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TIME TO RENEW?

Please send \$30 (\$40 for USPS mail Newsletter) to:
Georgia Cool Cruisers
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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

2019



“Cool” Club Get-together

Saturday, January 12th ♦ 1 pm
Georgia Diner ♦ Pleasant Hill Rd in Duluth

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2018 Toys for Tots Cruise-in Winners



BEST CLASSIC:

Ted Fisher, 1936 Ford Roadster

BEST MODERN:

*Larry Vaitkus, 2015 Chevrolet Stingray

TOP 15:

Dave Williams, 1981 American LaFrance Firetruck

Omar Aviles, 1947 Ford Sedan

*Allan Roth, 1957 Chevrolet Bel Air

*David & Jennifer Wade, 1960 Jaguar Mark 9 (MK IX)

*Art Coates, 1969 Ford Galaxie 500XL convertible

*Theresa Leach, 1966 Ford Mustang

*John Bailey, 1964 Chevrolet Impala

*Linda Mobley, 1964 Ford Mustang

Arthur Sheppard, 1957 Chevrolet 150 2 door

*Frank Cuddy, 1955 Ford Crown Victoria

Harold Cape, 1977 Ford Bronco

Bill & Arlene Mayfield, 1965 Plymouth Barracuda

Bill & Terri Davis, 1964 Chevrolet Corvette

*Fred Hartley, 1963 Ford Falcon convertible

Lynn Joseph, 1966 Dodge Dart 270 convertible

MARINES' FINEST:

Andy Sarratt, 1931 Ford "Ratrod"

HOST'S FAVORITE:

*Roger Broderson, 1969 Ford Mustang fastback

SANTA'S PICK:

Rick Horne, 1923 Ford T-Bucket

COOLEST CRUISER:

Joe Leach, 1977 Chevrolet Camaro



**Best Modern
Winner:**

Larry Vaitkus'
2015 Chevy
Stingray

* Denotes Club Member



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2019 Club Shows & Events

Here is what we have planned so far for 2019. We will be finalizing dates as soon as we can. NOTE: All info is subject to change!

I'm SICK of Winter **Sweetheart Cruise-in**

Saturday, February 9th
11:00 am - 3:00 pm
Colossus Pizza
4369 Hugh Howell Road
Tucker, GA 30084



Hot Rods at Hayes of Baldwin

Saturday, May 25th
10:00 am - 2:00 pm
Hayes Family Dealerships
3660 Georgia Hwy 365
Baldwin, GA 30511

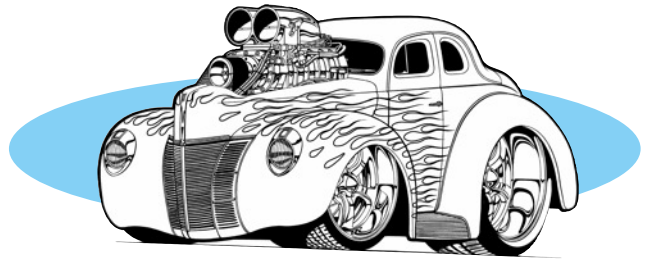
Horsepower at the Pony

Summer (Date TBA)
The Pink Pony
1837 Corporate Blvd
Brookhaven, GA 30219

Rods for Rescues

Sunday, October 13th
Noon - 4:00 pm
Gwinnett Technical School
5150 Sugarloaf Parkway
Lawrenceville, GA 30043

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



Cool Cars at Coolray

Date TBA (Sept/Oct)
10:00 am - 2:00 pm
Coolray Field
(Gwinnett Stripers &
Atlanta United 2 Stadium)
2500 Buford Drive
Lawrenceville, GA 30043

Cars & Costumes

Car Show & Costume Contest
Saturday, October 26th
Noon - 4:00 pm
The Pink Pony
1837 Corporate Blvd
Brookhaven, GA 30219

Toys for Tots Cruise-in

Saturday, December 7th
11:00 am - 3:00 pm
The Greater Good BBQ
4431 Hugh Howell Road
Tucker, GA 30084



Other Shows & Cruise-ins of Interest

Events from Our Club Sponsors:

Last Saturdays, Cars & Coffee, 9:00 am - Noon, Gateway Classic Cars, 1870 McFarland Parkway, Alpharetta, GA 30005

Last Saturdays, Caffeine & Classics Cruise-In, 9:00 am - Noon, Streetside Classics 213 Thornton Road, Suite 400, Lithia Springs, GA 30122

January Cruise-ins & Swap Meet:

Saturday, January 5th, NE Georgia Swap Meet. 7:00 am - 1:00 pm, Atlanta Dragway. 500 E Ridgeway Road, Commerce, GA 30529. Info: Brad at (706) 424-5035

Sunday, January 6th, Caffeine & Octane, 7:00 am - 11:00 am, Perimeter Mall, 4400 Ashford-Dunwoody Rd, Dunwoody, GA 30346.

