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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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JANUARY EVENT



THE VARSITY
GWINNETT
Cruise-in
Sunday, January 15th
4:00 - 7:00 pm

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**Welcome to Our
Newest Members!**

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Dale Halsac

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2016 "A Team" Members, Diamond & Gold Sponsors



2016 DIAMOND SPONSORS

Denny Williams Motorsports

Leigh Fragnoli, Quality Aerosols

Hayes Family Dealerships

2016 GOLD SPONSORS

Mike Thies, SouthEastWheelsEvents.com

Mike Perry, Tucker Welding & Fabrication

Bill Whatley, AC Electrical Service, Inc.

Sharon Ellis, Mary Kay Consultant

Thad Barnes, Certified Auto Repair

Don Brock, Riverside Atlanta Builders

2016 "A TEAM"

Jim Flowers

Dale Xenos

Tilly Lanier

Larry Vaitkus

Sharon Ellis

Rochelle Ziglin

Donna Wilson

Pat Durbin

Bill Musarra

Dennis Behnken

**Also a BIG THANK YOU to ALL our Sponsors,
Supporters, Club Volunteers and Members! You are
what makes this club such a great one!**

2017 Club Shows & Events

"We're Sick of Winter"

Sweetheart Cruise-In

Saturday, February 11th

11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Old Hickory House

2202 Northlake Pkwy ♦ Tucker, GA 30084

Dave & Buster's Car Show

Saturday, February 18th

1:00 pm - 4:30 pm

Dave & Buster's Marietta

2202 D&B Drive ♦ Marietta, GA 30076

*Hosted by Georgia Cool Cruisers and
SouthEastWheelsEvents.com*

Sponsored by Georgia Street Rod Assoc.

Atlanta International Auto Show

Wednesday, March 22nd to

Sunday, March 26th

Georgia World Congress Center, Hall C

235 Northside Dr ♦ Atlanta, GA 30313

*The Georgia Cool Cruisers will once again
be part of this VERY "Cool" event!*

"Holy Roller" Car Show

Saturday, April 29th

11:00 am - 3:00 pm

St. David's Episcopal Church

1015 Old Roswell Rd ♦ Roswell, GA 30076

"Hot Rods at Hayes"

Saturday, May 20th

10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Hayes Dealerships of Baldwin

3660 GA Hwy 365 ♦ Baldwin, GA 30151

IN THE WORKS . . .

Watch for updates!

"Rides & Rescues"

Decatur Estate Antique Mall

2272 Lawrenceville Hwy ♦ Decatur, GA 30033

"Horsepower at the Pony"

The Pink Pony

1937 Corporate Blvd ♦ Brookhaven, GA 30329

Cool Cars at Coolray Field

Coolray Field (Gwinnett Braves Stadium)

2500 Buford Dr ♦ Lawrenceville, GA

Cars and Costumes

Open Car Show & Costume Contest

The Pink Pony

1837 Corporate Blvd ♦ Atlanta, GA 30329

Toys for Tots Cruise-In

Date & Location TBA

MONTHLY CRUISE-IN



The Varsity Gwinnett

Third Sundays

4:00 - 7:00 pm

6045 Dawson Blvd

Norcross, GA 30093

I-85 Exit 99 (Jimmy Carter Blvd)

*No
Show
On
Easter
Sunday*

Other Cruise-Ins, Shows & Events



Caffeine & Octane

Sunday, January 8th

7:00 am - 11:00 am

Perimeter Mall

4400 Ashford-Dunwoody Road
Dunwoody, GA

**Second Sunday for January
Due to New Years Day on the 1st**

Weekly Thursday Gwinnett Meet

Thursday, January 5, 11, 16, 23

9:00 pm to 11:45 pm

5900 Brook Hollow Pkwy NW
Norcross, GA 30071

"Coffee Brake" Gathering

Saturday, January 22, 2017

7:00 am to 11:00 am

Main Street Diner

Highway 78 & Coopers Road
(1142 Athens Highway)
Grayson, GA 30017

Cars & Coffee

Saturday, January 28, 2017

9:00 am - Noon

Gateway Classic Cars

1870 McFarland Parkway
Alpharetta, GA 30005

**Gateway Classic Cars is now doing
Cars & Coffee year round!**



Atlanta Motorama

Presented by

Summit Racing Equipment

Saturday, April 22nd

Sunday, April 23rd

Atlanta Motor Speedway

1500 Tara Place
Hampton, GA 30228

Northeast Georgia Swap Meet

Saturday, January 7th

7:00 am - 1:30 pm

Atlanta Dragway, Commerce, GA

Vendor spaces: \$20, Spectator entry: \$5.

