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WELCOME NEW MEMBER!

**Arnold Yochelson** 

Thanks to those that Renewed in November!

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# 2017 "Cars & Costumes" Winners



BEST CLASSIC: \*Allan Roth, 1957 Chevrolet Bel Air

**BEST MODERN:** \*Moose Ellington, 200 Harley Davidson Motorcycle

#### POPULAR CHOICE TOP 10:

Steven Patrick, 1970 Ford Mustang King Cobra \*Mike Carkuff, 1960 Chrysler Windsor
\*Dennis Williams, 1975 Cadillac Eldorado convertible Andy Sarratt, 1965 Chevrolet Corvette Sport Coupe
\*Victoria Willetts, 1971 Ford Mustang Mach 1 Jon & Lori Ammons, 1939 Pontiac Chief Rich Knoblock, 1956 Studebaker Sky Hawk Ted Fischer, 1936 Ford 3 window coupe
\*Don & Annette Brock, 1974 Dodge Challenger HEMI
\*Spencer Ecklund, 1967 Ford Fairlane 500
\*Theresa Leach, 1966 Ford Mustang Robbie Padgett, 1950 Ford Custom
\*Fred Hartley, 1963 Ford Falcon convertible David Kandall, 1980 Ford Fairmont
Roger Alred, 1968 Chevrolet Camaro convertible

> LADIES CHOICE: \*Linda Mobley, 1965 Ford Mustang

PONY'S PICK: \*Karen O'Neal, 2016 Dodge Challenger

FURKID'S FAVORITE: Tom White, 1949 Chevrolet 3100

"<u>COOLEST CRUISER</u>" (GCC's Favorite): \*Ken Bexley, 1928 Ford Model A Sport Coupe

COSTUME CONTEST WINNERS: \*Karen O'Neal - Best Decorated Car \*Greg Talbott, Jr. - Best Male Costume \*Victoria Willetts - Best Female Costume \*Joe & Theresa Leach - Best Couple Costumes

\* **Denotes GCC Club Member.** Note: Due to the rain that started at the end of the Awards ceremony, many of the winners left before the photo.

# 2017 & 2018 Club Shows & Events



Toys for Tots Cruise-In Saturday, December 2nd 11:00 am - 3:00 pm The Greater Good BBQ NEW LOCATION for 2017 4431 Hugh Howell Rd Tucker, GA 30084 Entry Fee: A new unwrapped toy

Event T-Shirts
 "Cool" Auctions

• Tasty BBQ

Appearance by Santa!

## **Varsity Gwinnett Cruise-In**

Sunday, December 17th 4:00 - 7:00 pm The Varsity Gwinnett 6045 Dawson Blvd. Norcross, GA 30093 Decorate your show car for the Holidays!



Our friends from Furkids at the "Cars & Costumes" fundraiser at the Pink Pony.

## 2018 Shows & Cruise-Ins

**Cruise to the Dillard House** Saturday, January 13th, 2018 Meet @ 9:30 am at the Park & Ride, I-85 Exit 102 (Indian Trail) 768 Franklin St, Dillard, GA 30537

Here are the shows that we have planned as of publication for Spring & Summer. Please watch for updates and additions.

#### Sweetheart Cruise-In

Saturday, February 10th 11:00 am - 3:00 pm Old Hickory House 2202 Northlake Parkway, Tucker, GA 30084

**Cool Rides & Rescues** Sunday, April 29th 1:00 - 5:00 pm **Decatur Estate & Way Back Antiques** 2272 Lawrenceville Hwy, Decatur, GA 30033

Hot Rods at Hayes of Baldwin Saturday, May 12th 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

Varsity Gwinnett Cruise-In Every 3rd Sunday in 2018! New Time: 3:00 - 6:00 pm 6045 Dawson Blvd. Norcross, GA 30093 I-85 - Exit 99, Jimmy Carter Blvd.



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# **Other Shows & Events of Interest**

If you have a show you would like us to list, please send the details to Rick no later than the 20th of the month preceding the event.



