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*The 6th Annual Charity Fundraiser*

# **COOL RIDES and Rescues**

**decatour estate &  
way back antiques**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 8th**

**Noon - 4:00 pm**

**2272 LAWRENCEVILLE HIGHWAY  
DECATUR, GA 30033**

*See page 9 for more info*

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## ***Our New Members!***

**Andy Sarratt**  
**Ed Massey**

***Thanks to all  
that Renewed in  
January &  
February!***

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## ***Sweetheart Cruise-in* Winners**



### **BEST CLASSIC:**

\*Allan Roth, 1957 Chevrolet Bel Air

### **BEST MODERN:**

\*Arthur Francis "Samurai", 2013 Chevrolet Camaro

### **TOP 15:**

\*Art Coates, 1964 Ford Galaxie 500 XL convertible

\*Andy Sarratt, 1965 Chevrolet Corvette coupe

\*David Iwanicki, 1962 Chevrolet Corvair

\*Jack Gilleland, 1939 Chevrolet half-ton pick-up

\*Bob Allen, 1987 Chevrolet Blazer S-10

\*Dan Crosson, 1955 Chevrolet 3100 pick-up

Giles Clark, 2016 Dodge Challenger Hellcat

Marco Zamudio, 1963 Chevrolet Impala

\*Ken Yokelson, 1969 Chevrolet Camaro SS

Lynn Joseph, 1966 Plymouth Barracuda

Mike Bilello, 1964 Dodge Town Panel Wagon

Sammy McDaniel, 1952 Ford F-100 pick-up

Steve Cripp, 1986 Citroen 2CV

\*The Chizzolin Family, 1956 Ford F-100 pick-up

Jim & Jane Hickey, 1961 Ford Starliner

### **Host's Favorite ('cue Barbecue):**

Jim Keller, 1939 Packard Super 8

### **"Breast of Show" (Charity's Pick):**

Josh Morris, 1968 Ford Mustang

### **"Coolest Cruiser" (Club's Award):**

\*Don King, 1977 Pontiac Trans-Am

\* Denotes GCC Club Member

## 2020 Club Shows & Events

### “Cool Rides & Rescues”

Sunday, March 8th  
 Noon - 4:00 pm  
 Decatur Estates Antique Mall  
 2272 Lawrenceville Hwy  
 Decatur, GA 30033

### “Cool Cars & ‘Cue”

Sunday, April 5th  
 Noon - 4:00 pm  
 ‘Cue BBQ of Lawrenceville  
 755 Lawrenceville-Suwanee Rd  
 Lawrenceville, GA 30043

### Snellville Days Car Show



Sunday, May 3rd  
 Noon - 4:00 pm  
 Briscoe Park  
 2500 Sawyer Pkwy  
 Snellville, GA 30078

### Hot Rods at Hayes

Saturday, May 23rd  
 10:00 am - 2:00 pm  
 Hayes Dealerships of Baldwin  
 3660 State Hwy 365  
 Baldwin, GA 30511

### Horsepower at the Pony

Saturday, June 20th  
 Noon - 4:00 pm  
 The Pink Pony  
 1837 Corporate Blvd.  
 Brookhaven, GA 30329

### USO Benefit Car Show

Saturday, July 25th  
 11:00 am - 3:00 pm  
 The Greater Good BBQ  
 4431 Hugh Howell Rd  
 Tucker, GA 30084

### Cool Cars & Old Trains

Saturday, September 5th  
 11:00 am - 3:00 pm  
 Southeastern Railway Museum  
 3593 Buford Hwy  
 Duluth, GA 30096

### Cool Cars at Coolray Field

*Part of the Gwinnett Public Safety Festival*  
 Date TBA  
 10:00 am - 2:00 pm  
 Coolray Field  
 2500 Buford Drive  
 Lawrenceville, GA 30044

### Cool Cars at Briscoe Park

Saturday, November 14th  
 11:00 am - 3:00 pm  
 Snellville's Briscoe Park  
 2500 Sawyer Pkwy  
 Snellville, GA 30078

### Toys for Tots Cruise-in

Saturday, December 5th  
 11:00 am - 3:00 pm  
 The Greater Good BBQ  
 4431 Hugh Howell Rd  
 Tucker, GA 30084



# March & April Events of Interest

**Saturday, March 7th, NE Georgia Swap Meet, 7:00 am - 1:00 pm, Atlanta Dragway, 500 E. Ridgeway Rd, Commerce, GA 30529. Info: Brad at 706-424-5035 (call or text) email: [brad56@windstream.net](mailto:brad56@windstream.net)**

**Saturday, March 14th, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm, Memories in Monroe Car Show. Downtown Monroe, GA around the Courthouse. Info: [www.MonroeDowntown.com](http://www.MonroeDowntown.com) or 770-266-5335**

