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Andy Sarratt's Garage
 125 Paine Crossing Rd ◆ Social Circle, GA 30025

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Welcome New Member!

Patrice Garthan



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Coolray Field Show Winners

BEST CLASSIC:

Charles Deans, 1967 Chevrolet Chevelle SS

BEST MODERN:

Jack Reid, 2005 Ford GT

TOP 25:

- Johnny Smith, 1978 Chevrolet Corvette Coupe
 Jeff Dellapina, 2021 Ford Mustang GT
 Daryl Haynes, 1984 Chevrolet Monte Carlo
 David Johnson, 1950 Chevrolet 3100
 David Greenwood, 1931 Cadillac Coupe
 *David Sewell, 1955 Chevrolet BelAir
 George Bergeron, 1956 Chevrolet BelAir Convertible
 Mike Bare, 1977 Pontiac TransAm
 Chris Sabatino, 1960 Cadillac Coupe DeVille
 Ted Parker, 1963 Cadillac DeVille
 David Sparks, 1965 Chevrolet Corvette
 David Parris, 1967 Pontiac LeMans
 *Thad Barnes, 1969-1/2 Dodge SuperBee
 *Andy Sarratt, 1965 Chevrolet Corvette SportCoupe
 Matt Clark, 1985 Chevrolet C-10
 Reginald Williams, 1970 Chevrolet Nova
 *Jack Gilleland, 1939 Chevrolet 1/2-ton Pickup
 *Ken & Susan Miller, 1969 Mercury Cougar XR-7
 Phyllis Anglin, 1968 Chevrolet Camaro
 Mark Yelton, 1969 Ford Mustang Mach1
 Robert Boggs, 1971 Volkswagen Westfalia
 Jerry & Christy McCullough, 1973 Dodge Dart Sport 340
 Tom Trainor, 1941 Willys Coupe
 Tom Duncan, 1964 Chevrolet C-10
 *Joe Leach, 1977 Chevrolet Camaro Z28

Gwinnett PD Pick (Most Likely To Meet A Cop):

Denise Wood, 2008 Ford Mustang GT

Gwinnett FD Pick (Hottest Hot Rod):

Shawn Williamson, 1967 Buick Skylark GS

Gateway Classic Cars Sponsor's Award:

Spencer Hubbard, 1966 Ford Mustang Fastback 2+2

Kids' Pick (Sponsored by Summit Racing):

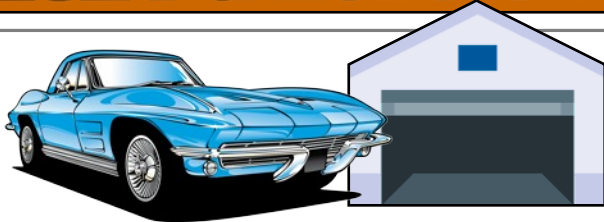
Ginny & Mike Morgan, 1966 Ford Mustang GT

Coollest Cruiser (Club's Award):

Gabe Davis, 1959 Cadillac Coupe DeVille

* Denotes GCC Club Member

2024 & 2025 Club Shows & Events



Cool Cruisers Club Meeting

NEW "COOL" DATE!
Sunday, October 13th
11:00 am - 2:00 pm
Andy Sarratt's Garage
125 Paine Crossing Road
Social Circle, GA 30025

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" program*



Toys for Tots Cruise-in

Saturday, December 7th
11:00 am - 3:00 pm
Handy Ace Hardware
3969 Lawrenceville Hwy.
Tucker, GA 30084

2025 SHOWS

The "I'm SICK of Winter"

Sweetheart Cruise-in '25

Saturday, February 15th
11:00 am - 3:00 pm
Smoke Rise Baptist Church
5901 Hugh Howell Road
Stone Mountain, GA 30087
Fundraiser to help END Breast Cancer

Hot Rods at Hayes '25

Saturday, March 22nd
10:00 am - 2:00 pm
Hayes Dealerships of Baldwin
3660 State Highway 365
Baldwin, GA 30511
*Fundraiser for
Hot Rodders Children's Charity*

Cool Cars at Briscoe Park

SPRING 2025 SHOW
Saturday, April 26th
11:00 am - 3:00 pm
Snellville's Briscoe Park
2500 Sawyer Parkway
(off Lenora Church Road)
Snellville, GA 30078

*Rain Dates are 1 week after the original show date
unless otherwise noted.
Check our Facebook page for the latest updates.*



CLUB NEWS & UPDATES

Fundraiser Report for September:

September featured TWO Cool Cruiser shows, pretty uncommon even for us!

