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SANTA COP Cruise-in Winners



BEST CLASSIC:

*James Dorsey, 1934 Ford Phaeton

BEST MODERN:

Keith Stephenson, 2016 Chevrolet Corvette

TOP 20:

*Sammy McDaniel, 1952 Ford F-100 truck *Alan "Dr. Z" Ziglin, 1967 Pontiac Grand Prix Jalayah Simien, 1999 Chevrolet Corvette *Jack Gilleland, 1939 Chevrolet 1/2 ton truck "Rat Rod" Mark Sluscavage, 1978 Volkswagen Beetle Rod Witmer, 2019 Chevrolet Corvette *Andy Sarratt, 1962 Chevrolet Bel Air Margie Bowen, 1972 Oldsmobile Cutlass Supreme Abe Schulz, 1985 Ford Mustang GT *Bernie Brasch, 1972 Chevrolet C-10 *Greg Rogers, 1974 Ford Bronco Bob Leach, 1963 Ford Galaxie Troy Reeves, 1952 Military Jeep M-38 *Dan Crosson, 1955 Chevrolet 3100 pick-up George Poole, 1969 Chevrolet Chevelle David Peralta, 1963 Chevrolet Impala Ted Fischer, 1932 Ford Roadster *Luke Perry, 1975 Chevrolet K-5 Blazer *Larry Navarre, 1946 Ford Truck *Jack & Pat Horvath, 1973 Buick Riviera

Handy Hardware's (Host) Pick:

*Don & Annette Brock, 1962 Imperial LeBaron

"Most Likely to Meet a Cop" (FOP's Pick):

Webb Durrett, 2019 Chevrolet Corvette GS

Coolest Cruiser (Club Award):

*Tony Stout, 1970 Pontiac GTO

Cop Car Challenge:

Clarkston PD, Chief C. Hudson, 2015 Ford F-150 Best Tribute PD Car: Ronald Wray, 1990 Ford Mustang

* Denotes GCC Club Member

"21 & "22 Club Shows & Events

Cool Cars at Briscoe Park

FALL SHOW
Saturday, November 13th
11:00 am - 3:00 pm
Snellville's Briscoe Park

2500 Sawyer Parkway (off Lenora Church Road) Snellville, GA 30078

Fundraiser to support the Snellville Police "Shop With A Cop" program



Toys for Tots Cruise-in

Saturday, December 4th 11:00 am - 3:00 pm 'Cue Barbecue

5260 Peachtree Industrial Blvd. Peachtree Corners, GA 30071

"Cool" Club Holiday Party

Sunday, December 19th 1:00 pm

Karen & Steve O'Neal's home

2629 Summerfield Way NW Lawrenceville, GA 30044



PLEASE NOTE:
All dates & times are subject to change.



For the latest updates . . .

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You can also find our events listed on SoutheastWheelsEvents.com & Ragtops & Runningboards

2022 Schedule (Proposed)

November 2021

Saturday, February 12th, 11 am – 3 pm
"I'm SICK of Winter" Sweetheart Cruise-in
'Cue Barbecue

5260 Peachtree Industrial Blvd, Peachtree Corners, GA 30071

Saturday, March 26th, 10 am – 2 pm **Hot Rods at Hayes of Baldwin** Hayes Dealerships

3556 Hwy 365, Baldwin, GA 30511

Sunday, April 10th, 11 am – 3 pm **Cool Rides & Rescues**

Decatur Estate Antiques Mall 2272 Lawrenceville, Decatur, GA 30033

Saturday, June 11th, Noon – 4 pm Horsepower at the Pink Pony

1837 Corporate Blvd, Brookhaven, GA 30329

Sunday, July 3rd, Noon – 4 pm Red, White & 'Cue at 'Cue Barbecue

5260 Peachtree Ind. Blvd, Peachtree Corners

Saturday, September 3rd, 11 am – 3 pm **Cool Gars & Trains**

Southeastern Railway Museum 3595 Buford Hwy, Duluth, GA 30096

Saturday, September 24th, 11 am - 3 pm

Santa Cop Cruise-in

Handy Ace Hardware

3969 Lawrenceville Hwy, Tucker, GA 30084

Saturday, October 22nd, Noon – 4 pm **Cool Cars & Costumes at the Pink Pony**

1837 Corporate Blvd, Brookhaven, GA 30329

Saturday, November 12th, 11 am – 3 pm **Cool Cars at Briscoe Park**

2500 Sawyer Parkway, Snellville, GA 30078

Saturday, December 3rd, 11 am – 3 pm **Toys for Tots Cruise-in**

'Cue Barbecue

5260 Peachtree Ind. Blvd, Peachtree Corners



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Light-weight Jacket

- Water resistant jacket, also featuring a fold-away hood.
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- Available in a variety of colors, in men's & ladies cut.
- \$35, add \$5 for 2X and larger.