**Saturday, March 28th, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm, Yonah C.H. Church Car Show, 5575 Yonah Homer Rd, Alto, GA 30510. Info: Stanley Bonds @ 770-540-6290 or Bill Wade @ 770-851-7178**

**Saturday, April 18, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm, Boy Scouts Open Car Show, Gwinnett Fairgrounds, 2405 Sugarloaf Pkwy, Lawrenceville, GA 30045**

**Saturday, April 19th, Noon - 4:00 pm "Cars, Barks & Cue" Open Car Show, 'Cue BBQ, 5260 Peachtree Industrial Blvd, Peachtree Corners, GA 30071. Dog Rescue Fundraiser**

## MONTHLY CRUISE-INS:

**FIRST SUNDAYS: Caffeine & Octane, 7:00 am - 11:00 am, Perimeter Mall, 4400 Ashford-Dunwoody Rd, Dunwoody, GA 30338. Info: [www.caffeineandoctane.com](http://www.caffeineandoctane.com)**

**SECOND SATURDAYS (April - October): Tucker Main Street Cruise-Ins, 5:00 - 8:00 pm, Main Street, Tucker, GA 30084. Info: [www.TuckerCruiseIn.com](http://www.TuckerCruiseIn.com)**

**THIRD SATURDAYS (April - October): Stone Mountain Village Cruise-Ins, 4:00 - 7:00 pm, Downtown City of Stone Mountain, GA 30083 (exact location to be announced).**

**LAST SATURDAYS (Year-round): Caffeine & Classics, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm, Streetside Classics, 213 Thornton Rd, Suite 400, Lithia Springs, GA 30122. Info: [StreetsideClassics.com](http://StreetsideClassics.com)**

**LAST SATURDAYS (Year-round): Caffeine & Chrome, 9:00 am - Noon, Gateway Classic Cars, 1870 McFarland Pkwy, Suite 300, Alpharetta, GA 30005. Info [GatewayClassicCars.com](http://GatewayClassicCars.com)**

*If you have a favorite show (that isn't on the same day as one of ours), and would like to list it, please send the info to [RNE680@mindspring.com](mailto:RNE680@mindspring.com).*



## ***We Need YOU to Help US!***

***We have asked before, so this is going to be simple and to the point!***

We ask before every show for some volunteers to show up a couple hours before the start to help set-up. We also ask for those that are willing to help to let us know, so we can assign tasks. Lately VERY FEW have responded, although a few more have shown up. This was kind of a problem, but we managed to make everything work.

At our last show, there were only 3 of us at the scheduled set-up time, and that WAS a PROBLEM!

Working a show is NOT hard work, and the more we have, the less each person has to do. You DON'T have to spend the whole day working the show, unless you want to.

If we don't get more help from Club members, we WILL have to cancel some shows. We don't want to do this but we can't do events without enough volunteers.

# CLUB NEWS & UPDATES

## February Charity Donation

We had to delay the show for a week, then didn't have the numbers we normally have. But we did end up with over **\$900** in donations to help in the fight against breast cancer!

Thanks to all that donated, and a Special Thanks to Don King. Don won the 50/50 raffle and donated his winning back to the charity!

## 2020 "Horsepower at the Pony" Car Show Update

Some of you were asking why no shows were on our 2020 schedule for the Pink Pony . . .

Well, you can relax now, we have a date for the Summer "Horsepower at the Pony" show,

It will be held on **Saturday, June 20th, noon to 4:00 pm.** The rain date (and let's hope we DON'T need it) is the following Saturday, June 27th.

At this time, no decision has been made for the Halloween show, but stay tuned for updates.

## Club Gear

Just a reminder, we have club t-shirts (\$15, S-XL & \$18, 2X & 3X) and club caps (\$20) available at all our shows.

If you would like to order a jacket or windbreaker, please contact Rick (404-732-6842) for more info.

With warm weather on the horizon (*we hope!*), you can also order custom embroidered polo shirts.

Prices start at \$30 and are available in a variety of colors.

## News on Some "Non-Club" Club Events

*Yes, that DOES sound a tad (or more than a tad) confusing!*

Rick has been helping several groups with their shows, and would like our members to help by attending them, so here is a list of all the "other" events so far.

The Boys Scouts will have their show on Saturday, April 18th, 10 am - 2 pm at the Gwinnett County Fairgrounds.

Lynn Joseph is having a dog rescue fundraiser at 'Cue BBQ in Peachtree Corners on Sunday, April 19th, Noon - 4:00 pm.

The Tucker Main Street Cruise-ins kick off on Saturday, April 11th, 5 pm to 8 pm on Main Street in Tucker.

We will be one of the sponsors again this year, and will be the featured club at one of the events. Stay tuned for more info on the date.

