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Atlanta, GA 31141

## *the 1st Annual* **Snellville UMC Cool Car Show**



### **Saturday, April 15TH**

### **11:00 AM - 3:00 PM**

### **Snellville United Methodist Church 2824 Main Street East ◆ Snellville, GA 30078**

*Our Memorial Weekend Show:*

### **USO Benefit Car Show**

### **Saturday, May 27TH**

### **11:00 am - 3:00 pm**



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**on Membership Dues**  
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**Join the Cool Cruisers!**

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## Hot Rods at Hayes Winners



### **BEST CLASSIC:**

Jeff Whaley, 1970 Chevrolet Chevelle SS convertible

### **BEST MODERN:**

Nick Stambo, 2022 Chevrolet Camaro LTZ

### **TOP 20:**

Steve Loudermilk, 1979 Oldsmobile 442  
 Scott Helton, 2012 Chevrolet Camaro  
 John Wikle, 1952 Chevrolet Delux  
 Barry Bird "Free Bird", 2019 Dodge Challenger  
 \*Alan "Dr. Z" Ziglin, 1969 Pontiac Grand Prix  
 Justin Mooney, 1978 Pontiac Phoenix L3  
 Frank Bakelak, 1968 Chevrolet Chevelle  
 \*Gary Verheyen 1962 Studebaker Hawk GT  
 Paden Worley, 1972 Chevrolet Chevelle  
 Ted & Robin Moon, 1957 Chevrolet panel truck  
 Joseph Cline, 1966 Chevrolet panel truck  
 Doc Gregory, 1968 Ford Torino GT  
 Bonnie Dooley, 1966 Ford Mustang 2+2  
 John Hyde, 1956 Ford Victoria  
 Huey Vanderford, 1969 Mustang Mach 1  
 Jack Davidson, 1955 Ford Club Sedan  
 Gary Black, 1969 Chevrolet Camaro SS  
 Stanley Smith, 1984 Chevrolet K-10 truck  
 Lynn LeBlanc, 1968 Volkswagen Beetle  
 Johnny Smith, 1978 Chevrolet Corvette coupe

### **Coollest Cruiser (Club's Award):**

George E. Borders, 1970 Plymouth 'Cuda

### **Pit Vipers' Pick (TFS BBQ Team):**

Joyce Knight, 1967 Pontiac GTO

### **WCON Radio's Favorite:**

Hoyt Dodd, 1931 Ford Model A

\* Denotes GCC Club Member

## 2023 Club Shows & Events



### Snellville UMC Open Car Show

Saturday, April 15th

11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Snellville United Methodist Church

2428 Main Street East

Snellville, GA 30078

### USO Benefit Open Car Show

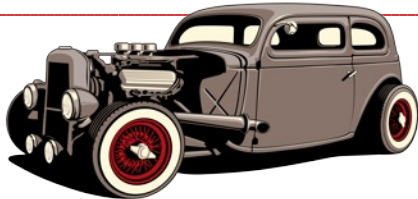
Saturday, May 27th

11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Handy Ace Hardware

3969 Lawrenceville Hwy.

Tucker, GA 30084



### Horsepower at the Pony

Saturday, June 10th

Noon - 4:00 pm

The Pink Pony

1837 Corporate Blvd.

Brookhaven, GA 30329

*Fundraiser for Planned PETHood of Georgia  
Animal Rescue*

### On-Street 4th of July Celebration in Brookhaven

Saturday, July 1st

11:00 am - 3:00 pm

On Dresden Drive

at Caldwell Road

Brookhaven, GA 30319

### Carter Hill Church Cruise-in

Saturday, August 19th

11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Carter Hill Christian Church

361 Punkin Junction Road

Bethlehem, GA 30620

### "Santa Cop" Cruise-in

Saturday, September 16th)

11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Handy Ace Hardware

3969 Lawrenceville Hwy.

Tucker, GA 30084

*Fundraiser for DeKalb Fraternal Order of Police  
"Santa Cop" program for underprivileged kids*

### Cool Cars & Costumes

Saturday, October 21st

Noon am - 4:00 pm

The Pink Pony

1837 Corporate Blvd.

Brookhaven, GA 30329

### Cool Cars at Briscoe Park

Saturday, November 11th

11:00 am - 3:00 pm

City of Snellville's Briscoe Park

2500 Sawyer Parkway

(off Lenora Church Road)

Snellville, GA 30078



### Toys for Tots Cruise-in

Saturday, December 2nd

11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Handy Ace Hardware

3969 Lawrenceville Hwy.

Tucker, GA 30084

## Other Local Events of Interest

April has a full line-up with multiple shows every weekend, plus the Summit Monday Night Cruise-ins kick off on April 10th.