The first was our return to the **Gwinnett Public Safety Festival at Coolray Field**. This show benefited the **Hot Rodders Children's Charity**.

Between entry fees and raffle proceeds we raised a grand total of **\$2,620!** These funds will help provide child safety seats for parents that cannot afford one.

Our "**Santa Cop**" show at Handy Ace Hardware had a lot smaller number of show cars due to all the other shows in the area. This did not translate to a record money maker for our charity but, thanks to our members and regulars along with a very healthy 50/50 jackpot (with the winner donating their share back), we raised a very respectable **\$1,740**. This will be used to treat some local underprivileged school kids to a Christmas shopping trip!

Our thanks to all that supported these shows!

Time to Order Your Fall Jackets!



It's FALL and time to place your order for a "Cool" windbreaker or 3-Season jacket (or BOTH). Both jackets have our Club logo on the left chest and full embroidered Club name across the back.

The windbreaker is \$75 (\$80 for 2XL & larger), the 3-Season jacket is \$95 (\$100 for 2XL & larger). Both are available in most popular colors.

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

Our 2025 Schedule . . . So Far

Last month we announced we had lined up a new venue for our February Sweetheart Cruise-in (Smoke Rise Baptist in Stone Mountain).

We now have two more Spring dates filled: our **Hot Rods at Hayes in Baldwin** on March 22nd and the **Spring show at Briscoe Park** in Snellville on April 26th.

We will continue to piece together our schedule and we always welcome your input!

Don Brock's Membership Renewal

At our Coolray show, Don dropped off a check that he said was for his Club membership renewal. When we got a minute to look at the check, we realized he paid his membership for about the next 75 years or so!

Thanks, Don, for your continued support of the Cool Cruisers!

UPDATE: 2024 Toys for Tots

Car Show Sponsors



Last month we kicked off our Toys for Tots show sponsorship drive. So far we've had a pretty good response! We have received commitments from:

Pat Horvath, Pam Piercy, Stephens Insurance, Sharon Ellis, Hayes Automotive, Bill & Leigh Whatley.

We'd love to add *YOUR* name or business to this list! Here are the details on how you can make this happen:

Sponsorship levels are:

SILVER: \$100, **GOLD:** \$250 and **DIAMOND:** \$500 and up. All sponsors will get their name or company logo on the back of the event T-shirt and recognition during the show.

Please contact Rick to sign up or for more information.

Remember we are a 501c3 non-profit organization, so your sponsorship donations are tax deductible!

A Nice Size Group of Show Cars and a BUNCH of Spectators! **A Beautiful Day Makes for a PERFECT Return to Coolray Field!**

On Saturday, September 7th, GCC returned to CoolRay Field in Lawrenceville to host the car show within the Gwinnett Public Safety Festival. We missed several years of this show due to COVID restrictions and scheduling conflicts. Despite a variable forecast the week before and some overnight rain showers the night before, show day turned out to be a beautiful day.

Our amazing volunteers showed up bright and early to set up so that we were up and running by 9:00. We were missing several regular A-Team members for this show but other volunteers stepped up to fill the gap. We also had extra help from police recruits who helped with show car parking.

The car show was more centrally located in the Festival this time, which did provide some unique challenges (noise/music from the motorcycle rally and Festival announcements) but we registered 125 cars! This was a good turnout given that we were competing with multiple car shows going on in the area that day.

