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Providence Christian Academy Winners**BEST in SHOW:**

*Ken & Susan Miller, 1969 Mercury Cougar XR-7

TOP 10:

*Mike Perry, 1975 Chevrolet Blazer K5

Joe Wamsley, 1957 Chevrolet pick-up

J.C. Cannon, 1933 Ford Sedan

Ted Moon, 1955 Chevrolet Bel Air

*Andy Sarratt, 1965 Chevrolet Corvette Sport Coupe

Marshall Ivey, 1966 Chevrolet Impala SS

Daryl Haynes, 1984 Chevrolet Monte Carlo

*Jack Gilleland, 1939 Chevrolet ½ ton truck Rat Rod

Duncan Kreps, 1970 Pontiac Trans-Am

Donnie & Kathy Hall, 1971 Chevrolet Nova

Host's Favorite (PCA Basketball Team):

John Stone, 1956 GMC truck

Coollest Cruiser (Club's Award):

Tim & Jean Rodrigo, 1972 Pontiac LeMans Sport

* Denotes GCC Club Member

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2024 Club Shows & Events



Part of the
Gwinnett Public
Safety Festival

Cool Cars at Coolray Field

Saturday, September 7th

10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Coolray Field

2500 Buford Drive

Lawrenceville, GA 30043

Fundraiser for Hot Rodders Children's Charity



"SANTA COP" Cruise-in

Saturday, September 21st

11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Handy Ace Hardware

3969 Lawrenceville Highway

Tucker, GA 30084

Fundraiser for Fraternal Order of Police
"SANTA COP" program

Cool Cruisers Club Meeting

NEW "COOL" DATE!

Sunday, October 13th

11:00 am - 2:00 pm

Andy Sarratt's Garage

125 Paine Crossing Road

Social Circle, GA 30025

Rain Dates are 1 week after the original show date unless otherwise noted. Our Coolray show is Rain or Shine. Check our Facebook page for the latest updates.



Cool Cars & Costumes at The Pony

Car Show & Halloween Costume Contest

Saturday, October 19th

Noon - 4:00 pm

The Pink Pony

1837 Corporate Boulevard NE

Brookhaven, GA 30329

Fundraiser to help END Breast Cancer



Cool Cars at Briscoe Park

FALL SHOW

Saturday, November 9th

11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Snellville's Briscoe Park

2500 Sawyer Parkway

Snellville, GA 30078

Fundraiser for Snellville PD's "Shop With A Cop"



Toys for Tots Cruise-in

Saturday, December 7th

11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Handy Ace Hardware

3969 Lawrenceville Hwy.

Tucker, GA 30084

CLUB NEWS & UPDATES



Fundraiser Report for August:

STORM Girls Basketball

The show at Providence Christian Academy didn't start out as a Club event but it ended up being one. It was a fundraiser for the school's Girls Basketball team to help with the costs of their basketball camp. The show raised an amazing \$2,050, quite a feat for a first show!

Coach Ken Aldredge was absolutely *THRILLED* with the results! Our thanks to all our members that came out and supported the show!

Time to Sign Up as a 2024 Toys for Tots Show Sponsor!



Yes, we know it's still HOT weather and NO ONE wants to think about Christmas yet. BUT it's time for us to start lining up sponsors for our 17th Annual Toys for Toys Cruise-in at **Handy Hardware** in Tucker. We are hoping to get enough sponsors to cover the costs of an event T-shirt.

Sponsorship levels are:

SILVER: \$100, GOLD: \$250 and DIAMOND: \$500 and up. All sponsors will get their name or company logo on the back of the event T-shirt and recognition during the show.

Please contact Rick to sign up or for more information.

Remember we are a 501c3 non-profit organization, so your sponsorship donations are tax deductible!

Volunteers Needed for Coolray Field and Santa Cop Shows!

We will need more than our usual "handful" of Club volunteers for these shows, so please consider helping us out! We need help in ALL areas of the shows!

Please contact **Paul Benham** ASAP! His contact info is on page 2. *Thanks in Advance!*

New Home for the 2025 Sweetheart Cruise-in!

We are pleased to announce we have secured a new host venue for our 2025 season opener, the "I'm SICK of Winter" Sweetheart Cruise-in!

We are returning to the show's "roots" in the Tucker/Stone Mountain area to **Smoke Rise Baptist Church** on Hugh Howell Road. The show will be on Saturday, February 15, 2025 from 11:00 am - 3:00 pm.