*Please let us know of your favorite non-club shows!*

**Saturday, April 1st, 7:30 am - 11:00 am, Piedmont Church Cruise-in**, 570 Piedmont Road, Marietta, GA 30066. *Info: 404-202-0070*

**Saturday, April 1st, 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm, Classic Auto Rides Cruise-in**, Buford High School, 2455 Buford Hwy NE. Buford, GA 30518. *Entry Fee: \$10, Top 25 Awards. Info: www.ClassicAutoRidesGa.com, or Dustin - 678-524-5638*

**Sunday, April 2nd, 8:00 am - 12:00 pm, Caffeine & Octane, Town Center Mall**, 400 Earnest W. Barrett Parkway, Kennesaw, GA 30144, *Info: 770-395-7900 / 770-883-0160 or www.CaffeineandOctane.com*

**Thursday, April 6th to Saturday, April 8th, The NE Georgia Swap Meet 3-Day. Habersham County Fairgrounds**, 4235 Toccoa Hwy, Clarkesville, GA 30523. *Info: Brad at brad56@windstream.com*

**Saturday, April 8th, 9:00 am - 3:30 pm, Meet & Eat Car Show, Auto Metal Direct**, 3348 Gateway Centre Parkway, Gainesville, GA 30507. Benefiting the Boys & Girls Club of Lanier. *Info: Peggy Martin - 770-532-8102 ext 330*

**Saturday, April 8th, 11:00 am - 2:00 pm, Tucker Cruise-in**, Main Street, Tucker, GA 30084. Awards, Music, Food, *Entry Fee: \$5 Info: TuckerCruisein.com*

**Saturday, April 22, 8:00 am - 3:00 pm, NEGMC Spring Regional Open Car Show, Auto Metal Direct**, 3348 Gateway Centre Parkway, Gainesville, GA 30507 *Open to ALL Makes & Models. Info: Steve 404-427-2264*

**Summit Racing Monday Night Cruise-ins, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm**. 20 King Mill Rd, McDonough, GA 30253. **All Vehicles Welcome! April Cruise-in Dates:**

**April 10th** - First Cruise of 2023

**April 17th** - High School & College Student night

**April 24th** - Chevrolet Night

**Saturday, May 6th, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm. Smoke Rise Baptist Church Car Show**. 5901 Hugh Howell Road, Stone Mountain, GA 30087. Awards and prizes, no entry fee. *Info: Church office @ 770-469-5856*

## "COOL" Club Gear!



**Spring is FINALLY here! Get your bad-self a Club Windbreaker!**

We have the PERFECT jacket for the Spring! 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 Cool-Dry polo shirts with the Club logo embroidered on the left chest, available in a variety of colors (\$35 & \$40\*).

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 and larger.)



### Club T's

\$18 (S-XL) & \$20 (2X & 3X).

*T-shirts are Available at all Club events*

# CLUB NEWS & UPDATES

## MARCH '23 CHARITY REPORT:

### Hot Rodders Children's Charity

The Hot Rods at Hayes show always benefits the Hot Rodders Children's Charity, and we had another AMAZING day! We ended up with a grand total of \$2,835. This included over \$1,600 from entry fees, \$800+ in auction proceeds and over \$300 from our raffles. Thanks to 50/50 winner Don Brock for donating his winnings back to the HRCC!

### Tucker Main Street Cruise-in

One of our FAVORITE non-Club events is the Tucker Main Street Cruise-in, held on Main Street (duh!) every second Saturday from April through October.

