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Cool Cruisers



"Cars for a Cause"

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CLUB CRUISE & LUNCH

Saturday April 9th
Dillard House

9:30 AM

Starting Point

Park & Ride

Indian Trail @ I-85 (Exit 101)

APRIL CLUB EVENTS



Saturday, April 9th
Cruise to Dillard House
Dillard, Georgia



Saturday, April 16th
"Holy Roller" Car Show

11:00 AM - 3:00 PM

RAIN DATE: 4/30/16

St. David's Episcopal Church
1015 Old Roswell Road ♦ Roswell, Georgia 30076

Upcoming Events - see page 9

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Welcome New Members!

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Komen Race for the Cure Update



Number of team members: 10

Team members: **Sharon Ellis, Rick Ellis, Deanna Oaks, Frankie Palisi, Donna Wilson, Pam Dingler, Charlotte Bexley, Ken Bexley, Jim Nelson, and Annie Johnson.**

Fundraising results as of 3/27/16: Team Total **\$5,231** (currently second). While the Race for the Cure does not require fundraising, we would like all team members to commit to raising \$125 (or more). Congrats to Sharon, Rick, Deanna and Donna for already meeting or exceeding this goal.

In addition to team fundraising at Cool Cruisers events, team members can fundraise on their own. Sharon has a lot of experiencing with fundraising, so please feel free to call her for ideas. Sharon bought a variety of designer Pink Ribbon Pins for fundraising, team members can contact her to get a share of pins. Each team member also has helpful tools and info on their Race for the Cure Participant Center page.

The Race route starts and ends at Lenox Mall. Registered team members are NOT required to physically participate on Race Day (May 7th) if they are not interested in the 1 mile or 5K (3.1 mile) walk/run. We'd love to have GCC members and friends in the area on Race Day to cheer on the Team.

WE STILL NEED DONATIONS so we can get back to first place and help fight breast cancer. Please go to our team page and make a tax deductible donation:

<http://tinyurl.com/i3xpcwz>

We also can use more **TEAM MEMBERS!** Join today! Contact Sharon at 404-732-6843, Sharon@SharonEllis.org and she will walk you through the registration process. You DO NOT have to walk or run if you don't want to, but sign up and come join us for the festivities on race day! Team members get an exclusive Team Cool Cruiser t-shirt along with the official Komen Race t-shirt.

2016 Club Shows & Events

St. David's Episcopal Church

Saturday, April 16th

11:00 AM - 3:00 PM

1015 Old Roswell Rd, Roswell, GA 30076

Decatur Estate Antique Mall

Sunday, May 15th

1:00 PM - 5:00 PM

2272 Lawrenceville Hwy
Decatur, GA 30033

Hot Rods at Hayes

Saturday, June 4th - *New Date*

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Hayes Dealerships of Baldwin
3660 GA Hwy 365, Baldwin, GA 30510

Kyle Croft Benefit Car Show

Saturday, June 18th

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

The Factory Church

9872 Main St, Woodstock, GA 30188



Galaxy Diner Cruise-In

Saturday, July 16th

4:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Roy's Galaxy Diner
3320 Henderson Mill Rd
Chamblee, GA 30341

The Factory Church Car Show

Saturday, August 13th

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

9872 Main St, Woodstock, GA 30188



Horsepower at the Pony

Saturday, August 20th

Noon - 4:00 PM

The Pink Pony
1837 Corporate Blvd, Atlanta, GA 30329

Galaxy Diner Cruise-In

Saturday, September 3rd

4:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Roy's Galaxy Diner
3320 Henderson Mill Rd
Chamblee, GA 30341

Cool Cars at Coolray Field

2016 DATE SET!

Saturday, October 8th

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Coolray Field
(Gwinnett Braves Stadium)
2500 Buford Dr, Lawrenceville, GA 30043

