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Please send \$30 (\$40 for USPS mail Newsletter) to:
Georgia Cool Cruisers
P.O. Box 942291
Atlanta, GA 31141

★ December Events

Toys for Tots Cruise-in

Saturday, December 1st ♦ 11 am
The Greater Good BBQ in Tucker

“Cool” Holiday Party

- ♦ Lunch & Fellowship
- ♦ Ornament Exchange
- ♦ Year-End Awards



Sunday, December 9th ♦ 1 pm
at The Greater Good BBQ

THE VARSITY GWINNETT

Cruise-in

Sunday, December 16th ♦ 3 - 6 pm



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***Happy Holidays
to ALL Our
"Cool" Members!***

*Please refer a friend to
become a Cool Cruiser!*

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Our 2018 Toys for Tots Sponsors:

Thanks to ALL our Toys for Tots Sponsors! They made the show possible with their generous support.

Denny Williams Motor Sports (Dennis Williams)

Hayes Family Dealerships (Mike Hayes)

Handy Ace Hardware (Pete Terwilliger)

Sharon K. Ellis, O.D.

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Kroger Stores

The Greater Good Barbecue

Tucker Welding (Mike Perry)

Pam Dingler

Year One Muscle Car Parts (Pat Staton)

Village Burger

3D Project Management (David & Amy Gay)

United Controls International (Bryan Smith)

Control Instruments, Inc. (Renee Groce-Smith)

Patricia's Spiritwear

PrintSonic (Thomas Denton)

Others that we need to Thank are our Auction Team: **Karen O'Neal** and **Roger Broderson**, our Host, **The Greater Good BBQ**, our great t-shirt printers (and show sponsor), **David McCrea** and **Matt Withers** at **Patricia's Spiritwear**, and all that contributed items for our Auctions.

Add to the **Thank You** list: **Santa** (Perry Eidson) and the USMC Marines from **Detachment 665**.

2018 & 2019 Club Shows & Events



Toys for Tots Cruise-In

Saturday, December 1st
11:00 am - 3:00 pm

The Greater Good BBQ
4431 Hugh Howell Road
Tucker, GA 30084

Our Annual Toy Collection Event!

- ♦ Free Event T-shirt to Show Cars
- ♦ Charity Auctions (Silent & Outcry)
- ♦ Visit from Santa!
- ♦ Entry Fee: A New Unwrapped Toy(s) or Cash Contribution to Toys for Tots

GCC Holiday Party

Sunday, December 9th
1:00 pm

The Greater Good BBQ
4431 Hugh Howell Road
Tucker, GA 30084

Varsity Gwinnett Cruise-In

Sunday, December 16th
3:00 - 6:00 pm

6045 Dawson Blvd.
Norcross, GA 30093
I-85 - Exit 99, Jimmy Carter Blvd.
Co-hosted by

SoutheastWheelsEvents.com

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



> 2019 EVENTS <

Here is what we have planned so far for 2019. We will be finalizing dates as soon as we can. NOTE: All info is subject to change!

March (Date TBA):

Handy Ace Hardware Car Show

3969 Lawrenceville Hwy, Tucker, GA 30084

Saturday, May 25th

Hot Rods at Hayes in Baldwin

10:00 am - 2:00 pm
3660 Georgia Hwy 365, Baldwin, GA 30511

Summer (Date TBA)

Horsepower at the Pony

The Pink Pony
1837 Corporate Blvd, Brookhaven, GA 30329

Sunday, October 13th

Rods for Rescues

Gwinnett Technical College
5150 Sugarloaf Pkwy, Lawrenceville, GA 30043

Date TBA (Sept/Oct)

Cool Cars at Coolray Field

2500 Buford Drive, Lawrenceville, GA 30043

Saturday, October 26th

Cars & Costumes at the Pony

The Pink Pony
Noon - 4:00 pm
1837 Corporate Blvd, Brookhaven, GA

Saturday, December 7th

Toys for Tots Cruise-in

The Greater Good BBQ
4431 Hugh Howell Rd, Tucker, GA 30084

Other Shows & Cruise-ins of Interest

Events from Our Club Sponsors:

Saturday, December 1st, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm. 13th Annual Santa Cruise Toys for Tots, Summit Racing Equipment. 20 King Mill Rd, McDonough, GA 30253. *All vehicles welcome. Presented by The Southern Cruisers. Entry Fee: \$10 or a New Unwrapped Toy.*

Saturday, December 1st, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm. Streetside Classics Christmas Cars Show benefiting Toys for Tots. 213 Thornton Road, Suite 400, Lithia Springs, GA 30122.

