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### **Sonic Cruise-in Winners**



Our past Sonic Cruise-ins have not featured any awards but we decided to have couple at this one. *Congrats to the Winners!* 

#### **SONIC'S FAVORITE:**

William Tarlton, 1955 Chevrolet 210

#### "COOLEST CRUISER" (Club's Favorite):

Michael Taylor, 1976 Volkswagen Van





# 2020 Club Shows & Events

### **Sweetheart Cruise-in**

Saturday, February 8th
11:00 am - 3:00 pm
'CUE Barbecue
5260 Peachtree Industrial Blvd.
Peachtree Corners, GA 30071

### "Cool Rides & Rescues"

Sunday, March 8th
Noon - 4:00 pm
Decatur Estates Antique Mall
2272 Lawreceville Hwy
Decatur, GA 30033

### "Cool Cars & 'Cue"

Sunday, April 5th
Noon - 4:00 pm
'Cue BBQ of Lawrenceville
755 Lawrenceville-Suwanee Rd
Lawrenceville, GA 30043

### **Snellville Days Car Show**

Sunday, May 3rd
Noon - 4:00 pm
Briscoe Park
2500 Sawyer Pkwy
Snellville, GA 30078

### **Hot Rods at Hayes**

Saturday, May 23rd 10:00 am - 2:00 pm Hayes Dealerships of Baldwin 3660 State Hwy 365 Baldwin, GA 30511

### **USO Benefit Car Show**

Saturday, July 25th 11:00 am - 3:00 pm The Greater Good BBQ 4431 Hugh Howell Rd Tucker, GA 30084

### "Cool Cars & Old Trains"

Saturday, September 5th 11:00 am - 3:00 pm Southeastern Railway Museum 3593 Buford Hwy Duluth, GA 30096

### **Cool Cars at Coolray Field**

Part of the Gwinnett Public Safety Festival
Date TBA
10:00 am - 2:00 pm
Coolray Field
2500 Buford Drive
Lawrenceville, GA 30044

### **Cool Cars at Briscoe Park**

Saturday, November 14th 11:00 am - 3:00 pm Snellville's Briscoe Park 2500 Sawyer Pkwy Snellville, GA 30078

### **Toys for Tots Cruise-in**

Saturday, December 5th 11:00 am - 3:00 pm The Greater Good BBQ 4431 Hugh Howell Rd Tucker, GA 30084

# February Events of Interest

**Saturday, February 1st, NE Georgia Swap Meet, 7:00 am, Atlanta Dragway,** 500 E. Ridgeway Rd, Commerce, GA 30529. *Info: Brad at 706-424-5035 (call or text) email: brad56@windstream.net* 

Sunday, February 2nd, 7:00 am - 11:00 am. Caffeine & Octane, Perimeter Mall, 4400 Ashford-Dunwoody Rd, Dunwoody, GA 30338. *Info: www.caffeineandoctane.com* 

**Friday, February 7th - Sunday, February 9th. World of Wheels,** Birmingham-Jefferson Convention Complex, 1001 19th Street N, Birmingham, AL 35203. *Info: worldofwheels.net/birmingham* 

Wednesday, February 26th - Sunday, March 1st, Atlanta International Auto Show, Georgia World Congress Center, Building C, 285 Andrew Young International Blvd NW, Atlanta, GA 30313. Admission: \$12 (Adults). Show hours & more info: GoAutoShow.com

Saturday, February 29th, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm, Caffeine & Chrome, Gateway Classic Cars, 1870 McFarland Pkwy, #300, Alpharetta, GA 30005. *Note: This event is held every LAST SATURDAY, Year-round. Info: GatewayClassicCars,com* 

Saturday, February 29th, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm, Caffeine and Classics, Streetside Classics, 213 Thornton Road, Suite 400, Lithia Springs, GA 30122. Note: This event is held every LAST SATURDAY, Year-round. Info: StreetsideClassics,com

If you have a favorite show (that isn't on the same day as one of ours), and would like to list it, please send the info to RNE680@mindspring.com.

