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## **CLUB MEETING & LUNCH**



**Sunday, January 9th ❄️ 1:00 pm**

**'Cue Barbecue**

**5260 Peachtree Industrial Blvd.**

**Peachtree Corners, GA 30071**

*see Page 9 for more info*



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**Welcome New Members!**

**Mike & Chris  
Bilello**



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## TOYS for TOTS Cruise-in Winners



**BEST CLASSIC:**

\*Alan "Dr. Z" Ziglin, 1951 Studebaker Commander

**BEST MODERN:**

Nick Stambo, 2020 Chevrolet Camaro SS

**TOP 20:**

John & Wendy Bailey, 1964 Chevrolet Impala SS

Mark Lavinsky, 1957 Chevrolet Bel Air

\*Sammy McDaniel, 1952 Ford F-100 truck

\*Jack Gilleland, 1939 Chevrolet 1/2 ton truck "Rat Rod"

David Paris, 1967 Pontiac LeMans

Jim Clark, 1969 Chevrolet Chevelle Malibu

\*Andy Sarratt, 1962 Chevrolet Bel Air

Larry Dodson, 1967 Chevrolet Corvette

Tom Duncan, 1964 Chevrolet C-10

Wayne Tevis, 1979 Chevrolet Camaro

Jeff Whaley, 1970 Chevrolet Chevelle convertible

Jennifer & David Wade, 1969 Jaguar Mark 9

Gordy Waters, 1932 Ford Cabriolet

Jerry Miller, 1954 Chevrolet 3100

Todd Ellis, 1950 Merc

Joe Fotschky, 1969 Oldsmobile Hurst Olds

Carol & Greg Bell, 1953 Dodge B-4

Cleveland Whitehead, 1966 Volkswagen Beetle

\*Leigh Fragnoli, 1932 Ford 5-Window coupe

Ed Weeks, 1949 Ford pick-up

**'Cue's (Host) Favorite:**

Rick Horne, 1923 Ford T-Bucket

**Santa's Pick:**

\*Theresa Leach, 1966 Ford Mustang

**Marine's Finest:**

Walter Reese, 1966 Ford Econoline

**Coollest Cruiser (Club Award):**

\*Mike & Chris Bilello, 1964 Dodge Town Wagon

\* Denotes GCC Club Member

# 2022 Club Shows & Events



*"I'm SICK of Winter"*

## Sweetheart Cruise-in

Saturday, February 12th, 11 am – 3 pm

'Cue Barbecue

5260 Peachtree Industrial Blvd,  
Peachtree Corners, GA 30071

## Hot Rods at Hayes of Baldwin

Saturday, March 26th, 10 am – 2 pm

Hayes Dealerships

3556 Hwy 365, Baldwin, GA 30511

## Cool Rides & Rescues

Sunday, April 10th, 11 am – 3 pm

Decatur Estate Antiques Mall

2272 Lawrenceville  
Decatur, GA 30033

## USO Benefit Car Show

Saturday, May 28th, 11 am – 3 pm

Handy Ace Hardware

3969 Lawrenceville Highway  
Tucker, GA 30084

## Horsepower at the Pony

The Pink Pony

Saturday, June 11th, Noon - 4 pm

1837 Corporate Blvd  
Brookhaven, GA 30329



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You can also find our events listed on  
[SoutheastWheelsEvents.com](http://SoutheastWheelsEvents.com) &  
Ragtops & Runningboards

## Red, White & 'Cue

'Cue Barbecue

Sunday, July 3rd, Noon – 4 pm

5260 Peachtree Industrial Blvd  
Peachtree Corners, GA 30071

## Carter Hill Church Car Show

Saturday, August 13th, 11 am – 3 pm

361 Punkin Junction Road  
Bethlehem, GA 30620

## Cool Cars & Trains

Saturday, September 3rd, 11 am - 3 pm

Southeastern Railway Museum

3595 Buford Hwy  
Duluth, GA 30096

## Santa Cop Cruise-in

Saturday, September 24th, 11 am - 3 pm

Handy Ace Hardware

3969 Lawrenceville Highway  
Tucker, GA 30084

## Cool Cars & Costumes

Saturday, October 22nd, Noon - 4 pm

The Pink Pony

1837 Corporate Blvd  
Brookhaven, GA 30329

## Cool Cars at Briscoe Park

Saturday, November 12th, 11 am - 3 pm

2500 Sawyer Pkwy (off Lenora Church Rd)  
Snellville, GA 30078

## Toys for Tots Cruise-in

Saturday, December 3rd, 11 am - 3 pm

'Cue Barbecue

5260 Peachtree Industrial Blvd  
Peachtree Corners, GA 30071

# The "Cool" Gear Store



## Jackets & Polos

### 3-Season Jacket:

- Water resistant jacket, also featuring a fold-away hood.
- Available in several solid colors.
- **\$90** (add **\$5** for 2X and up).
- The jacket features left chest logo and full back embroidery.
- Custom order - see below.