Cars and Costumes

Open Car Show & Costume Contest

Saturday, October 29th

Noon - 4:00 PM

The Pink Pony
1837 Corporate Blvd, Atlanta, GA 30329



Toys for Tots Cruise-In

Saturday, November 19th

1:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Roy's Galaxy Diner
3320 Henderson Mill Road
Chamblee, GA 30341

Other Cruise-Ins, Shows & Events

YEARONE

2106 Braselton Bash Schedule

1001 Cherry Dr, Braselton, GA

Saturday, April 16 3:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Saturday, May 21 3:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Saturday, June 18 5:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Saturday, August 20 5:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Saturday, September 17 Noon – 7:00 PM

Chip Foose Car Show

Saturday, November 19 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Christmas in Braselton Car Show



20 King Mill Rd, McDonough, GA 30253

Monday Night Cruise-Ins

6:00 PM to 9:00 PM

All Makes Welcome!

April 24th Hot Rodders of Tomorrow

May 2nd Chevrolet vehicles Featured

May 9th Ford-Lincoln-Mercury Featured

May 16th Mopar/AMC vehicles Featured

May 23rd Trucks & Jeeps Featured

Sunday Morning Octane

May 8th 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM

CRUISE-INS

Caffeine & Octane

First Sundays

8:00 to 11:00 AM

Perimeter Mall

4400 Ashford-Dunwoody Road

Dunwoody, GA 30346

Classic Car & Bike Cruise-In

Every Tuesday - 6 PM to 9 PM

Varsity Jr. Dawsonville

93 Bethal Lane, Dawsonville, GA 30534

*Send us your favorite
Car Shows & Cruise-Ins!*

Woodstock Car Club Cruise-In

2nd Fridays - 6 PM to 9 PM and

4th Saturdays 9 AM to Noon

Little River UMC

12455 Hwy 92, Woodstock, GA 30188

(at Trickum Rd, Across from Wal-Mart)

Atlanta Donut Derelicts

Every Saturday

8:30 AM to 11:00 AM

The Donut Shop

3677 Chamblee-Dunwoody Road

Chamblee, GA 30341

CAR SHOWS

Horsepower at the Crazy Horse

Saturday, April 23rd

Noon to 4:00 PM

Crazy Horse Gentlemen's Club

4730 Frontage Road

Forest Park, GA 30297

** The Georgia Cool Cruisers
will be helping run this show for
Club Member & Sponsor Dennis Williams*

2016 Summit Racing

Atlanta Motorama

Saturday, April 16, 2016 through

Sunday, April 17, 2016

Atlanta Motor Speedway

Hampton, GA

Car Event Finders:

Online at:

SoutheastWheelsEvents.com

Club Member Mike Thies' GREAT Website!

Printed publication (Subscription):

Ragtops & Runningboards

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CLUB NEWS & UPDATES

CLUB CRUISE TO DILLARD HOUSE

Saturday, April 9th
Start at 9:30 AM
Cruise to the
Dillard House
768 Franklin Street
Dillard, GA 30573

We will meet at the Park and Ride on I-85 at Indian Trail - Lilburn Rd. See page 9 for more info.

April Birthdays



Happy Birthday To . . .

Larry Gilmore 1st
Brandon Marshall Jr 1st
David Little 9th
Joel Quartarone 13th
Bob Smith 16th
Frankie Palisi 19th
Peter Brook 22nd
Mike Carkuff 23rd
Dawson Gay 30th
Mark Ray 30th

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

In Our Prayers . . .

Member **Steve Smith** has been in the ER with heart issues and is on the transplant wait list.

Dennis Behnken is doing well, and is waiting his transplant surgery in the next month or so.

Please let us know if a loved one needs our prayers and we will add them to our list.

Charity Collections at the Atlanta Auto Show

We had our Donation Boxes on our club tables at the Auto Show again this year.

We were collecting for **USO Georgia** and **Susan G. Komen for the Cure**.

Donations were pretty few and far between this year, but we still did pretty well.

We collected \$200 for the USO and \$270 for Komen.

