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Welcome New Members: Lance & Mary Netland George Gilbert Justin Mooney

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## **Tucker Cruise-in Winners - June '23**





Above: Some of our "Cool Cruisers" that attended the June Cruise-in Below: "Sweet 16" Award Winner, Greg Rogers



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# 2023 Hub Shows & Events

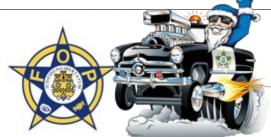


Cool Cars in Stone Mountain Village

Saturday, July 22nd 11:00 am - 3:00 pm Stone Mountain Railroad Depot 922 Main Street Stone Mountain, GA 30083 Fundraiser for Atlanta Animal Rescue Foundation (AARF)



Carter Hill Church Cruise-in Saturday, August 19th 11:00 am - 3:00 pm Carter Hill Christian Church 361 Punkin Junction Road Bethlehem, GA 30620



**"Santa Cop" Cruise-in** Saturday, September 16th 11:00 am - 3:00 pm Handy Ace Hardware 3969 Lawrenceville Hwy. Tucker, GA 30084 Fundraiser for DeKalb Fraternal Order of Police "Santa Cop" program for underprivileged kids



**Gool Cars & Costumes** Open Car Show & Halloween Costume Contest Saturday, October 21st 11:00 am - 3:00 pm Stone Mountain Railroad Depot 922 Main Street Stone Mountain, GA 30083 Fundraiser to Help END Breast Cancer



**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

Toys for Tots Cruise-in Saturday, December 2nd 11:00 am - 3:00 pm Handy Ace Hardware 3969 Lawrenceville Hwy. Tucker, GA 30084

Always check our Facebook page for the latest info on our shows!

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## **Other Local Events of Interest**



#### Friday, July 14th Collector Car Appreciation Day

Collector Car Appreciation Day is the second Friday of July each year. It has been sponsored by the SEMA Action Network (SAN) since 2009 to promote a love for vintage cars that are considered collector's items. SAN is basically a partnership between vehicle clubs, enthusiasts, and members of the specialty auto parts industry nationwide. The purpose of the partnership is to take all the required necessary steps to promote the hobby of collecting cars.

Tuesday, July 4th, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm, Dahlonega Car Club's 19th Annual July Car Show, Old Lumpkin County Courthouse, 150 Courthouse Hill, Dahlonega, GA. Awards, Music, Food, 50/50 Raffle, Door Prizes, Entry \$20. Proceeds benefit the Dahlonega/Lumpkin Co. Humane Society. *Info: www.DahlonegaCarClub.com* 

Saturday, July 15th, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm, Cruisin' for a Cause Car Show. The Fountain Church, 1985 Old Fountain Rd, Lawrenceville, GA 30043. *Info: 678-834-3996 or www.TheFountain.church* 

#### WEEKLY CRUISE-INS: Summit Racing Monday Night Cruise-ins, 6:00 - 8:00 pm. 20 King Mill Rd, McDonough, GA 30253. All Vehicles Welcome!

JULY CRUISE-IN DATES & Featured Vehicles: July 3rd - Ford Broncos July 10th - Mustangs, Falcons, Cougars & T-birds

July 17th - 1950's Cars & Motorcycles June 24th - Two Seat Sports Cars, Bikes & Trikes July 31st - Under Construction Project Cars

#### **MONTHLY CRUISE-INS:**

**1st Saturdays:** Classic Auto Rides, Buford High School, 4:00 - 7:00 pm. 2455 Buford Hwy, Buford, GA. *Info: classicautoridesga.com or Dustin* @ 678-524-5638

**2nd Saturdays:** Main Street Tucker. 11:00 am - 2:00 pm. *Info: TuckerCruisein.com* 

Last Saturdays: Gateway Classic Cars. 9:00 am -Noon, 1870 McFarland Pkwy, Alpharetta, GA 30005. *Info: 678-607-9286* 

Send us info on your favorite non-Club shows or Cruise-ins. Please send your submissions by the 15th of the month preceding the event.

# "COOL" Club Gear!



# GREAT LOOKING & COMFORTABLE!

We have the PERFECT polo & jacket for Summer!

We offer Cool-Dry polo shirts with the Club logo embroidered on the left chest and available in a variety of colors (\$35 & \$40\*).

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

These items are made to order, so please contact Rick for more details at 404-732-6842 or RNE680@mindspring.com.

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





#### **JUNE '23 CHARITY REPORT:**

Unfortunately, the biggest downside to the cancellation of the "HP at the PONY" show was that we were unable to fundraise for the event's charity, Planned PEThood of Georgia.

We will definitely keep this organization in our future plans. If you are looking for an animal rescue organization to donate to, please consider PPOG.

#### A New Home for "Cars & Costumes"



We have a new home for our "Cool Cars & Costumes" show! The City of Stone Mountain has been interested in this type of event for a while, but with us committed to the Pink Pony, they didn't have anyone that would step up and host it. When our situation with the Pony turned south, this was a perfect fit for both groups!

Their Gazebo will make a great stage for our Costume Contest, and being a more "family friendly" location, we are adding a kids category to the costume contest and "Trunk or Treat!"

Unfortunately, gone will be the cash prizes for the winning costumes and probably the event T-shirt, unless someone wants to step up and sponsor the shirts.

#### **REMINDER: July 1 Brookhaven Show**

Our show that was going to be held on Dresden Drive in Brookhaven on July 1st has been **cancelled**.

