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TIME TO RENEW?

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

The 14th Annual **HOT RODS**

at
Hayes

FAMILY DEALERSHIPS



Saturday, March 25TH

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Hayes Dealerships of Baldwin

3660 Highway 365 ♦ Baldwin, GA 30511

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Snellville UMC Open Car Show

Saturday, April 15th

11:00 am - 3:00 pm

www.GeorgiaCoolCruisers.org

Find us on:
 facebook.



Welcome New Members:

**Christine Jurgovan
Karen Stanislavski**

**Welcome Back:
Steve Freeman**

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Sweetheart Cruise-in Winners



BEST CLASSIC:

Carlton Rose, 1961 Chevrolet Impala

BEST MODERN:

Scott & Allyson Stavron, 2021 Ford Mustang GT 500

TOP 20:

- Bobby Allison 1964 Ford Ranchero
- *Sammy McDaniel, 1952 Ford F-100 truck
- *Andy Sarratt, 1962 Chevrolet Bel Air
- *Alan & Rochelle Ziglin, 1972 Buick Riviera
- Jacob Waggoner, 1962 Chevrolet Bel Air
- *Jay Drew, 1979 Pontiac Trans-Am
- Eric Reed, 1967 Jeep M715
- *Jack Gilleland, 1939 Ford 1/2 ton pick-up
- Frank Bakelak, 1968 Chevrolet Chevelle
- Marshall Ivey, 1966 Chevrolet Impala SS
- Rebecca Jack, 1951 Ford Victoria
- *Larry Navarre, 1946 Ford truck
- *David Sewell, 1989 Chevrolet S-10 truck
- Robert Porter, 1971 Volkswagen Super Beetle
- Tom Mason, 1970 Mercury Cougar
- Wayne Tevis, 1970 Chevrolet Camaro RS
- Robbie Padgett, 1942 Ford 3-window coupe
- John & Wendy Bailey, 1964 Chevrolet Impala SS
- Ronald Wray, 1970 Ford Mustang Mach 1
- Carey Grimmett, 1993 Ford Mustang SVT Cobra

Gateway Classic Car's Pick (Host's Award):

*Brian Gunter, 2019 Dodge Challenger

"Breast of Show" (Charity's Favorite):

Dr. Solveig Evans, 1970 Plymouth Duster

Sponsor's Award (Stout Irrigation):

*Leigh Fragnoli, 1968 Plymouth Roadrunner

* Denotes GCC Club Member

2023 Club Shows & Events



Hot Rods at Hayes of Baldwin

Saturday, March 25th

10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Hayes Family Dealerships

3660 State Hwy 365

Baldwin, GA 30511

Fundraiser for Hot Rodders Children's Charity

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

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 Lenora Church Road

(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

It's SPRINGTIME and **CAR SHOW TIME!** With the start of Spring, car shows are getting started too! We know everyone wants to get your "babies" out of the garage and show them off!

We try to list some of the local shows that you might enjoy attending (when we are not having a show).

Here is what we found for March . . .

Saturday, March 4th, 7:30 am - 11:00 am, Piedmont Church Cruise-in, 570 Piedmont Road, Marietta, GA 30066. *Info: 404-202-0070*

Saturday, March 4th, 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, March 5th, 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*

Saturday, March 11th, 8:00 am - 2:00 pm, Lanier Hills Church Car Show, 3129 Duckett Mill Road, Gainesville GA 30506. *Info: Jeff Haney, 706-203-7231.*

Saturday, March 18th, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm, 18th Annual Memories in Monroe Classic Car Show, Downtown Monroe, 215 N. Broad Street, Monroe, GA 30655. *Best in Show and Top 75. Info: 770-266-5331/ 770-266-5334; sadiek@monroega.gov, lwalker@monroega.gov, laldrige@monroega.gov*

Saturday, March 18, 3:00 pm to 8:30 pm, Po Boys Cruise-In, The Mill at Etowah, 225 Reformation Highway, Canton, GA 30114. *Info: Greg 770-753-1011 www.facebook.com/poboyscarclub*

and **SOMETHING A LITTLE DIFFERENT!**



We recently learned that our own **Jim Marianetti** puts on a huge collector toy show, complete with Storm Troopers!

