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*Cool Cars*  
**at BRISCOE PARK**

**SNELLVILLE'S  
BRISCOE PARK**  
**Saturday, November 11TH**  
**11:00 AM - 3:00 PM**  
**2500 Sawyer Parkway (off Lenora Church Rd)**  
**Snellville, GA 30078**

*Our December Show . . .*

**Toys for Tots Cruise-in**  
**Saturday, December 2nd**  
**HANDY HARDWARE IN TUCKER**

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your membership  
is up to date!**

*If you don't remember  
the last time you paid,  
you are probably DUE!*

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## Cool Cars & Costumes Winners



### **BEST CLASSIC:**

\*Bill Marsh, 1936 Auburn Speedster

### **BEST MODERN:**

Steve Moore, 2015 Chevrolet Corvette

### **Best Decorated Car:**

\*Jack Gilleland, 1939 Chevrolet Truck "Rat Rod"

### **TOP 20:**

Daryl Haynes, 1984 Chevrolet Monte Carlo

Curt McCorvey, 1969 Chevrolet Camaro

\*Pam Piercy, 1965 Cadillac Eldorado convertible

\*Andy Sarratt, 1962 Chevrolet Bel Air

Ricky Lindsay, 1970 Ford Mustang

Troy Reeves, 1931 Auburn 892 A

\*Dan Crosson, 1955 Chevrolet 3100 truck

Jimmy Parker, 1970 Chevrolet C-10 Custom

\*Alan & Rochelle Ziglin, 1969 Pontiac Grand Prix

\*Larry Dodson, 1966 Chevrolet Corvette

Ricky Wright, 1971 Chevrolet Blazer

\*Art Coates, 1964 Ford Galaxie 500XL convertible

Kevin Orr, 1969 Chevrolet Chevelle

Tom Duncan, 1969 Chevrolet Camaro Indy Pace Car

\*Warren Hoffman, 1932 Chevrolet coupe

Mario Culbreath, 1981 GMC C1500

Shawn Stone, 1963 Pontiac Catalina

Tim Rodrigo, 1972 Pontiac Lemans

Bryan Tatum, 1968 Chevrolet Chevelle

Dennis & Debbie Roberts, 1967 Ford Fairlane XL

### **Host's Favorite (Stone Mountain Village):**

Scot Donahoe, 1971 Chevrolet Monte Carlo

### **Gateway Classic Cars' Pick (Sponsor's Award):**

David Randall, 1961 Ford Starliner

### **"Breast" of Show (Charity's Pick):**

Paul & Connie Benham, 2004 Chrysler PT Cruiser

### **Coollest Cruiser (Club's Award):**

Al Rhodes, 1940 Ford Custom

\* Denotes GCC Club Member



# 2023 Club Shows & Events



## Cool Cars at Briscoe Park

Saturday, November 11th  
11:00 am - 3:00 pm

City of Snellville's Briscoe Park  
2500 Sawyer Parkway  
(off Lenora Church Road)  
Snellville, GA 30078  
*Fundraiser for Snellville Police  
"Shop With a Cop" program*



## Toys for Tots Cruise-in

Saturday, December 2nd  
11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Handy Ace Hardware  
3969 Lawrenceville Highway  
Tucker, GA 30084

*Entry Fee: A new unwrapped toy(s),  
minimum total value \$20  
Or \$20 Cash donation.*

## 2024 "Cool" Schedule

We are already hard at work trying to piece together our schedule for next year!

Some will repeat, some won't. We need YOUR input in what you would like to do PLUS what you are NOT a fan of!

## Cool Cruisers' Christmas Party

Sunday, December 10th  
1:00 pm

Karen & Steve O'Neal's Home  
2629 Summerfield Way NW  
Lawrenceville, GA 30044

*Covered Dish Lunch - Ornament Exchange  
Sponsor & A-Team Recognition*

# "COOL" Club Gear! Get Ready for the "Cool" Days!

## GREAT LOOKING & COMFORTABLE!

We offer a light weight windbreaker (\$75 & \$80\*) with our Club logo on the left chest and across the back. This jacket is available in most popular colors.

We also have a heavier weight 3-season jacket, embroidered the same as the windbreaker (\$95 & \$100).

Cool dry polo shirts, club logo embroidered on left chest (\$35 & \$40).

***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 & 3X)*



\$18 (S-XL) & \$20 (2X & 3X).  
*T-shirts available at all Club events*

# CLUB NEWS & UPDATES

## OCTOBER '23 CHARITY REPORT:

We had two events in October, **The Varsity Cruise-in** and **"Cars & Costumes."**

The Varsity was actually a free event, but we were accepting optional donations for **Paw Project of Georgia**. We collected a tidy sum of \$1,000, a great day for a "free" show!