Thanks to our Auto Show Crew

A SPECIAL THANKS to our outstanding crew that worked this year's Atlanta International Auto Show!

We had a group come on Tuesday to help set up all the signs, displays and club tables. We had multiple members every day of the show, tell spectators about our cars, the club and keep the cars safe from mischievous fingers that wanted to leave their mark.

We even had several that donated more goodies to our snack and drink table.

Members Hard at Work!



Donna Wilson and Amber & Dennis Behnken at the Monroe Car Show handing out Club flyers!

Thanks for your hard work!

Our "Breakfast Club"



Join us for our "Wonderful Wednesday's" Breakfast.

We meet every Wednesday at 9:30 AM at the **Cracker Barrel**, 6175 McDonough Dr, Norcross, GA 30093 (off Jimmy Carter at I-85).

Car Show Updates

We had to make a minor adjustment to the **Hot Rods at Hayes Show**. The new date is Saturday, **June 4th**, 10 AM to 2:00 PM (1 week later).

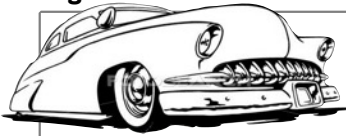
We added two show dates at the **Galaxy Diner**, Saturday **July 16th** and Saturday, **September 3rd**, both shows are 4:00 - 7:00 PM.

We now have a date for "**Cool Cars at Coolray**". The show is Saturday, **October 8th** from 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM. Pray for a DRY, SUNNY day!

Featured Clubs

We still have open shows for our "Featured Clubs". If you are a member of another club, and would like that group to have special parking at one of our events, please let us know.

Our friends with the **North Georgia Mopar Club** will be our Featured Club at the Hayes show in June and the Georgia Viper Club at the St. David's show this month.



Evolution of the Automobile - *Part 3*

By Bill Elder, Club Member and Old Car Aficionado

In my last article, I stated that the power and competitiveness of the '60s and '70s muscle cars had been overshadowed by many 21st-century offerings. This was really driven home by a statement in one of my newest enthusiast magazines, in which the writer referred to a 300-horsepower crate engine as "anemic." You may be tempted to say that doesn't affect you, but is it really so? We have already seen that folks tend to associate with the cars of their era. The muscle cars of the '60s and early '70s were more recently given a pass by ever more-intrusive regulation imposed by the government. Vehicles from the mid-'70s until well into the '90s struggled to equal the power of even average earlier muscle, which created a situation in which many flocked to the earlier cars for several decades. These earlier cars were simpler to repair or to alter, leading to huge growth of aftermarket suppliers with both restoration and modification parts. The impact was significant enough that even the manufacturers joined in, supplying everything from body parts to complete engines and transmissions. The net effect was to keep aging vehicles alive much longer and in much greater numbers than would probably have happened otherwise. Even if muscle is not your interest, it has been the popularity of these cars that has driven market forces to keep older cars alive.

Time marches ever onward, though, and these oft-revered cars are now approaching 50 years old, or even more. I have seen many 'normal' replacement parts being discontinued from the shelves of my local stores as the population of cars using these parts has declined. Furthermore, many of the cars that have survived lead a storied life these days, with a consequent much lower demand for replacement carburetors, distributors, water pumps and exhaust systems. It is becoming economically unfeasible for the Pep Boys and NAPAs of the world to continue to stock this stuff. Another factor is that there has been a tremendous explosion in the sheer numbers of vehicle brands and models, creating a need for parts shelf space for them. During an extended period, the manufacturers were constantly dealing with new, stricter regulations related to fuel mileage and emissions. This all occurred during several economic downturns, leading to drastically reduced sales of new vehicles for many years. Because of this, existing engines and transmissions were modified year after year to meet the new rules. Currently, there is still plenty of economic turmoil, but the regulations keep getting stricter. Suddenly, we are seeing that the old engines that served faithfully for so many years have been replaced by totally new designs. This also applies to automatic transmissions, while standard transmissions in cars have virtually become a thing of the past. The down side is that support for the older drivetrains will decline even more rapidly. The positive side is that the new designs are responsible for massive increases in performance from today's vehicles. There is, in reality, no comparison between the two. Probably the most significant engine changes are from computer controls, fuel injection, innovative camshaft designs, especially variable valve timing, and turbocharging.

