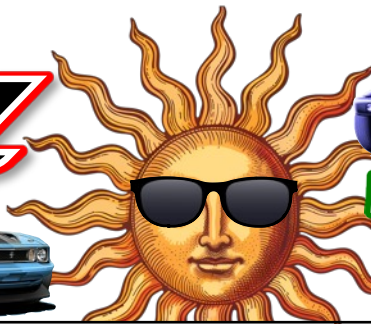


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Happy New Year!

2025



Coming in February . . .

Sweetheart Cruise-in

Saturday, February 15th

11:00 am - 3:00 pm

NEW VENUE!

**Smoke Rise Church
Stone Mountain, GA**



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Welcome New Members!

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Ed Walton

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Toys for Tots Cruise-in Winners



BEST CLASSIC:

Charles Deans, 1967 Chevrolet Chevelle SS

BEST MODERN:

Rick Abt, 2006 Ford Mustang GT

TOP 20:

Todd Ellis, 1940 Cadillac LaSalle
*Andy Sarratt, 1962 Chevrolet Bel Air
*Ken & Susan Miller, 1969 Mercury Cougar XR7
*Pam Piercy, 1965 Cadillac Eldorado convertible
*Joe Leach, 1977 Chevrolet Camaro Z28
Ken & Lorraine Johanson, 1931 Ford truck
Harold Cape, 1966 Ford Bronco
Blake Thompson, 1955 Chevrolet Bel Air
Dean Daly, 1969 Chevrolet Camaro
*Troy Reeves, 1952 Willys M-38 Jeep
Daryl Haynes, 1984 Chevrolet Monte Carlo
Ricky Tremery, 1968 Chevrolet C-10
Carlton Rose, 1961 Chevrolet Impala
John Stone, 1956 GMC 100
Irfan Kalvert, 1956 Porsche Speedster
*Bernie Brasch, 1972 Chevrolet C-10
Joe Fotschky, 1969 Oldsmobile Hurst/Olds
Kevin Orr, 1969 Chevrolet Chevelle SS
Del Hunn, 2021 Chevrolet Camaro SS
Eric Billups, 1965 Buick Riviera

Santa's Favorite:

David Randall, 1967 Plymouth Belvedere

Host's Favorite (Handy Ace Hardware):

Shawn Kontra, 1955 Chevrolet 210

Marine's Finest (Our Charity's Pick):

*Steve & Karen O'Neal, 1969 American Motors AMX

Coollest Cruiser (Club Award):

David Parris, 1967 Pontiac LeMans

* Denotes GCC Club Member

2025 Club Shows & Events



***Drive Toward A Cure POKER RUN**
Saturday, January 18th
9:00 am Start Time @
Streetside Classics
In Lithia Springs

Travel through N. Georgia gathering your Poker hand, ending at Caffeine & Octane Lanier Raceway. Prizes for best hand!

**Not a Georgia Cool Cruiser event, but we are one of the event sponsors.*

*Info: Mike @ 770-883-0160 or gaservices62@gmail.com
Fundraiser for the Parkinson's Unit at Emory*



The "I'm SICK of Winter"
Sweetheart Cruise-in

Saturday, February 15th
11:00 am - 3:00 pm
NEW VENUE in 2025!

Smoke Rise Baptist Church
5901 Hugh Howell Road
Stone Mountain, GA 30087
Fundraiser to help END Breast Cancer



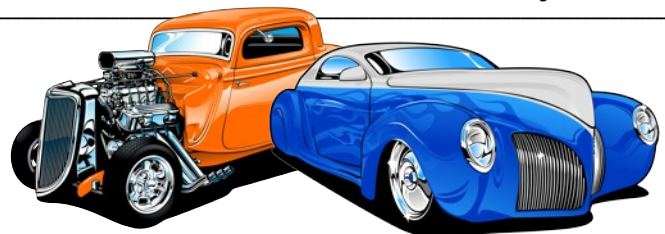
Rain Dates are 1 week after the original show date unless otherwise noted.

Check our Facebook page for the latest updates.



