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MAY EVENTS

HOT RODS



Hayes DEALERSHIPS
of Baldwin, GA

Saturday, May 20th ♦ 10 am - 2 pm



THE VARSITY GWINNETT

Cruise In

Sunday, May 21st ♦ 4 - 7 pm

Memorial Weekend USO Benefit




DORAVILLE, GA
Saturday, May 27th ♦ 11 am- 3 pm

May Event Info - see page 9

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Club Members!**

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St. David's "Holy Roller" Winners



St. David's Mens Club - Best of Show Award:
Stan Olstein, 1946 Chevrolet Fleetmaster

Popular Choice Top 15:

*Ernie Rossi, 2015 Chevrolet Corvette Z-06

*Larry Navarre, 1946 Ford Truck

Karen & Jeff Banawitz, 1970 Chevrolet Chevelle SS 454

Doug Durkee, 1965 Buick Riviera

Dick Brown, 1956 Ford F-100 Pick-up

Jim Hickey, 1961 Ford Starliner

*Stephen Rice, 1968 Chevrolet Chevelle SS

Ron LaRocca, 1963 Chevrolet Corvette convertible

Richard Torch, 1936 Nash Ambassador

Tully Johnstone, 1936 Mercedes 540K

*Terry Mell, 1967 Plymouth Barracuda

Robbie Padgett, 1932 Ford Roadster

Wayne Melton, 1980 MG MGB

Gary Fraser, 1965 Pontiac Lemans

*Leigh Fragnoli, 1968 Plymouth Roadrunner

Ladies' Choice Award:

*Linda Mobley, 1965 Ford Mustang

Kid's Pick Award:

Jon Hovney, 2017 Lamborghini Huracan

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Gary Thorpe, 1971 Volkswagen Super Beetle



**Best in Show
Winner:
Stan Olstein's
1946 Chevrolet
Fleetmaster**

2017 Club Shows & Events

“Hot Rods at Hayes”

Saturday, May 20th ♦ 10 am - 2 pm
Hayes Dealerships of Baldwin
3660 State Hwy 365
Baldwin, GA 30511
Fundraiser for Hot Rodders Children's Charity

Memorial Weekend Car Show

Saturday, May 27th ♦ 11 am - 3 pm
The Home Depot - Doraville
4343 Tilly Mill Rd
Atlanta, GA 30360
Fundraiser for USO Georgia

“Cool Rides & Rescues”

Sunday, June 11th ♦ 1 pm - 4 pm
Decatur Estate Antique Mall
2272 Lawrenceville Hwy
Decatur, GA 30033
Fundraiser for Atlanta Animal Rescue Friends

“Horsepower at the Pony”

Saturday, June 24th ♦ Noon - 4:00 pm
The Pink Pony
1837 Corporate Blvd
Brookhaven, GA 30329
Fundraiser for 4Sarah.net

Local Heroes Benefit Car Show

*Supporting Local
Police Officers and Fire Fighters*
Saturday, July 15th ♦ 11 am - 3 pm
The Greater Good BBQ
4431 Hugh Howell Rd
Tucker, GA 30084



Cool Cars at Coolray Field

Saturday, September 23rd
10 am - 2 pm
Coolray Field (*Gwinnett Braves Stadium*)
2500 Buford Drive
Lawrenceville, GA 30043

“Cars and Costumes”

Open Car Show & Halloween Costume Contest
Saturday, October 28th
Noon - 4 pm
The Pink Pony
1837 Corporate Blvd
Brookhaven, GA 30329

Toys for Tots Cruise-In

Saturday, December 2nd
11 am - 3 pm
The Greater Good BBQ
NEW LOCATION for 2017
4431 Hugh Howell Rd
Tucker, GA 30084

MONTHLY CRUISE-IN



The Varsity Gwinnett Cruise-In Every Third Sunday

4:00 - 7:00 pm
6045 Dawson Blvd
Norcross, GA 30093
I-85 Exit 99 (Jimmy Carter Blvd)

Other Cruise-Ins, Shows & Events

CRUISE-INS

Tucker Main Street Cruise-In

2nd Saturdays - April to September
5:00 - 8:30 pm

Handy Ace Parking Lot
Lawrenceville Hwy, Tucker, GA 30084

**NOTE: New Location for the
MAY 13th CRUISE-IN ONLY!**



Cars & Coffee

Last Saturday Every Month
9:00 am - Noon

Gateway Classic Cars
1870 McFarland Parkway
Alpharetta, GA 30005

YEARONE Braselton Bash

1001 Cherry Drive, Braselton, GA 301517
Saturday, May 20th 11:00 am - 3:00 pm
Saturday, June 17th 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Saturday, August 19th 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm



Monday Night Cruise-Ins

20 King Mill Rd, McDonough, GA 30253
6:00 - 8:00 pm - All Cars Welcome!

May 1st Theme: Chevy Cars
May 8th Theme: Ford, Lincoln, Mercury
May 15th Theme: Mopar/AMC
May 22nd Theme: Trucks/Jeeps/Diesels



