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TIME TO RENEW?

Please send \$30 (\$40 for USPS mail Newsletter) to:
 Georgia Cool Cruisers
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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

2023



Sweetheart Cruise-in

Saturday, February 11TH

Gateway Classic Cars

1870 McFarland Pkwy, Alpharetta

www.GeorgiaCoolCruisers.org

Find us on: facebook.



Welcome New Members:

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Toys for Tots Cruise-in Winners



BEST CLASSIC:

*Andy Sarratt, 1965 Chevrolet Corvette

BEST MODERN:

Ed Sanford, 2020 Ford Mustang Shelby GT 500

TOP 15:

*Larry Navarre, 1958 Ford F-100 pick-up

Stephen Holbrook, 2002 Chevrolet S-10 Xtreme truck

*Rob Mikell, 1979 Pontiac Trans-Am

*Mike & Chris Bilello, 1964 Dodge Panel Wagon

Jerry Hughes, 1984 Chevrolet Camaro Z-28

Raymond Rodgers, 1972 Chevrolet Cheyenne 4X4

Joe Fotschky, 1969 Oldsmobile Hurst/Olds

*Jack Gilleland, 1939 Ford 1/2 ton pick-up

*Ken & Susan Miller, 2005 Ford Mustang GT

Jerry Reichel, 1964 Ford Galaxie 500

Timothy Mooney, 1988 GMC 1500 pick-up

*Joe Leach, 1977 Chevrolet Camaro Z-28

Jeff Summers, 1964 Ford Fairlane

Richard Newton, 1968 Chevrolet Corvette

*Greg Rogers, Mercedes "WW II Battle-Benz"

*Steven McKeague, 2015 Ford Roush Mustang

*Paul Benham, 2003 Mercury Marauder

Tom Chapman, 1962 Ford pick-up

*Dennis Benken, 2019 Dodge Challenger

Michael Tobia, 2006 Ferrari F450

Handy Hardware's "Ace" (Host's Award):

Nick Stambo, 2022 Chevrolet Camaro LT1

Marine's Finest:

Roger Chatham 1947 Mercury Eight

Coollest Cruiser (Club Award):

*Roger Broderson, 1969 Ford Mustang fastback

* Denotes GCC Club Member

2023 Club Shows & Events



"Sweetheart" Cruise-in '23

Saturday, February 11th

11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Gateway Classic Cars

1870 McFarland Pkwy, Suite 300
Alpharetta, GA 30005

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

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

On-Street Open Car Show 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

Date TBA

11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Carter Hill Christian Church

361 Punkin Junction Road
Bethlehem, GA 30620

Cool Cars & Costumes

Saturday, October 21st

Noon - 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

Our 2022 A-Team Members & Diamond Level Sponsors:

Each year at our Holiday party, we recognize our top sponsors and those that volunteer most often.

We appreciate ALL our Sponsors and ALL that help us in all aspects of putting on our shows and events.

If your name or business is not listed below, please consider stepping up in 2023 to help the club.

Thanks again to our Diamond Sponsors and A-Team members!

A TEAM '22

Larry Navarre

Volunteer Coordinator & A-Team Leader

Jack Gilleland

Steve McKeague

Sharon Ellis

Karen & Steve O'Neal

Sammy McDaniel

Paul Benham

Rochelle Ziglin

Tammy Navarre

Susan Miller

Amber & Dennis Behnken

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"COOL" Club Gear!

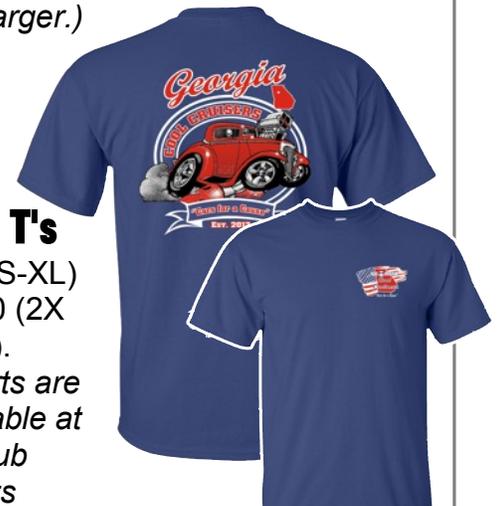


It's Winter and time for a Club Jacket or Windbreaker!

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

REPORT: Toys for Tots Collection

Although "Mother Nature" threw a Grinch or two into our show, we did pretty well, considering.

Show day cash donations, non-auction sales and a small 50/50 raffle yielded a total of \$1,228. Several late donations, a donation in memory of Club member Bryan Smith by his employer and a donation of a couple hundred bucks by the Club added another \$500, pushed the total to \$1,728.

We also collected 139 toys, 1 bike and 2 extra large Teddy Bears.

We left a collection box at Handy Ace Hardware, which continued to collect more toys, adding an AMAZING 138 more to the total.

TOTAL: 280 Toys and \$1,728. Not bad at all for a wet, wet show day!

Sweetheart Cruise-in Has a Home

It was looking like our 9th annual Sweetheart Cruise-in wasn't going to happen in '23. After losing our host from '22, we thought it would be an easy task to find a new one. *WRONG!* We went down a long list with a variety of reasons that they wouldn't be a good fit. At our Christmas Party, Dennis Williams suggested Gateway Classic Cars. Now why didn't we think of them earlier??? On Monday morning an email inquiry was immediately answered with a YES, and plans are in "High Gear!" We are really looking forward to our first show with Gateway!

Thanks to Steve O'Neal!