Last Saturdays, Cars & Coffee, 9:00 am - Noon, Gateway Classic Cars, 1870 McFarland Parkway, Alpharetta, GA 30005

Last Saturdays, Caffeine & Classics Cruise-In, 9:00 am - Noon, Streetside Classics 213 Thornton Road, Suite 400, Lithia Springs, GA 30122

December Car Shows, Cruise-ins & Swap Meet:

Saturday, December 1st, NE Georgia Swap Meet. 7:00 am - 1:00 pm, Atlanta Dragway. 500 E Ridgeway Road, Commerce, GA 30529. *Info: Brad at (706) 424-5035*

Sunday, December 9th, 8th Annual Antiques & Others Open Car Show at Berry Tree Farm, 11:00 am - 4:00 pm. 70 Mt. Tabor Rd, Covington, GA 30014. *Info: 770-786-5833*

Saturday, December 15th, Toys for Tots Toy Drive & Car Show at Miller's Ale House. 11:00 am - 3:00 pm. 10750 Davis Drive, Alpharetta, GA 30078. *Info: David @ 678-513-7105.*



*You are Cordially Invited
To Attend the Annual
Georgia Cool Cruisers Holiday Party,
Ornament Exchange & Awards Ceremony*

Sunday, December 1st at 1:00 pm
The Greater Good BBQ
4431 Hugh Howell Road
Tucker, GA 30084

Please note: Participation in the Ornament Exchange is Optional.

CLUB NEWS & UPDATES

November Charity Collection

Our only "official" Club fundraiser for November was our **Varsity Gwinnett Cruise-in**.



We collected \$331 in cash and 29 toys.

The Snellville Cruise-in collected over \$800 to benefit the park. Although this was not a Club event, we helped them put it together and run it, plus many of our members attended.

Club Jackets



It's getting *CHILLY* out . . . Look "Cool" and stay warm in one of our Club Jackets. We have several styles available with prices starting at \$90.

These jackets are "Made to Order," so please allow time for production when ordering.

If you want one for Christmas, NOW is the time to order!

Please contact **Rick** for more info at **404-732-6842** or **RNE680@mindspring.com**.

Wednesday Breakfast



If you haven't joined our every Wednesday breakfast group, please make your plans to do so! We meet at 9:30 at:

Denny's
5534 Jimmy Carter Blvd
Norcross, GA 30092
Club Trailer Needed!



We are still looking for a used Cargo Trailer to haul and store our Car Show equipment.

We are also looking for a secure place to store it, and a couple of members that would be willing to haul it to the events.

Please contact **Rick** for more info at **404-732-6842** or **RNE680@mindspring.com**.

In Our Prayers . . .

Please keep members **Bob Burek** and **Lexi Gay** in your prayers.

Bob is recovering from a recent hospital stay and Lexi is scheduled for surgery the week before Christmas.

We hope both have a speedy and full recovery.

If you know of a member that could use our prayers, please send us their name and basic info.

Member Conduct

A reminder: We do our Club to have fun, not to "challenge" other members due to their political or religious beliefs.

Please conduct yourself in an appropriate manner at all Club events, or you will be asked to leave.

Thanks for everyone's understanding.

New Club Sponsor!



We are pleased to announce that **Handy Ace Hardware** of Tucker has joined our line-up of Club Sponsors!

They are the host for our annual show at their store and became a Toys for Tots sponsor this year!

Please check out their **AMAZING** store and please thank them for their support!

Snellville Car Show

Thanks for all our Club members that attended the first **Snellville Cruise-in** at **Briscoe Park!**

This was a "pet project" of Rick, and thanks to you, the show **EXCEEDED** their expectations with more than 65 show cars. Special Thanks to **Dennis Behnken** and **Larry Vaitkus** for helping on show day!

The Snellville Parks & Recreation has invited us to work with them on future shows. More info to come soon.

A Picture Perfect Fall Day for a Fall Cruise-In

November Varsity: Another Less than Stellar Crowd

You could not ask for a better day to get your “Cool” car out, especially for mid-November. Unfortunately, we did not come close to filling the lot with show cars, though we did have some really nice ones.

This was our first **Toys for Tots** event, and had our Marines on hand *PLUS* Santa stopped by for a visit. We collected \$331 and 29 toys to benefit the USMC’s Toys for Tots program.



More photos from **THE VARSITY GWINNETT Cruise-in**



November Award Winners:
L-R: "Top Wheels" Award:
 Mike Seiuer, 1921 Ford Sprint
Varsity Favorite:
 Ted Fisher, 1936 Ford
Streetside's Classic:
 Rich Adams, 2016 McLaren
Coolest Cruiser:
 Dennis Behnken, 1964 Mercury Comet



Information on Our 2019 Plans

Recap of Our November Club Meeting

We don't do many Club Meetings, as they are usually poorly attended, and our planning meeting was no different. We only had 20 members show up to give their thoughts on our 2019 plans. We appreciate those that came and made comments.