Many of you know this location as they have hosted a late Spring show for many years. We are excited to add this venue to our schedule!

New PA Speakers!



It's hard to believe that our Club has been around for over 11 years now. A lot of our equipment, such as our PA speakers, has been around almost as long and they are showing their age. They have been out in the heat, rained on, blown over and more, so it was time to replace and upgrade.

We found an EXCELLENT deal online recently, 2 - 15" 1600 watt and 2 - 12" 1200 watt ones, all in water resistant ABS lightweight cases.

We tried out the 2 large ones at the Pony show and the 2 smaller ones at the Providence show and were quite impressed with the sound quality. We will use all 4 at the Coolray show with high hopes of better sound coverage over previous years with our much smaller speakers.

Cool Cruisers' Gear

Remember you can always contact Rick for any of your Cool Cruisers needs: Polo Shirts, Wind-breakers, Name Badges or anything you would like us to produce. See page 2 for Rick's contact info.

A GREAT New Venue and a SUNNY Day Make for a Fun Event!
Providence Christian Academy's 1st Show Was a Success!

When we were first contacted about helping with this show, it was NOT going to be an “official” Club event, but merely another one of Rick’s “Projects.” Our Club Meeting was going to be our monthly event for August, but with the Summer heat wave, we moved the meeting to a “Cooler” time and decided to slide this show in it’s place. As it turned out, it was a very good decision!

This show was organized pretty close to the show date, meaning a lot less time to get the word out, but we still had a very nice crowd of over 70 show cars! We had a nice, large area for the show with some shade around the perimeter area, which was quite popular with the show-goers. Mike Perry and the Frozen Sweet truck set up to take care of our food and dessert needs for the day. Being a first show, we only did Best and Top 10 awards along with the Club and Host awards. With the number of nice cars we had we could have had a few more, but with any first event, you never know.

Many of the show volunteers were from the Basketball team (parents, players and the coach), but we still had a nice showing from our “A-Team” helping out. The Basketball team sold the 50/50 tickets, which was won by our very own “Fearless Leader,” who promptly donated his winnings back to the fundraiser.

We had a nice bunch of Door Prizes, thanks to Summit Racing and Year One Muscle Car Parts and we gave everything away!

Our thanks to all our Club members and show regulars that came out! Our “regulars” are what make our events so great! A “Cool” thank you to Justin Mooney for doing his Hot Wheels racing for all the kids.

Coach Aldredge is already looking forward to his next show! *See page 2 for a list of the winners.*



***See more photos on our
Facebook page by
Club member Billy Wright***



Providence Christian Academy BENEFIT CAR SHOW '24



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Other Events of Interest

Sunday, September 1st, 7:00 am - 11:00 am, Caffeine & Octane, Town Center at Cobb, 400 Ernest W. Barrett Pkwy NW, Kennesaw, GA 30144. Info: Bruce @ 770-395-7900 or www.caffeineandoctane.com

Saturday, September 14th - 10:00 am - 1:00 pm, Tucker Cruise-in, ON Main Street, Tucker, GA 30084. Enter from the Lawrenceville end of Main St. 20 awards, food vendor, restaurants, prizes. Entry fee: \$5. Info: TuckerCruisein.com

Saturday, September 21st, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm, Jackson United Methodist 5th annual open car show, 409 East Third St, Jackson, GA 30233. Awards, 50/50 raffle, Burgers & Hot Dogs. Entry \$20. Info: Beverly Coogler: 770-231-2470, email: ngmcCoogler@gmail.com

Sunday, September 22nd, Noon - 4:00 pm, Peachtree Corners Festival "Collector Car Hobby Celebration," 5051 Peachtree Corners Circle, Peachtree Corners, GA 30092. Grand Marshall: **Sam Mahdavi**. Awards, Food, Music, Vendors. Entry \$25. Info: Mike Thies: 770-883-0160, email: Mike@SoutheastWheelsEvents.com

Summit Racing Monday Night Cruise, 6:00 - 8:00 pm, 20 King Mill Rd, McDonough, GA **SEPTEMBER DATES** & Feature (*open to ALL Years, Makes & Models*): **September 9** - Late Model Muscle Cars & Motorcycles. **September 16** - 1960s Cars & Motorcycles. **September 22** - Restomod & Pro Touring. **September 29** - Jeep Night. Food vendors, Awards. Info: SummitRacing.com



PREVIEW: Our Club's OCTOBER Events



We will have TWO Club events for October, so make sure you put BOTH on your schedule!