Information: Brad @ 706-424-5035



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

January Birthdays



Happy Birthday To . . .

David Vick 2nd
David Gay 5th
Ed Siragusa 5th
Jeff Jackson 6th
Barry Sikes 7th
Jack Mobley 7th
Walter Abbey 10th
Lexi Gay 12th
Kim Stansell 12th
Doug Bailey 12th
Nick Grossman 23rd
John Bailey 31st

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

This and That . . .

Our Weekly Breakfast:

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

Club Gear: We have a new order of club caps in, and will be available at all club activities for only \$20. You can also order club jackets (Black satin Coaches style or light weight) and polo shirts.

Call Rick at 404-732-8342 for info on how to order.

Membership Renewal: If you are due (or past due) for your annual renewal, please drop us a check for \$30 to P.O. Box 942291, Atlanta, GA 31141, or you can send a PayPal payment by going to the link on our website (membership tab).

Thanks for you help on this!

Charity Collections

Totals for 2016

We earned our motto "Cars for a Cause" again in 2016! We raised a Grand Total of **\$39,500.00**, our best year!

Here is a breakdown by Charity:

USO Georgia	\$2,250
FurKids	\$900
Susan G. Komen	\$9,600
Drake House	\$2,100
Toys for Tots	\$15,150
NetWorks	\$730
Factory Church	\$2,345
Calvary Shelter	\$1,340
HRCC	\$3,135
AARF	\$1,750
Secret Santa	\$200

Thanks to *EVERYONE* that made this possible . . . our **Members**, our club **Volunteers**, our **Sponsors** and our **Events Hosts!!!**

Thanks Dr. Z!

Alan Ziglin, more commonly know as "Dr. Z" has become a club sponsor!

Alan believes in the club and our mission, and decided he wanted to be a bigger part of the club!

We appreciate Alan, along with other club members that have helped sponsor the club!

We hope that Alan may win a few awards at club event this year. As many of you know, he *hardly EVER* wins anything . . . LOL!

What a Birthday Gift!



Linda Mobley recently celebrated a milestone birthday (and **NO**, we are not telling which one). Her hubby **Jack** surprised her with her *DREAM* car, a **1965 Mustang hardtop**.

Looks like a TWO show car family now! We can't wait to see it at our shows this year!

Congrats, Linda!

Streetside Classics to Sponsor Varsity Cruise-Ins



We are pleased to announce that **Streetside Classics** has signed on to sponsor the monthly Cruise-Ins at the **Varsity Gwinnett**.

They will have sales reps at each show and will pick a car for the "Streetside Classics Classic" Award.

Streetside Classics has been a supporter of GCC since our beginning, and we are excited about this!

Streetside's showroom is located at 213 Thornton Road, Lithia Springs, GA 30122

www.StreetsideClassics.com

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We are up to **560** Likes!



CLUB NEWS & UPDATES

2017 Atlanta International Auto Show

We will once again have a presence at the show. As always, we will not know how many spaces, or where, until closer to the show date. We will be lining up show cars starting now. We will get a rough idea of the numbers in a month or so, but it can change up to the week before the show. Please let us know if you want to display your car.



Not everyone will make the show, as we have to present the largest variety possible. We can have some previously shown cars along with new ones.

This year, we will implement a new rule: If you show your car, you must work at least 2 shifts (not including Sunday afternoon). If you are interested, please email Rick with info on your car (Make, Model, Color, Features), and contact info (best phone number and email address).

We will be working with a new person with **Metro Atlanta Automotive Dealers Association (MAADA)**, **Betsy Griffin**. She takes over from **Dave Tribble**, who retired after last year's show. Betsy is excited to have us returning this year. There may be some small changes this year, but nothing major.

We are also looking for sponsors to help with show expenses, which include the t-shirt that we provide for all the club's show volunteers.

2017 GCC Events Updates

Here is the latest updates on club activities for 2017. *We are open to suggestions for locations for club events and shows!*

Galaxy Diner: At this point, we have no plans for shows at the Galaxy in 2017. We will be looking for a new location in the area for the Toys for Tots show next year.