Pat Staton from YearOne was there from set up to tear down, greeting participants and spectators, selling 50/50 tickets, YearOne raffle tickets and helping out in every way that he could. This show benefited YearOne's Hot Rodders Children's Charity to the tune of \$2600! Hayes Family Dealerships helped sponsor the show and sent a vehicle and salesperson to spend the day with us.

We gave out awards for Best Classic, Best Modern, Top 25, Sponsor's Award, Coolest Cruiser, Police Pick (Most Likely to Meet a Cop) and Fire Department Pick (Hottest Hot Rod). Sponsors Gateway Classic Cars, Hayes Automotive and SoutheastWheelsEvents.com set up vendor spaces and Justin Mooney did the Hot Wheels racing for the kids. Summit Racing provided \$100 gift certificates for the Best Classic, Best Modern, Coolest Cruiser and GCPD's pick.

It was a *GREAT* return to Coolray Field and the Gwinnett Public Safety Festival!



Cool Cars at COOLRAY FIELD



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Cool Cars at Coolray Field WINNERS

Check out our Facebook page for more photos



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WHAT?!? A DRY Show Day at Handy Hardware? YEP!

“SANTA GOP” Cruis-in: Less Cars But Still a Great Show

We *FINALLY* broke the YEAR-LONG “Curse” of rainy shows at Handy Ace Hardware! We had a perfect bright and sunny but HOT day to celebrate the final day of Summer. But unfortunately the show was not without its share of challenges. There were a TON of shows around the metro area to draw from our audience including a Mega-Show in Buford that drew over 600 show cars.

We also had issues with quite a few of the local Law Enforcement Agencies that had confirmed to attending being no-shows. So what did we do? The show went on as planned with a smaller but enthusiastic group made up primarily of our AMAZING Club Members and “Cool” regulars. What we lacked in quantity, we made up in QUALITY!

Everyone enjoyed looking at all of the police vehicles, talking to the officers, checking out the show cars, eating burgers, hot dogs and frozen sweet treats, making it a fun day! Among the police vehicles was the Georgia State Patrol’s 2024 Ford Mustang and the North Metro SWAT vehicle from Dunwoody. The staff at the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) sold a TON of 50/50 raffle tickets with the winner receiving a tidy \$180 jackpot. The winning ticket holder left their tickets with the FOP with instructions to donate any winnings back!

Speaking of donations, we did pretty good at that for a small show, collecting over \$1,700 to help needy kids get a special Christmas shopping trip. The FOP collected an additional \$500+ at their booth. Thanks to all that helped!

We had nearly 30 awards to give out, so everyone had an EXCELLENT chance to take one home. We presented the Best Classic, Best Modern, Top 20 and 5 special awards.

Our thanks to our always AMAZING crew of volunteers that made quick work of setting up, running the show and packing up at the end! We’d also like to thank the staff at Handy Ace Hardware for once again hosting us and donating a bunch of great door prizes.

Don’t miss our next show at Handy Ace, our Toys for Tots show on Saturday, December 7th from 11:00 am - 3:00 pm, and let’s hope for another sunny show day!



SANTA COP *Cruise-in at Handy Hardware*



Best Classic:

Ken & Lorraine Johanson, 1931 Ford Truck

Best Modern:

*Paul Benham, 2003 Mercury Marauder

Top 20:

*Andy Sarratt, 1965 Chevrolet Corvette Coupe

*Pam Piercy, 1965 Cadillac Eldorado

*Troy Reeves, 1952 Willys M-38

*Jim Marianetti, 1969 Chevy Camaro SS-396

Raymond Rodgers, 1972 Chevy 4X4 Cheyenne

*Patrice Carthan, 1969 Chevy Nova SS

Joe Fotschky, 1969 Oldsmobile Hurst Olds

Dennis Vance, 1972 Ford Bronco

*Ken & Susan Miller, 1969 Mercury Cougar XR-7

Chris Christopherson, 1930 Packard

Bill Stanton, 1951 Ford Victoria

*Don Brock, 1962 Imperial LeBaron

*Theresa Leach, 1966 Ford Mustang

*Art Coates, 1964 Ford Galaxie 500 XL

Johnny Coleman, 1965 Ford Mustang GT

*Steven McKeague, 2015 Ford Roush Mustang

*Jason McDaniel, 1970 Chevrolet Corvette

Shawn Kontra, 1955 Chevy 210

John Dunn, 1950 Dodge C.O.E.