Let's look at a couple of other factors. First, Cash for Clunkers removed many '80s and '90s vehicles from the road. Of course, earlier models were also crushed, but the program increased the void between the up-to-about 1974 and current offerings. The effect of this was to further uphold the popularity of the older cars, despite the fact that a large part of the group that was crushed didn't enjoy much favor anyway. Second, it takes a lot of money to buy, insure, and support any vehicle, and this is especially true for any performance-oriented model, new or used. There seems to have been a meteoric rise in costs, though we must also consider the general decline in the value of the dollar over the past 50 or 60 years.

So here we are at the crossroads of popularity, availability, and cost. There are many considerations that we will need to review, then draw our own conclusions. And we will see there are striking pluses and minuses on both sides. Of course, our goal is to try to determine where the market and the hobby will go.

History of the Automobile, *continued from page 6*

Let's start with a look at the aforementioned age groups. There is one train of thought that says the car hobby consists almost completely of aging, graying old folks, and that the younger crowd does not and will not display the same affection for cars that so many of us have felt. Looking around at many car events, you can certainly support this argument. Others take a more optimistic approach. We will look at both of these, starting with current owners of 'collector' cars.

Let's assume an average age of twenty years for a person to become interested in automobiles and their associated activities. This can include just owning and driving a vehicle, or it can extend into restoring, showing, racing, or just collecting cars and trucks. Let's also assume that many become interested in vehicles that are current when they reach this age. These are the new cars and trucks that are cruising the streets when our mythical person turns twenty years old. If we start with the early 1940s, the pre-World War II period, our 20-year old would now be at least 95 years old. In my opinion, this is the reason so many pre-war vehicles that have survived are listed for sale. Look through many magazines that advertise auctions, and you will find a list of estate sales of vehicles and parts for the dearly-departed owner, or at best, the person who has become too old or too infirm to continue in the hobby. Move to 1960 and you still see that

lovers of tri-five Chevys and two-seater Thunderbirds are getting close to 75, if their love affair with these cars started when they were 20 years old. Even at a cut-off date of 1975, our guy who associates with new cars of that era is still approaching 60 years old. This is why we see so many old folks in the car hobby. They have been involved for a long time!

Does this mean everyone who loves a '53 Studebaker or a '57 Chrysler 300 or a '69 Chevelle Super Sport is broken down with old age? Not at all, but the whole concept of guys and gals loving what was new when they became interested certainly supports this argument.

Let's look briefly at an opposing view. I have attended several huge car-related gatherings this year, including a couple of days of the Hot Rod Magazine Power Tour, Chryslers at Carlisle, Pennsylvania, and the National Street Rod Association Nationals in Louisville, Kentucky. The Power Tour claimed to have had about 5,800 participants and 100,000 spectators in its 7-city week-long event. Chryslers at Carlisle is their largest show of the summer, and sported nearly 4,000 vehicles over a Thursday - Saturday July weekend. And in Louisville, there were 10,257 registered cars for their 4-day weekend. Were all the participants broken down with old age? Of course not! There was something for everyone at each of these, and this is just a sampling of the thousands of car shows and cruise-ins that were held across the United States this summer.

Let's take a more-detailed look at some of the opportunities and challenges facing a would-be car enthusiast in the next installment.

Horsepower at the Crazy Horse

Saturday, April 23rd ♦ Noon - 4:00 PM

Crazy Horse Gentlemen's Club

4730 Frontage Rd, Forest Park, GA 30297

Come join in on the fun show at **Dennis Williams'** new club! We will help him run the show, plus we need LOTS of show cars to come out.

The show will follow our usual format of popular choice awards and prizes. Entry donations will benefit a local charity.