# Filling in Our 2020 Schedule

We are an ACTIVE Club, very active in fact! We try to have a show or Cruise-in every month. We also try to plan some other events during some months that are "just for fun," like our January Sonic Cruise-in . . . BIG on fun, little on prep.

As of now, we have pretty much filled in our 2020 Calendar with the larger events. We are still waiting on a date for Coolray Field, and Dennis Williams said that he wants a Summer date for the show at the Pink Pony. We are not sure if we will do a Halloween show this year, as we have been hit with wet weather and low attendance the past few years.

A couple events that we are planning a major club presence are:

**Stone Mountain Village Cruise-in.** This will be shifting to third Saturdays, April through October. They are also looking for a larger venue for this year. Last year we did a "Pizza Party" for Club members, and will probably repeat this in 2020.

**Tucker Main Street Cruise-Ins.** Last year we were one of the Sponsors one month, and were the "Featured Club" at the August event. We are planning to do this again.

We can also plan our "just for fun" Cruise-ins at locations such as The Varsity, Sonic or other locations that have decent amount of parking available.

Other ideas are cruises to places like Dillard House in North Georgia, or car theme destinations.

If you have an idea, please do some basic research on the location, talk to the management to see if they would like to host us and then let us know. We will see if there is Club interest and try to find a good date. Not all locations are a "good fit" for us, but we are always open to new

# OLUB MEWS & UPDATES

### **January Charity Donation**



Although our Sonic Cruise-in was "officially" a free event, we put our donation bowl out for those that love to support our charities.

We collected a total of \$350 for NETworks' community food pantry. Pretty good for a free show! Thanks to everyone that contributed!

#### "Cool" Club Jackets



We have a couple of Club Jacket styles available. One of the most popular has been our "3 Season" jacket. It comes in Black/Carbon, Royal/Carbon, Red/Carbon and Navy/Carbon.

Price including full back and left chest embroidery: **\$90** (Small-XL), **\$95** for 2XL & larger.

We also have a lightweight water resistant windbreaker (available in a variety of colors) for **\$70** (**\$75** for 2X & up).

Please contact Rick at 404-732-6842 to order or for more info.

#### **Update on Toys for Tots**

Those that were at the Club's Holiday Party heard about issues we had with the USMC Detachment that we have worked with for more than 10 years.

There were several problems, including the fact that they showed up late and were not prepared. The other major problem came when we tried to meet up with them to give the cash we raised.

Rick met with their new Commandant and discussed the issues, and got the issues resolved. We turned the money over to them, and they assured us that in the future we would not have any more problems.

We will decide during the year if we work with this group or seek a new organization to team up with for our 2020 Toys for Tots event.

#### **Membership Renewals**

We sent out a BUNCH of renewal notices in late January. If you got one, please help us by sending in your renewal payment. This is one of the few ways we get our operating income.

You can pay by mail (our P.O. Box), Paypal (though our Club website) or at an upcoming Club show.

If you got this notice and think you are current, please let us know so we can update our records.

Always keep us informed if you change your email or physical address.

#### **Two Shows Added**

We have added two shows to our 2020 schedule! One, a longtime favorite, the other a new venue.

First up is our "Cool Rides & Rescues" at **Decatur Estate Antiques Mall** in Decatur.

We have set a date of Sunday, March 8th, noon to 4:00 pm for this show.

Although this is a small venue, it is BIG on fun and hospitality! Maggie Monastesse, Club member and Sponsor, works hard to make this event a success.

We will be fundraising for LifeLine Animal Project, and they will have adoptable animals at the show!

Our other addition is a new one! Steve and Karen O'Neal discovered another 'Cue Barbecue location, this one in Lawrenceville. They talked to the management and found that they would love to have a car show in conjunction with their first anniversary celebration.

The show will be on **Sunday**, **April 5th, Noon to 4:00 pm**.

