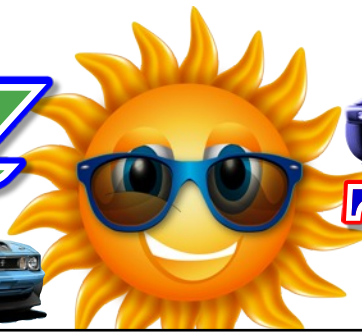


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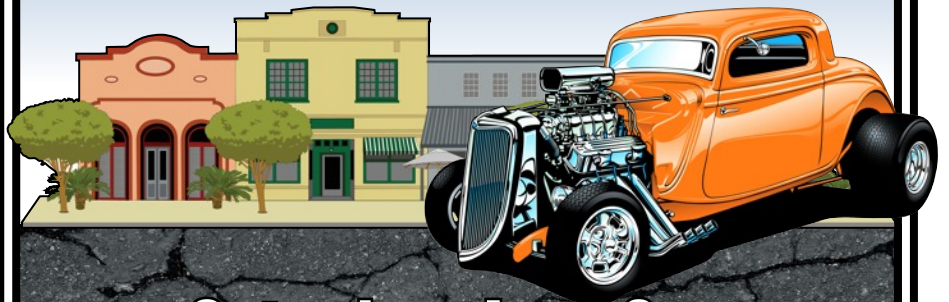
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Saturday, June 8TH

10:00 am - 1:00 pm

ON Main Street in Tucker

See You on Main Street!

Museum Tour at 1:30 pm

RED, WHITE & BLUE-HAVEN

Saturday, June 29TH

Blackburn Park

In Brookhaven



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USO Benefit Car Show Winners



BEST CLASSIC:

*Andy Sarratt, 1931 Ford Rat rod & trailer

BEST MODERN:

William E. McCluskey, 2006 Chevrolet Corvette

TOP 20:

- Lawrence Martin, 1965 Chevrolet Nova SS
*Alan & Rochelle Ziglin, 1969 Pontiac Grand Prix
Troy Reeves, 1953 Willys M38 Jeep
Charles Dean, 1970 Chevrolet Chevelle SS 396
Tom Duncan, 1970 Chevrolet Camaro Indy Pace Car
Larry Moore, 1977 Chevrolet Corvette
Dennis Hall, 1971 Chevrolet Nova
Jon Waters (238 Motorsports), 1948 Dodge D24
*Justin "Moonpie" Mooney, 1978 Pontiac Phoenix L3
Tommy Clack, 1999 Chevrolet Z71 4x4 truck
Bill Davis, 1964 Chevrolet Corvette
*Ken & Susan Miller, 1969 Mercury Cougar XR-7
Curtis Mack, 1970 Chevrolet C-10
*Jack Gilleland, 1939 Chevrolet ½ ton "Rat Rod" truck
Mike Martin, 1936 Ford pick-up
Alex Vance, 1978 Ford Bronco
*Mike Dickerson, 1968 Pontiac Firebird 400
Todd Medlin, 1984 Ford Mustang GT
Teri Davis, 1964 Chevrolet Chevelle
William T. Reid, 1970 Oldsmobile 442 W30

Host's Favorite (Handy Ace Hardware):

Kevon Orr, 1969 Chevrolet Chevelle

USO's Favorite:

Jim Keller, 1922 Packard 126

Sponsor's Award (Gateway Classic Cars):

*Don Brock, 1962 Chrysler Imperial

Coollest Cruiser (Club's Award):

Dave Williams, 1987 American LaFrance firetruck

* Denotes GCC Club Member

2024 Club Shows & Events

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 Cruisers Club Meeting

Sunday, August 11th

11:00 am - 2:00 pm

Andy Sarratt's Garage

125 Paine Crossing Road

Social Circle, GA 30025



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

"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

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.



CLUB NEWS & UPDATES

MAY CHARITY REPORT:



Our May charity was **USO Georgia**, always one of our favorite charities. The USO helps our active duty military as they travel through various airports in Georgia. The USO is NOT funded by the government but depends on donations to run their operation.

Even with our rain-shortened show at Handy Ace, we managed to raise a very respectable total of **\$1,920!** This amount came from entry donations, our 50/50 raffle, the sale of some very nice items donated by Handy Ace Hardware and other donations made by some of the spectators.

Our thanks to everyone that contributed!

August Club Meeting Planned!

We are pleased to announce that **Andy Sarratt** will host our Club meeting at his garage in Social Circle on **Sunday, August 11th** from 11:00 am - 2:00 pm.

The Club will cater in pizza and provide soft drinks and bottled water. Andy said he has plenty of tables but you will need to bring a folding chair.

This will be a combination Social event and a Club business meeting, so make sure you have a list of what you'd like to discuss. The floor is always open to your ideas!