At any given show, you will see many "Cool Cruisers," including our president, showing their rides. The shows even have a little "Cool" touch: the Award Plaques, which have been done by Rick for the past six or seven years.

Every month the show has three sponsors, one "Big Block" and two "Small Block," which also get to pick their favorite car for an award.

This year, the Georgia Cool Cruisers will be the Big Block sponsor for the August event. We will be planning other events around this, including gathering for a meal either before or after the Cruise-in and possibly a tour of the Cofer Museum. We will update you on details closer to the date.

Yes, the Sponsorship costs a few bucks, but it won't come out of the Club's funds. Rick said he would dig down deep in his wallet and take care of the costs personally.

### 'Vettes of Atlanta' Article on the Cool Cruisers!

No, we are not a Corvette based Club but Rod Worley, editor of *Vettes of Atlanta*, an online magazine, really likes our Club and our events. He recently covered our "Sweetheart" Cruise in. Please check out the article at

[www.VettesOfAtlanta.com](http://www.VettesOfAtlanta.com)

*Thanks for the very nice article, Rod!*

## Some Upcoming Local Shows With a "Cool" Touch

Everyone probably knows that the Club and Rick help others put on their Charity Car Shows, so naturally we want our members to support them.

Here is a little preview of some of those that we are currently working on:

**The VFW Post 10822 (Dunwoody-Sandy Springs) Spring Show.** Saturday, May 2nd, 11:00 am - 3:00 pm at Dunwoody Village Shopping Center, 1317 Dunwoody Village Parkway, Dunwoody, GA 30338.

Tom Ariail and his crew of Vets are once again putting on their show which will benefit their VFW's charities.

**Snellville Christian Church's 1st Annual Open Car Show,** Saturday, May 20th, 11:00 am - 3:00 pm, 2485 Scenic Hwy South (Hwy 124), Snellville, GA 30078. This is a fundraiser for the Church's upcoming mission trip to Jamaica.

**Stone Mountain Village's Summer Car Show,** Saturday, July 22nd, 11:00 am - 3:00 pm, 922 Main Street (Train Depot Parking Lot), Stone Mountain, GA 30083. They will be fundraising for AARF (Atlanta Animal Rescue Friends).

*Please mark your calendar for each of these shows and spread the word to your friends. Let's make all these shows successful!*

## Our "Santa Cop" Cruise-in Will Return in '23

Yes we did announce that we would not be doing the show this year due to a few issues with the FOP. They reached out to us to discuss the problems and how to resolve them. After some discussions and a promise to have more help and involvement from their volunteers, we agreed to put it back on our schedule.

The show will be September 16th, 11:00 am - 3:00 at the Handy Ace Hardware in Tucker. This is the FOP's largest fundraiser to support their "Santa Cop" (Shop With A Cop) program.

***Crazy Early Morning Severe Storms Give Way to a BEAUTIFUL Day!!*****HOT RODS at Hayes: An UNEXPECTED Success**

Once again, the weather forecast was causing us a lot of concern in the week leading up to our 14th annual "Hot Rods at Hayes" show in Baldwin. The forecast called for severe early morning thunderstorms, but clearing later. We took a chance and went forward with the show as planned but moved the starting time an hour later, to give the roads a chance to dry. Well the forecasters actually called it right with heavy storms starting around 6:00 am. We were afraid we would have a very small number of cars show up . . . *WRONG!* The skies turned blue and the show cars rolled in until we had over 110! *WHEW!* We had our usual amazing variety of show vehicles, from Model A to Modern Muscle. We even had a fire truck, built on a Dodge Power Wagon pick-up. There was definitely something for everyone!

It really turned out to be an *AMAZING* day! Our A-Team had everything up and going in short order, Hayes provided free event T-shirts to everyone, the Pit Vipers served up BBQ sandwiches, Sharon treated the volunteers to lunch in the Hayes "Skyroom" and local radio station 107.7 "The Breeze" provided the music and a DJ. As an added bonus, some of the local businesses donated some very nice items, including a 65" TV, that we auctioned off with proceeds benefiting the Hot Rodders Children's Charity (please see page 5 for a breakdown on our Charity collections).