"Cue will be offering BBQ specials on the show day, along with live entertainment inside the restaurant!

# David Wade Beats the "Big C"

David was recently diagnosed with stage 2 Colon Cancer. He underwent surgery to remove the affected area, and is now CANCER FREE!

We look forward to seeing David and Jennifer soon!

#### Strike ONE, Strike TWO . . . HOME RUN!

### A Fun January Day in the Sun at Our Sonic Cruise-in

What was "supposed" to be a fun event didn't start out that way . . . First, the day we were sending out our January newsletters, we got a call from Sonic telling us our original location in Tucker had permanently closed *(Strike ONE)*. We went to plan B and moved the show to their Lilburn/Stone Mountain location and proceeded to change all our advertising to the new location.

Then, as it happens to us way too often, the forecast was calling for rain (*Strike TWO*), so we changed to Sunday . and YES, it RAINED all day Saturday!

Show day was the *PERFECT* day! Bright, Sunny and WARM! We filled the Sonic parking to capacity and overflowed out the back to the upper Lowe's lot (*HOME RUN!*).

Everyone had a great afternoon, enjoying not only all the "cool" cars, but Burgers, Hot Dogs and Sundaes. Even though this was "officially" a FREE event, we put out our collection bowl for NETworks community food bank, and collected \$350!

Our thanks to Billy Wright, promotions manager for Sonic, and the staff of Sonic for taking care of our overflow crowd!

We will look at doing another Sonic Cruise-in during this year at one of their 8 locations.













# Thanks to Sonic of Lilburn/Stone Mountain for Hosting Us!

















### Want to see even more? Check out our Facebook page!















# OUR FEBRUARY EVENT

### Our Sweetheart Cruise-in Has a New Home!

Saturday, February 8th
11:00 am - 3:00 pm

BARBECUE

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5260 Peachtree Industrial Blvd

Peachtree Corners, GA 30071



Our "I'm SICK of Winter" Sweetheart Cruise-in has a new home this year! After our success at the Old Hickory House in Tucker, their parking lot was destroyed by re-development. Last year we moved to another location in Tucker, but some issues there forced us to look elsewhere. We feel that 'Cue in Peachtree Corners (Norcross) is the answer, with a good-sized parking lot, a restaurant with a lot of seating and most important, a host that is EXCITED about having us!

We, as always, welcome ALL years, makes & models AND Spectators! We will have Popular Choice Awards (Best Classic, Best Modern, Top 15 and several special picks).

**About the Show's Charity:** We will be raising money to aid in the fight against Breast Cancer! All donations stay here is the Metro Atlanta area to help with early detection, treatment and research. Our very own **Sharon Ellis** has been helping raise funds for this important cause for over 10 years, and has raised over \$25,000!! Much of this amazing total has come from our Club fundraising efforts and some very generous Club members!



About Our Host, 'Cue Barbecue of Peachtree Corners: We took this from their website, and it pretty much says it all . . . "Here at 'cue we have only one philosophy: Make everything from scratch and make it yummy, fill the restaurant with good fun people to serve you, change up the menu utilizing locally grown fruits and vegetables and bring in some unique beers and inspiring wines so that each day is a new day. Homemade everything, y'all!"

We have had two Club events there: a show and a club meeting. Nothing but praise for the EXCELLENT food! Brian, the General Manager, is always excited to host us, and will have his "A" team on hand to take care of the show day crowd!

You can check out their tasty menu at www.CueBarbecue.com.

**WE NEED YOU!** We need our "A" Team to help us on show day! We will start set-up at 9:00 and will also need help with show car parking, registration and tear-down. We will provide the donuts, and 'Cue will have hot coffee for our helpers. Please call 404-732-6842 or email Rick and let him know if you can help, and what assignment you prefer.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Our Rain *(or Snow)* Date will be Saturday, February 15th. Please check our Facebook page and watch your email for any last minute updates!



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