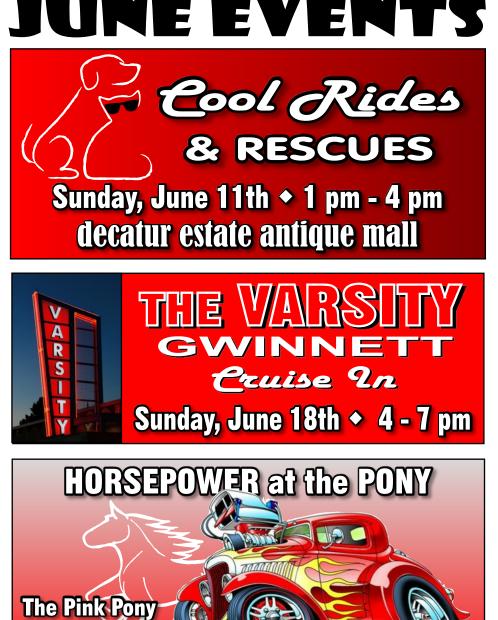


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Welcome New Club Members! Danny Steeves Claude Steeves Ed Yco Chuck Mayuski Larry Venable

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A Message from Rick to Our Members



Many of you know about my very recent heart attack, and I have to say, I understand the old saying "serious as a heart attack." The good news (as you probably guessed LOL) is that I survived, spending 9 days in St. Joseph Hospital.

Sharon and I got so much love, prayers and support from our "Cool Family," helping us through this ordeal. I am probably forgetting many, so please forgive me in advance.

Among the Honor Role were Larry Vaitkus, Jim Flowers, Dr. Z and Rochelle Ziglin, Dennis & Amber Behnken, Dale Xenos, Donna Wilson, Dennis Williams, Hal King . . . and the list goes on and on.

Not only did this group help us, but ran 3 shows while I was unable (I have NEVER missed a club show).

We are working on fulfilling the obligations of events already on our schedule, but we will not be taking on anything new at this time. Our core group of volunteers have done an AWESOME job in my absence, running the Hayes, Varsity Gwinnett and Home Depot Shows.

What we need now is for some new folks to step up and help out on show days. If you can help, please contact our Volunteer Coordinator Dennis Behnken @ 770-900-3025 or BehnkenD@bellsouth.net.

My plans are to make a "Cameo" appearance at this weekend's show at Decatur Estate Antiques. Getting there will not only be "good therapy' but a major goal in my



recovery. The club is still "Alive and Well" with a great future. Thanks again for everyone's support and prayers!

"Ellis has left the building!" My first breath of freedom after 9 long days in St. Joseph's hospital.

What do you think of that Beard? Pretty "trendy"?



"Cool Rides & Rescues"

Sunday, June 11th + 1 pm - 4 pm Decatur Estate Antique Mall 2272 Lawrenceville Hwy Decatur, GA 30033 Fundraiser for Atlanta Animal Rescue Friends

"Horsepower at the Pony"

Saturday, June 24th • Noon - 4:00 pm The Pink Pony 1837 Corporate Blvd Brookhaven, GA 30329 *Fundraiser for 4Sarah.net*

Local Heroes Benefit Car Show

Supporting Local Police Officers and Fire Fighters Saturday, July 15th + 11 am - 3 pm The Greater Good BBQ 4431 Hugh Howell Rd Tucker, GA 30084





Cool Cars at Coolray Field

Saturday, September 23rd 10 am - 2 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 pm The Pink Pony 1837 Corporate Blvd Brookhaven, GA 30329

Toys for Tots Cruise-In

Saturday, December 2nd 11 am - 3 pm The Greater Good BBQ NEW LOCATION for 2017 4431 Hugh Howell Rd Tucker, GA 30084





THANKS!

One more round of thanks to those Club members that jumped in and ran the Hayes, Varsity Gwinnett and Home Depot shows.

I have heard nothing but good stuff on how well they ran!

The visits and prayers during my hospital stay was also very important to me (and Sharon).

- Rick

May Charity Collections

We had quite an amazing month for our charity collections!

