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Cool Cruisers, inc.

A 501(c)(3)

Non-Profit Organization



the 11th Annual **BENEFIT**

CAR SHOW



Saturday, May 25TH

11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Handy Ace Hardware

3969 Lawrenceville Highway

Tucker, GA 30084

Our June Event

Saturday, June 8TH

Tucker Cruise-in

ON Main Street



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*Welcome
New Member!*
Everett Benedict

TIME TO RENEW?

Renewal Rate: \$30
(USPS mail Newsletter - \$40)
Please mail a check to our
Post Office Box or PayPal
(link in our website)

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Briscoe Park Spring Show Winners



BEST CLASSIC:

*Alan & Rochelle Ziglin, 1959 Pontiac Bonneville

BEST MODERN:

Kenneth Mullen, 2017 Chevrolet Camaro

TOP 20:

*Andy Sarratt, 1962 Chevrolet Corvette roadster

Harold Zimmerman, 1957 Ford Thunderbird

Glen Patel, 1930 Ford Model A street rod

Bryan Tatum, 1968 Chevrolet Chevelle SS 396

Frank Nocera, 1941 Willys coupe

*Dan Crosson, 1955 Chevrolet truck

Jim Keller, 1922 Packard 126

*Larry Dodson, 1982 Chevrolet Corvette

Tom Duncan, 1969 Chevrolet Camaro Indy Pace Car

Donnie & Kathy Hall, 1971 Chevrolet Nova

*Jason McDaniel, 1965 Ford Mustang

Larry Smith, 1971 DeTomaso Pantera

Jim Garrett, 1971 Chevrolet Chevelle

Pam Piercy, 1965 Cadillac Eldorado convertible

Stephen Thompson, 1950 Chevrolet 3100 truck

William Sheppard, 1968 Pontiac GTO

Myron "Chris" Christopherson, 1952 Packard 250

Johnny Coleman, 1964 Pontiac GTO

Dana White, 1955 Oldsmobile 88 Holiday coupe

*Jack Gilleland, 1939 Chevrolet ½ ton Rat-rod truck

Park's Pick (Snellville Parks & Recreation):

Fred Mannweiler, 1969 Plymouth Roadrunner

VFW's Favorite:

Jim Goodwin, 1943 Ford GPW (Military Jeep)

Sponsor's Award (Streetside Classics):

George Bergeron, 1956 Chevrolet Bel Air

Sponsor's Award (Brave Yankee K9):

Fred Boyd, 1979 Lincoln Continental

Coollest Cruiser (Club's Award):

Johnny Hardman, 1971 Volkswagen "Hippie Bug"

* Denotes GCC Club Member

2024 Club Shows & Events

USO Benefit Car Show

Saturday, May 25th

11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Handy Ace Hardware

3969 Lawrenceville Highway
Tucker, GA 30084

Cool Cruisers' Day on Main Street

Saturday, June 8th

10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Tucker Cruise-in

ON Main Street, Tucker, GA 30084
*Tour of the Cofer Auto Museum
following the Cruise-in*

Horsepower at the Pony

Saturday, July 20th

Noon - 4:00 pm

The Pink Pony

1837 Corporate Boulevard NE
Brookhaven, GA 30329
Fundraiser for Animal Rescues



Cool Cars at Coolray Field

Saturday, September 7th

10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Coolray Field

2500 Buford Drive
Lawrenceville, GA 30043

Fundraiser for Hot Rodders Children's Charity

*NOTE: All dates and times are subject to change.
Check our website or Facebook page for updates.
RAIN DATES: One week after the original date.*



"SANTA COP" Cruise-in

Saturday, September 21st

11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Handy Ace Hardware

3969 Lawrenceville Highway
Tucker, GA 30084

*Fundraiser for Fraternal Order of Police
"Santa Cop" Program*



Cool Cars & Costumes at The Pony

Car Show & Halloween Costume Contest

Saturday, October 19th

Noon - 4:00 pm

The Pink Pony

1837 Corporate Boulevard NE
Brookhaven, GA 30329

Fundraiser to help END Breast Cancer

Cool Cars at Briscoe Park

FALL SHOW

Saturday, November 9th

11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Snellville's Briscoe Park

2500 Sawyer Parkway
Snellville, GA 30078

Fundraiser for Snellville PD's "Shop With A Cop"

Toys for Tots Cruise-in

Saturday, December 7th

11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Handy Ace Hardware

3969 Lawrenceville Highway
Tucker, GA 30084

CLUB NEWS & UPDATES

APRIL CHARITY REPORT:



Our Charity for the April show at Briscoe Park was the **Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW)**. We raised a total of **\$2,370** from entry donations and 50/50 raffle sales. All money raised will be used here in Georgia to help local veterans.

A tip of the Hat to our amazing crew at registration that made sure everyone that registered donated the required \$20 fee! Also a great job by members of the VFW that made multiple rounds of the show field selling the 50/50 raffle tickets.

WE NEED YOU!