A special "Shout-out" to Steve O'Neal! Steve pulled the Club trailer to our Toys for Tots show, a task we always appreciate. As everyone knows, we had a little of the wet stuff fall on the show. After everything was packed up, still wet, Steve took the trailer back to his house.

On Sunday, he opened up all the doors to help dry everything and even took all the canopies out and opened them up to dry.

Thanks, Steve! GREAT JOB!

2022 CHARITY COLLECTIONS

Below is a show-by-show break down of our charity collections for 2022. We had a pretty good year, except for a couple of shows that were affected by the weather.

Our thanks to all that donated!

- February – Sweetheart Cruise-in at 'Cue
Breast Cancer Treatment & Cure - \$3,500
- March - Mike Thies Birthday Party in Braselton
Furkids Animal Rescue - \$2,000
- March – Hayes Dealerships in Baldwin
Hot Rodders Children's Charity - \$2,630
- April – Decatur Estates Vintage Market
Furkids Animal Rescue - \$1,680
- May - Sonic Drive-in of Lilburn
Planned PETHood of Georgia - \$400
- May – Handy Ace Hardware
USO Georgia - \$2,830
- June – Pink Pony Summer Show
Furkids Animal Rescue - \$2,900
- July – Brookhaven/Dresden Dr. Show
Brookhaven Police Foundation - \$1,700
- *July - Stone Mountain Village
School Supplies for Kids in Need - \$1,075
- August – Carter Hill Cruise-in
Carter Hill Christian Church - \$3,685
- September – SE Railway Museum
Southeastern Railway Museum - \$1,600
- September – Handy Ace Hardware
DeKalb FOP's "Santa Cop" - \$3,000
- October – Pink Pony Halloween Show
Breast Cancer Treatment & Cure - \$3,500
- November – Briscoe Park
Snellville PD's "Shop With A Cop" - \$2,500
- December – Toys for Tots @ Handy Hardware
\$1,728 cash & 280 Toys (est. value \$3,780)

Grand Total: \$38,508

** Although this show was not a planned Cool Cruisers show, we stepped in last minute and basically did all aspects of the event.*

Blue Skies Turned to a Steady Rain as Our Toys for Tots Cruise-in Started **The Grinch (Mother Nature) Stole Our Christmas**

We *SHOULD* have known, but we thought it was just a children's movie, so we put a cute little Grinch in his Hot Rod on our show flyers, posters, t-shirts and even the awards. But *NOW* we know, the Grinch (and Mother Nature) really does steal Christmas! *Lesson learned!*

The show day weather forecast looked "iffy" all week and we thought about delaying the show to the following Saturday, but that would cause a boat-load of work and issues, plus the extended forecast for the 18th didn't look much better. On Friday evening, it looked like we would be okay. On Saturday morning, rain was all but taken out of the day's weather and arrived at Handy Ace to set-up with blue skies. Then it went south. The rain that was tracking north of us shifted south and the rains came, and STAYED.

We were counting on around 150 show cars, we got 40, we had to cancel our auction, cover everything we could and just wait it out. Around 1:00 pm, we had a break and gave out the awards (amazingly all the award winners stuck around).

All was not lost, as we did manage to collect 139 toys, 1 bike, 2 very large teddy bears and \$1,228 in cash. The club added another \$500 plus Handy Hardware requested the Marines leave an empty box to collect additional toys. That worked out extremely well with an additional 138 toys. Our GRAND TOTAL: 270 toys and \$1,728 in donations. Not our best, but not too "Shabby" for a wet show day! Thanks to all that donated!

Of course there are MANY thanks to pass out for this show . . . Our A-Team did an excellent job of setting up, covering everything from the rain and packing it up when we were done. They also handled the event T-shirt distribution, registration and setting up for the auction. Our retired Marines did an outstanding job, along with the Handy Hardware staff plus Mike Perry and his crew. Mike set up his grill and took care of everyone that braved the rain.

We are looking forward to returning next year, but the Grinch is **NOT** welcome!

You can see how wet it was in the photos! See page 2 for all the show winners.



Toys for Tots Cruise-in



Toys for Tots Cruise-in



GCC Holiday Party 2022: *Friends - Food - Fun!*

For the third year in a row, Steve & Karen O'Neal welcomed Club members to their home for the 2022 GCC Holiday Party on December 11th. Thirty Cool Cruisers gathered to enjoy fabulous food, fellowship and Karen's beautiful Holiday decor.

Karen & Steve provided ham, rolls, beverages, a warm fire and cats to visit. Everyone brought a dish (or two) to share, ensuring that no one left hungry. We had an amazing array of salads, appetizers, sides, casseroles and desserts.

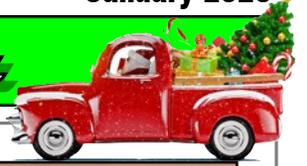
After stuffing ourselves with "just one more little taste" of those delicious dishes (some of you need to share those recipes!), Rick gave out the Annual A-Team Awards and Sponsor recognition, as well as giving an update on 2023 events. As always, Billy Wright couldn't just be a guest, he came with camera in hand to take photos of the fun. Once the A-team was recognized, we had our Ornament Exchange and Ugly Sweater contest.

Some of us were having trouble getting into the Holiday season but this gathering reminded us of the amazing Blessings that our Club members/family are: the love and generosity that you bring to our Club, our events, our communities and our causes. Happy Holidays to all and a Healthy, Happy New Year!

Photos by Billy Wright, our "A-Team" photographer.



Cool Cruisers Christmas Party



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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>	