The day ended with the presentation of awards and the 50/50 Raffle & Year One Gift Certificate drawings. Our own Don Brock won the 50/50 and promptly donated his winnings back to the charity. Jack Gilleland, also our Club member, won the \$250 Year One Gift Certificate.

We packed up our show stuff and headed home, everyone with a BIG smile!

See page 2 for all the show winners.



**Want to see *EVEN MORE* photos?  
Check out our Facebook page.**

***HOT RODS at Hayes in Baldwin, GA***



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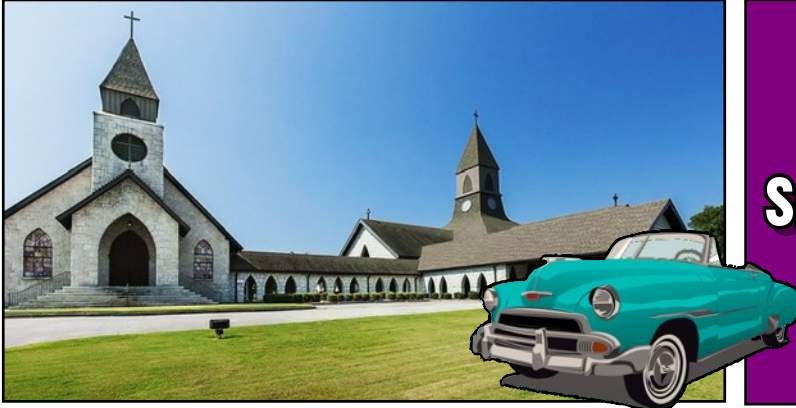
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# Snellville UMC Cool Car Show



**Saturday, April 15th**  
**11:00 am - 3:00 pm**  
**Snellville United Methodist**  
**2428 Main Street East**  
**Snellville, GA 30078**

In last month's "Cool Times," we gave you a little "teaser" on this show, so you would make sure and put it on your calendar. Now we are going to give you the 4-1-1 on it!

Once again, this show was the idea of our Club member Sammy McDaniel and the Snellville United Church's Men. They do several fundraisers through the year, but this will be their biggest and the Church's first Car Show. They have been working on it since last Fall!

The show will be in the massive parking lot in the rear of the Church and will hold several hundred show cars *PLUS* spectators! We are excited to NOT have to worry about having enough parking!!! Sammy has lined up a group of his folks not only to help our show day volunteers, but to cook burgers and hot dogs for us, at very reasonable prices.

The UMC Men set a very lofty goal of raising \$10,000 between show proceeds and event sponsors, and it looks like they will surpass that figure! All proceeds will benefit Snellville UMC's Outreach Ministries and Children's Ministries.

On the show side, we will feature our "famous" Best Classic, Best Modern and Top 20 popular choice awards, several special awards, 50/50 drawing, door prizes and great oldies. Come hungry, in addition to burgers & hot dogs, rumor is that Culver's Frozen Custard will be set up!

Entry Fee is a suggested \$20 donation to benefit the Church's ministries. Make your plans to attend, and tell all your car buddies! As always, we need our EXCELLENT Club volunteers to help on show day. Set-up starts at 8:45 am. Please let Larry Navarre know if you can help.

## MAY PREVIEW: USO Benefit at Handy Hardware in Tucker



Photo from previous USO show of Jack Gilleland's Rat Rod

**DATE: Saturday, May 27th**

**TIME: 11:00 am - 3:00 pm**

**LOCATION: Handy Ace Hardware**  
**3969 Lawrenceville Hwy, Tucker**

Our May event will be our annual fundraiser for the Georgia Chapter of the USO in memory of long time member Jack Horvath. Make your plans to attend!

We could use a show sponsor for this event to help with show costs. Please let Rick know if you are interested.

# Our Sponsors & Supporters

<p>Diamond Sponsor </p> 	<p>Double Diamond Sponsor </p> <p><b>Denny Williams</b> <b>MOTOR SPORTS</b></p>	<p>Double Diamond Sponsor </p>  <p><b>Don Brock, Builder</b></p>	<p>Diamond Sponsor </p> 
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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>	