### Windbreaker:

- Available in multiple colors
- **\$70** (add **\$5** for 2X and up).

### Embroidered polo:

- Available in a variety of colors, in men's & ladies cut.
- **\$35**, add **\$5** for 2X and larger.

To order jacket or polos, please call or email Rick.



## T-Shirts:

S-XL:  
**\$18**

2X & 3X:  
**\$20**

Available at  
all Club  
Shows

## 2021 Cool Cruisers Fundraising Recap

We had a banner year with our fundraising efforts, with 11 events during the year. We raised a total of \$33,137.00 for some great local charities.

Thanks to everyone that contributed and all our Sponsors that made this possible!

*We are looking forward to continuing our efforts in '22!*

### FEBRUARY:

#### Sweetheart Cruise-in at 'Cue Barbecue

\$1,735 for Breast Cancer Treatment & Cure

### MARCH:

#### Cool Cars at Briscoe Field - Spring Show

\$2,220 for Planned PETHood

### APRIL:

#### Cool Rides & Rescues at Decatur Antiques

\$2,002 for Furkids Animal Rescue & Shelters

### MAY:

#### USO Benefit at Handy Ace Hardware

\$3,000 for USO Georgia

### JUNE:

#### Horsepower at the Pony

\$2,905 for Furkids Animal Rescue & Shelters

### JULY:

#### Red, White & 'Cue at 'Cue Barbecue

\$2,150 for Orphan Annie Animal Rescue

### SEPTEMBER:

#### Cool Cars & Trains

\$2,000 for Southeastern Railway Museum

### OCTOBER:

#### Santa Cop Cruise-in at Handy Ace Hardware

\$2,030 for DeKalb FOP "Santa Cop" program

#### Cool Cars & Costumes at the Pink Pony

\$3,450 for Breast Cancer Treatment

### NOVEMBER:

#### Cool Cars at Briscoe Park - Fall Show

\$2,250 for Snellville P.D.'s "Shop With a Cop"

### DECEMBER:

#### Toys for Tots Cruise-in at 'Cue Barbecue

\$4,175 Cash & 435 Toys

*(estimated value of Toys: \$5,220)*



# CLUB NEWS & UPDATES

## Toys for Tots Collection Totals



December is Toys for Tots time, and we *DID IT RIGHT* again this year (our 14th year)!

Our show at 'Cue yielded **435 Toys** and an **AMAZING \$4,175 in cash** donations! A big part of the cash total was from our Auction, which brought in over \$1,650. Thanks to all that contributed items (see below), and special thanks to the 50/50 winner for donating a large portion back.

*Our thanks to all that donated!*

## Toys for Tots Auction

We had one of our nicest collections of items ever for our annual Toys for Tots auction. All items were donated and helped raise money for our Marines to purchase toys to fill in the gaps.

Our Thanks to: **Year One Muscle Car Parts, Summit Racing, Handy Ace Hardware, Decatur Estate Antiques, Allan Roth, Karen O'Neal, Rick & Sharon Ellis, 'Cue Barbecue & their vendors, Tiger Glass Car Wash, Georgia Cool Cruisers and Pat & Jack Horvath** for donating all the "Cool" stuff!

Special thanks to Karen O'Neal for all her work in setting up the auction!

## Thanks, PetSmart!



Once again this year, the Lawrenceville PetSmart asked us to help distribute the donated "Lucky and Friends" plush animals to needy organizations.

We were able to find homes for over 300 of these "Fuzzy Critters" to a variety of places, including a children's unit at a local hospital, homeless women & children's shelter and local Police departments.

The plush sell for \$5 each at PetSmart with proceeds benefiting Toys for Tots, then customers have the option to donate them back.

*Our Thanks to PetSmart for the donations!*

## "Santa Cop" & "Shop With a Cop"



We thought you would like to see the results of our hard work! Two of our recent shows benefited local law enforcement agencies and their programs to help kids at Christmas!