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Cool Cars & Costumes Winners



BEST CLASSIC:

Lawrence Martin, 1966 Ford Mustang

BEST MODERN:

*Bobby Haralson, 2016 Chevrolet Corvette Calloway

TOP 15:

Charles Dean, 1969 Chevrolet Camaro
Nancy Rodriquez, 1959 Chevrolet Apache
Jimmy Fischer, 1934 Ford Coupe
Troy Reeves, 1931 Auburn 898-A
Larry Banks, 1978 Chevrolet Corvette
Rick Horne, 1923 Ford T-Bucket
*Andy Sarratt, 1962 Chevrolet Bel Air
Karen Banawitz, 1972 Buick GS455
Beth Kargel, 1962 Ford Econoline
Mac & Melinda Wright, 1989 Nissan Figaro
Brad Bellomo, 1979 Chevrolet Corvette C3
*Greg Rogers, 1974 Ford Bronco
David Paris, 1967 Pontiac LeMans
*Jack Mobley, 1974 Buick LeSabre
Gordy Waters, 1932 Ford Cabriolet

Sponsor's Award (Gateway Classic Cars):

*Raymond Rogers, 1972 Chevrolet Cheyenne 4x4

"Breast of Show" (Pick):

*Larry Vaitkus, 1972 Ford Galaxie 500

The PONY's (Host) Pick:

*Pam Dingler, 1965 Cadillac Eldorado convertible

Coolest Cruiser (Club Award):

Cleveland Whitehead, 1969 Volkswagen Beetle

Costume Contest Winners:

Best Decorated Car: Troy Reeves, 1931 Auburn 898-A
Best Male Costume: Rick Horne (Rat Fink)
Best Female Costume: Amy Becham (Mermaid)

Best Couple Costumes:

Jimmy Fischer & Kerri Barry (Bonnie & Clyde)

* Denotes GCC Club Member

GLUB NEWS & UPDATES

Charity Donations for October

We had two events in October, the **Santa Cop Cruise-in** and **Cars & Costumes**.

Both events did quite well, with Santa Cop collecting a total of \$2,030. The FOP volunteers did an amazing job of selling 50/50 tickets and **Skips Hot Dogs** donated half of the show sales.

Our **Cool Cars & Costumes** benefited from a PERFECT weather day (for a change!) and had a full house!

Our total donations to benefit **Breast Cancer research & treatment** was an amazing **\$3,450**. Our auction brought in over \$1000, the 50/50 winner donated *ALL* his winnings, plus three of the costume winners donated half or all of their winnings.

The **Pink Pony** completed the amazing day with a \$500 donation!!

Our thanks to all that donated to either or both events!!

Toys for Tots Update

We have been busy signing up our Sponsors for this year's Toy for Tots Cruise-in at **'Cue Barbecue.** So far, most of the '20 sponsors have re-signed, along with a few new ones. We are planning on free shirts again too!

If you would like to be a Sponsor, please contact Rick ASAP. We are trying to wrap up this part of the pre-show tasks soon.

We are also looking for some quality items for our Charity Auction, held during the Cruise-in. Please, no junk (i.e. items that didn't sell at your yard sale). If you have something to donate, please contact Rick or Karen O'Neal with description and retail value. Rick & Karen's contact info can be fond on page 2.

We are looking forward to another banner show! A hint, with the supply chain issues, buy your toys for donation early while selections are still good.

WANTED: Santa Clause!

We need a Santa Clause to make an appearance at the Toys for Tots show! If you know someone that can help us out, please have him contact Rick.

2022 Cool Cruiser Event Schedule

As you probably saw on page 3, we have been busy making our plans for the new year! Many of the shows are repeats of previous years, but a few changes. Hot Rods at Hayes will return after a two year absence due to COVID concerns. We are NOT planning to do the Coolray Field show! The main reason is that we cannot get a date until mid-year, making it hard to schedule many of our regular events.

We are still thinking about an informal cruise-in for January, if you have any ideas, please let us know.

As with any pre-planning, things can change in a hurry, so keep up on all our latest news.

HOLIDAY PARTY '21

We have set a date for our Holiday Party at Karen & Steve O'Neal's. It will be on Sunday, December 19th at 1:00 pm. Please make your plans to attend.

Karen would like for anyone attending to RVP her by phone, text (770-331-4344) or email KarenOneal@yahoo.com.

Karen is also asking attendees to bring a side item or dessert to share. Don't miss it, last year was GREAT!

Sponsor Updates

We are pleased to announce TWO new Diamond level sponsors! **Tom Chick** (Lawn Management Services) and **LeAnn Chick** (Coldwell Banker) have joined our elite level. We really appreciate their commitment to our organization. We are working on a show at their church for next year, so watch for details!

Ted Marcus has changed the name of his hand car wash salon to **Glass Tiger Car Wash Salon**. Make sure you stop by when you are in the Peachtree Corners area for a wash!

In Our Prayers . . .

Please keep **Amber Behnken** in your thoughts and prayers. She recently broke her arm and dislocated her shoulder. She is due to under go a second surgery in mid November and will require a bone graft.

"Santa Cop Cruise-in" at Handy Hardware in Tucker

Normally, we are concerned about a poor weather forecast on show days. This year, we had an *EXCELLENT* forecast, but our concern was an ABUNDANCE of shows and Fall Festivals in the area, putting a damper on our usual large show crowd. As it turned out, we lost probably a third of our usual audience, but we still had a very nice full show field.

