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### TIME TO RENEW?

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## **Cool Cars at Snellville UMC Winners**



#### **BEST CLASSIC:**

\*Andy Sarratt, 1965 Chevrolet Chevelle coupe

#### **BEST MODERN:**

Jack Reid, 2003 Ford GT

#### **TOP 20:**

Paul McConnell, 1972 Ford Bronco \*Jason McDaniel, 1970 Chevrolet Corvette \*David Sewell, 1955 Chevrolet Bel Air Mara Adamson, 1955 Chevrolet Bl Air Lawrence Martin, 1966 Ford Mustang Jewett Clower, 1946 Chevrolet pick up Mark Corley, 1930 Ford Model A Roadster Carlton Rose, 1961 Chevrolet Impala "Bubble Top" Norman Malone, 1956 Ford Thunderbird Ron Smith, 1934 Ford extended cab truck Dr. Solveig Evans, 1970 Plymouth Duster \*Jack Gilleland. 1939 Chevrolet Rat Rod 1/2 ton truck \*Bill Marsh, 1934 Mercedes 500K Arnold Armstrong, 1954 Chevrolet Bel Air John Stone, 1955 GMC 100 Doug Richardson, 1949 Willys Jeepster Daryl M. Haynes, 1984 Chevrolet Monte Carlo Charles Deans, 1969 Chevrolet Camaro RS Mitch Anglin, 1979 Chevrolet Camaro Kevin McKinney, 1988 Ford Mustang

#### Coolest Cruiser (Club's Award):

Rob Mikell, 1979 Pontiac Trans Am

#### Pastor's Pick (Host's Favorite):

Mike Sharp, 1969 Pontiac Trans-Am convertible

#### **Sponsor's Award (ARD Motorsports):**

Curt Freeman, 1971 Chevrolet Nova

### Sponsor's Award (Streetside Classics):

Jim Garrett, 1971 Chevrolet Chevelle

#### **Sponsor's Award (Snellville Auto Trim):**

Dennis Van Devander, 1965 Ford Mustang fastback

## 2023 Club Shows & Events

### **USO Benefit Open Car Show**

Saturday, May 27th 11:00 am - 3:00 pm Handy Ace Hardware 3969 Lawrenceville Hwy. Tucker, GA 30084

Our 10th Birthday Gelebration!



Horsepower at the Pony

Saturday, June 10th Noon - 4:00 pm The Pink Pony

1837 Corporate Blvd.
Brookhaven, GA 30329
Fundraiser for Planned PEThood of Georgia
Animal Rescue

## **On-Street 4th of July Celebration**



Saturday, July 1st 11:00 am - 3:00 pm On Dresden Drive at Caldwell Road

Brookhaven, GA 30319

Fundraiser for the

Brookhaven Police Foundation

#### **Carter Hill Church Cruise-in**

Saturday, August 19th 11:00 am - 3:00 pm Carter Hill Christian Church 361 Punkin Junction Road Bethlehem, GA 30620



## "Santa Cop" Cruise-in

Saturday, September 16th 11:00 am - 3:00 pm Handy Ace Hardware

3969 Lawrenceville Hwy. Tucker, GA 30084

Fundraiser for DeKalb Fraternal Order of Police "Santa Cop" program for underprivileged kids

#### **Cool Cars & Costumes**

Open Car Show & Halloween Costume Contest Saturday, October 21st Noon am - 4:00 pm
The Pink Pony

1837 Corporate Blvd. Brookhaven, GA 30329 Fundraiser to Help END Breast Cancer

#### **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

## Other Local Events of Interest

#### A Couple of Shows with a "COOL" Flavor

Please support these 2 shows that Rick has helped on!
Saturday, May 6th, 11:00 am - 3:00 pm, VFW Post
10822 Open Car Show, Dunwoody Village Shopping
Center, 1317 Dunwoody Village Pkwy, Dunwoody, GA
30338. Put on by our Club member Tom Ariail. Popular
choice Awards, Hot Dogs, Silent Auction. Info: Tom @
770-823-7590 or Ariail@bellsouth.net

Saturday, May 20th, 11:00 am - 3:00 pm, 1st Annual Benefit Car Show at Snellville Christian Church, 2485 Scenic Hwy South (Hwy 124), Snellville, GA 30078. Entry Fee: \$20, Popular Choice Awards, Food. Info: Justin @ 770-363-8703.