**DeKalb FOP** treated 40 local kids to a Police escorted shopping trip to Walmart, each with a \$200 budget. **Snellville PD** treated 30 kids on a similar shopping trip with \$170/per child to select their gifts.

We applaud these and other departments that reach out to the community in such a caring way! We are proud to have been a part of this in 2021 and look forward to helping in the future.

## New Canopy & Laser Printer

While setting up at the Toys for Tots show, one of the supports on our main canopy broke. We made it work for the show, but it was deemed un-repairable, making it necessary to buy a new one, which is already done.

Our much used color laser also suddenly died in the middle of printing the December newsletter, so we had to purchase a new printer too.

A couple of expensive purchases, but as we say . . . *"the cost of doing business."*

## In Our Prayers . . .

Please continue to keep **Jack Horvath** in your thoughts and prayers. Jack is out of the hospital and is home in hospice care.

**Don Brock** is home and recovering from a two week hospital stay for COVID. We hope to see him out and about very soon.

**Bob Burek** is fighting complications from colon cancer, but is in great spirits.

**Norman Malone**, although not a Club member but a regular at our shows, suffered a stroke and is now in rehab.

## Our Toys for Tots Cruise-in: WOW, just WOW!

Our Toys for Tots is always the one show that is the most work with the Auction, T-shirts, Sponsors, collecting HUNDREDS of toys and THOUSANDS of dollars in donations. It is also the most rewarding "Feel Good" event we do. Our 2021 show did not disappoint! In fact, Mother Nature gave us a little surprise gift . . . a DRY and MILD (although overcast) Show Day!!!

We had 100 registered show cars, and probably 10-12 more that didn't register. Thanks to our "A+ Team," we were able to park them all in an amazingly orderly fashion! We used the grassy area between the parking lot and the street to showcase quite a collection to the traffic on Peachtree Industrial Blvd, helping to increase the number of spectators plus a few "drop-in" participants. We had zero issues taking care of the crowd, and the 'Cue staff had their "A-Team" too, taking care of all our hungry participants!

Speaking of 'Cue, our thanks to their dedication, commitment and generosity for this (and ALL) event. They truly LOVE to support Toys for Tots!

When the dust cleared, we ended up collecting 435 toys and \$4,175 in cash. Less toys than '20, but more cash. We can definitely chalk this one up as a major success!

Our thanks to all that sponsored, contributed or helped on show day. We cannot put on any of our events without such a great bunch. Your help made a LOT of kids happy on Christmas morning! *Please see page 2 for a complete list of the show winners.*







# ***TOYS for TOTS Cruise-in 2021 at 'Cue***





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## Club Meeting & Lunch at 'Cue BBQ



**Sunday, January 9th**

**1:00 pm**

**'Cue Barbecue**

**5260 Peachtree Industrial Blvd  
Peachtree Corners, GA 30071**

We try and have a Club event every month, but January is usually NOT a good month for an outdoor show, so we are taking it inside this month. We will meet at 'Cue Barbecue for a tasty lunch and an informal Club meeting.

If the weather is dry, you are welcome to drive your favorite "Hot Rod" for an impromptu Cruise-in (*NO awards, music or raffles, just cars*). Otherwise just come in your daily driver.

After lunch, we will have a short meeting with open discussions. Please feel free to make suggestions for the Club's activities and our future.

## Our '21 Holiday Party: *What a FUN Event!*



Some shots  
of the food &  
Festivities.  
*Photos by  
Karen O'Neal*

**Karen & Steve O'Neal** once again hosted our Club's Holiday Party this year. Karen did an **amazing** job of making two dozen members feel at home. There was plenty of food, drink, holiday decorations and fellowship to go around! One of our members described it the best in an email to Karen . . . *"It was one of the most memorable Christmas parties I have been to in a very long time. You are definitely the hostess with the mostest! The food was awesome, the gang hilarious, and your home was like being on a Hollywood movie set! Your decorating talents know no bounds! We thank you so much for hosting!!!"*

We recognized our Diamond Sponsors and our A-Team (Jack Gilleland, Larry Navarre, Sharon Ellis, Larry Vaitkus, Joe & Theresa Leach, Rochelle Ziglin, Dianna & Tom Rutland, Fred Hartley, Steve & Karen O'Neal, Don Brock, Tom Ariail, Dennis & Amber Behnken & Tracy Walkup).

Sharon conducted our fun-filled ornament exchange, and Bill Marsh won the "Ugly Christmas Sweater" contest. *Our thanks to Steve & Karen for all their hard work in hosting our party!*





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