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## MARCH EVENTS

Wednesday, March 22nd to  
Sunday, March 26th



**GCC at AIAS '17**

## THE VARSITY GWINNETT



*Cruise-in*

Sunday, March 19th  
4:00 - 7:00 pm

**"Cool" Club Meeting**  
Sunday, March 5th  
1:00 pm

Greater Good BBQ  
4431 Hugh Howell Rd  
Tucker, GA 30084



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## Welcome New Members!

Roy Rhymer  
Ken Yokelson  
Tom Dixon  
Jim & Eloise Nelson  
Rick & Mary Lehner  
Jon Halsac  
David Wentz  
Randy Charles

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## Sweetheart Cruise-in Winners



### Best Classic:

Mitchell Durden, 1965 Mercury Comet Cyclone

### Best Modern:

Charles & Martha Franklin, 2000 Chevy Camaro Z-28

### Popular Choice TOP 15:

Tom Schmidt, 1965 Pontiac GTO Convertible  
Lloyd Johnson, 1957 Chevrolet 210 Hardtop  
Sammy Wade, 1955 Oldsmobile 88 Holiday Coupe  
Andy Sarratt, 1962 Chevrolet Bel Air  
\*Bill Musarra, 1966 Ford GT 40  
\* "Falcon Fred" Hartley, 1963 Ford Falcon Convertible  
\*Alan & Rochelle Ziglin, 1968 Pontiac Grand Prix  
Norman Malone, 1950 Ford Crestliner  
\*Nat McFarland, 1930 Ford "A" Model Pick-up  
Jim Shockley, 1936 Dodge Business Coupe  
Ernie Stephens, 1967 Pontiac GTO  
Bill Puckett, 1957 Oldsmobile Super 88 Holiday  
Lane Campbell, 1937 Ford 2 door  
Blake Thompson, 1969 Chevrolet Nova SS  
Robert & Martha Phillips, 1972 Pontiac Bonneville

### Ladies' Choice:

\*Dennis Williams, 2000 Chevrolet SSR  
Featured Club's Favorite (SE GTO Club):

\*Donald King, 1956 Oldsmobile 88

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

\*Mike Walling, 1967 Pontiac GTO

### "House Favorite" (Old Hickory House):

Charles Zingraf, 1983 Mercedes 380SL

### "Coolest Cruiser" (Club Award)

Calvin Cannon, 1933 Ford 40



**"Best Classic"**  
**Winner:**  
Mitchell Durden's  
'65 Mercury  
Comet Cyclone

\* Denotes Club Member

# 2017 Club Shows & Events

## "Holy Roller" Car Show

Saturday, April 29, 2017

11:00 am - 3:00 pm

St. David's Episcopal Church

1015 Old Roswell Road

Roswell, GA 30076

## "Hot Rods at Hayes"

Saturday, May 20th

10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Hayes Dealerships of Baldwin

3660 GA Hwy 365

Alto, GA 30510

## Memorial Weekend Car Show

Saturday, May 27th

11:00 am - 3:00 pm

The Home Depot - Doraville

4343 Tilly Mill Road

Atlanta, GA 30360

## "Cool Rides & Rescues"

Sunday, June 11th

1:00 - 4:00 pm

Decatur Estate Antique Mall

2272 Lawrenceville Hwy

Decatur, GA 30033

## Cool Cars at Coolray Field

Saturday, September 23rd

10:00 am - 2:00 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 - 4:00 pm

The Pink Pony

1837 Corporate Blvd

Brookhaven, GA 30329

***IN THE WORKS . . . Watch for updates!***

## Local Heroes Benefit

Supporting Our Local Police Officers  
and Firefighters

Early July, 2017

The Greater Good BBQ

4431 Hugh Howell Road

Tucker, GA 30084

## "Horsepower at the Pony"

The Pink Pony

1937 Corporate Blvd

Brookhaven, GA 30329

## Toys for Tots Cruise-In

Date & Location TBA

## MONTHLY CRUISE-IN



## The Varsity Gwinnett Cruise-In

Third Sundays

4:00 - 7:00 pm

6045 Dawson Blvd  
Norcross, GA 30093

I-85 Exit 99 (Jimmy Carter Blvd)