Decatur Estate Antique Mall: We will be setting a date for this show for the Spring. Yes, it is a small venue, but Maggie, the hostess, is very enthusiastic about our club and shows. We love to "Rack 'em, Pack 'em and Stack 'em" for a nice, full show! Mike Perry has offered to be the Grill Master again!

Pink Pony: We are planning on the two shows: "Horsepower at the Pony" in August and "Cars and Costumes" in late October. Date for the HP at the Pony will be announced as soon as we can get the Volleyball League's schedule.

The Factory Church in Woodstock: At this time, there are no plans to continue this event. Leigh Fragnoli has sponsored this show, cites lack of interest from the church as the reason.

Cruises: We will be planning cruises for 2017: Possible locations include Smith House, Dillard House and Memory Lane. We are open to suggestions for destinations.

Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure. Saturday, May 13th, Lenox Mall in Buckhead. Join our team "Cool Cruisers for a Cure" and support our fundraising efforts. You can run, walk or cheer us on in this 5K event. We were the #5 top fundraising team in 2016 (our very first year!) See Sharon for all the info on the event and how to sign up and fundraise. Please call or email her @ 404-732-6843 or Sharon@SharonEllis.org.

Our 4th Annual Holiday Party

What a GREAT party! We filled the banquet room of the **Greater Good BBQ** with around 50 club members, and the party was ON! The gathering had something for everyone . . . Great BBQ, time with old friends, meeting new friends, club gifts for all members, recognition for our sponsors and "A Team" members and a club meeting thrown in for good measure.

Sharon ran the fun filled ornament exchange, with some really sneaky "steals." There was a pretty common theme with the ornaments . . . surprisingly, cars and trucks were quite common! **Donna Wilson** presented Rick & Sharon with a pair of beautiful T-Shirt quilts! We hear that some members literally gave the "shirts off their backs" for this project!

Our Secret Santa collection raised \$200 for a very needy local family! The family sends their sincere Thanks to the club!

Our thanks go out to our host, the Greater Good BBQ, who did another fabulous job of taking care of us, plus **Dale Xenos** (peppermint bark candy), **Pam Quartarone** (strawberry cakes) and **Dennis, Stephanie & Denny Williams Motorsports** (boxes of candy).



Thanks from Rick & Sharon . . .

Rick and I were so incredibly honored and humbled (and surprised!) by the incredible gifts we received at the Club Holiday Party. The quilts made with Club Event t-shirts are a great tribute to the hard work, dedication and enthusiasm of our Club members. We feel very Blessed to know all of you and are privileged to call you friends. Thank you for the positive impact you have on the Club, our community and to us personally. We look forward to another great year of being "Cool Cruisers."

Love and hugs, **Sharon**



SPONSOR SPOTLIGHT




Since opening its doors to car enthusiasts in 1999, Gateway Classic Cars has grown to become the World's Largest Car Company and is currently going through an aggressive expansion phase. Over the past seventeen (17) years the company has opened (13) showrooms throughout the United States, and continues to operate on a global scale. With inventory currently peaking over 2,000 spread across all showrooms and growing, Gateway Classic Cars guarantees those tuning in will not be disappointed.

Gateway Classic Cars is a new Diamond Club sponsor to Georgia Cool Cruisers and we are elated to be supporting their forthcoming endeavors and participating in various club events and the Atlanta International Auto Show at Georgia World Congress Center. We love that the club is open to anyone with an interest in an active organizations whose purpose is to fund-raise for charities both local and national. Those charitable endeavors are also important to Gateway Classic Cars visit gatewayclassiccars.com to see upcoming events. We are completing our 14th year of uninterrupted profits closing 2016 with expected revenues of \$53 million. In 2016 we increased by (3) premier showrooms in Dallas Fort- Worth, Milwaukee and Atlanta expanding our line-up from 1,200 classic and exotics offered to over 2,000. Modeled after the existing (10) showrooms located in St. Louis, Louisville, Chicago, Indianapolis, Detroit, Nashville, Houston, Fort- Lauderdale, Tampa and Orlando with other markets soon to follow. This growth will strengthen its position as the world's largest classic car sales network.