Our **Club Meeting** will be on **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11th** at Andy Sarratt's garage in Social Circle. This will be a combined Social Event and a Club Meeting. The Club will provide Pizza and soft drinks, but please bring a folding chair. Also come armed with any questions or suggestions about our Club and what you would like to do in the coming year.

Our thanks to Andy for offering to host us and also for being flexible with his schedule. Andy has promised a guided tour of all his awards he's won over the years, and YES photos are allowed!

Our "**Cool Cars & Costumes**" show will return to the **Pink Pony** on **Saturday, October 19th**, Noon to 4:00 pm with a (hopefully not needed) rain date of October 26th.

After a somewhat disappointing turnout of show cars last year in Stone Mountain Village, we are **THRILLED** to return to the Pony for '24!

We have not had a chance to work out the show details, but everything should be pretty much the same as past years. We will have a costume contest with 3 categories (Male/Female/Couple) plus Decorated Car. The winner in each category will receive both an award plaque and a cash prize. In order to increase participation this year, there will be no entry fee for the Costume Contest (although donations are always appreciated).

The show is open to ALL years, makes and models, with Popular Choice Awards. We will also have our usual show features: Tasty Burgers & Hot Dogs, Door Prizes, 50/50 Raffle, Great Oldies and most likely a Charity Auction. The \$20 entry fee will go to help end breast cancer!

Make your plans to attend!

Our September Club Shows



Cool Cars at COOLRAY FIELD
Saturday, September 7TH
10:00 am - 2:00 pm
2500 Buford Dr ♦ Lawrenceville, GA 30043



We have missed doing this show for the past few years due to COVID and scheduling conflicts, but we are BACK in '24! This show is part of the **Gwinnett Public Safety Fall Festival**. We just learned that the show layout of past years has changed. This year our car show will be in the main area, right in the middle of the Festival! We will have over 200 parking spaces for show cars plus the Food Trucks will be set up close-by!

The show will feature Best Classic/Modern and Top 25 with several Special Awards. The winners of the Best Classic, Best Modern, Coolest Cruiser and the Gwinnett Police pick will also receive a \$100 Summit Gift Certificate. We will have a 50/50 raffle PLUS a raffle for a \$250 Year One gift certificate. Entry fee is \$20, which will go to our charity, the **Hot Rodders Children's Charity**.

Our thanks to our show sponsors: **Gateway Classic Cars, Hayes Automotive of Lawrenceville, Hagerty Insurance and Summit Racing Equipment** with Special Thanks going to **Sgt. Eric Rooks** and the **Gwinnett County Public Safety Department**.

Registration is day of the show only beginning at 9:00 am. **Make your plans to attend!!**



SANTA COP Cruise-in '24
Saturday, September 21ST
11:00 am - 3:00 pm
HANDY ACE HARDWARE
3969 Lawrenceville Hwy ♦ Tucker, GA 30084

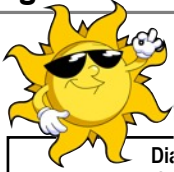


It's time for our second stop of the year at Handy Hardware and our 4th Annual "Santa Cop" Cruise-in. Let's hope it will be a much drier event than our past few there! This show promises to be a great one with displays of many local police departments competing for the "Best Cop Car" award, along with Best Classic, Best Modern and Top 20 awards for the rest of the show cars!

We've arranged to have Mike Perry back to cook up his tasty burgers and hot dogs along with desserts from the "Frozen Sweets" truck! Of course we will have our great oldies playing, door prizes, a 50/50 raffle and most likely some really cool items that we will auction off during the show.

The \$20 entry fee will benefit the Fraternal Order of Police "Santa Cop" program. Registration open at 10:00 am. *There is NO pre-registration, so don't fall for any of the phony Facebook scams that post under our events!*

What is "Santa Cop?" *We are glad you asked . . .* Santa Cop (formally Shop-With-A-Cop) is a program in it's 32nd year by the DeKalb Fraternal Order of Police. They team up with local schools to help underprivileged kids at Christmas. The kids are selected by the schools and get picked up on "Shopping Day" and transported to Walmart where they are paired with a law enforcement officer. The Officer assists them in shopping and helping keep track of the purchase totals so they stay within the \$200 limit. This is a GREAT program, please help us support it!



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