"Hot Rods at Hayes" brought in \$1,315 for **Hot Rodders Children's Charity.**

The May Edition of The Varsity Gwinnett Cruise-In colleted donations for the **Children's Heart Fund**. The total was \$147.

Our Memorial Day **USO** benefit raised \$1,172 to help our troops here in Georgia.

> May VARSITY Cruise-In Special Award Winners

IMMEDIATE CLUB NEEDS!

Our "A Team" needs YOU! This dedicated group has jumped in to run the show, but they are saying they could use a few more "cool" volunteers to help out on show day.

The work is not hard and the pay is low, but the rewards are great!

If you can help, please contact our Volunteer Coordinator or one of our "A Team-ers" and let them know.

Join Us for Breakfast Every Wednesday!



Join us EVERY Wednesday for Breakfast at Cracker Barrel in Norcross.

We meet at 9:30 at the Cracker Barrel located at 6175 McDonough Drive NW, Norcross, GA 30093. Everyone is welcome!

"Cool Cars" at Our May Cruise-In at The Varsity Gwinnett

Don't miss our next Varsity Cruise-In on Sunday, June 18th from 4:00 - 7:00 pm. *Photos by Pat Durbin*











The 9th Annual "Hot Rods at Hayes" in Baldwin We Get Our "Fair Share" on a Busy Car Show Weekend

With a TON of car shows and Spring Festivals scheduled for the same weekend, we were expecting a smaller than usual crowd. What we did get was some GREAT looking show cars and a fun day at Hayes in Baldwin!

We were collecting for the Hot Rodders Children's Charity, and ended up with an amazing total of \$1,315! Our THANKS to the folks at Hayes in Baldwin for hosting us and another round of applause for the club volunteers that ran the show in the absence of Prez Rick!



2nd Annual USO Benefit at Home Depot in Doraville We Pack the Paking Lot to the MAX!

Our Second Annual Memorial Day Weekend show at **Home Depot** was EVEN BETTER than last year's show. A BIG Thanks to the combined efforts of the Home Depot staff and our AWESOME Club volunteers.

We collected a grand total of \$1,172 for **USO Georgia**. All that money will go to benefit our military personnel as they travel through the local airports.







THE WINNERS





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JUNE "COO 22 **.UB EVENTS**

The 3rd Annual "Cool Rides and Rescues"



Sunday, June 11th 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm **Decatur Estate & Way Back Antiques** 2272 Lawrenceville Hwy, Decatur, GA 30033

We return to one of our FAVORITE places for our 3rd annual "Cool Rides and Rescues" Car Show and Animal Rescue fundraiser!

We will be collecting entry donations for AARF (Atlanta Animal Rescue Friends).

This is also the Club's 4th Birthday and we will be celebrating with a cake to share with all!

Don't be late for the festivities, we kick off at 1:00 pm.

Sunday, June 18th - The Varsity Gwinnett Cruise-In 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm + 6045 Dawson Blvd + Norcross, GA 30093



After a slow May show date, due to rain showers off and on all day, we are ready for a BIG June Cruise-in!

Clean up your ride and grab your date for a fun Sunday evening with your car buds and have a chili-dog and a Frosted Orange. This is the PERFECT location for a car event and we will have our playlist of oldies to set the mood!

This is a free event, but we will always have our donation jar there to collect for one of our charities.

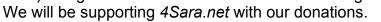
The fun starts at 4 pm, but get there early for the best spaces!

The 4th Annual "HORSEPOWER at the Pony"

Saturday, June 24th + Noon - 4:00 pm The Pink Pony + 1837 Corporate Blvd, Brookhaven, GA 30329

This is our 4th Annual "Horsepower at the Pony" at the world famous Pink Pony Club in Brookhaven. This event is part of SummerFest '17 Volleyball Tournament and it's FUN, FUN. FUN!

In addition to all our usual "Cool" things, we will have live remote broadcast from 97.1 The River's English Nick! They always have THE BEST food grilling (burgers, hot dogs and chicken) along with a nice assortment of cold beverages.





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