Hot Rods at Hayes '25

Saturday, March 22nd
10:00 am - 2:00 pm
Hayes Dealerships of Baldwin
3660 State Highway 365
Baldwin, GA 30511
*Fundraiser for
Hot Rodders Children's Charity*



Cool Cars at Briscoe Park

SPRING 2025 SHOW
Saturday, April 26th
11:00 am - 3:00 pm
Snellville's Briscoe Park
2500 Sawyer Parkway
(off Lenora Church Road)
Snellville, GA 30078



USO Benefit Car Show

Saturday, May 24th
11:00 am - 3:00 pm
Handy Ace Hardware
3969 Lawrenceville Hwy.
Tucker, GA 30084

CLUB NEWS & UPDATES

Fundraiser Report for December:



Our "Toy for Tots" Cruise-in was a benefit for Toys for Tots (who else LOL). Although a smaller show than past years, we still had pretty decent donations with 239 toys and \$2,150 in cash. The estimated value of the toys was \$2,900.

Our thanks to Pam Piercy, winner of the 50/50 raffle, for donating her winnings back.

As always, our thanks to all that attended and donated! Special thanks to Marine Corps League #665 for helping collect the toys, take them to the warehouse and distribute them to families of the needy kids!

Cool Cruiser Club Gear For Cold Weather!



Want to stay warm and look "Cool?" Well we've got you "covered" with a couple of jackets to choose from.

We 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.

We also have a heavier weight 3-season jacket, embroidered the same as the windbreaker (\$95 & *\$100).

These items are made to order, so please contact Rick for more details at 404-732-6842 or RNE680@mindspring.com
(*indicates additional charge for 2X & 3X)

Our 2024 "A-Team" Recognized

Where better to find most of our A-Team than at a "Cool" show, and that's exactly why we chose our year end Toys for Tots show to honor our 2024 volunteers.

We presented plaques to the following Club members for outstanding service during the year. *Those members are:*

Paul Benham (*Coordinator*)

Steven McKeague

Jack Gilleland

Ken & Susan Miller

Sharon Ellis

Steve & Karen O'Neal

Rochelle Ziglin

Theresa & Joe Leach

Tom Ariail

Chuck Dalton

Don Brock

Billy Wright (*our photographer*)

Mike Perry & Crew (*our food vendor*)

Our December Honor Roll of Club Sponsors & Supporters!

The generosity of our Club members and Sponsors continues to AMAZE us!

Our latest group of those that have recently contributed to the Club are:

Ken & Susan Miller

Tony & Tammy Stout

Hayes Dealership of Lawrenceville

Bill & Leigh Whatley

Alan Ziglin

Our sincere thanks to these and all the members and businesses that have made our Club and our mission such a success!

Our 2024 Charitable Donations:

We did a quick count of how much we raised for our charities in 2024. Our total was an **AMAZING \$29,863!!!**

Our thanks to everyone that helped make this possible! More details in the next "Cool Times."

Fewer Show Cars, Fewer Toys Donated, but Still a GOOD Event! **A DRY & SUNNY (but CHILLY) Tots for Tots Cruise-in**

After ANOTHER up and down show day forecast, our prayers were answered with a DRY and SUNNY day for our 17th annual Toys for Tots benefit car show! What we apparently forgot to ask for was a MILD day! Our Team showed up at Handy Hardware to sub-freezing temps and a steady chilly breeze! We will take CHILLY over RAINY every time, a definite improvement over last year!

This show normally draws over 100 show cars, but a check of other car events in the metro area showed us that we had more, *MUCH* more competition this year. We ended up with less than 70 show cars, not a bad number, but not what we were hoping for. Although nowhere near our record of toy & money donations, we still did pretty well, collecting 239 toys and \$2,150 in cash donations. We presented the cash to our Marines so they could go buy more toys to fill in the gaps.

This year, due to Rick's medical issues, we didn't do an event T-shirt or charity auction. We did step up our door prizes with some very nice items donated by Streetside Classics, Summit Racing Equipment, Year One Muscle Car Parts, Handy Hardware and Old Hickory House. Our thanks to these great businesses for their contributions.