Skips Hot Dogs, a well known eatery in Avondale, provided hot dogs, burgers and cold drinks for us *PLUS* donated half of their sales to the FOP charities. **Handy Ace Hardware**, our wonderful hosts, provided their large parking lot and a lot of nice door prizes. Summit Racing also provided a trunk-load of door prizes!

All in all, it was another great Cool Cruiser event, raising over \$2,000 for the FOP's Santa Cop program. The FOP volunteers, along with our "A-Team," did an amazing job of setting up, registration, show car parking and finally packing it all up in short order at the end of the day.

Our only "disappointment" was our "Cop Car Challenge" that was supposed to have patrol cars from various City, County and State agencies. Unfortunately, due to some "politics" between the FOP and DeKalb Police, no DKPD cars were present, and out of the other departments, only three showed up. We were really hoping this would have been a well received event, showing Law Enforcement in a positive light to the community. We will try this again next year. *Please see page 2 for a list of all the show winners*.













Santa Cop Cruise-in at Handy Hardware

















A DAY OF SUN, FUN & FUNDRAISING

Cars & Costumes at the Pink Pony



We had a picture-perfect day for our 8th Annual Cars & Costumes at the Pink Pony! It was a relief to not "sweat" the forecast – it was sunny, in the mid-70's with no humidity. Over 70 cars came out to support our breast cancer charity, It's the Journey (GA 2-Day Walk for Breast Cancer). All money raised for It's the Journey stays in Georgia, to support breast cancer programs across the state.

This show always features our popular Halloween costume contest, with the Pink Pony donating cash prizes for Best Decorated Car, Best Female Costume, Best Male Costume and Best Couple's Costume. The Pony also donated some amazing auction items provided by their vendors while Chef Pam grilled out fresh hamburgers and hot dogs to feed our hungry crowd.

We had a small contingent of volunteers that went above & beyond to help run the show, setting up & tearing down, working car registration, parking, costume registration, Show t-shirt sales, door prizes, music, auction, 50/50 raffle, counting votes and determining car and costume winners.

As always, the fellowship and generosity of our participants is what makes our Car Shows "cool." The 50/50 winner donated his entire winnings back to the charity, as did the winner of Best Decorated Car; the Best Male Costume winner and Best Female Costume winner donated half of their cash awards to the charity. The Pink Pony made a \$500 donation to the charity, to help our fundraising break the \$3,400 mark! We could not have done it without our volunteers, host, Pink Pony staff, Pink Pony vendors, Club sponsors, participants and spectators. With everyone's help, we will continue the fight against breast cancer until we stop losing loved ones to this disease. *Pink hugs from Sharon Ellis, Club co-founder and GA 2-Day Walker.*







See page 4 for a complete list of Car Show & Costume Contest winners



Gars & Gostumes at the Pink Pony

















Cars & Costumes at the Pink Pony





















Gool Gars at Briscoe Park in Snellville



Saturday, November 13th 11:00 am - 3:00 pm Snellville's Briscoe Park 2500 Sawyer Parkway Snellville, GA 30078

We return to Briscoe Park after a very successful (and very windy) early Spring show. So successful that we actually ran out of spaces for show cars. Now, that is a *GREAT* problem to have, *BUT* we have been working with the staff at Snellville Parks to help create more spaces and an overflow plan. We also addressed the food vendor issues, so our Fall show promises to be even better! We will have **Chick-fil-A** (chicken sandwiches), **Huey's PoBoys** (sandwiches & hot dogs) and a dessert vendor to address your culinary needs!

Our entry donations and 50/50 raffle will benefit the Snellville Police Department's (SPD) **"Shop With A Cop"** program, providing underprivileged local school kids with a brighter Christmas! *Please read more about the SPD's Community programs below.*

SPD will have their DUI car and H.E.A.T. car on display during the show, along with several of their Officers. As with our recent "Santa Cop Cruise-in," we strongly recommend DO NOT do any "burn-outs" when leaving the show! :)

We will have our Best Classic, Best Modern and Top 20 popular choice awards, along with the Park's Pick, Sponsor's Award, Snellville Police Pick (Most Likely to Meet A Cop) and of course the Coolest Cruiser (GCC's pick).

One thing that won't change from the Spring is our show sponsor, which will once again be **Streetside Classics!** We also have a few vendor spaces available, please contact Rick for info.

This promises to be a fun event, so please make your plans to attend. We also need some show day volunteers and someone to pull the Club trailer!

Our Fundraiser for Briscoe: SPD's Shop With A Cop



The Snellville Police Dept. has been involved with assisting needy children in the community for just over 20 years. During that time SPD partnered with school professionals and civic leaders to identify elementary age children who are in need of not only basic necessities but the simple enjoyments that every child deserves to experience.

Each year SPD reaches out to various public and commercial groups/businesses to donate time and resources so that they can provide food, clothing, and entertainment for our youngest community members.

Officers donate their time to help these children feel important and enjoy themselves, particularly around the holiday time.

It's a fantastic outreach that touches everyone who participating. The kids have great experiences and it really exemplifies what it means to give back.



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