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Please send \$30 (\$40 for USPS mail Newsletter) to:  
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**MORE  
THAN  
PINK**

**Saturday, May 5th**  
**Start at 8:00 am at Lenox Mall**  
**2.5 Mile Fundraiser Walk**

**HOT RODS**

*at Hayes*

**Dealerships  
Baldwin, GA**

**Saturday  
May 12th  
10:00 am - 2:00 pm**



**THE  
VARSITY  
GWINNETT**

**Cruise-in**

**Sunday, May 20th ♦ 3:00 - 6:00 pm**

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**Welcome  
New Members!**

**Art Coates  
David Iwanicki**

*Refer a friend to  
Join the Club!*

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## **"Cool Rides & Rescues" Winners**



### **BEST CLASSIC:**

\*David & Jennifer Wade, 1960 Jaguar MK IX

### **BEST MODERN:**

Craig Freeman, 2016 Ford Mustang Ecoboost

### **TOP 10:**

\*Victoria Willetts, 1969 Oldsmobile 442

\*Jim Marianetti, 1969 Chevrolet Camaro Z28

\*Mike Walling, 1967 Pontiac GTO

\*Larry Navarre, 1946 Ford pick-up

Dave Quam, 1969 AMC Hurst SC/Rambler

\*Frank Cuddy, 1955 Ford Crown Victoria

Richard Burgess, 1961 Lincoln Continental

\*Allan & Lynda Roth, 1957 Chevrolet Bel Air

Robert & Prescilla Martin, 1957 Chevrolet 2 door

Henry Sluss, 1957 Cadillac Fleetwood

### **LIFELINE'S (Charity) PICK:**

John Phillips, 1969 Chevrolet C-10 pick-up

### **MAGGIE'S (Host's) FAVORITE:**

\*Art Coates, 1964 Ford Galaxie 500 XL convertible

### **LADIES' PICK:**

Lynn Joseph, 1966 Dodge Dart 270 convertible

### **COOLEST CRUISER (Club Award):**

Mike Perry, 1941 Ford pick-up & Burger Grill

\* Denotes GCC Club Member



### **BEST CLASSIC:**

David & Jennifer  
Wade's 1960  
Jaguar MK IX



# 2018 Club Shows & Events

## Hot Rods at Hayes

Saturday, May 12 ♦ 10 am - 2 pm

Hayes Family Dealerships

3660 Georgia Hwy 365, Baldwin, GA 30511

*Fundraiser for*

*Hot Rodders Children's Charity*



## Horsepower at the Pony

Saturday, June 23 ♦ Noon - 4 pm

The Pink Pony

1837 Corporate Blvd, Brookhaven, GA 30329

Fundraiser for 4Sarah(.net)

Providing Help and Hope to Women in Crisis

*We will be celebrating the Club's  
5th Birthday!!!*



## Cool Cars & Courage

*USO Fundraiser*

Saturday, July 21 ♦ 11 am - 3 pm

The Greater Good BBQ

4431 Hugh Howell Road, Tucker, GA 30084



## Cool Cars at Coolray

Saturday, October 6 ♦ 10 am - 2 pm

Coolray Field

*Gwinnett Braves Stadium*

2500 Buford Drive, Lawrenceville, GA 30043

## Cars & Costumes

*Car Show & Costume Contest*

October 27 ♦ Noon - 4 pm

The Pink Pony

1837 Corporate Blvd, Brookhaven, GA 30329

## Toys for Tots Cruise-In

Saturday, December 1 ♦ 11am - 3pm

The Greater Good BBQ

4431 Hugh Howell Road, Tucker, GA 30084



## Varsity Gwinnett Cruise-In

Every 3rd Sunday - Year round

*New Time: 3:00 - 6:00 pm*

6045 Dawson Blvd.

Norcross, GA 30093

*I-85 - Exit 99, Jimmy Carter Blvd.*

*Co-hosted by*

*SoutheastWheelsEvents.com*

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# Other Shows & Cruise-ins of Interest

## Monthly Cruise-Ins:

**First Saturdays, April - October. American Street Rodders Cruise-In, 5:00 - 7:00.** Main Street, Hoschton, GA

**First Sundays, Year Round. Caffeine & Octane at Perimeter Mall, 7:00 - 11:00 am.** 4400 Ashford-Dunwoody Road, Dunwoody, GA

**Second Saturdays, April - October. Tucker Main Street Cruise-In, 5:00 - 8:00 pm.** Main Street, Tucker, GA 30084

## Events from Our Club Sponsors:

**Summit Racing Equipment Racing's Monday Night Cruise-Ins, May 7th, 14th & 21st. 6:00 - 8:00 pm.** 20 King Mill Rd, McDonough, GA 30253. All vehicles welcome.