They will have "*FUN*" foods and cold beverages at very reasonable prices . . . *Bring your friends!*



OLD Meets NEW at AIAS '16**A FUN-FILLED Week at the Atlanta Auto Show**

This was the Cool Cruisers THIRD big year displaying our Classics and Hot Rods along with hundreds of new cars at the 34th Annual Atlanta International Auto Show! After a few last minute "edits", we ended up with several very "Cool" looking and eclectic display areas . . . Something for every one. We had a total of 31 vehicles, from a '21 Model T Ford Truck to a '66 Ford GT 40 to a '96 Prowler, and everything in between.

Our displays are always popular with the spectators, with MANY, MANY positive comments and photos taken. One of the things that always makes us shine is our outstanding group of club members that work our displays all week long, telling about the cars and our club. Our THANKS to this dedicated group.

This year, we added some "Creature Comforts" to our lobby area with hot and cold beverages, snacks and doughnuts . . . *LOTS of doughnuts!* The best news . . . looks like we will be back in 2017 for another year! The show dates will be March 22-26, 2017.



APRIL "COOL" CLUB EVENTS

Cruise & Lunch at the Dillard House



Saturday, April 9th ♦ 9:30 AM

Cruise and Lunch at the Dillard House

768 Franklin St, Dillard, GA 30537

Starting Point: Park-N-Ride

I-85 @ Indian Trail - Lilburn Road

(Exit #101) Lilburn, GA 30047

We are ready for a Spring-time road trip to the beautiful North Georgia mountains, then stuff ourselves with a family style lunch-time feast!

We meet at the Park-N-Ride at Indian Trail at I-85 with a rest stop at the Hayes dealership

in Baldwin. Lunch is served family style, all you can eat (\$20.95 adults). Please RSVP to Rick at 404-732-6842 or email

RNE680@mindspring.com *no later than April 6* so we can make reservations.

After lunch we will visit **Tallulah Gorge**. They will be releasing water that weekend, making for a spectacular view of the falls.

The **Dillard House** also offers a variety of overnight accommodations if you would like to make a weekend of it.

Check out the Dillard House at website:

www.DillardHouse.com

Second Annual "Holy Roller" Car Show

Saturday, April 16th ♦ 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM

St. David's Episcopal Church

1015 Old Roswell Road, Roswell, GA 30076

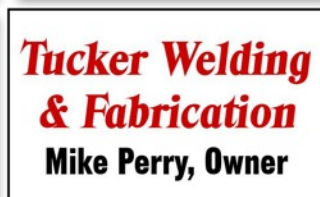
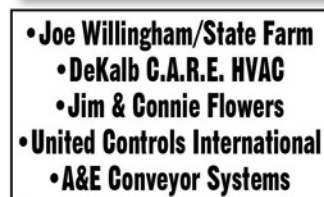
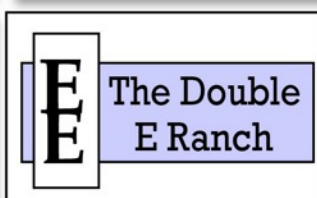
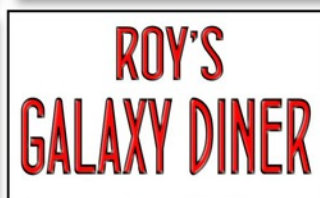
It's SPRINGTIME and the 2nd Annual Holy Roller Car Show is right around the corner!

Dust the pollen off your baby and bring it out for this fun event! We had a good turnout last year and with a couple of tweaks to this year's show promises to be better and bigger.

We will be fundraising for **North Fulton Community Charities**, a group that helps those in need in our area. There will be live music, kids activities, food and drinks available and our usual raffles and popular choice awards. This is a particularly good parking lot to display cars with a good bit of shade available should it be a hot day. Get the word out and come join us! (Rain date is April 30th) Contact **Reid Puckett** with questions (404-825-7688 or rpuckett@reliant-technology.com).



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