Mike Perry and his crew braved the cold (and Mike's recent surgery) to provide his tasty burgers, hot dogs and BBQ sandwiches. We were also able to get Santa to stop by for a visit, and got him to pick his favorite show car to win the "Santa's Pick" award. We never knew Santa was such a "Car Guy!"

With our smaller than normal number of show cars, chances to win an award were very good for those that chose our "Cool" show and braved the cold! We, with Santa's help, presented plaques for the Best Classic, Best Modern, Top 20 and awards chosen by our Host, Marines, Santa and the Cool Cruisers. See page 2 for a list of all the winners.

Our thanks to all our Club volunteers that came early and stayed late to make this show come off without a hitch! **More photos from Billy Wright on our Facebook page!**



Toys for Tots *Cruise-in* at Handy Hardware



Toys for Tots *Cruise-in* at Handy Hardware



Toys for Tots *Cruise-in* at Handy Hardware



Drive Toward A Cure - For Parkinson's Disease

Saturday, January 18TH

Meet at 9:00 am *AT*

Streetside Classics

213 Thornton Road, Suite 400

Lithia Springs, GA 30122



What do we “car folks” do in January? It’s just TOO COLD to sit behind our hot rods for 3-4 hours for a car show. Here is a GREAT solution to that problem . . . A POKER RUN!!

The fun begins at Streetside Classics in Lithia Springs. They will open their facility at 9:00 am so everyone can be ready to start at 10:00 am for the trek to the first of four stops. The first is in Marietta at True Automotive, a specialty performance shop. The next will be in Jasper at Ray Morgan's garage where he builds amazon automotive masterpieces. The third will be in Cumming. Each player will pick up a card for their poker hand at each stop while experiencing an automotive place of interest. The final stop will be at The Driving Club at Road Atlanta before the short jaunt to Caffeine & Octane's Lanier Raceway for a reception. As a bonus, Lanier Raceway will host downforce racing at the track, and Poker Run participants will get free spectator tickets to the event. In addition, thousands in cash and prizes will be awarded to the winning hands. Food and drink, silent auctions, raffles, games and giveaways will round out the festivities.

Each poker hand is a \$125 donation to benefit the Parkinson's Unit at Emory Healthcare with a goal of a \$5,000 donation! Questions: Mike Thies at 770-883-0160.

Scan the QR code to register or [Drivetowardacure.org/day/pokerrun 2025](https://drivetowardacure.org/day/pokerrun2025)



We Want YOUR Input on Our '25 Shows & Events!

Yes, we have already scheduled our first four shows for the new year, but those are all Club favorites: the Sweetheart Cruise-in, Hot Rods at Hayes, Briscoe Park and the USO Memorial Weekend show at Handy Ace Hardware. Beyond these shows, we have nothing etched in stone for the rest of the year. We have some ideas but would like your input on what you would like us to do!

We had quite a few positive comments on our October Pizza Party at Andy Sarratt's garage and everyone seemed to enjoy our day at the Tucker Main Street Cruise-in where we were the show's main sponsor and featured Club.

Dennis Williams has extended an invitation to host both the Summer and Halloween shows at the Pink Pony. These shows have suffered from declining attendance, and some of our members don't feel comfortable at this venue, so we need to take a closer look at these shows. We have no plans to continue the September “Santa Cop” show at Handy Hardware and we were not thrilled with some of the aspects of the Coolray Field show, such as the all-day motorcycle event going on adjacent to our area. This part of the event produced way too much noise between their DJ and has very loud music. Our November show at Briscoe is always a favorite with many, so it will probably make the list again. We are concerned about the decline in attendance this year at our Toys for Tots show, but this one will probably return for the first Saturday in December.

This still leaves us with a lot of dates that we can plan a variety of Club activities, so please let us know what you would enjoy doing . . . *Club meetings, a picnic, cruises, new venues for Club*



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Some of the Charities We Support

			 <p>Raising funds for Georgia Breast Cancer Programs</p>
		 <p>Choose Life for Georgia's Pets!</p>	