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### **Cool Cars in Stone Mtn Village Winners**



#### **BEST CLASSIC:**

William T. Reid, 1965 Jaguar XKE

#### **BEST MODERN:**

Anderson Bailey, 2015 Chevrolet Corvette

#### **TOP 15:**

#### **Stone Mountain Village's Pick:**

Dr. B.S. Black, 1976 GMC Sprint

#### **Most Likely To Meet A Cop (SMPD's Pick):**

\*Pam Piercy, 1965 Cadillac Eldorado convertible

#### **AARF's Favorite (Charity):**

\*Fernando Alfonso, 1981 Delorean DMC12

### **Gateway Classic's Pick (Sponsor's Award):**

\*Mike Walling, 1967 Pontiac GTO

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

Charles Millirons, 1934 Ford roadster

\* Denotes GCC Club Member

## 2023 Club Shows & Events



### **Carter Hill Church Cruise-in**

Saturday, August 19th 11:00 am - 3:00 pm **Carter Hill Christian Church** 361 Punkin Junction Road Bethlehem, GA 30620



### "Santa Cop" Cruise-in

Saturday, September 16th 11:00 am - 3:00 pm **Handy Ace Hardware** 

3969 Lawrenceville Hwy.

Tucker, GA 30084

Fundraiser for DeKalb Fraternal Order of Police "Santa Cop" program for underprivileged kids



### **Varsity Gwinnett Cruise-in**

Sunday, October 1st 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm The Varsity Gwinnett

6045 Dawson Blvd

Norcross, GA 30096

We just got the date & location confirmed. Watch for more info in the September Issue of "Cool Times"



### **Cool Cars & Costumes**

Open Car Show & Halloween Costume Contest Saturday, October 21st 11:00 am - 3:00 pm **Stone Mountain Railroad Depot** 

922 Main Street Stone Mountain, GA 30083 Fundraiser to Help END Breast Cancer



#### **Cool Cars at Briscoe Park**

Saturday, November 11th 11:00 am - 3:00 pm City of Snellville's Briscoe Park

> 2500 Sawyer Parkway (off Lenora Church Road) Snellville, GA 30078 Fundraiser for Snellville Police "Shop With a Cop" program



### **Toys for Tots Cruise-in**

Saturday, December 2nd 11:00 am - 3:00 pm **Handy Ace Hardware** 3969 Lawrenceville Hwy. Tucker, GA 30084

Always check our Facebook page for the latest info on our shows!



### Other Local Events of Interest

Saturday, August 26th, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm. Caffeine and Chrome "Cause for Paws" at Gateway Classic Cars, 1870 McFarland Pkwy, Alpharetta, GA 30005.

Calling all four-legged friends! Cruise on in with your humans to Gateway Classic Cars for the second annual Cause for Paws Car Show. Cruise in with your classic, bring the family, including the furry ones! Enjoy pastries and coffee (while supplies last). There will be special awards given out for Best In Show!

All makes and models are welcome with plenty of parking available. This event is free and open to the public and pet friendly. All proceeds benefit a local animal shelter and individual donations are encouraged. See you there! *Info:* 678-607-9286

#### **WEEKLY CRUISE-INS:**

Summit Racing Monday Night Cruise-ins, 6:00 - 8:00 pm. 20 King Mill Rd, McDonough, GA 30253. All Vehicles Welcome!

AUGUST CRUISE-IN DATES & Featured Vehicles:

August 7 - Corvette Night

August 14th - Pro Street, Gassers & Race Cars

August 21st - Convertibles, Targa & T-Tops

August 28th - Import Nights

NOTE: NO Cruise-in on Labor Day

#### **MONTHLY CRUISE-INS:**

**1st Saturdays:** Classic Auto Rides, Buford High School, 4:00 - 7:00 pm. 2455 Buford Hwy, Buford, GA. *Info: classicautoridesga.com or Dustin* @ 678-524-5638

**1st Sundays:** Caffeine & Octane Car Show (Year round), Town Center Mall, 9:00 am - Noon, 400 Ernest W. Barrett Parkway, NW, Kennesaw, GA 30144.