Toys for Tots Shows

12th Annual Santa Cruise for Toys for Tots Summit Racing Equipment Saturday, December 2nd 10:00 am - 4:00 pm 20 King Mill Road McDonough, GA 30253 Entry Fee: \$10 or a new unwrapped toy

#### Christmas Car Show and Toys for Tots Fundraiser

Streetside Classics - Atlanta Saturday, December 2nd 11:00 am - 2:00 pm 213 Thornton Rd, Suite 400 Lithia Springs, GA 30122

Christmas Party, Cruise-In & Toys for Tots Collection Gateway Classic Cars - Atlanta Saturday, December 2nd 10:00 am - 3:00 pm 1870 McFarland Parkway Alpharetta, GA 30005

Vengeance Racing Toys for Tots Saturday, December 16th 10:00 am - 2:00 pm Miller's Ale House 10750 Daws Drive Alpharetta, GA 30004

Please Support
Toys for Tots!

# **GLUB NEWS & UPDATES**

#### November Charity Collection



Our rain-delayed "Cars & Costumes" show at the Pink Pony was quite a success at the donation bowl! We collected a total of \$1,800, thanks to donations from the Pony (\$500), Karen O'Neal's (\$250 Costume Contest winnings) and \$130 from the 50/50 winner.



At the December Varsity Cruise-In, we collected toys and cash for Toys for Tots.

We collected \$600 and 98 Toys. Thanks to our Marines from Detachment 665 and Perry "Santa" Eidson for assisting in the event!

#### **New Club Jackets!**

Our old medium weight 2 color jacket was discontinued by the manufacturer, but we found one even better! This one has a hood, reflective strips and a fleece lining. Full club design embroidered on back and left chest emblem,

several color options, \$85.00



#### Planning Meeting Highlights

We held our planning meeting on Saturday, November 11 at the Georgia Diner in Duluth. We were quite pleased with the number of members that came out!

We discussed shows that will return in 2018, some that won't and some that we are still working on.

Several suggestions were made for venues, and those members are following up to gather more info.

Shows that we will not repeat are: The Atlanta International Auto Show and St. David's Church. The "maybes" include Dave & Busters in Marietta. Mike Thies is looking into D&B for next Spring.

See page 3 for shows that are planned or in the planning stages. Thanks to those that came out to offer their suggestions for the '18 events!

#### The Varsity Cruise-Ins



We discussed the future of the Varsity Gwinnett Cruise-Ins and how to improve the attendance. The vote was overwhelmingly for returning!

The Varsity is happy to have us back in 2018 and will assist us in promoting the events.

We will start one hour earlier in 2018 (3:00 - 6:00 pm), and will be looking at monthly special events.

#### **Cruise to Dillard House**

We asked you what you would like the club to do in 2018, and the most common answer was "more Cruises."

We listened and have planned a "kick-off" cruise to the Dillard House in North Georgia on Saturday, January 13th.

The Dillard House is about a 2 hour scenic drive north. We will meet at the Park and Ride at I-85 exit 102 (Indian Tail) at 9:30 am.

The Dillard House serves a family style all-you-can-eat feast. You WILL NOT leave hungry!

Our previous Cruises to the Dillard House have been very popular! More info in the January "Cool Times."

#### **Help Wanted**

**Bruce Fair** (blue '70 Chevy Nova) is looking for some help in his classic & muscle car repair business.

He is looking for a part-time mechanical assistant, with a little experience preferred.

You can call Bruce at 770-633-3747 or email him at bfair70@bellsouth.com.

#### Wednesday Breakfast!

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.

The food is good and the service is attentive. Everyone is welcome!

# Rescheduled "Cars & Costumes" a Success! The Pony Benefits Rescue of Dogs & Cats

<sup>\*</sup> After a week's rain-delay and a 40% chance of showers on show day, we were THRILLED with the parking lot FULL of show cars! We were sweating it out to start when the only "early birds" were the club volunteers, but around the start time, show cars started rolling in, making us all breathe a sigh of relief!