Our regular show for the month was our "Cool Cars & Costumes" in Stone Mountain Village. We collected \$1,050 for the **Fight Against Breast Cancer**.

*Another great month for our "Cool" charities!*

## 2024 "Cool" Show Plans

Here is the latest on our show plans for next year, not everything is set in stone yet.

The management of the **Shops at Webb Gin** in Snellville have asked us to do a show with them. We checked out the spaces they have and one is excellent for our needs. This could be our **"Sweetheart Cruise-in"** venue.

We will NOT be doing the Snellville Methodist show again. Our member, Sammy McDaniel, that spearheaded the show has moved to another church and no one at SUMC wants to take on the project.

Our March show at **Hayes in Baldwin** should be good to go for another year.

We expect the three shows we do at **Handy Ace Hardware** in Tucker (May, September and December) will all repeat.

Our show at **Briscoe Park** should be another repeat for the second Saturday in November.

*We are always open to your suggestions for Club events!*

## UPDATE: Pony Shows for '24



Good news! We have been invited back to the Pink Pony for 2024. We will do both our Summer and Halloween shows.

We are happy to return to this fun venue with our shows. We get **AMAZING** support from them and our Charities always take home a great total, especially from the auction and donation by the Pony. *More details to come soon.*

## A Message from Sharon

Thank you to everyone who supported my fundraising for the 2023 GA 2-Day Walk for Breast Cancer by showing up and donating at our Georgia Cool Cruisers shows in February and October. As of October 8th, the Walk's 800 walkers and 200 crew had raised over \$855,700 for breast cancer screenings, treatments and services for women and men in Georgia.

At the October 7th Celebration Dinner of this year's Walk, I was recognized as the #10 individual fundraiser for 2023. I have signed up for the 2024 Walk, to continue fundraising in memory of my Mom and to honor survivors and thrivers.

## Toys for Tots Sponsors

We've had another great response for sponsorships again this year. We lost a few and gained a few, but the bottom line is that the back of the event T-shirt will be filled again.

We have had amazing response from our Club members helping out with some much needed bucks.

*Our sincere thanks to all that helped!*

## Mark Your Calendars for Our "Cool" Christmas Party

Our Club Christmas/Holiday party will be on **Sunday, December 10th at 1:00 pm**. Karen & Steve O'Neal will once again be hosting this affair at their home in Lawrenceville.

Please make your plans and mark your calendars to attend! We will be asking for your RSVP's closer to the party date.

## Tom Ariail's VFW Fall Car Show

Club member Tom Ariail and his VFW Post will be holding their Fall Open Show on **Saturday, November 4th** at the **Dunwoody Village Shopping Center** from 11:00 am - 3:00 pm.

The shopping center is located at 1317 Dunwoody Village Parkway, Dunwoody, GA 30338. Entry fee is \$25 and benefits the VFW's charities. The rain date is 11/18/23.

*Please attend and support the VFW!*



## ***A Beautiful Fall Afternoon = A FULL Parking Lot of Amazing Show Cars!***

### **Our Cool Cruise-in at The Varsity is a BIG HIT!**

We hadn't done a Varsity Cruise-in for quite a while, so we decided to do a FREE cruise-in to celebrate the cooler weather of Fall, and Mother Nature saw fit to provide us with a rare beautiful and sunny Sunday afternoon! Apparently we were on the mark, as we filled up our side of the parking lot with some very "Cool" show cars plus quite a few spectators.

We played our oldies, gave out a few door prizes, and a handful of awards. Even though this was a free event, we did collect optional donations to benefit a local animal rescue group. Most participants came to our canopy with open wallets, giving generously to Paw Project of Georgia. We collected \$1,000 for them, plus they adopted out a puppy during the show.

The award winners were: **Thomas Edwards**, Pontiac Lemans (Paw Project's pick), **Jim McGittigan**, '64 Ford Falcon (Gateway Classic Cars Pick), **Nick Stambo**, '22 Chevy Camaro (Varsity's pick) and **Larry Skelton**, Chevy Nomad (Coolest Cruiser).

We have been asked if we will make this a regular event. That remains to be seen. The Varsity management was a bit difficult to communicate with, never returning calls, hard to talk to in person. This makes for a not-so-great situation, but we will look at it again at a later date and see if things have changed on their end. Our Sunday afternoon shows bring them a lot of business!