No  
Show  
On  
Easter  
Sunday



# Other Cruise-Ins, Shows & Events

## CRUISE-INS

### Cars & Coffee

Saturday, March 25th

9:00 am - Noon

Gateway Classic Cars

1870 McFarland Parkway

Alpharetta, GA 30005

*Gateway Classic Cars is now doing  
Cars & Coffee year round!*

## CAR SHOWS

### Benefit for "Kermit"

Saturday, March 18th

10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Streetside Classics

213 Thornton Road, Suite 400

Lithia Springs, GA 30122

*Benefit to help with Medical Expenses  
for Kermit Harper*

### Monroe Classic Car Show

Saturday, March 18th

9:00 am - 4:30 pm

Downtown Monroe, GA

Around the Courthouse

*Rain date: March 25th*

### Motor Masters Car Show

Saturday, April 8th

11:00 am - 4:00 pm

Holly Hill Mall

189 West Athens Street

Winder, Georgia 30680

*All proceeds will go towards the automotive  
students purchasing a used vehicle, repairing it  
and donating the vehicle to The Peace Place,  
a local battered women's shelter.*

***Send us your Favorite Car Events!***



### Atlanta Motorama

*Presented by*

*Summit Racing Equipment*

**Saturday, April 22nd**

**Sunday, April 23rd**

**Atlanta Motor Speedway**

1500 Tara Place

Hampton, GA 30228

## SWAP MEET

### Northeast Georgia Swap Meet

Saturday, March 4th

7:00 am - 1:30 pm

**Atlanta Dragway, Commerce, GA**

Vendor spaces: \$20, Spectator entry: \$5.

Information: Brad @ 706-424-5035



**From  
Our  
February  
Cruise-In  
at The  
Varsity**

**Our next  
Varsity  
event  
Sunday  
March 19th  
4:00 pm**



## CAR SHOW FINDERS

Online at:

**SoutheastWheelsEvents.com**

*Club Member Mike Thies' GREAT Website!*

Printed publication (Subscription):

**Ragtops & Runningboards**

5956 Kemp Dr, Acworth, GA 30102

**RagtopsRunningboards@hotmail.com**

**770-974-5513**

# CLUB NEWS & UPDATES

## March Birthdays



*Happy Birthday To ...*

Lamar Hart 1st  
 Roger Broderson 3rd  
 Mike Hayes 5th  
 Dave Sterne 6th  
 Colin Dailey 7th  
 Chaz Lazarian 10th  
 Robert Cheney 14th  
 Bob Stinnett 16th  
 Bob Rio 18th  
 Spencer Ecklund 19th  
 Thad Barnes 22th  
 David Spake 23rd  
 Terry Mell 28th  
 Mike Walling 30th  
 Dan Quartarone 30th

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

## March Charity Collections

The **Sweetheart Cruise-In** raised \$2050 for **Susan G. Komen for the Cure**.

**Dave & Buster's** Charity was **Hot Rodders Children's Charity**. We collected a total of \$1,000 for them. Thanks to Frankie Palisi for donating your 50/50 winnings!

The February **Varsity Cruise-In** collected donations for **Good Mews**, a Cat rescue group. Our total for the kitties was \$510!

We are off to an AMAZING start for 2017! *Thanks to all that donated!*



**"Like" Us on Facebook!**

We are up to **612 Likes!**  
 Please "Share" our FB Events posts on your page!

## AIAS '17 Sponsors

Producing our presence at the Atlanta International Auto Show is EXPENSIVE! We create an event T-Shirt, have Car Boards for each car, signs, banners, flyers and snack for the volunteers, plus a bunch of other expenses.

*Our THANKS to this year's generous sponsors:*

- Dennis Williams  
 Denny Williams  
 Motor Sports
- Gateway Classic Cars

• Donald King  
*In Support of USO Georgia*

- Lexi Gay Racing
- Mike Thies  
 Southeast Wheels Events

- Bill & Leigh Whatley  
 Turn One Classic Cars

- Sharon Ellis  
 Mark Kay Consultant  
**Club Caps and T-Shirts**



Club T-shirts and caps will be available at all Club events. Small to XL, \$15, 2XL and 3XL are \$18.

We have a variety of colors of our Club caps at \$20 ea.

## "Wonderful Wednesdays" at Cracker Barrel



We are still doing our weekly Breakfast at Cracker Barrel in Norcross. Please join us on Wednesdays at 9:30. The Cracker Barrel is located at 6175 McDonough Drive NW, Norcross, GA 30093

## Club Hauler!



**Dale Xenos** has helped us for a good while in transporting show stuff from our HQ (Rick's garage) to and from the shows.

We he found a way to help EVEN MORE! He bought a neighbor's "distressed" trailer and renovated it for club use!

THANKS, DALE! We really, really appreciate this!

## The "A Team"

Speaking of the "A Team," just a few words to thank ALL the members that have come out to help at our shows!