**2nd Saturdays:** Main Street Tucker. 11:00 am - 2:00 pm. *Info: TuckerCruisein.com* 

Last Saturdays: Gateway Classic Cars. 9:00 am - Noon, 1870 McFarland Pkwy, Alpharetta, GA 30005. *Info:* 678-607-9286

Send us info on your favorite non-Club shows or Cruise-ins. Please send your submissions by the 15th of the month preceding the event.

## "COOL" Club Gear!



## GREAT LOOKING & COMFORTABLE!

We have the PERFECT polo & jacket for Summer!

We offer Cool-Dry polo shirts with the Club logo embroidered on the left chest and available in a variety of colors (\$35 & \$40\*).

We also offer a light weight windbreaker (\$75 & \$80\*) with our Club logo on the left chest and across the back. This jacket is available in most popular colors.

These items are made to order, so please contact Rick for more details at 404-732-6842 or RNE680@mindspring.com.



## OLUB MEWS & UPDATES

#### **JULY '23 CHARITY REPORT:**

Our July charity was Atlanta Animal Rescue Friends (AARF), a local animal rescue group based in Stone Mountain.

Between entry donations and 50/50 ticket sales, we collected a total of \$1,330. They also collected an additional \$400 at their booth for a grand total of \$1,730. Not bad for a show that *ALMOST* got rained-out!

### NEW EVENT JUST ANNOUNCED: Varsity Gwinnett Cruise-in

We've had multiple requests for a Sunday show, an evening show and a show at the Varsity. We combined ALL the elements into a Sunday evening cruise-in at the Varsity Gwinnett in Norcross. The Cruise-in will be on Sunday, October 1st from 4:00 - 7:00 pm.

We will have more details coming shortly.

### **Latest Info on "Cars & Costumes"**

We are gearing up for a fun Halloween themed show in **Stone Mountain Village**. This will be our first Halloween in the City, so we will have a few changes. We are adding a Kids' Category plus "Trunk or Treat." Anyone (Show cars or daily drivers) can participate in both Trunk or Treat and the Best Decorated Car competition. Unfortunately there will be no cash prizes, but all winners will receive a plaque.

We WOULD like to do an event T-shirt, but we need some funding for this. If you would like to help sponsor the T-shirt, and get your name or logo on the shirt, please let us know.

We will use the Gazebo as our stage, and hopefully have it decorated for the holiday.

Please make sure you attend this fun affair on Saturday, October 21st, 11:00 am - 3:00 pm.

Entry donations will benefit the fight against breast cancer.

### **Toys for Tots Cruise-in Sponsors**

We are looking for sponsors for our 2023 Toys for Tots show T-shirt. Sponsor levels are: **Gold** (\$100 - \$249), **Diamond** (\$250 - \$499) and **Platinum** (\$500 & up). Please contact Rick if you are interested in helping.

#### **Our Local Post Office**

Nearly two months ago, someone tried to make a "drive-thru" out of the local post office at Embry Hills, the branch where the Cool Cruisers PO Box is located. We thought this would interrupt service for only a few days, but as of press time, it remains closed, with NO repair work being done.

The interim plan is to have postal customers go to the Chamblee post office (20+ minutes away) and retrieve our mail. Not a good plan at all!

Soooo . . . Until they get our branch reopened, you can send mail to:

## Georgia Cool Cruisers c/o Rick Ellis 4173 Providence Ln, Tucker, GA 30084.

We will continue to check our regular mail as we brave the extra drive into Chamblee.

### Sharon Ellis to "Do the 2" Again!

It's the Journey, the sponsor of the GA 2-Day Walk for Breast Cancer, raises money to fund breast cancer screenings, treatments and support for women and men dealing with breast cancer; all the money donated stays in Georgia. Being a smaller organization, they need all the help they can get to support GA patients. I am participating in the 2023 GA 2-Day Walk, which takes place 10/7-10/8 in Downtown Atlanta. This is my fifth time walking the 2-Day in memory of my beloved Mom, Elaine, who died from breast cancer in 1990. If you would like information about It's the Journey, the GA 2-Day Walk or how to donate to my Walk, please let me know.

### "Cool" Christmas Party 2023

Yes, we know we're still in the middle of Summer, but we always try to plan ahead. **Karen and Steve O'Neal** have hosted our past couple of Christmas/Holiday parties at their home in Lawrenceville, and they have been extremely popular and well done.

