be remembered as a "gentle giant" driving his red Plymouth GTX or his lime green AAR 'Cuda.

Two New Show for 2023!

We have added 2 shows to our 2023 calendar. We received an invitation from **Dave & Busters** in Marietta to host our **February 11th** "Sweetheart" Cruise-in. They have recently remodeled the interior and re-paved the parking lot, which holds 350+ cars. They also have a nice place to go in to warm up with food & beverage service.

Member Sammy McDaniel, after seeing our successful show at Carter Hill Church, asked if we could help him host a show at his church, **Snellville United Methodist**. After some talking, we "agreed to terms" with him and will host the event on **April 15th**. Once again, there is PLENTY of show car parking! Sammy and his Men's Club are EXCITED!

VFW's Veterans Day Car Show Please put Club member Tom Ariail's VFW Car Show on your schedule! The show will be Saturday, November 5th, 11am -3pm at the Dunwoody Village Shopping Center in Dunwoody. All show proceeds will benefit the VFW charities!

GCC's HOLIDAY PARTY

We are pleased to announce that our Holiday party will be **Sunday**, **December 11th** at **Karen & Steve O'Neal's** home in Lawrenceville. This will be a "Covered Dish" affair, with our famous Ornament exchange. Please make your plans to attend.

Our Thanks to Karen for once again hosting our Holiday party!

Toys For Tots Sponsors Needed!

We are all set to start signing up our 2022 Toys for Tots Sponsors! We will once again offer 3 levels of sponsorship: Gold (\$100-\$249), Diamond (\$250-\$499) and Platinum (\$500 and up).

All sponsors will get their name/logo on the back of the event t-shirt and be recognized during the show.

Each person making a toy or money contribution of \$20 or more will get a FREE event t-shirt! *Contact Rick to sign up!*

The Forecast ALMOST Caused Us to Cancel, BUT We Got it In! Not Our Biggest at SRM, BUT We Were Very Thankful!

Once again, we fought the weather, and once again, we won! Well kinda . . . the forecast was SO bad for Saturday that, if a rain date had been available, we would have postponed the show. We even put up a notice on Friday afternoon saying "If it's DRY, come to the show, if it's POURING, just roll over and sleep in!" Saturday's weather was actually pretty decent, clouds but NO rain, so we got the show in! Our attendance suffered with about 40 fewer cars than last year, but still a very respectable 100 or so show cars!

Of those attending, we had quite a variety of cars, from modern muscle, to rat rods, classics and even a lifted truck . . . definitely something for everyone. We had burgers and hot dogs prepared by Mike Perry and crew, *AND* gourmet popcicles from Flamingo Pops.

Our thanks to our TWO show sponsors, **Legacy Station** (referred by member Bobby Harralson) and **Karen & Steve O'Neal**. They came in after we placed a last minute plea on the bottom of a Club email to "save the day" for us! Event sponsors help cover our costs so we are able to donated 100% of the entry donations and 50/50 proceeds to the show charity. For this show, it benefits our host, the Southeastern Railway Museum.

On a less cheerful note, we discovered something that did not set well with us. The Museum was charging car show spectators \$15 - \$18 per person (depending on age) to enter the upper parking lot, whether they were going to tour the Museum or just our car show. After confirming this policy, and their refusal to change it, we made the decision NOT to return next year. We felt we brought in enough business for them not to implement this "strong arm" policy.

Please see page 2 for a list of all show winners.



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A PERFECT Early Fall Day!

Our "Santa Cop" Cruise-in Was a Financial Success!

Saturday, September 24th was a perfect Autumn Day for the color....BLUE! The Cool Cruisers and DeKalb Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) teamed up to raise money for the Santa Cop program, which helps to provide Christmas joy for underprivileged children in DeKalb County.

We had perfect weather for a car show with bright blue skies and abundant sunshine. FOP volunteers and the GCC crew met up at one of our favorite venues, Handy Ace Hardware, to create a hugely successful fundraising event. Show set up went amazingly fast. Thanks to the efforts of Rick Ellis, we had 13 law enforcement agencies participate in our "car show within a car show."

Skips Hot Dogs generously supported the show by providing meals for our show volunteers and law enforcement officers as well as selling tasty hot dogs, hamburgers, chips and cold drinks to participants and spectators. They even donated their sales to the cause (\$400). Flamingo Pops brought their refreshing ice cold treats while spectators roamed the show field, voting for their favorite show cars and favorite law enforcement vehicles.

Handy Ace Hardware donated door prizes, auction items and provided a generator to power the famous GCC music. Several police departments set up information booths to connect with our community.

Thanks to donations from show participants, spectators, Skips' and Stone Mountain Park police, along with the charity auction and 50/50 proceeds, the show raised \$2920.

As always, our amazing GCC volunteers and Club members created great team work with the hard-working FOP volunteers to "back the blue" and help FOP bring smiles to children this Christmas season. *Please see page 2 for a list of all the winners.*



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SANTA COP Cruise-in '22

















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Decorate Your Ride, Wear a Costume, Win \$\$!



Others are copying our "Cars & Costumes" format, but none can "pull it off" like we can, with the help of the Pink Pony staff! An open car show with popular choice awards, a costume contest with CASH prizes (Best Male, Female, Couple & Decorated Car),great food & beverages and even an outcry auction. All this for a fun Halloween event and to raise money to help fight Breast Cancer!

If the show setting, an adult club, concerns you, don't worry. Everything you need is in the parking lot and it's as "Vanilla" as any other car show venue! The staff of the Pony goes to a lot of work and expense to host us, and it shows! The food is always the best (and offered at very reasonable prices), they provide security, secure most of the items for our auction and pay many of the Club's costs to produce the show. They also put up \$200 cash for each of the costume categories! Sound like fun? *It is!*

Polish up and decorate your Hot Rod, find a costume and come on out! If you are NOT into costumes, that's okay too, they aren't required. Just bring your show car out and enjoy the afternoon . . . and a hot dog, burger or chicken sandwich!

Photos from Our SANTA COP Cop Car Challenge