Holiday Party & Member/Sponsor Recognition

We had a nice size crowd attend Our Holiday Party at The Greater Good BBQ. The food was good and the service great! Everyone had a fun time, and really enjoyed the Ornament Exchange.

We also recognized our Sponsors and our "A-Team" of club volunteers.

Our Diamond level sponsors are:

Denny Williams Motor Sports,

Streetside Classics, Hayes Family Dealerships and Gateway Classic Cars. Gold level sponsors are: **Don Brock/Riverside Atlanta Builders, Mike Perry/Tucker Welding and Bill & Leigh Whatley/Turn One Classics.** We also recognized **Mike Thies/Southeast Wheels Events** for both sponsoring, co-hosting and publicizing our events. We have a large group of sponsors that also help our Club in many ways. *Please see page 10 for a complete listing.*

This year's A-Team members are: **Donna Wilson, Rochelle Ziglin, Sharon Ellis, Larry Vaitkus, Dale Xenos, Tilly Lanier, Steve & Karen O'Neal, Steve Freeman, Larry Navarre, Pat Durbin, Steve McKeague, Brent Mann, Fred Hartley, Roy Rhymer, Dennis Jackson, Dale Ellis, Amber Behnken, Jim Flowers and Dennis Behnken (Volunteer Coordinator).**



2018 Charity Collections Top \$32,000!!!

We had another really good year of charity fundraising in 2018! We collected over \$32,000 for some great causes including: **Toys for Tots - \$8,000 (cash plus estimated value of toys), Susan G. Komen (Breast Cancer Research/Treatment) - \$4,033, Hot Rodders Children's Charity - \$3,100, Pet Rescue Organizations (includes FurKids, LifeLine, Good Mews, Planned PETHood and others) - \$8,295 and 4Sarah (an organization that helps women in crisis) - \$2,430.** There are also many other organizations that we helped during the year. The total includes shows that we helped other organizations put on that used our charity collection format.

We are very proud of our Club and our **"Cars for a Cause"** charity collections. 100% of ALL show proceeds, the 50/50 raffles and our auctions go to the charity. Our costs are paid from membership dues and sponsorships. *We are well over \$150,000 since the club formed in 2013.*

CLUB NEWS & UPDATES

December Charity Collections



In spite of a one day rain delay, we had a GREAT Toys for Tots collection! Our show at **The Greater Good BBQ** netted **400 Toys, 20 Bikes** and **\$2675 in Cash** (entry donations and auction proceeds).

The Club added another **\$500**.

Thanks to all our Show Sponsors and those that contributed!

Our December **Varsity Cruise-in** collected funds for a local needy family for Christmas.

We collected a total of **\$250**.

Sweetheart Cruise-in



We had to search for a new venue for our popular "I'm Sick of Winter" Sweetheart Cruise-in.

The shopping center where Old Hickory House is located is being re-developed, and is not available. We decided to move it to **Colossus Pizza** in Tucker. They have a large parking lot and a patio area with garage doors that will be perfect for the unpredictable February weather. They also have a full menu, from burgers to pizza and Greek dishes.



Want to Host an Event?

Many have asked about us having a show (or other event) at one of their favorite places.

This is always possible, if we have an open date in our schedule.

Here is what you need to do . . . We ask you to do the preliminary "foot-work" by contacting the owner/manager of the location and see if they are interested. We ask our hosts to also help us with show costs, since they will benefit from the increased show day business.

Show locations needs are pretty basic: decent parking for show cars, food (restaurant or outside vendors), electricity and restroom facilities.

After your initial contact, please contact Rick with your findings.

Wednesday Breakfast



If you haven't joined our every Wednesday breakfast group, please make your plans to do so! We meet at 9:30 at:

Denny's
5534 Jimmy Carter Blvd
Norcross, GA 30092

In Our Prayers . . .

Please keep member **Lexi Gay** in your prayers. She is recovering from recent surgery.

Please let us know of anyone that is in need of our prayers and we will add them!

Thanks, Karen!