Scot Donaghy, 1971 Chevy Monte Carlo

Best Police Car:

Georgia State Patrol, 2024 Ford Mustang

Host (Handy Ace) Favorite:

North Metro S.W.A.T. vehicle

Gateway Classic Cars (Sponsor) Pick:

Beau Brown, 1976 Chevy K-10

F.O.P. Pick:

Stuart Middlebrooks, 1980 Pontiac TransAm

Coollest Cruiser:

Dewey Smith, 1952 MG TD

* Cool Cruiser Club Member



SANTA COP *Cruise-in* at Handy Hardware



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Our October Club Events

Cool Cars & COSTUMES at the PONY



Saturday, October 19TH

Noon - 4:00 pm

1837 Corporate Blvd ♦ Brookhavene, GA 30329



We are BACK at the Pink Pony for our annual “Cool Cars & Costumes” show! After a less than successful attempt at another venue last year, we all agreed we needed this show back to it’s “roots” in ‘24! This is where this event is supposed to be, PERIOD!

This show has many parts . . . Open car show with popular choice awards, Halloween Costume Contest (Best Male, Female & Couple) and Best Decorated Car, each with \$200 cash prize, an outcry auction, great food and beverage and it all benefits the **Fight Against Breast Cancer!**

Entry fee for the car show & decorated car contest is a \$20 donation, with 100% going to help treat breast cancer right here in Georgia! This year, in an effort to have more costume contestants, we are waiving the entry fee for that portion of the event, although donations are ALWAYS welcome!

Chef Pam and her Pink Pony kitchen staff will be there serving up some tasty burgers, hot dogs and chicken sandwiches and a variety of cold beverages. Our outcry auction always features some great items donated by the Pony’s vendors. Once again, 100% of the proceeds will benefit charity. Sound like fun? Well it IS! Make sure you put this on your “DON’T MISS” list!!

Cool Cruisers Club Meeting & Pizza Party



Sunday, October 13TH

11:00 am - 2:00 pm

Andy Sarratt's Garage

125 Paine Cossing Rd ♦ Social Circle, GA 30025



How long has it been since our last Club meeting? Well let’s just say it’s been *TOO LONG!* We originally had this scheduled for August but thought better of having it during that horrible heat wave and decided to reschedule it to a “Cooler” time of the year!

This will be MORE than a Club meeting! It will be a social gathering and a Pizza Party with a Club meeting snuck in. The Club will provide pizza (probably Pepperoni and Supreme), soft drinks (Cokes & Diet Cokes), water, plates and anything else needed.

You will need to bring a chair and are welcome to bring an appetizer/side item/dessert to share. If you want something other than the drinks listed, please feel free to bring what you like, but please no alcohol. If you have other choices for pizza, let us know and we will see what we can do.

Please bring your suggestions for Club activities for 2025. We also need everyone that is planning on attending to please R.S.V.P. to Rick (404-732-6842 or RNE680@Mindspring.com).

Although this is primarily a “members only” event, you are welcome to bring a guest. Please include them in your R.S.V.P. **Please R.S.V.P. by Friday, October 11th.**

How to get to Andy’s: From the west - take I-20 east to exit 98 toward GA-11 (Monroe). Go for 0.3 mi. Turn left onto GA-11 N. Go for 0.3 mi. Turn left onto Alcovy Trestle Rd. Go for 0.2 mi. Turn right onto Alcovy Trestle Rd. Go for 1.1 mi. Turn right onto Paine Crossing Rd. Go for 0.2 mi.

Our Sponsors & Supporters

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	 <p>Classic & Muscle</p>		

Some of the Charities We Support

	<p>Shop With A Cop</p> 		 <p>Raising funds for Georgia Breast Cancer Programs</p>
	 <p>VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.</p>	 <p>Choose Life for Georgia's Pets!</p>	