Our thanks to Andy for offering to host our get-together! We are all looking forward to seeing how many car show awards Andy has collected over the years!

More info will be coming in upcoming "Cool Times."

In Our Prayers . . .

Club members **Tony & Tammy Stout** lost their son **Michael** back in April.

Also long time Club member **Jimmy Dorsey** died on May 16th.

Jimmy's daughter said she would like us to help do a car show in Jimmy's memory, either later this year or next year. We will be exploring this in the coming months.

Anyone Interested in a "COOL CARS at COOLRAY" T-shirt?



In past years we have produced an event T-shirt for this show and sold them for a nominal fee to help cover some of the production costs. We sold sponsorships that helped with show and T-shirt expenses.

This year's plans didn't include the shirt but we saw one of our "regulars" at a recent show proudly wearing his Coolray shirt. He said it was his favorite and asked if we were going to do one this year.

We thought we'd put it out to our members. We CAN do one, but need **YOUR** help! We would need some T-shirt sponsors. Would you like to have your company logo or your name on the back of the shirt?

Shirt Sponsorships will start at \$100 for a small space, a larger one will be \$250 and an even larger for \$500. Remember, we are now a 501c3 non-profit so your donations are tax deductible **AND** you get a shirt or two for **FREE!**

Interested? Contact Rick (contact info on page 2) as soon as possible.

Cool Cruiser Club Gear

Look COOL & Stay COOL This Summer!

We **ALWAYS** get a lot of compliments on our Club polo shirts! They are made from a Cool Dry material that doesn't shrink or fade. They are available in many colors and feature the Club logo embroidered on the left chest. \$35 each for sizes up to XL, add \$5 for larger sizes.

We also offer a light weight windbreaker with our Club logo on the left chest and across the back. This jacket is available in most popular colors. \$75 each for sizes up to XL, add \$5 for larger sizes.

These items are made to order, please contact Rick for more details at 404-732-6842 or RNE680@mindspring.com

Club T-shirts are available at all Club events. S-XL: \$18, 2X & 3X: \$20. Club caps: \$20.



Excellent Donations Save the Day!

Heavy Thunderstorms Ruin Our USO Benefit Show

It's pretty obvious that Mother Nature is *NOT* a Cool Cruiser! She has either rained or threatened to rain on our shows multiple times in the past couple of years, including the last 3 shows at Handy Hardware. This year's USO Benefit was her latest "victim." The forecast looked pretty decent as late as Saturday morning, with only a 20% chance of scattered showers until after 3:00 pm, so we thought we were good to go. *WRONG!!* Shortly after we got set-up the chances of thunderstorms rose to 100% around 11:00 am . . . *OH NO!* With nearly 40 show cars already there, not much we could do except brace for the quickly coming storm. It came and stayed for a couple hours while we went into "damage control" mode.

We made the decision to wait out the rain, give everyone a chance to vote, give out the awards and end early before the next wave that was predicted hit. Amazingly show cars continued to arrive, even during the rain, until we had a "respectable" 75+ show cars! The large covered patio in front of Handy Hardware provided a dry area for everyone to wait out the wet stuff and became "Car Show Central" for our operations.

Believe it or not, there were a few "*Silver Linings*" in all those rain clouds . . . Like we said earlier, we had 75 show cars register plus a few more that came and donated. The donations for USO Georgia were EXCELLENT, all things considered, with a grand total of \$1,920! This came from entry fees, donations (including one Club member that threw a \$100 bill in the donation bowl), our 50/50 raffle (thanks, Pat Horvath & Karen O'Neal) and our "Tool Sale" of some very nice items donated by Handy Ace Hardware.

Special thanks to our always AMAZING A-Team that made the best of a very bad situation and Steve O'Neal, who not only washed and pulled the trailer, but he and Karen got all the canopies dried out after the show.

Everyone that entered got a free American flag pin, a door prize and a car wash (LOL). *Please see page 2 for a list of all the show winners.* We will return to Handy Hardware on **September 21st** for our **Santa Cop Cruise-in**, with high hopes for a dry and sunny day!



 **BENEFIT** *Car Show '24*



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USO BENEFIT *Car Show '24*



 **BENEFIT** *Car Show '24*



RED, WHITE & BLUE-HAVEN '24

Saturday, June 29th, 11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Blackburn Park, 3493 Ashford-Dunwoody Rd, Brookhaven, GA



Club member and sponsor, **Dennis Williams** (Denny Williams Motor Sports & Pink Pony) and the Brookhaven Chamber of Commerce are hosting an open car show for the City of Brookhaven at Blackburn Park.

Dennis has asked for the Club's help in several areas, including helping promote the show, attending it and for some of our A-Team to help on show day. Rick has been working behind the scenes on the award plaques, registration, ballots and getting the word out.

This show promises to be a fun one, in addition to the car show it will also feature various family friendly

attractions including monster trucks, police & swat vehicles, food & dessert trucks and several more attractions that Dennis is hard at work lining up.