Our Thanks go out to **Karen O'Neal** for the *FANTASTIC* job she did on our Toys for Tots auctions. Not only did she do *ALL* the work on the Silent Auction, she donated many of the items that were sold, and helped on the Outcry Auction!

Also, our thanks to **Steve O'Neal** (*Karen's #1 assistant*), **Roger Broderson**, our Auctioneer and **Sharon Ellis**, the auction Cashier.

We made over **\$1,700** on the auctions, a *new record*! All proceeds went to Toys for Tots to purchase more toys!

Club Jackets



What's "Cool" but keeps you warm? Our Club jackets!

Our new style (pictured above) has become quite popular lately, and for a few good reasons: they look great, versatile, user friendly (a hood and lots of pockets).

They are available in 4 color combinations: Black/Gray, Red/Gray, Navy/Gray and Royal/Gray, sizes Small - 4X. Prices start at \$90. Contact Rick for ordering info.

An EXCELLENT Toys For Tots Cruise-in, Even with a Rain Delay

We Fought the Rain and the KIDS WON!!!

The weather has wreaked havoc on a bunch of our events this year and it tried to rain out our "Toys for Tots" event at the Greater Good BBQ in Tucker. But apparently Santa put in a good word for us when we had to postpone from Saturday to Sunday because the AccuWeather App said that the sun would come out at noon on Sunday . . . and at 12:01 pm the sun broke through the clouds. The Greater Good Staff opened up our space early so we could set up and our amazing Club volunteers showed up in force to make it happen. Karen and Steve O'Neal set up the Silent Auction on the covered patio while the rest of the volunteers set up registration, door prizes, music and parking.

The Marines showed up with a big red trailer that would make Santa proud. We had a big pile of toys ready and waiting for them and collected many more by the end of the show, almost filling the entire trailer. Registration was a donation or new, unwrapped toy. Many participants brought a BAG of toys and some brought toys AND donated. The weather was good enough that everyone who lunched was able to eat outside and enjoy watching cool cars arriving for the Show.

We had a lively half-time auction to supplement our Silent Auction, the combined total raised was almost \$1800! By the time we added donations, 100% of the 50/50 (thanks to Lynn for donating back her winnings!!) and the Club donation, we raised \$3,150 and collected 420 toys.

As always, this event would not have been possible without our generous Sponsors and hard-working "elves." It's a huge paycheck of the heart to watch Club members, Club Sponsors, the hosting venue, the Marines and community come together to help local families provide joy to their children at Christmas. Thanks to everyone who helped to make this happen.



More photos from our **Toys for Vets Cruise-in**



A Chilly, Cloudy Day for Our Last Cruise-in

A Few Die-hards Brave The Varsity in Norcross

We had a chilly, cloudy day for our final monthly cruise-in at The Varsity. We did have some *QUALITY* show cars, but once again lacked in *QUANTITY*.

The idea of a Sunday afternoon cruise-in at a “car-friendly” place with music, a few awards and affordable food seemed like a “can’t miss” idea. *It missed.* We are really not sure why it didn’t catch on, although the weather was against us on quite a few show days.

We decided to stop beating the horse and pronounced it dead . . .

We appreciate **The Varsity** for hosting us, **Streetside Classics** for sponsoring us and Mike Thies and **Southeast Wheels Events** for being our co-host. We hope to return to The Varsity for some single events in the near future.

We had our donation bowl out and collected \$250 that will help a local needy family have a better Christmas. *Our thanks to all that supported the cruise-in during the past two years.*



More photos from the December **VARSITY** Cruise-in



DECEMBER AWARD WINNERS:

L-R: **Coolest Cruiser:** Jack Price, '71 Chevy Malibu, **"Top Wheels":** Tom Webster, '31 Ford Street Rod, **Santa** (Mike Thies), **Streetside Classic:** Hal King, '09 Shelby Mustang, **Varsity Favorite:** Tony Stout, '70 Pontiac GTO. *Not Pictured:* **Best Decorated Car:** Rick Ellis, '04 Chrysler Crossfire



"Cool" Club Get-together for January

Saturday, January 12th

1:00 pm

The Georgia Diner

1655 Pleasant Hill Rd, Duluth



We wanted to do something to get the new year started, but didn't want to take a chance on the weather for a show, so we decided to have an informal get-together for lunch.

Please RSVP to Rick, so we can give the Diner a count. Menu at www.MyGeorgiaDiner.com

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Some of the Charities We Support



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