To Be Part of Our A-Team of Volunteers

This is *NOT* the first time we have put the call out for help on show days, but because we have had little or no response, here we are asking (begging) again.

If we *DON'T* get more volunteers, we will start cutting our schedule, and we really *DON'T* want to do that. Those that work our shows enjoy it and make our shows the best around. It is *MUCH* more fun than sitting behind your car all afternoon!!!

We can tailor your assignment to meet your wishes, plus give you a really "Cool" volunteer T-shirt and we normally provide lunch for you.

Contact **Paul Benham** for more info or to sign up (*contact info on page 2*).

August Club Meeting?

We have not had a Club meeting in a very *LOOOOONG* time! We are thinking *IT IS TIME* we get one scheduled, and since August is open, that would be a good time for one!

We are open to suggestions as to a location. Several possibilities are:

- A restaurant (moderate prices) with a banquet or meeting room.
- A State or local park where we could have a picnic or cookout.

One of our members has offered to host us at his large garage in Social Circle. The Club can provide Pizza and soft drinks.

Let us know your thoughts and suggestions!

RETURN OF "COOL CARS at COOLRAY"



After several years of not doing the Coolray Field show (due to Covid & scheduling conflicts) with the Gwinnett Public Safety Festival, we are **BACK!**

The show will take place on Saturday, September 7th, from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm at Coolray Field in Lawrenceville. Coolray Field is home of the Gwinnett Stripers, the AAA affiliate of the Atlanta Braves.

We are excited to have already signed up **Gateway Classic Cars, Hayes Automotive, Summit Racing** and **Hagerty** as show sponsors!

We will be providing more info on this event in future "Cool Times," but make sure it's on your "MUST ATTEND" list!

Thanks, City of Snellville!



We have *NEVER* seen a car show advertised on a giant billboard before, but thanks to the City of Snellville, our shows at Briscoe Park get added to the rotating images of TWO electronic billboards in the City, one on 78 East and the other on Scenic Highway.

A BIG Thank You to the City!!

A Couple Shows Being Put On by Our Club Members

Club members **Tom Ariail** and **Justin Mooney** are putting on their own benefit car shows, both on May 18th.

Tom's show will be in Dunwoody, supporting his VFW Post, Justin's will be in Snellville at The Sheridan at Eastside and will support the Alzheimer's Association.

Info on both shows can be found on page 10.

Please make your plans to attend one of these shows.

A SPECTACULAR Spring Day for Our Spring Show in Snellville! **Briscoe Park Draws a Hundred Show Cars!**

For once in quite a long time, we had little to no concerns about getting the show in without a rain shower. Our main concern was with the fact that there were a *LOT* of other shows scattered around the area, including the Boy Scout show at the Gwinnett Fairgrounds and another Club having their show in Buford, both in our draw area. As it turned out, we didn't need to be concerned as we ended up with a "full house" of 100 show cars. This was not our largest show at Briscoe, but a great collection of beautiful and unique show cars. Included in the show field was a Military Jeep that saw action in WWII, a TRUE Veteran as part of our VFW fundraiser!

The show "officially" opened with a Flag Ceremony performed by the Georgia VFW Color Guard, a nice touch for our Veteran themed show!

In addition to the parking lot packed with show cars, we had quite a collection of vendors and community displays. Justin Mooney provided Hot Wheels racing for the kids and the Snellville Police sent us an Officer and patrol car to be part of the show. We also had a variety of food and dessert vendors on hand to keep the crowd from getting "hangry."

We gave out the Best Classic, Best Modern, Top 20 and several special awards. *See page 2 for the show winners.*

The show supported the local District of the VFW with the entry donations, 50/50 raffle proceeds and a silent auction item.

Our thanks to all the support we got from our Club volunteers, the Snellville Parks & Recreation staff and the volunteers from the various VFW posts. Special thanks to Jimmy Ethridge and Streetside Classics for sponsoring the show!

Remember we have a second date at Briscoe, Saturday, November 9th. *Mark your calendars!*



Cool Cars at Briscoe Park SPRING SHOW



Cool Cars at **Briscoe Park** **SPRING SHOW**



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Cool Cars at Briscoe Park SPRING SHOW



With 100+ Show Cars, we can't Show them ALL, so . . .

 Check our Facebook page for MORE Photos from member Kevin Cunningham.

About Our Club's Charities

USO Georgia: Our May Charity



In 1941 and before the onset of America's involvement in World War II, President Franklin D. Roosevelt sought to unite several service associations into one organization to lift the morale of our military. Those entities – the Salvation Army, Young Men's Christian Association, Young Women's Christian Association, National Catholic Community Services, National Travelers Aid Association, and the National Jewish Welfare Board - became the United Service Organizations or, the USO.

USO continuously adapts to the needs of our men and women in uniform and their families, so they can focus on their very important mission. 250+ USO centers operate at or near military installations across the U.S. and worldwide, including in combat zones, and even un-staffed USO service sites in places too dangerous for combat troops to occupy.