Saturday, May 6th, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm. Smoke Rise Baptist Church Car Show. 5901 Hugh Howell Road, Stone Mountain, GA 30087. Awards and prizes, no entry fee. *Info: Church office* @ 770-469-5856

Sunday, May 7th, 8:00 am - 12:00 pm, Caffeine & Octane, Town Center Mall, 400 Earnest W. Barrett Parkway, Kennesaw, GA 30144, *Info: 770-395-7900 / 770-883-0160 or www.CaffeineandOctane.com* 

Saturday, May 13th, 11:00 am - 2:00 pm, Tucker Cruise-in, Main Street, Tucker, GA 30084. Awards, Music, Food, Entry Fee: \$5 Info: TuckerCruisein.com

Saturday, May 13th, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm, Power House and Pistons Auto Show at Miles Through Time, 583 Grant Street, Clarksville, GA 30523. Entry: \$20 minimum donation to benefit FAITH's Power House. Info: Timmi Shawler @ 706-889-4083 or timmishawler@stephenscountyschools.org

Summit Racing Monday Night Cruise-ins, 6:00 - 8:00 pm. 20 King Mill Rd, McDonough, GA 30253. All Vehicles Welcome! MAY CRUISE-IN DATES:

May 1st - Ford, Lincoln, Mercury featured
 May 8th - Dodge, Plymouth, Chrysler-AMC featured
 May 15th - Trucks, Diesel, Military featured
 May 22nd - Camaro, Firebird, Trans Am featured

Saturday, July 22nd, 11:00 am - 3:00 pm, Stone Mountain Village Open Car Show, The Depot/Visitor Center, 922 Main Street, Stone Mountain, GA 30083. Popular Choice Awards, Food Vendors, Hosted by Stone Mountain Visitor Center, assisted by the Cool Cruisers. *Info: Heidi @ 770-498-8984 ext 146* 

## "COOL" Club Gear!



## Spring is HERE! Get yourself a Club Windbreaker or "Cool" Polo!

We have the PERFECT jacket for the Spring & Summer! A light weight wind-breaker (\$75 & \$80\*) with our Club logo on the left chest and across the back. This jacket is available in most popular 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\*).

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 NEWS & UPDATES

#### **APRIL '23 CHARITY REPORT:**

#### Snellville UMC Children's & Outreach Ministries

Club member Sammy McDaniel is part of the Methodist Men's group at Snellville UMC. He had a mission to raise \$10,000 for their ministries and thought he could do it with a car show, quite a lofty goal to say the least!

Sammy sold show sponsorships to benefit the Church (we had Streetside Classics as our Show Sponsor) for a huge chunk of his goal.

Our show-day proceeds were quite amazing! We raised a total of \$3,660, which included entry fees, 50/50 drawing (the winner donated her share back) and some Gift Card sales. Add in Culver's Frozen Custard's donation (\$100) and food sales, the Church netted \$12,500!

Sammy and his United Methodist Men can certainly be proud of that, and we certainly are! GREAT WORK, SAMMY!

#### **Our New Color Laser Printer**



A couple months ago we asked if anyone had a recommendation on a color laser printer for the Club. We loved our old Xerox Phaser, but it was basically worn out. The

model we have has been long discontinued. We searched for other possibilities, but either they lacked some features or costs way more than we were wanting to spend.

Recently while Rick was browsing ebay, he saw a BRAND NEW one like our "old reliable" and at a pretty decent price.
PERFECT! Rick checked the "open box" status of the printer and was assured that it was new and the box was opened only to make sure of the condition. It was NOT a return or demonstrator model.

The seller, after learning about our Club, knocked off \$100 for us! The printer was delivered a few days later and in perfect condition. It is installed and now in use!

A good ebay buying experience to say the least!

# Brookhaven/Dresden Drive On-Street Show Updates

We have already had several meetings with the Brookhaven Chamber of Commerce concerning our 2nd Annual Independence Weekend show. Last year's show was a good starting point, but as our first "Street Show," there are a fair number of things that could use some improvements for this year. One of the major changes will be the return of our Oldies music and speakers spread out so everyone in the show area can hear both the music and the announcements.

Other changes will include more refreshments available on the street and an earlier start time (11:00 am - 3:00 pm). We are looking to make this a "Showcase" event for both the Club and the City of Brookhaven.

We are open to suggestions, so let us hear your ideas. We want to fill every show car space, so make your plans to attend and bring a friend or two. We have flyers that need to get distributed at local shows so let us know if you can help.