The show had a lot of "energy" with all the decorations, Costume Contestants, hot food & cold beverages, the Wheel of Social Fortune and cool tunes blasting away.

The rain stayed away until we were almost finished with the awards, when the rains started (and continued for the rest of the evening).

We have a lot of Thanks to pass around . . . Dennis Williams and the Pony staff for sponsoring, hosting, providing radio spots (yes, the show was advertised on 97.1 The River) and putting up the costume contest prize money. We also enjoyed the burgers, hot dogs and other tasty treats cooked up by the Pony's chefs Robin and Pam. Lastly, no "Cool" event would happen without our dedicated group of Club volunteers!

We collected \$1,800 for Furkids, thanks to the generousity of participants and the Pony!



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See page 2 for a full listing of car show and costume contest winners. Check out our Facebook page for more photos!











## A Chilly Afternoon for Chili Dogs & Cool Cars . . . Toys for Tots Invades The Varsity Cruise-In!

We asked for a sunny Sunday afternoon for our Toys for Tots Cruise-in. Well we got it, but we forgot to ask for the mild November temperatures to continue for one more day! That made for a very cool and breezy afternoon, for sure. We did a great job of collecting toys for the Marines to give to the needy kids! Santa was also on hand to get us in the Christmas spirit.

Our December 17th Cruise-in will be our "Decorate your ride for the Holidays" event!















November Award Winners: The Varsity's Favorite: Jennifer & David Wade, 1960 Jaguar MKIX Streetside Classic's "Classic": Ken Whitaker, 1949 Ford Coupe Southeast Wheels "Top Wheels":

J.W. Schwab, 1940 Buick Special

Marines' Finest: James Porter, 1937 Ford Coupe Santa's Favorite: Dave Williams, LaFrance Fire truck

GCC's Coolest Cruiser: Gary Thompson, 1971 Volkswagen Beetle

# **DECEMBER "COOL" CLUB EVENTS**

# Saturday, December 2nd - Toys for Tots Cruise-In

#### 11 am- 3 pm at The Greater Good BBQ 4431 Hugh Howell Rd + Tucker, GA 30084

We are excited to be in our "new home" for our Toys for Tots Cruise-In! The Greater Good BBQ has more parking, a dedicated banquet room for our use and a huge patio, PLUS they LOVE Toys for Tots!

Time to go toy shopping and clean up the hot rod! We will have all our usual T4T fun stuff . . . Charity Auctions, our Marines and even Santa himself! As always, we will have our Popular Choice Awards, 50/50 Raffle, Door Prizes and GREAT music. Bring your friends and let's "Pack the House!"



## "Cool" Holiday Party at The Greater Good BBQ Sunday, December 10th at 1:00 pm



We will return to the Greater Good BBQ for our Holiday Party and Ornament exchange on Sunday, December 10th. The Greater Good staff always takes great care of us, and we can't beat their banquet room for our gatherings.

In addition to lunch and fellowship time, we will be recognizing our sponsors and "A-Team" members. Please bring a holiday ornament for our fun-filled ornament exchange!

This is a "social event," but there will be a *short* club meeting to bring everyone up to speed on the 2018 events calendar. If you have ideas or suggestions, please feel free to present them.

Family, friends and prospective club members are always welcome to attend.

# **Decorate Your Car for The Varsity Cruise-In!**



### Sunday, December 17th + 4 - 7 pm The VARSITY Gwinnett 6045 Dawson Blvd, Norcross, GA 30093

We will close out our show season with a fun evening at The Varsity Gwinnett! We will have a "Decorate Your Ride for the Holidays" contest. Add in some oldies and seasonal music, special awards and a tasty Varsity meal, and you have a GREAT start to your Christmas week activities! We will be collecting funds to help a local needy family for Christmas, so please bring a few extra pictures of dead presidents (also know as Christmas Cash). We are looking for a BIG crowd to end up our first year at The Varsity, and YES we will be back in '18!

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