USO Georgia and the Atlanta Center, located at Hartsfield Jackson Atlanta International Airport offer around-the-clock hospitality for traveling service members and their families. The USO Atlanta Center provides our military with a welcoming and comfortable lounge while they travel for training, deployments, permanent change of station (PCS), or leisure! The Atlanta location also has the wonderful opportunity of greeting new enlistees before they head to Fort Moore or Fort Jackson for Basic Training and celebrating the graduates when they return. Each guest can enjoy snacks, refreshments, gaming, television, Wi-Fi, and most importantly comfortable recliners and seating for ultimate relaxation.

As a charity, USO delivers its mission through the generosity of the community! Volunteers like the late Jack Horvath and continued supporter Pat Horvath are the heart of USO and are unified in their dedication to our service members and their families. Whether it's helping at a special event, greeting, and cheering at homecomings, working the front desk, or providing a listening ear, our volunteers are the reason service members know they can count on the USO.

Thank you to all who contribute to USO and its mission through volunteering and donations.

"OTHER" Events of Interest for MAY '24

Saturday, May 4th - 10:00 am - 2:00 pm, Smoke Rise Baptist Church Car Show, 5901 Hugh Howell Rd, Stone Mountain, GA 30087. Awards, Prized, Food Vendors. NO Entry Fee. *Info: Church Office @ 70-469-5856. Rain Date: Saturday, May 18.*

Saturday, May 11th - 10:00 am - 1:00 pm (NEW SHOW TIME), Tucker Cruise-in, ON Main Street, Tucker, GA 30084. 20 awards, food vendor, entry fee: \$5. *Info: TuckerCruisein.com*

Saturday, May 18th, 11:00 am - 2:00 pm, The Sheridan at Eastside, 1900 Tree Lane (off Ronald Reagan Pkwy), Snellville, GA 30078 . Best & Top 10 awards, Food vendor. Entry fee: \$20. *Info: Justin @ 770-363-8793 or MoonpiesHotWheels@gmail.com*

Saturday, May 18th - 11:00 am - 3:00 pm, VFW Spring Open Car Show, Dunwoody Village Shopping Center, 1449 Dunwoody Village Pkwy, Dunwoody, GA 30338. Popular choice awards, Hot Dogs, 50/50 raffle. Entry Fee: \$25. *Info: Tom Ariail, ariail@bellsouth.net or 770-823-7590*

Summit Racing Monday Night Cruise, 6:00 - 8:00 pm, 20 King Mill Rd, McDonough, GA
MAY DATES & Feature (*open to ALL Years, Makes & Models*): **May 6** - Mopar Vehicles Featured, **May 13** - Trucks, Diesel & Military, **May 20** - Camaro, Firebird, Trans Am.
Food vendors, Awards, Door prizes. *Info: SummitRacing.com*

May & June Club Events

USO BENEFIT CAR SHOW

Saturday, May 25th

11:00 am - 3:00 pm

3969 Lawrenceville Hwy.

Tucker, GA 30084



We return to Handy Ace Hardware for our USO Benefit show, the first of our three shows for 2024 at Handy Ace. We are hoping that the weather for this show is MUCH BETTER than our September and December events were in '23! Let's all say a prayer for a SUNNY and MILD show day . . . Oh yeah, add CALM winds! We really hate chasing down all the paper stuff!

Okay, enough about the weather . . . Let's talk about the GOOD stuff! Our USO Benefit is ALWAYS a very popular show with an abundance of "RED, WHITE & BLUE" in honor of both our active Military and Memorial Day.

Mike Perry will be our food vendor once again, providing his tasty burgers, hot dogs and BBQ sandwiches. The King of Pops will be on hand with their all-natural, hand crafted pops. We will also have our usual array of show activities: our Best Classic, Best Modern and Top 20 popular choice awards, special awards, music, 50/50 raffle, door prizes and more . . .

Gateway Classic Cars is our show sponsor.

Entry Fee is \$20 with all proceeds benefiting USO Georgia. Make your plans to attend and please consider volunteering to help us at the show!

Cool Cruiser Day

at the Tucker Cruise-in

Saturday, June 8th ♦ 10am - 1pm

ON Main Street

Tucker, GA 30084



**Cofer Museum
Tour after the Cruise-in**

We enjoyed this event so much last year, we decided to do it again this year! We are the June Cruise-in's "Big Block" Sponsor and the Featured Club for the day. We will have special parking for Club members down the middle of Main Street *PLUS* a tour of the highly coveted Cofer Collection "Stable of Thoroughbreds" auto museum immediately following the Cruise-in.

We will also have a Club canopy set-up on Main Street to give out information on our Club and our events.

The entry fee is ONLY \$5 per vehicle and they give out 20 awards (Sweet 16, 3 sponsor awards and the DeKalb Police pick). There are a variety of restaurants along Main Street, plus the Tucker Cruisers have their grill going. This promises to be a fun, no work Club event. We will have more info on plans in our June "Cool Times" but make sure you add the date to your calendar!

Our Sponsors & Supporters

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Some of the Charities We Support

			
<p>Atlanta Animal Rescue Friends</p> 			