Cars & Coffee Cruise-In

Last Saturday Every Month
9:00 am - Noon

213 Thornton Road
Lithia Springs, GA 30122

CAR SHOWS

New Harmony Baptist Church

Saturday, May 6th
9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Sawnee Elementary School
1616 Canton Hwy, Cumming, GA

Cruisin' Lake Oconee Car Show

Saturday, May 13th
10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Memory Lane Classic Car Museum
170 Scott Road, Eatonton, GA
1-20 East, Exit 130 off Hwy 44

New Manchester High Band

Car & Truck Show

Saturday, May 20th
10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Tractor Supply
2661 Fairburn Rd, Douglasville, GA

Cruise-In at the North Georgia

Soap Box Derby

Saturday, June 3rd
9:30 am - 2:00 pm

Atlanta First Baptist Church
4400 N. Peachtree Road
Dunwoody, GA

CAR SHOW FINDERS

Online at:

SoutheastWheelsEvents.com
Club Member Mike Thies' GREAT Website!

Printed publication (Subscription):

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CLUB NEWS & UPDATES

May Birthdays

Happy
Birthday

Happy Birthday To . . .

Santos De La Rosa 2nd
Richard Eddings 3rd
Steve O'Neal 4th
Delores Fair 9th
John O'Harra 11th
James McCutchen 15th
Millie Farabaugh 17th
Steve Tanski 20th
Dale Xenos 21st
Victoria Willetts 28th
Norma Boedeker 28th
Mike Steger 31st

Please make sure we have your birthday and your family members!

May Charity Collections

The "Holy Roller" Car Show at St. David's Episcopal Church raised a total of \$954 for the **North Fulton Community Charities**. This organization helps battered women in shelters, among other programs.

Tucker Main Street Club Winners

The Cool Cruisers were well represented at the April Cruise-In on Main Street in downtown Tucker.

Two of our members went home with "Sweet 16" awards: **Mike Perry and Alan & Rochelle Ziglin!**

We are working on plans to be their "Featured Club" at a future Cruise-In and possibly a tour of the Cofer Museum.

Watch for details!

Club Shows & Cruise-Ins Updates

Here is some updated info for upcoming events:

Decatur Estate Show:

The Club will be celebrating our 4th birthday with free birthday cake for all. Mike Perry will be cooking burgers and hot dogs as a Club fundraiser.

HP at the Pony: We have chosen **4Sarah.net** as our charity. 4Sarah helps women and girls get out of the sex industry.

Local Heroes Benefit at the Greater Good BBQ: We are looking for donations of items we can raffle off to raise money for local Police and Fire Fighters. Please contact Rick with your donations.

Cool Cars at Coolray Field: We had a GREAT show last year, thanks to a sunny day. We would like to make this a "Break-out" year and fill every space in the parking lot. Please help by getting the word out on this September 23rd event.

We also need SPONSORS! If you can help sponsor the event, or know someone who can, please let us know.

The Varsity Gwinnett Cruise-In: We are planning on turning the November date into a Toys for Tots event.

We are also thinking of other special promotions to make the fun event *even MORE fun!* We welcome your suggestions.

Join Us for Breakfast Every Wednesday!



Join us EVERY Wednesday for Breakfast at Cracker Barrel in Norcross. We meet at 9:30 at the Cracker Barrel located at 6175 McDonough Drive NW, Norcross, GA 30093.

In Our Plans . . .

Sonic Drive-In: We have been invited to do a Cruise-In at a local Sonic. We will be deciding on a date and location for this.

Late Summer & Fall: We have some open dates on our calendar. Please let us know where you would like us to do a show or Cruise-In. We are looking at a second date for the **Old Hickory House**.

Cruises: Our Dillard Cruise was so much fun, we are open to suggestions for destinations and dates.

June 3rd Car Show at Soap Box Derby

Member **Faron Stephens** is working with the local Soap Box Derby that will be held on **June 3rd at Atlanta First Baptist Church** in Dunwoody.

Faron has asked if we will support the Cruise-In part of the event with a major club presence. This is an off week for club events, so please make your plans to attend. More info will be in the June "Cool Times."

Our Second Dillard Cruise Is Another Big Hit!
30 Cool Cruisers Invade the Dillard House



We did this cruise last year, and it was SO MUCH fun that we did it again, and guess what? It was just as much (or more) fun!

We had 14 cars cruise up through the North Georgia Mountains and 30 hungry members feast on the All-You-Can-Eat, family style fare.

We really enjoy this type of club event (no work, all fun, lots of food), and will be looking for your ideas for destinations for future cruises.





3rd Annual St. David's "Holy Roller" Car Show A HOT Spring Day Draws 65+ Show Cars!

The annual Spring "Holy Roller" show at St. David's in Roswell was a "HOT" item with temps in the high 80's! We ended up with 65+ cars, pretty good considering all the car shows going on in the area, including one just a few miles away!

We had a *BUNCH* of really beautiful show cars, from a '36 Mercedes to a '71 Beatle to some new muscle cars and every thing in-between.