We have also had a bunch of newer members step up and help out!

Set-up and tear down go QUICKLY, and registration and other show functions are done efficiently and with a smile!



## *The COOL CRUISERS Invade the Georgia World Congress Center*

### **35th Annual Atlanta International Auto Show**

We are in the final stages preparing for another appearance at the "BIG SHOW!" We REALLY love being a part of the new car show every year, showcasing a group of our Classics, Muscle Cars and other "Cool Cars."

This show requires a "Team Effort," from selecting the cars, producing our display, moving in the cars and working a long week at the shows. But it is a "labor of love," all of which would never happen without all our dedicated members!

As of press time, we have 25 cars lined up for areas in the Congress Center lobby and 8,000 square feet inside the main show area. We may have spaces for a few more as the final layout is completed.

Thanks to our generous sponsors (*see page 5 for a list of the sponsors*) for helping make this event financially possible. We will be producing an event t-shirt that our volunteers will receive to wear at the show. Speaking of volunteers, WE NEED YOU! We have Club members at the show during all hours the show is open to the public. Trust us, being there is FUN! We get to meet THOUSANDS of spectators that LOVE looking and talking about our cars. To make it more user-friendly for our staff, we will have some creature comforts . . . Keurig coffee maker, cold soft drinks & water and fresh donuts every morning. We will have a limited supply of show tickets for family members. Sorry, but we can't help with parking expenses.

If you would like to help, please contact Rick (404-732-6842 / RNE680@mindspring.com) or Dennis Behnken (770-900-3025 / BehnkenD@bellsouth.net). We have various shifts to fill, with the biggest need in the evening and all day Saturday. Here are the show hours:

**Wed, March 22: 12:00 noon - 9:00 p.m.**

**Thurs, March 23: 12:00 noon - 9:00 p.m.**

**Fri, March 24: 12:00 noon - 10:00 p.m.**

**Sat, March 25: 10:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.**

**Sun, March 26: 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.**

The **Georgia World Congress Center** is located at 285 Northside Drive NW, Atlanta, GA 30313. Exit 248C (Ivan Allen, Jr Blvd) off I-85.

## **February Varsity Cruise-In Draws 110+ Show Cars!**

### **SPECIAL AWARD WINNERS**

#### **Streetside Classics' Award:**

**Norman Malone, '50 Ford Crestliner**

#### **"Scout's Honor" Award:**

**Don & Annette Brock, '57 300C**

#### **Vet's Favorite Award:**

**James Porter, '40 Lincoln K**

#### **Varsity's Favorite:**

**JC Cannon, '33 Ford**

#### **Coollest Cruiser**

**Brent Mann, '66 Chevy Impala**

Our February event was *even better* than the first one. We even hosted the presentation of a Chevy pick-up to a needy Vet! Join us for our next show on **Sunday, March 19th!**





## ***120 Registered Show Cars and \$2,050 for Charity!*** **Sweetheart Cruise-In a “Sweet” Success**

We *REALLY* lucked out on the weather! Although we had a cloudy day, it was very mild and **NO RAIN!** It really did look like everyone was “Sick of Winter,” as we **PACKED** the parking lot with 130+ show cars! Our “Featured Club,” the **Southeastern GTO Club** brought 17 cars!

The show was Fabulous and Friendly and ran smoothly, thanks to our hard working group of volunteers, more commonly know as the “A Team!”

Charity collections were quite good too, with a grand total of \$2050.00 collected to benefit Susan G. Komen for the Cure (Breast Cancer research & local services).



**See page 2 for a list of all the show Winners**



***We Fought the Rain and WE WON!***

## 70+ Show Cars Brave the Weather at Dave & Buster's

We gambled on the rain ending by show time, and guess what? *IT DID!* Usually on a less than great weather day, the number and quality of show cars drop dramatically, but we ended up with a very nice collection for our first ever show at Dave & Buster's!

We really appreciate all that came out, especially the **Georgia Street Rod Association**, our Featured Club.