The Brookhaven Chamber of Commerce is doing a "show & shine" (no awards) in a City Park located at 4158 Peachtree Rd on the 1st.

#### In Our Thoughts & Prayers . . .

Please keep **Jim McGittigan** in your prayers. His Mother, Frances McGittigan, passed away in her sleep on June 21st.

#### 2023 Toys for Tots Cruise-in



Last year was not a banner year for our annual Toys for Tots campaign. Everything was going GREAT, at least up until show day when our "Grinch" stole Christmas with a very wet show day. Thanks to late donations at Handy Hardware, we ended up with a decent number of toys, along with quite a few extra event t-shirts.

This, combined with our retired Marine group losing their warehouse used for toy distribution, got us thinking if we need to scale back our efforts for 2023.

The good news is that the Marines are "allin" for this year, so we will continue with them once again. Now we need to decide if we want to do our usual "ALL-OUT" effort (sponsors, t-shirt, auction) or scale it back a tad and just concentrate on the toy & money collection.

Let us know your thoughts. If you want to go with the event T-shirt again, we will need sponsors.

#### **Our Membership/Mailing List**

We recently noticed that our membership and email list contains quite a few names. A lot of those belong to active members, but there are a number of names of members we haven't seen in quite a while. We know that people's interests change or they move away so it's time to "clean-up" our list. If you no longer want to receive our emails, please drop us a note (via email) and we will remove you.

If you still enjoy reading about our Club, we will be happy to leave you on it. If you are an ACTIVE member, but haven't paid your dues in the last year or so, please drop us a check in the mail, send a PayPal or pay in person at the next Club event.

Membership dues are one of the ways we are able to keep our Club running in the "black."



## A Fun Day in the Sun at the Tucker Main Street Cruis-in A GREAT Turnout of Cool Cruisers!

After hosting the very successful USO benefit only two weeks earlier, it was really nice to have a "no-work" event for June! We were lined up as the August "Big Block" sponsor for this monthly cruise-in, but the Tucker Cruisers were agreeable to swapping us to June to take the place of the canceled "HP at the Pony" show. It turned out to be a good swap, as over 25 Club cars showed up. Due to the date swap for our sponsorship, we were not able to get to park our cars down the middle of Main Street, although with the number of cars we brought, we would not have fit in that space anyway. What we did was to "take-over" an area on the far end of the show area, which worked out nicely. Some members came early and parked in the main area and a few came in with their "other" club, the featured Cadillac Club.

As a sponsor, we were able to set up a Club tent to give out info, show flyers and sell a few t-shirts. Thanks to some of our A-Team that helped set up our area. They are still trying to figure out how Rick got the canopy, table, easels, signs, t-shirts, chairs, flyers and literature racks in the trunk of his Challenger!

Normally we are not a fan of judged open shows, but Tucker Cruisers have an excellent formula for their shows. They select the "Sweet 16" winners each month along with 3 sponsor awards. Each owner can only win once during the year, so by the last show in October, there are quite a few winners taking home a plaque. We had one winner in June, Greg Rogers and his bright yellow Ford Bronco.

As the Big Block sponsor, the Cool Cruisers got to select one of the cars for an award. The task of selecting our favorite went to Jack Gilleland, who selected a beautiful Austin-Healey. The next Tucker Cruise-in is Saturday, July 8th, 11am - 2pm.



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# June 10th Tucker Main Street Cruise-in

















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# Dur July Show: Cool Cars in Stone Mountain Village



Saturday, July 22nd 11:00 am - 3:00 pm Stone Mountain Village 922 Main Street Stone Mountain, GA 30083

After the successful show last July, which was not an "official" Cool Cruiser event, we are excited about this year's show, which **IS** a Cool event! We will have the primary show area in the Depot parking lot on Main Street with additional parking on the paved area behind the Depot and the Library parking off Leon Street (where last year's show was). This area is connected to the Depot/Gazebo area via a crosswalk over the railroad, so everyone will be "connected" to the crowd! We should have ample parking for all the show cars. Spectator parking will be in the nearby Church parking lot.

We will have Mike Perry and his crew cooking up burgers, hot dogs and other treats. We are also working on having a vendor with some frozen treats to keep us "cool" on a hot July day. There are also several restaurants along Main Steet for "sit-down dining." There are a limited number of vendor spaces available, please contact Heidi with the City of Stone Mountain for more info (70-498-8984 ext 146 or email: hmeraz@StoneMountainCity.org).

As always, we will feature our famous Popular Choice Awards (Best Classic, Best Modern, Top 15 and several Special Awards), Door Prizes, 50/50 Raffle and our Oldies Music.

We will be supporting local animal rescue group AARF (Atlanta Animal Rescue Friends) with our entry donations and 50/50 proceeds.

Make your plans to attend and spread the word to all your car buds!

# **AUGUST PREVIEW: Carter Hill Church Show in Bethlehem**

DATE: Saturday, August 19th TIME: 11:00 am - 3:00 pm LOCATION: Carter Hill Christian Church 361 Punkin Junction Road Bethlehem, GA 30620

Last year's show was absolutely AMAZING! We were planning for a maximum of around 75 show cars, given the available parking, so we were quite surprised when we ended up with nearly 175, plus a lot of spectators!



Somehow everyone found a space! This year, we will be more prepared for a large crowd, in all aspects of the show: registration, parking, sound and food!

Rick, Larry Navarre and Tom Chick are already working on plans on how to take care of another large crowd at this year's show! Make sure you put this one on your "short list!"