#### **Become a "Cool Times" Reporter**

You are probably tired of reading Rick's reports EVERY MONTH! He said he's getting kinda burned out trying to write the WHOLE newsletter every month (Sharon will write a report sometimes when he begs her! LOL).

Sooooo. . . we are asking YOU to help by submitting articles on things that would be of interest to our members, reports on our shows and events and the "other" shows that you attend and want to share.

Please send your submissions to Rick at his email address no later than the 15th of the month, except if you are reporting on our shows that occur later than the 15th.

Thanks in advance for your much needed help!

#### Where Do Participants Hear About Us?

Yes, we do keep track of this! The majority find us on Facbook (please feel free to share our posts with your friends), next is from flyers given our at local shows (yes, you can help distribute them, just ask), then Club members and friends that they tell. Please help us "Spread the Word!"



### PERFECT Weather, A HUGE Crowd and GREAT Volunteers!

### **SUN & SMILES in SNELLVILLE!**

Mother Nature finally showed her best side for our first car show at Snellville United Methodist Church on Saturday, April 15th. GCC Club Member Sammy McDaniel asked GCC to help him put on a car show to benefit his church and the collaboration created an amazing event.

The church was a great venue for a car show, with ample space for show cars, spectators, vendors, food concessions and inside facilities. Church volunteers joined GCC volunteers to help with parking and registration, as well as selling coffee, doughnuts, hamburgers and hot dogs. Culvers provided their tasty treats to keep us "cool."

Over 150 cars showed up to support the show and display their beautiful vehicles, vying for Best Classic, Best Modern Top 20, Pastor's Pick, Coolest Cruiser, and THREE Sponsors' Awards. See page 2 for all the show winners.

We raised \$3,660 in entry donations and 50/50 sales. Sammy had a vision at the start of this to raise \$10,000 for his church's Outreach and Children's Ministries. He sold two dozen show sponsorships to benefit the church, and to cover our expenses. He actually EXCEEDED his goal, quite an accomplishment for a first time event! Please see more details about the fundraising total on page 5. Special thanks to Jimmy Ethridge and Streetside Classics for being the show sponsor for the Cool Cruisers!

We thought there was a good possibility this would be a one time event, but after the success and a BUNCH of compliments on the venue and show in general, we will discuss future shows with SUMC.

Once again, our thanks to our always amazing A-Team for coming early, setting up, getting all the show cars parked, getting everyone registered and tearing down at the end!









































































## 10th Annual USO Benefit "Cool" Car Show



Saturday, May 27th 11:00 am - 3:00 pm HANDY ACE HARDWARE 3969 Lawrenceville Hwy Tucker, GA 30084

May 2023

After two shows in new venues and one a pretty good hike up the road, we are happy to be back "home" at Handy Hardware in Tucker! Our Memorial weekend show will be waving plenty of "Red, White & Blue" as we fundraise for the Georgia Chapter of the USO. Pat Horvath, Club member and USO volunteer will lead the charge in honor of her late husband, retired Lt. Colonel Jack Horvath, US Army.

Handy Hardware is a great venue for car shows, with a lot of show car and spectator parking plus you can sneak away and browse their incredible array of merchandise, while you cool off from the "warm" asphalt parking lot!

We will have our always popular tunes, awards (Best Classic, Best Modern, Top 20), door prizes and 50/50 raffle. Mike Perry and his crew will be cooking up burgers and hot dogs to take care of our lunch and Don Brock (Don Mitchell Homes by Don Brock) will be the show sponsor. Don will select his favorite car for the Sponsor's Award.

Entry Fee is a suggested \$20 donation to benefit the USO Georgia. 100% of entry donations and the 50/50 raffle will benefit the USO. Make your plans to attend, and tell all your car buds to come along! This show always draws a great number of show cars, so come early for the best spaces!

As always, we need our amazing Club volunteers to help on show day. Set-up starts at 8:45 am. Please let Larry Navarre know if you can help.

## JUNE PREVIEW: Our 10th Birthday Party at The Pony!



DATE: Saturday, June 10th
TIME: Noon - 4:00 pm
LOCATION: The Pink Pony
1837 Corporate Blvd, Brookhaven

Our June show at the "Pony" will mark our 10th anniversary as a Club, so we will be planning a celebration, complete with a big birthday cake!

In addition to cake and Cool cars, we will have burgers, hot dogs, cold beverages and a charity auction with lots of "Cool" stuff!

We will be supporting Planned PEThood with the show proceeds. PPOG will have adoptable animals at the show, so make your plans to attend!



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