**Last Saturdays, Cars & Coffee, 9:00 am - Noon, Gateway Classic Cars, 1870 McFarland Parkway, Alpharetta, GA 30005**

**Last Saturdays, Caffeine & Classics Cruise-In, 9:00 am - Noon, Streetside Classics** 213 Thornton Road, Suite 400, Lithia Springs, GA 30122

**Year One Braselton Bash, Saturday, May 19th. 11:00 am - 3:00 pm.** 1001 Cherry Drive, Suite One, Braselton, GA 30517.

## May Car Shows:

**Saturday, May 5th, Smoke Rise Baptist Church 18th Annual Car Show, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm.** 5901 Hugh Howell Road, Stone Mountain, GA 30087. Rain date: Saturday, May 19th

**Saturday, May 19th: Norcross Open Car Show, 8:00 am - 2:00 pm.** Historic Downtown Norcross (Main Street) 30093.

**Saturday, May 26th: Georgia Racing Hall of Fame Memorial Day Car Show, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm,** 415 Hwy 53 W, Dawsonville, GA 30534.

*Send us your favorite "Non-Cool" events to publish in this space.*



## *A Wet Day for The April Varsity Cruise-in*

You know how much we HATE to rain-out a show, and we make that decision ONLY after a lot of time studying the latest forecast. This was the case on the April Varsity Cruise-In. The forecast all week was calling for 100% chance of heavy rain for Sunday.

We waited until Sunday morning to make the call, then posted it on our Facebook page (the BEST place to see the latest info on club events) and SoutheastWheelsEvents.com. Rick and Sharon were out of town and did not have access to emails or the ability to update the website. We did the best we could do under the circumstances. The rain was supposed to stop, by some reports, around the start of the show. We felt that with wet streets, cloudy conditions and the chance of additional showers, it was best to cancel.

We did catch some static from a few die-hards, but we think we made the correct call. We don't want to put our electronics out in the moisture, nor our volunteers. The Varsity was open for anyone that showed up, just no music in the parking lot. There is NO perfect plan to know what the weather will be (the pros can't even do this), nor get the word out to everyone, but we do our best.

# CLUB NEWS & UPDATES

## April Charity Collection

Thanks to Mother Nature canceling the April Varsity Cruise-in, we had only one event in April.

**LifeLine**  
ANIMAL PROJECT

The "Cool Rides & Rescues" show at **Decatur Estate Antiques** collected \$1,150 for **LifeLine Animal Project**.

**For the Latest Info  
Follow Us on Facebook!**

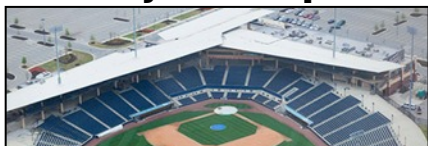


We use our Facebook page as a way to share our events, remind our members about shows and the latest updates.

If there is a rain-out, or a weather delay, we always post it on our Facebook page. This info is also updated on all the "shares."

Please go to our FB page and like us so you will be notified of postings. We currently have over 800 "followers!" We also post info and updates on Mike Thies' SouthEastWheelsevents.com.

## Coolray Show Update:



We FINALLY got a date for our show at Coolray Field! It will be Saturday, October 6th from 10 am to 2 pm.

This show will be part of the Gwinnett County Public Safety Festival.

## Make Your Plans to Help Us at Streetside's Show!



Last month, we told you that we have been asked to help Streetside Classics with their June 2nd "Summer Show" at their Lithia Springs showroom.