The in-house production of **Money Metal** launched in 2016 hosted by NASCAR Veteran Kenny Wallace not only showcases some of America's hottest classic/collector vehicles in the industry but also highlights their outstanding investment value. Money Metal continues to speak to a large audience of classic/collector car enthusiasts throughout the automotive industry. This in-house production which began as a monthly web series viewed on Gateway Classic Cars YouTube channel continues into 2017 with plans of delivering to an even larger network audience by airing on major networks such as CNBC or Fox Business. In 2017 we are excited to expand our Cars and Coffee cruise-in, making it a year round monthly event held the last Saturday of the month across all showrooms from 9 am-12 pm. Join the Gateway Classic Cars conversation over pastries and coffee with other car enthusiasts' friends and family. We are open to the public M-F 9-5 and closed on Sundays. Get a chance to step back in time and view the most beautiful classic and exotic cars of all time in our beautiful showrooms.

With expansion comes opportunity and we are excited for what 2017 has to bring. We are looking to reach \$72-75 million in revenue in the New Year. Along with rapid growth we offer a variety of features to returning guests. Gateway Classic Cars, selling classic and exotic vehicles for private sellers, collectors and estates, since 1999.

UPCOMING "COOL" CLUB EVENTS

The Varsity Monthly Cruise-In

Every Third Sunday

4:00 - 7:00 pm

The Varsity Gwinnett

6045 Dawson Blvd

Norcross, GA 30093



Get ready for a new concept for "Cool" Car Shows! January 15th will mark the FIRST of the Monthly Cruise-Ins at

The Varsity Gwinnett! This is a *FREE* and *FRIENDLY* Cruise-In, hosted by the **Georgia Cool Cruisers** and **SouthEast Wheels Events** (Mike Thies' great website). Come drop in for a Chili Dog, or stay the evening! No entry fees, no voting, just FUN! The only awards will be a Sponsor's Pick (Streetside Classics) and a Varsity's Choice.



We will have some great tunes playing, free car cards and name badges (so you know who owns what car). We will have a donation jar to support our Charity-of-the-Month. These cruise-ins are open to EVERYONE!

We think this event will be very popular . . . A fun way to end the weekend, hang out with fellow car enthusiasts and grab some dinner. The first Cruise-In will be Sunday, January 15th. There will be **NO Cruise-In on Easter Sunday**.

February "COOL" Car Shows & Cruise-Ins

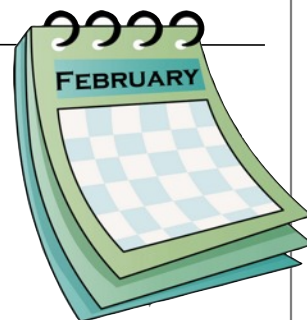
We have a MAJOR Jump Start on most everyone in 2017. We know many of you get a bad case of "Garage Fever," similar symptoms to Cabin Fever, so we have the "Cure"!

Saturday, February 11th, 11:00 am-3:00 pm. The "I'm Sick of Winter" Sweetheart Cruise-In at the Old Hickory House: This will be our 3rd Annual Season-opener! We are hoping for a mild, sunny day! It will follow our usual format and will be a fundraiser for Susan G. Komen for the Cure in support of our Race for the Cure 5K team.

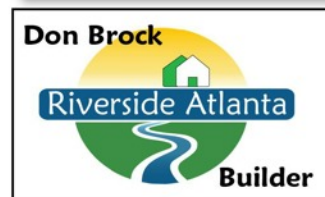
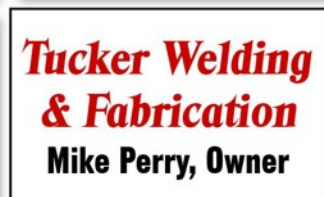
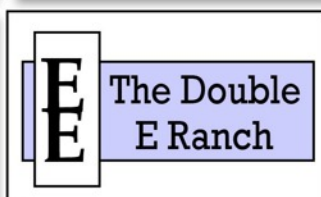
Saturday, February 18th, 1:00 pm - 4:30 pm. Dave & Busters Car Show. We listened to our NW Metro members and will host at the Marietta Dave & Buster's location. We are teaming up with Mike Thies for this event. He has already done a lot of planning for this show, which will include a Jay Leno Award and possibly a visit from Jay! This show will benefit the Hot Rodders Children's Charity (Year One's charity). This is a large parking lot and we hope to pack it! The show is sponsored by Georgia Street Rod Association.

Sunday, February 19th, 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm: The Varsity Gwinnett Cruise-In. We will be back for our second Varsity Cruise-In.

Make your plans for a VERY active and fun February!

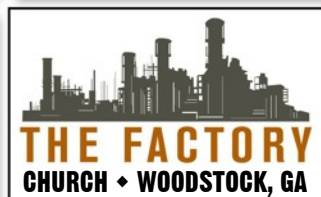


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