The show will have Popular Choice awards (Best Classic, Best Modern & Top 20) PLUS a "Coolest Cruiser" award that will be selected by our Club members. The entry fee is \$20, which includes an event T-shirt and your choice of an American Flag pin or clip on flag for your car. Proceeds from the show will benefit the Brookhaven Police Foundation along with other non-profits.

If you would like to assist on show day, please let either Paul Benham or Rick know (*contact info on page 2*). Dennis has pledged a very generous sponsorship to the Club for our assistance and participation, so please make your plans to attend and spread the word to your car buds!

"OTHER" Events of Interest for JUNE '24

Please send us your favorite non-Club local shows. Please submit all info no later than the 15th of the month preceeding the show.

Saturday, June 1st - 10:00 am - 2:00 pm, Car Show to Benefit Johns Creek Charities, Johns Creek City Hall, 11360 Lakefield Dr, Johns Creek, GA 30097. Entry Fee: \$25, *Info:* www.johnscreekrotarycar.com.

Saturday, June 8th - 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
Georgia Cool Cruiser day at Tucker Cruise-in (see page 9 for more info).

Saturday, June 29th - 11:00 am - 3:00 pm, Red, White & Blue-Haven, Blackburn Park, 3493 Ashford-Dunwoody Rd, Brookhaven, GA 30319. Popular Choice Awards, Food Vendors, Special Attractions, Family Friendly. Entry Fee: \$20. *Info:* www.BrookhavenCommerce.org (see article above).

Summit Racing Monday Night Cruise, 6:00 - 8:00 pm, 20 King Mill Rd, McDonough, GA
JUNE DATES & Feature (*open to ALL Years, Makes & Models*): **June 3** - Rat Rods Featured, **June 10** - '20-'40 Street Rods, **June 17** - '70's - '80's Cars & Bikes. **June 24** - Buick, Olds, Pontiac, Cadillac. Food vendors, Awards, Door prizes. *Info:* SummitRacing.com

Gateway Classic Cars "Caffeine & Chrome" Cruise-Ins. Last Saturdays every month, 9:00 am to Noon, 2705 Ronald Reagan Blvd Ste 200, Cumming, GA 30041. Free entry, prizes, refreshments. *Info:* www.gatewayclassiccars.com/caffeine-and-chrome

Our June Club-Event & July Show

Cool Cruiser Day *at the Tucker Cruise-in*

Saturday, June 8th

ON Main Street in Tucker



Cruise-in at 10:00 am, Cofer Museum Tour at 1:30 pm

Last year this was a last minute replacement for a canceled show but it proved to be a whole lot of fun, and NO work for the Club! When we made up our 2024 schedule of Club events, we decided to repeat it. We moved our Pony show to mid-July as to not be too close to the City of Brookhaven's show (see page 10) on June 29th.

We joked that we could have held a Club meeting at the May Tucker Cruise-in, with so many members being there, so we know you will have a blast in June! The Cool Cruisers will be the Big Block (sponsorship level, not engine size) Sponsor for June, which will come with some pretty "Cool" perks! We will be the Featured Club for the day with special parking down the middle of Main Street. We will also get to pick a favorite car from the show field to be the "Big Block Sponsor Award Winner." Entry fee for the Cruise-in is only \$5, spectators are free.

There are plenty of places on Main Street to eat during the show: BBQ, Mexican, Burgers, a Pub and the Tucker Cruisers will be grilling Hot Dogs.

After the Cruise-in, we will get a tour of the Cofer Collection Automobile Museum, located 3702 Lawrenceville Highway, Tucker, just a short drive from Main Street. There is no charge for the tour. *Please let us know if you are planning to attend either or both.*

Our July Show:

HORSEPOWER at the PONY!

Saturday, July 20th ♦ Noon - 4:00 pm

The PINK PONY

1837 Corporate Blvd (off Buford Hwy)

Brookhaven, GA 30329



We're BACK! After a year of no "PONY" shows, we will return to the most popular venue in '24! Our first show will be our animal rescue fundraiser "Horsepower at the PONY" on July 20th. We worked with Dennis Williams and the Pink Pony to move the date up a month so we did not interfere with either our Club event at the Tucker Cruise-in or Dennis' "Red, White & Blue-Haven" show. We are *SUPER EXCITED* to be back!

Our charity for the show will be **Planned Pethood of Georgia** and will be at the show with some adoptable dogs and cats looking for the "forever" home!

The Pony staff will be set up in the show area cooking their tasty burgers and more! There is an excellent chance that we'll have one of our famous charity auctions, so be prepared with cash or credit card. 100% of show proceeds will benefit PPOG.

A word of caution . . . The N. Druid Hills bridge over I-85 may still be closed when the show rolls around, so make sure you check before leaving for the show. More info in July.

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