We asked Karen if she was interested in doing it again this year and she said YES, she would love to. The date and time will be announced later. This is a covered dish affair.

# We Overcame Early Morning Rain & Parking Issues to Have a Good Show! Cool Cars in the Village a Success In Spite of Everything!

It was definitely a "mixed bag" on show day, some good, some bad. Luckily more good than bad and we got the bad stuff out of the way early. Our first challenge, as we've dealt with way too many times lately, was the weather. The forecast all week called for morning showers, a definite "Show Killer" and in fact it rained up until set-up time. With the typical unreliable forecasts, we decided to go with the show. That decision worked out, as we had a milder and dry day. The second challenge also had the potential to be an event killer. The city Police forgot to barricade the main show parking area and a couple dozen cyclists parked there before we arrived and didn't want to move. With the help of the SMPD, we finally got them all cleared out.

We got all the bad stuff out of the way and got the show started. Due to the uncertain weather, we didn't have the numbers we were hoping for, but a very respectable crowd of more than 60 show cars. We kept everyone fed and happy all day with Mike Perry and crew grilling up his tasty fare and the "King of Pops" selling their gourmet popsicles. Then we topped it off with free birthday cake for all, celebrating the Cool Cruisers' 10th anniversary.

What we lacked in the quantity of show cars, we made up with QUALITY, with an amazing assortment of vehicles! Our show field included Rat Rods, Hot Rods, Classics, imports, a large Dodge C.O.E. (cab over engine) classic truck, a fire truck, a Delorean and MORE! Our thanks to all that brought out their babies!

Our charity for the event was local animal rescue group AARF (Atlanta Animal Rescue Friends). Between entry donations and 50/50 proceeds, we collected \$1,330 for them.

Of course we couldn't do all this without our awesome group of club volunteers, also known as our A-Team. Special thanks to the city of Stone Mountain for co-hosting the show and Heidi Meraz with the Stone Mountain Visitor Center and the city's public works crew. They had the grounds trimmed and looking great for us! See page 2 for a list of all the show winners.

















































































## Dur August Show: Carter Hill Church Cruise-in



Saturday, August 19th 11:00 am - 3:00 pm Carter Hill Christian Church 361 Punkin Junction Rd Bethlehem, GA 30620

Last year was our first time doing this show, and we thought it would be a nice LITTLE show at a small county church. We surveyed the parking areas prior to the show and figured we'd have maybe 75 or so Show Cars. Boy, were we WRONG!! When we finally closed registration, we had nearly 175 cars parked ALL OVER the Church grounds. We managed to accommodate everyone, and not a single complaint. We did notice a few tears (tears of joy) in the eyes of Tom Chick, club member, Diamond sponsor and member of Carter Hill Church!

This year we will be much more prepared for the crowd with better designated parking, more awards, more food and more entry packets ready!

For 2023 we have increased our awards to include Best Classic, Best Modern, Top 25 and some Special Awards. We will also have our 50/50 raffle, door prizes and great oldies playlist.

All show proceeds will benefit the Carter Hill Christian Church's restoration project. Carter Hill is over 110 years old! Entry fee is \$20, with 100% going to help the Church.

Our thanks to Streetside Classics, Lawn Management Services and I-VAN International Vehicle Appraisal Network for sponsoring the show.

With the number of show cars we are expecting, we need some extra volunteers to help us with all areas. If you can help, please contact Larry Navarre, our Volunteer Coordinator.

Please make your plans to attend and tell your car buds to come, too!

### **SEPTEMBER PREVIEW: Santa Cop Cruise-in at Handy Ace**

DATE: Saturday, September 16th TIME: 11:00 am - 3:00 pm LOCATION: Handy Ace Hardware 3969 Lawrenceville Hwy. Tucker, GA 30084

We return to our "Home Base," Handy Ace Hardware, for our annual Fraternal Order of Police "Santa Cop" fundraiser. This is the DeKalb Lodge 10's major fundraiser that provides a Christmas shopping trip to a group of underprivileged local



kids. The more show cars, the more kids we can help, so please help us get the word out. We backed up the show date so we're not in competition with the big show in Buford this year.

In addition to our usual array of popular choice awards, we will have a category for "Tribute" Law Enforcement Vehicles. Skip's Hot Dogs of Avondale will be our food vendor.



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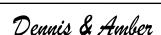




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