If you would like to help, please contact Rick or Dennis Behnken and get on the Volunteer list. The "Official" uniform of the day will be the new red STAFF shirt and your club name badge. If you don't have one of the new shirts, let us know and we will give you one.

The show runs from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. Volunteers should be there by 8:00 am.

## Wednesday Breakfast!



Join us EVERY Wednesday for Breakfast at Cracker Barrel in Norcross.

We meet at 9:30 at the **Cracker Barrel** located at **6175 McDonough Drive NW, Norcross, GA 30093**.

The food is good and the service is attentive.

We usually have between eight and a dozen in attendance.

*Everyone is welcome!*

## Club T-Shirts Restocked



Our Club T-shirts have been quite popular and have nearly sold out, AGAIN!

We have another batch printed and will be available at all club events.

The prices are \$15.00 for Small to X-Large and \$18.00 for 2XL and 3XL.

## In Our Prayers . . .

**Sharon Ellis** in the loss of her younger brother John Kelly.

**Dennis Behnken** with his continuing issues from his 2016 transplant surgery.

**David Little** is recovering from surgery.

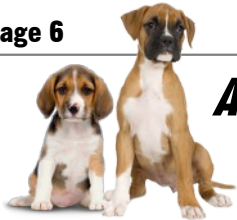
If you know of a member that needs our prayers, please let us know.

## Thanks to Mike & Maggie

Our thanks go out to Mike Perry for once again cooking burgers & Hot Dogs (very tasty ones too) at the "Rides & Rescues" show and donating the proceeds back to help the club!

Maggie Monastese, owner of Decatur Estate Antiques, won the 50/50 raffle then donated all the money back to LifeLine Animal Project!





## A “Fun in the Sun” Fundraiser for LifeLine Animal Project A Full House at “Cool Rides & Rescues”

The weather was near perfect for a Sunday afternoon Car Show . . . *not a cloud in the sky!* Combine that with one of our favorite venues (Decatur Estate & Way Back Antiques Mall) and a GREAT hostess (Maggie Monastesse) and a worthy charity (LifeLine Animal Project) and we had a Fun and Feel-good show!

We PACKED the parking lot with some really sweet show cars, enjoyed some period tunes and feasted on tasty burgers and hot dogs from Mike Perry and his crew. We supported a new charity, **LifeLine Animal Project**, and collected a grand total **\$1,150** for them.

We had quite a few spectators stop by to check out all the “Cool” rides, and vote for their favorites.

This venue is a tad challenging, due to it’s small size, but our “A-Team” was up to the task. Thanks to ALL our hard working staff that made the day a success!





## More "RIDES & RESCUES" photos



See page 2 for a list of the Show Winners



# GCC CHARITY SPOTLIGHT



Since its inception, the Hot Rodders Children's Charity has been driven by one goal – improving the lives of children by helping provide the tools necessary for a safe and secure future. These tools can be as simple as warm clothing in the winter time, to the more complex such as helping promote and providing resources for research into childhood diseases such as cancer and Progeria. Often, however, it is information and education that prove to be the most useful tool of all.

Recently, the HRCC implemented a program where, in partnership with recognized state-funded or other suitable organizations, expectant mothers are provided with new car seats for their children. To qualify for a car seat from the HRCC, the mother-to-be has to meet certain criteria as set forth by the partnering organization. While specific details may change from one group to the next, in all cases these criteria include the expectant mother successfully completing courses on motherhood and infant care. The information in these courses can be critical in providing a safe and healthy start for newborns, particularly when the new mothers lack a traditional familial support network.

Providing new mothers with new, modern car seats helps ensure children are safe during travel, and helps alleviate one of many expenses incurred by a new parent directly after childbirth. But more importantly, the information provided on the proper care of the newborn child is invaluable for the long-term safety and security of the new family as a whole.

## About the Hot Rodders Children's Charity:

Improving the lives of children is the primary mission of the HRCC. By harnessing the enthusiasm and innate sense of responsibility found in the automotive enthusiast community, the HRCC successfully raises funds and awareness of the various children's causes at events throughout the year. While many charitable organizations focus on a specific need or group, the HRCC aligns with a variety of local and national organizations representing a multitude of causes. This allows the HRCC to effect positive change in the lives of many different children with many different needs.