Here are the major topics that we discussed:

- **HOLIDAY PARTY:** Some members had expressed that they are not a fan of BBQ, so we asked for suggestions for other locations for both our Holiday Party and other Club get-together's. None of the suggestions would work better than the Greater Good BBQ, so it was decided to return for another year. For those that do not care for BBQ, we have been told that they will have smoked turkey available. The Greater Good BBQ does have an excellent staff that always takes great care of our parties & meetings.

2019 SHOWS AND CRUISE-INS:

- **THE VARSITY CRUISE-INS:** The biggest change for 2019 will be the cancellation of the monthly Varsity Cruise-Ins. The shows never lived up to the anticipated attendance. We may schedule other events there during the year, but not a monthly show.
- **SWEETHEART CRUISE-IN not at the OLD HICKORY HOUSE:** Our very popular season kick-off show will not be at the Old Hickory House due to the shopping center being demolished and rebuilt. ***As of this time we do not have a new location, but we are looking and open to suggestions.***
- **DAVE & BUSTER'S MARIETTA:** This show has been well attended in its first 2 years. Mike Thies, co-host (SoutheastWheelsEvents.com) said he would contact the D&B folks and would like to continue it.
- **DECATUR ANTIQUES:** We will continue there in 2019, but probably with only one show.
- **SONIC DRIVE-IN:** Our first event was fun and no work for club members. *Sonic of North Georgia* has multiple locations and has expressed interest in hosting us again next year. We could possibly schedule 3 or 4 during the year.
- **DRIVING CRUISES:** Our cruise to the Dillard House was not well attended last year. Most members showed no interest in trying it again. We did leave open the option for other places, and left it to members to make suggestions and do the basic preliminary "foot-work."
- **RETURNING SHOWS:** Show that will return in 2019 are listed on page 3. We have dates for some, still waiting on others. The "Rods for Rescues" show that was at the Gwinnett Arena will be moved to Gwinnett Tech in Lawrenceville, due to construction at the Arena.

CLUB NEEDS FOR 2019:

- **CLUB TRAILER:** We are looking to purchase a used cargo trailer for hauling and storing the Club's show equipment. We also need several members to rotate pulling duties, plus a secure place to store it. Our thanks to Dale Xenos for handling these duties for the past couple years.
- **VOLUNTEERS:** We need more "new blood" in our Volunteer "A-Team." If you are interested in becoming more active, please let us know.
- **SPONSORS:** As our Club grows, our needs grow too. This takes MONEY! We are always looking for new sponsors to join our team. Please let us know of anyone that would like to help.
- **OTHER NEEDS:** We need members to submit articles for the newsletter, hand out our show flyers at other shows, basically any way you want to help will be much appreciated!
- **CLUB INFORMATION:** If you would like to know anything about the operation of the Club, or make suggestions, please feel free to contact Rick. His contact info is on page 2.

DECEMBER "COOL" EVENTS

Toys for Tots Cruise-in at The Greater Good BBQ

Sunday, December 1st

11:00 am - 3:00 pm

The Greater Good BBQ

4431 Hugh Howell Road

Tucker, GA 30084



Make your plans to attend this *FUN* show! We have such a *BLAST* every year, with all the toys, the Marines, our auctions, a free event t-shirt and even SANTA himself will stop by!

The Greater Good BBQ is a perfect place for this event, with the huge patio, large banquet room and GREAT service from the restaurant staff.

We will have our famous "Halftime" auction to raise money for Toys for Tots, so come prepared to bid! We take cash, checks and major credit cards.

Entry fee is a new, unwrapped toy(s) or cash donation. All registered show cars will get a FREE event t-shirt, while supplies last. Come early for the best spaces! Spectators are welcome!

GCC's "COOL" HOLIDAY PARTY

Sunday, December 9th ♦ 1:00 pm ♦ The Greater Good BBQ in Tucker

Come join us for our year-end tradition! In addition to celebrating the Holidays, we will have our Ornament Exchange (optional) and be presenting some awards.

The December Varsity Cruise-In . . . *The End* :(



Sunday, December 16th

3:00 - 6:00 pm

The Varsity Gwinnett

6045 Dawson Blvd

Norcross, GA 30092

We hate to announce it, but the December Cruise-in will be the last monthly event at The Varsity. The Cruise-ins just never lived up to our expectations in attendance.

We will have a "**Decorate Your Ride for the Holidays**" contest. So let's get in the holiday spirit! We will be collection donations (cash only) to help a local needy family.

We hope to see YOU, and bring all your friends. Thanks to all those that have supported this event over the past 2 years.

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Some of the Charities We Support



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