His Spring show will be held

March 24th through 26th (Friday to Sunday)

Hilton Atlanta Northeast

5993 Peachtree Industrial Blvd

Peachtree Corners, GA 30092

www.Toylanta.net

"COOL" Club Gear!



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

We offer two different jackets: a light weight wind-breaker (\$75 & \$80*) and a 3-season jacket (\$95 & \$100*), both available in several 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*). We can also get long sleeve shirts, just ask!

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

FEBRUARY CHARITY REPORT:

Sweetheart Cruise-in Collections

We had an *EXCELLENT* day at the Donation Bowl during our Sweetheart Cruise-in at Gateway Classic Cars! We collected a GRAND TOTAL of **\$2,250**, between entry donations and our half of the 50/50 proceeds!

This money will benefit breast cancer detection, treatment and education with all funds staying right here in Georgia.

Our thanks to Karen O'Neal, Susan Miller and Rochelle Ziglin for spearheading the 50/50 ticket sales. Special thanks go out to Club member Thad Barnes. Thad bought \$100 of raffle tickets, hoping he would have the winning ticket so he could donate his half back to the charity. No, he didn't win, but he did help increase the jackpot total.

Shout-out to Our A-Team!

We just can't say enough good things about our group of Club volunteers. It is amazing to watch them set-up, run the show and then pack-up!

With most clubs & organizations, getting members to step up and volunteer is their biggest downfall, but not with us!

Our sincere THANKS to all that help!



Our Latest Double Diamond Sponsor!

Leigh Fragnoli was our Club's FIRST sponsor with his Quality Aerosols brand. After some health issues over the past few years, Leigh has come roaring back into the car scene and renewed his sponsorship of the Cool Cruisers with his latest business venture, **Fraggie Enterprises!**

Leigh brought us a check at the Sweetheart Cruise-in for his 2023 sponsorship renewal, and what a "Sweetheart" of a check it was! Leigh becomes the latest member of our "Double Diamond" level.

We are hoping to see Leigh at more of our shows this year in his beautiful Plymouth Roadrunner. *A BIG THANK YOU to Leigh!*

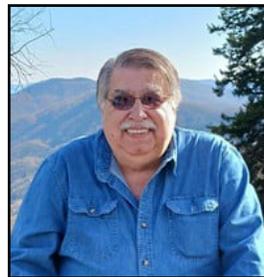
A Club Social Outing?

We are thinking that it would be nice to have a Club "Social" event, something besides a car show.

We are asking for suggestions for the type of event (lunch, picnic, cruise, visit a car collection, etc), location and date.

If you have an idea, or would like to host or organize this, please let Rick know.

Remembering Dennis Behnken



The Georgia Cool Cruisers are sad to announce the loss of one of our "Founding 50" Club Members, Dennis Behnken. Dennis passed away on February 2nd at his home in Dacula.

Dennis & his wife Amber have been great supporters of the Club from the very beginning and have been to almost every GCC event. Not even his liver transplant in May 2016 prevented him from showing up at our show at Home Depot. He could always be counted on to help behind the scenes between shows and in the show field on show day. We will miss him greatly; please pray for Amber and the family.

In lieu of flowers, the family requested donations to FurKids, Toys for Tots or the American Cancer Society.



Thanks to Our Photographers & Videographer!

We would like to thank our trio of Club members that covered our Sweetheart Cruise-in! **Billy Wright, Ronn Lippman** and **Kevin Cunningham** produced amazing images of the show!

You can find their work on our Facebook page, plus Billy's photos are featured on pages 6-9 of this "Cool Times" edition. Rick snuck in a few of his photos on page 10.



Our Rain Date Weather: Cool but Bright Blue Skies!

Our Sweetheart Cruise-in Was a Huge \$uccess!

After a rain-delay of one week, we were definitely “sick of Winter” and ready for our Sweetheart Cruise-in. Gateway Classic Cars in Alpharetta became our new host for this event after last year’s blow out “blew” our return to Cue BBQ. It was a chilly start to a gorgeous day, perfect to welcome everyone to our 2023 car show season.