## The GCC and the HRCC

The Georgia Cool Cruisers have always supported the Hot Rodders Children's Charity. This GREAT organization is run by our good friends at Year One in Braselton. We collect donations for the HRCC at several shows each year, including the Dave & Buster's show, "Hot Rods at Hayes" and "Cool Cars at Coolray." We normally collect between \$1,000 and \$2,000 at each of these events.

We enjoy working with charities such as HRCC that have such a great "track record" of donations going to the intended recipients, not to "administrative expenses." GREAT job HRCC!  
*The Hot Rodders Children's Charity is a certified non-profit 501c3 agency.*



## MAY "COOL" CLUB EVENTS

***Not Too Late to Join or Contribute to Our Team!***

**Saturday  
May 5th - 8am  
Starts at  
Lenox Mall  
in Buckhead**

*We have been DISAPPOINTED* at both the lack of Team Members and donations! This is such a great fundraiser, and also a FUN event! The walk is only 2.5 miles (or as little as you want) that raises funds to end Breast Cancer. ***You can still join or donate!***

For more info, or to join the team, call Sharon at 404-732-6843. To contribute, go to: <https://tinyurl.com/ybnkayyl>

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## ***The 10th Annual "HOT RODS at HAYES"***



**Saturday, May 12th  
10:00 am - 2:00 pm  
Hayes Dealerships  
3660 Georgia Hwy 365  
Baldwin, GA 30511**

This is one of our favorite shows every year! The Hayes folks put in a *TON* of work on their side to make this show fun for us and the participants, from free event t-shirts to live remote broadcast from WCON to their famous "Tire Roll Game." They will have the Scouts on hand cooking burgers, too!

This show is only about an hour's drive NE from the perimeter, but what a difference from local events! You will see a bunch of "Hot Rods" not normally seen in the Atlanta area.

We will be supporting the **Hot Rodders Children's Charity** with entry donations, plus we will raffle off a **\$250 Year One Gift Certificate**.

Make it a weekend in the beautiful North Georgia Mountains . . . Helen, GA and other great destinations are an hour or less away! See you at Hayes in Baldwin!

## **The May Varsity Cruise-In . . . *Pray for Sunshine!***

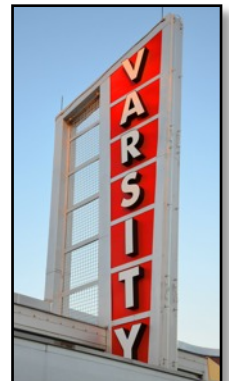
**Sunday, May 20th  
3:00 - 6:00 pm  
THE VARSITY  
GWINNETT  
6045 Dawson Blvd  
Norcross, GA 30093**

We got "Sidetracked" in April due to a day of rain. Let's hope that the year long pattern of wet weekends and start a new trend of show-day sunshine!

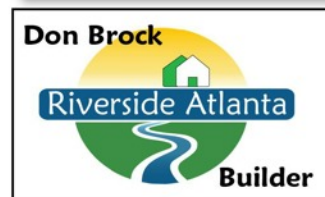
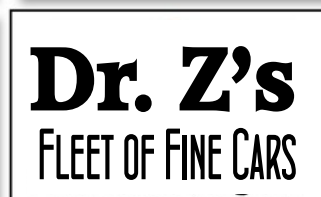
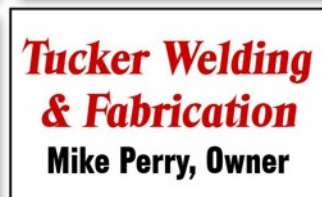
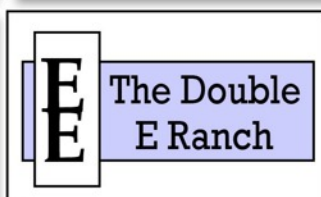
This is a free event, but please help us support our charities! We also have some special awards that are given out at each show.

Our charity for May will be **Furkids Animal Rescue and No-kill shelters**.

Let's "Pack the House" and help support this great charity, and remember . . . **NO RAIN!!!**



# Our Sponsors & Supporters



*Please Support our Sponsors and Charities*

## Charities We Support



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