# THE VARSITY *Cruise-in '23*





## *A BEAUTIFUL Fall Day Greet Us!!*

### **Cars & Costumes: Lots of Spectators, Not So Many Show Cars**

We returned to the City of Stone Mountain (Stone Mountain Village) for the second time this year, but the first time doing our “Cars & Costumes” there. Kinda like our Summer show, it was a “mixed bag” of good and not so good. The good was the weather . . . NEAR PERFECT! Other good things: a HUGE crowd of spectators, more participants in the Costume Contest, GREAT food, thanks to our very own Mike Perry and our always amazing A-Team of Volunteers.

The BAD was a less-than-expected number of show cars, given the great weather. Yes we know there were a LOT of shows and festivals going on, but we were really hoping for more cars. The other “bad” thing was the bottom line on the money take. We did break a thousand bucks, but still far from other shows that had double or more of that total. Still \$1,050 will help in the fight against breast cancer.

Back to the good stuff . . . It was a FANTASTIC community event for Stone Mountain Village. We did fill up the primary lot, but would have liked to fill up the upper lot, and then look for spaces to cram even more cars in. But we will take what we get and be happy.

We added a “Trunk or Treat” feature for the kids and it appeared to go over well. For those that wanted to do Trunk or Treat but didn’t have a show car to enter, the City sponsored a separate event for them in the upper parking lot by the library. It was a fun day for the kids (of all ages)!

Our thanks to the City of Stone Mountain for hosting us and to all our Club volunteers that made it happen in such an organized manner. This is a very complicated show with the actual car show, decorated car contest, costume contest (4 categories) and Trunk or Treat. A LOT going on!!

Costume Contest Winners: Best Male Costume: Jack Gilleland (who also took home top honors for Best Decorated Car), Best Female: Jean Rodrigo, Best Couple: Ricky & Tonya Lindsay and Best Kid: Ryan Patterson.

*See page 2 for a list of all the Show Car winners.*





# Cars & Costumes IN THE VILLAGE '23



See more photos of both "Cars & Costumes & the Varsity Cruise-in on our Facebook page



*Cars & Costumes* IN THE VILLAGE '23





*Cars & Costumes* IN THE VILLAGE '23







## Our November & December Shows




As we start to wind down the 2023 show season, we have TWO great shows in store for you. The first is our annual trip to the park, Briscoe Park in Snellville. This is ALWAYS a fun and well attended event, and this year should be no exception!

This year's show falls on Veteran's Day, so we thought we'd add a little Red, White and Blue to the day. We asked our friends at the Snellville chapter of the VFW (Veterans of Foreign Wars) to open the show with a special ceremony. We also have a FREE American flag for your car (while supplies last).

The show area will hold quite a few cars, but just in case we get more than expected, the Snellville Parks & Recreation Staff have worked hard to create several additional "overflow" areas, which are still "prime" locations. They have also lined up some tasty food vendors that will satisfy your taste buds!

Once again this year's charity will be the Snellville Police Department's "Shop With A Cop" program. SPD will be on hand, in full force, with a variety of their vehicles to look at and maybe even sit in (avoid sitting in the back seat LOL).

We will have our usual Best Classic, Best Modern and Top 20 popular choice awards along with an assortment of Special Awards.

Entry fee is \$20, with 100% going to our show charity. **DON'T MISS IT!!!**

## DECEMBER PREVIEW: Toys for Tots *Cruise-in!*

**DATE: Saturday, December 2nd**

**TIME: 11:00 am - 3:00 pm**

**LOCATION: Handy Ace Hardware**

**3969 Lawrenceville Hwy.**

**Tucker, GA 30084**



We wrap up our 2023 shows with another one of our favorites, our annual Toys for Tots Cruise-in. We will be back at Handy Ace Hardware, with our retired USMC guys helping us collect the toys and haul them away to distribute to all the kids. We are hard at work putting together all the things that make this show so great: a FREE event t-shirt, a charity auction and a bunch of awards. We are trying to get Santa to stop by for a visit. Mike Perry will be back with his burgers, hot dogs and BBQ. Sounds like fun, doesn't it? Make sure you put December 2nd on your calendar! Entry fee is a new unwrapped toy(s) with a minimum \$20 total value or a \$20 cash donation.



# Our Sponsors & Supporters

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## Some of the Charities We Support

			 <p>Raising funds for Georgia Breast Cancer Programs</p>
<p><b>Atlanta Animal Rescue Friends</b></p> 		 <p>Choose Life for Georgia's Pets!</p>	