Our thanks to **Mike Thies** and **Southeast Wheels Events**, who co-hosted the show with us. We raised \$1,000 for the **Hot Rodder's Children's Charity** . . . *All in all, a pretty good day!*

*Special Thanks to all our members that helped out and supported the show!*



### **THE WINNERS!**

#### **Best in Show:**

**Mitchell Durden, '65 Mercury Comet**

#### **TOP 15 Winners:**

**Joe Hatfield, '32 Ford Sedan**

**\*William Halsac, '67 Pontiac Firebird**

**Jim Matthews, '68 Shelby GT-350**

**\*Larry Vaitkus, '15 Chevy Corvette**

**Ron Bergenon, '55 Buick Special**

**Richie Evans, '54 Chevy 3100 truck**

**Jimmy Knox, '65 Ford Mustang**

**Bob Baker, '32 Ford Sedan**

**\*Victoria Willetts, '69 Olds 442**

**Sara Downey, '64 Pontiac Tempest**

**Tom Jackson, '37 Plymouth P4 Delux**

**\*Bill Musarra, '66 Ford GT 40**

**Barry Schumacher, '33 Ford Cabriolet**

**Craig Freeman, '16 Ford EcoBoost**

**\*Mike Carkuff, '59 Desoto Sportsman**

#### **Streetside Classic's Sponsor Award:**

**Larry Barnaby, '68 Chevy Camaro**

#### **Featured Club's Favorite (GSRA):**

**Chris Barnaby, '53 Dodge Truck**

#### **Dave & Buster's Favorite:**

**\*Alan Ziglin, '59 Pontiac Bonneville**

#### **Jay Leno Award:**

**\*Fred Hartley, '63 Ford Falcon**

#### **GCC's Coolest Cruiser Award**

**Jimmy Allen, '40 Ford Coupe**





# UPCOMING "COOL" CLUB EVENTS



## Club Meeting at the Greater Good BBQ

**Sunday, March 5th ♦ 1:00 pm - 3:30 pm**

**4431 Hugh Howell Road ♦ Tucker, GA 30084**

This is a meeting for planning . . . Final plans for the Auto Show, plans for Motorama at AMS, plans for Toys for Tots, plans for Cruises . . . *Well, you get the idea!*

Don't be shy, come tell us what you want, and what you can help us do in 2017! While you are here, enjoy some great BBQ and social time with fellow club members. Bring out your "Cool" ride too! ALL Members are encouraged to attend!

## Sunday, March 19th - The Varsity Gwinnett Cruise-In

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



If you haven't been to one of our Varsity Cruise-Ins, make your plans to attend in March! We had 110+ cars in February and consumes countless Chili Dogs and a "mountain" of rings!

This event is FUN and FREE, but as we always do, we support our charities. The March show will be accepting donations for Furkids Animal Rescue organization.

No voting, but 5 special awards will be presented. This show is co-hosted by us and **SoutheastWheelsEvents.com**

## Join or Support "Team Cool Cruisers for a Cure"

# Susan G. Komen 5K Race for the Cure



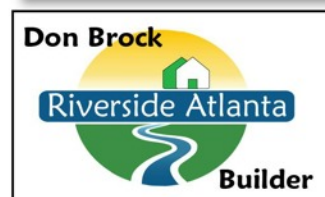
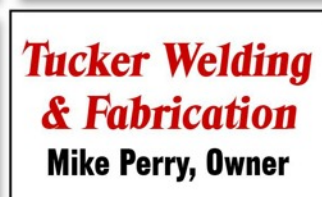
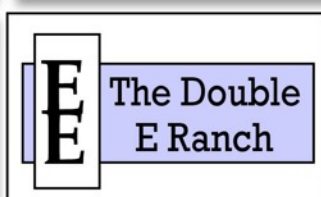
Team "Cool Cruisers for a Cure" is up to 6 team members (*welcome, Wendy Bailey!!*), so we're looking for at least 4 more to join the team. We need to have 10 registered team members by **May 13th** to be considered a team for the Race. Team members are not required to physically participate on Race Day, so you can join even if you're not sure you'll be in town for the Race. The Race is on **Saturday, May 13th at 8:00 am.**

The Race is a walk/run that leaves from Lenox Mall, loops for 3.1 miles (5K) and ends back at Lenox Mall. Komen Atlanta does not require fundraising for the Race but we'd like all team members to commit to raising \$125 each. Team members who work a GCC event that fundraises for the Race will split the donations. Our Team is currently #1 in fundraising! Rick is currently #3 for individual fundraising, Sharon is #4 and Donna is #9.

75% of the money raised by the Race for the Cure stays in the 13-country metro Atlanta Area to help women and men get breast care services they need, 25% goes to Komen National for breast cancer research.

Registration is currently \$30 for adults and survivors, \$20 for youth (age 12 and under), Sleep in for the Cure is \$50. Registration fees go up by \$5 on March 1st, so register by February 28th to avoid the increase. **Contact Sharon at 404-732-6843 is you have any questions about the Race for the Cure.**

# Our Sponsors & Supporters



*Please Support our Sponsors and Charities*

## Charities We Support



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