We had a lot of compliments on our "show tunes" and our friendly, well organized format. The show ran very smoothly, thanks to our GREAT "A-Team," and complimented by the crew from St. David's Men's Club. Our Thanks to St. David's for hosting us again this year!

We raised over \$950 for their charity, the North Fulton Community Charities.

See page 2 for a list of all the winners!



Prez Rick Speaks Out About Being "Cool" for the First Four Years

The Success of the GCC . . . *Blame It On Our Members!*



Our 4th birthday is coming up next month, and we will once again be celebrating it at the Decatur Estate show on June 11th! We have really taken off as a club, especially this year, with some new sponsors signing on and our new Varsity Cruise-In starting off so well.

We can only "blame" our members and sponsors for our great success! We have *THE BEST* members of ANY organization! Our members are not only friendly but quick to volunteer to help our at out show and help other members. We also have some very generous members that help out the club financially, so that we can continue our policy of 100% of show proceeds going to support our charities.

I have been told that Car Shows and Car Clubs are dying. Well, maybe some are, but we continue to grow not only in size but popularity. I have heard many times "the Cool Cruisers have FUN shows!" We try to make them fun . . . Isn't that the reason we have these "cool" cars and spend our time and money making them look good and run well?

Our club shows are *DIFFERENT* than most . . . we don't have a set Entry Fee, instead we have a Donation Bowl, asking for contributions to support that day's charity.

And speaking of our charities, last year we collected \$40,000 in support of them, putting us over \$120,000 since we started only four years ago!

I recently got to see how our charity collections help out with a tour of the USO facility at the Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta Airport. This organization is funded *ENTIRELY* on donations, and does an *AMAZING* job taking care of the Troops passing through on their journey.

We *DON'T* judge our shows, but always feature Popular Choice Awards. I have yet to figure out how to judge a 1928 Model A against a 2016 Hellcat against a "Cool" Rat Rod.

We don't have very many participants sitting behind their show cars in their folding chairs. Our shows are *FUN SHOWS!* I have recently been told by several participants that they go to the shows to socialize, not to get trophies (although taking home an award is always nice!).

Even our Club Meetings are different. How many times have you heard us "read the Minutes" from the last meeting, or take attendance? We don't have club Officers either, as everyone gets to weigh in on what they want from the club. We do have an "Advisory Board," which is open to any member, and when we have a Board Meeting, they are always open to any member.

Thanks again for *EVERYTHING!*

I can't wait to see what the future holds for our club . . .

Date Change for Komen Race for the Cure 5K



The Komen Atlanta Race for the Cure has been postponed from May 13th to June 24th, due to the I-85 closure and traffic issues in the Buckhead area. Unfortunately this now puts Race Day on the same day as our Club Event at the Pink Pony.

Sharon will still be heading up the Team and participating on Race Day, because the 5K starts at 8 am. We can still run or walk the 5K and get to the Pink Pony by noon.

Rick will not be able to participate because set up for the Pony Show starts at 10 am. Team members can still fundraise for the Race and we are still looking for 4 more Team members to achieve the required minimum to be an official Race team. Feel free to contact Sharon (404-732-6843) for more info about the Race for the Cure and the Cool Cruisers Team.



MAY "COOL" CLUB EVENTS

HOT RODS at Hayes of Baldwin



Hayes
AUTOMOTIVE

Saturday, May 20th ♦ 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

3660 State Hwy 365 ♦ Baldwin, GA 30511

There are a lot of shows going on the same day as the Hayes show, but none will be as much fun, nor in a more picturesque area. Come on up to beautiful Baldwin for the 9th Annual "Hot Rods at Hayes!" It is just an hour drive from I-285 up I-985, and we guarantee you a fun time!

We will have Burgers & Hot Dogs from the Scouts, a free event t-shirt, Top 20 Awards & more! Entry Donations will benefit **Hot Rodders Children's Charity**.

Sunday, March 21st - The Varsity Gwinnett Cruise-In

4:00 pm - 7:00 pm ♦ 6045 Dawson Blvd ♦ Norcross, GA 30093



After a month off for the Easter holiday, we can't wait to get back to our Varsity Cruise-Ins! How many showed up in April only to find a closed Varsity NO CAR SHOW? Well, we missed not having the Cruise-In, too, and we're ready to get the oldies playing and park all the beautiful show cars . . . *and make sure you get a Chili Dog and some Rings!*

Get there early for a good spot, and don't forget to hang around till the end if you want to be "in the running" for one of the Special Awards! *Bring your friends!*

Memorial Weekend USO Fundraiser



Saturday, May 27th ♦ 11:00 am - 3:00 pm

The Home Depot - Doraville ♦ 4343 Tilly Mill Road, Atlanta, GA 30340

A repeat of last year's *VERY* successful show and USO Georgia fundraiser! We were very surprised at the 2016's attendance, considering a late add-in, and a Holiday Weekend, so we have high expectations for this year. In addition to Top 15 Awards, we will have Food Trucks, Prizes, Give-Aways, Home Depot demo's, Great Music and a 50/50 raffle.

Make your plans to attend, and bring your family and friends! All years, makes, models and spectators are **ALWAYS** welcome at all our events!



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