Bright blue skies and sunshine greeted our team of awesome volunteers as they whirled into action and got up & running in record time. Gateway had the coffee pots warmed up and ready and participants started rolling in early. Over 125 cars filled the show field; participants enjoyed the car show outside and the consigned car “show” inside. Mike Perry’s Hot Rod Grill fed the crowd while “Goat & Bean Coffee” offered coffee drinks to keep the crew caffeinated.

We had awards for Best Classic, Best Modern, Top 20, Gateway’s Pick, Sponsor’s Pick and the charity pick (“Breast of Show”). Thank you to Tony Stout for sponsoring the show! The registration team would like to thank Thad Barnes for the hot chocolate and Nick Stambo for the donut holes (yes, we will work for food!). Thanks to Billy Wright and Ronn Lippmann for taking photos and to Karen O’Neal for helping with 50/50 sales.

Our fun and friendly participants generously donated to help us raise \$2,250 for our charity, It’s the Journey, which raises money to fund breast cancer screenings, treatments and support for women and men dealing with breast cancer; all the money donated stays in Georgia. Heartfelt thanks to our amazing volunteers who are the absolute best of the best.

See page 2 for all the show winners.



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



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HOT RODS at HAYES of Baldwin



Saturday, March 25th
10:00 am - 2:00 pm
HAYES DEALERSHIPS
3660 Highway 365
Baldwin, GA 30511

It's time for our 14th Annual "Hot Rods at Hayes" in Baldwin, Georgia, about an hour's drive from 285 & 85. This is ALWAYS a GREAT show, attracting many cars we don't see at the Atlanta area shows. We really enjoy working with the Hayes folks, they do so much to make this a fun day! As they always do, they will provide a FREE event T-shirt to all registered show cars (*limit 1 per show car, while supplies last*). This year they have lined up the Tallulah Falls School "Pit Vipers" to cook up some tasty BBQ for sandwiches, plus local radio station WCON will once again be on hand providing music and live remote broadcast spots.

We will feature our Best Classic, Best Modern and Top 20 awards, along with a few special awards, a 50/50 raffle and a raffle to win a \$250 gift certificate to Year One Muscle Car Parts (tickets are \$2 ea/3 for \$5).

Entry fee is a suggested minimum \$20 donation that will benefit the **Hot Rodders Children's Charity**, a 501(c)3 non profit organization. One of HRCC's main programs is to provide child seats for parents that cannot afford one.

Baldwin is not far from Helen, GA, so with our early ending time of 2:00 pm, maybe you would like to cruise on over for a German themed dinner, or maybe make a weekend of it.

We need **VOLUNTEERS** for this event! Set-up is pretty fast and easy, with Hayes providing music and tables, BUT we need extra help with registration, T-shirt distribution, raffle ticket sales and ESPECIALLY Show Car Parking! We will provide lunch for all our staff, unless you'd rather try out the "Pit Vipers" BBQ. Please contact **Larry Navarre** if you can help. Set-up time is 8:15

PREVIEW: Our April 15th Show at Snellville United Methodist



We have a **BRAND NEW** venue for 2023, the Snellville United Methodist Church on Main Street (Hwy 78) in Snellville.

This show is being spearheaded by Club member **Sammy McDaniel** and the Church's Men's Club. They have a HUGE parking lot in the rear of the church that will hold several hundred show cars plus spectators. The Men's Club will be selling burgers and hot dogs along with soft drinks and other goodies.

Please put this on your "must-do" list, and tell all your friends to come too! This should be a fun and "Cool" show!

Our Sponsors & Supporters

<p>Diamond Sponsor </p> 	<p>Double Diamond Sponsor </p> <p>Denny Williams MOTOR SPORTS</p>	<p>Double Diamond Sponsor </p>  <p>Don Brock, Builder</p>	<p>Diamond Sponsor </p> 
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	 <p>Classic & Muscle</p>	<p>Mike Perry Tucker Welding & Fabrication</p>	<p>Martin Farmers Insurance Agency Buford, GA 678-802-9922</p>

Some of the Charities We Support

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