The Stone Mountain Cruise-in will move to the third Saturdays this year. They will start in April and run through October, 4 pm - 7 pm.

We are planning a Club "Take-Over" night and provide pizza to all members attending.

*See page 4 for more info, and stay tuned for updates!*

## Membership Renewals

Thanks to all that paid dues in January & February.

If you received a notice and did not respond, this will be your final newsletter!

## Pat Durbin



It is with great sadness that we report the loss of our friend and long-time club member Pat Durbin on Friday, February 7th.

Pat lost his long battle with diabetes and kidney failure. He was 60 years old. There was not a funeral service, but his wife Kris will hold a memorial service at a later date.

Please keep Kris and all of Pat's family in your thoughts and prayers.

## Trailer Workday



We **NEED** to have a Club Trailer "Work Day" to organize all our equipment and show material!

We can use some shelving to store all the boxes, so they don't fall out the door every time we open it!

The exterior also needs a good wash and wax, so we are not embarrassed to park it at our shows!

The trailer is presently stored in Norcross, near Pinckney Park. Please let us know if you can help and we will arrange a work day.

## *A “Last-Minute” Snow-Fall Delays our Event a Week*

# **A COLD Start to the Sweetheart Cruise-in but SUNNY!**

We just COULD NOT BELIEVE IT! Late Friday afternoon, the National Weather Service issued a WINTER STORM WARNING for Saturday February 8th, the Saturday of our annual “I’m SICK of Winter” Sweetheart Cruise-in at ‘Cue Barbecue.

Well, we went into high gear and postponed it until the following Saturday, sent out emails, made Facebook posts and updated the info on our website. Then we waited to see if the forecast was accurate. IT WAS! We had from one inch up to 8” of the white stuff covering north metro & north Georgia!

Fast forward a week and SUNSHINE (but COLD and WINDY) for our make-up date. The chilly start made for a “Slow-to-show” crowd, and kept some home, but we still had a FULL lot and a LOT of fun!

We handed out Top 20 Awards along with Best Classic & Best Modern, plus the Club’s and ‘Cue’s favorites. Our Charity Pick was the “Breast of Show” Award, named for our collection to fight breast cancer! We raised over \$900, which will stay right here in the metro area to help detect, treat and prevent breast cancer! Our THANKS to all that donated!

Also our thanks to ‘Cue Barbecue for hosting us this year, and a special thanks to those that came out early and put the show on!



***LEFT: This was the scene at ‘Cue the morning of the original show date.***

***Great for a snowball battle, not so much for a Car Show!***

***Thanks to Jack Gilleland for sending us this shot.***



# *Cool Cars on a Chilly Day at Our Sweetheart Cruise-in*





***Check out our Facebook page for MORE photos!***





# OUR MARCH 2020 EVENT

## "Cool Rides & Rescues" in Decatur

**Sunday, March 8th**  
**Noon - 4:00 pm**  
**decaturn estate &**  
**way back antiques**  
**2272 Lawrenceville Hwy**  
**Decatur, GA 30033**



It's time to get warm and fuzzy! Cozy up to some critters at our coziest venue as we celebrate our Sixth Annual "Cool Rides & Rescues" show at the Decatur Estate and Way Back Antiques on March 8th. Maggie is the "hostess with the most-est" as she rolls out the welcome mat for GCC and Lifeline Animal Project. It's a small venue with a big heart, so come early to get a great space. O'Reilly Auto Parts next door will again let us use a big portion of their parking lot, *but please be considerate of their customers and staff.*

As usual we'll feature adoptable pets while enjoying hot cars, cool tunes, door prizes, 50/50 raffle, food, and antique shopping. Bring your ride and your friends to help pick out the Best Classic, Best Modern, Top 15 and our specialty awards.



This show is open to ALL Years-Makes-Models PLUS it's Family Friendly!

We'll need our fabulous volunteers to help with set up (bribe for the early team: we'll bring doughnuts!), parking, registration, door prizes and tear down. PLEASE let Rick know as soon as possible that you can help out on show day: the more volunteers, the less work for everyone; the shows can't run without you. New to helping out? Just ask and we'll show you what you can do to help the show be successful.

## 'Cue BBQ in LAWRENCEVILLE - Sunday, April 5th

We just wanted to give you a "Heads-up" on our April show . . . It will be at the 'Cue Barbecue in LAWRENCEVILLE (755 Lawrenceville-Suwanee Rd), **a different location than the 'Cue where we just had our Sweetheart Cruise-in.** Same great BBQ, different location.

This show will be part of their 1st Anniversary celebration! 'Cue is planning on some specials on BBQ, along with live entertainment inside the restaurant.

Make your plans to attend, *and come hungry!*



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