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## TIME TO RENEW?

Please send \$30 (\$40 for USPS mail Newsletter) to:  
Georgia Cool Cruisers  
P.O. Box 942291  
Atlanta, GA 31141  
**THANKS!**

## SEPTEMBER EVENTS

### "Cool Cars at Coolray"



**Saturday, September 23rd ♦ 10:00 am**

## THE VARSITY GWINNETT *Cruise-in*

**Sunday, September 17th**  
**4:00 - 7:00 pm**

Supporting **funkids**  
ANIMAL RESCUE & SHELTERS



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## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

**Dan Crosson**

**Bill Runge**

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We can make them a  
"Cool Cruiser" for only  
8.2 cents a day!*

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## 2017 Coolray Show Sponsors

We could not do this show without these generous show sponsors! Make sure you say **THANKS** to them at the show!



### Denny Williams Motor Sports

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Members: Bill & Leigh Whatley

### Southeast Wheels Events

Member: Mike Thies

### Streetside Classics

### Year One

Member: Pat Staton

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### Officer Bert Garcia

Gwinnett County Police Department

### Robert Bazemore, Baze-Studios

GCPD Car & Hot Rod Car Art



# 2017 Club Shows & Events

## Cool Cars at Coolray Field

Saturday, September 23rd

10 am - 2 pm

Coolray Field

(Gwinnett Braves Stadium)

Part of the

Gwinnett Public Safety Festival

2500 Buford Drive

Lawrenceville, GA 30043

*Open Car Show at*

## Turn One Classic & Muscle Cars

Saturday, October 21st

11 am - 3 pm

518 Speedway Blvd

Hampton, GA 30228



## "Cars and Costumes"

*Open Car Show &*

*Halloween Costume Contest*

Saturday, October 28th

Noon - 4 pm

The Pink Pony

1837 Corporate Blvd

Brookhaven, GA 30329



## Toys for Tots Cruise-In

Saturday, December 2nd

11 am - 3 pm

The Greater Good BBQ

*NEW LOCATION for 2017*

4431 Hugh Howell Rd

Tucker, GA 30084

*Entry Fee: A new un-wrapped toy or Cash Contribution*

- Event T-Shirts
- "Cool" Auction
- Tasty BBQ
- Appearance by Santa!

## Monthly Cruise-In at The VARSITY Gwinnett



Every Third Sunday

4:00 - 7:00 pm

6045 Dawson Blvd

Norcross, GA 30093

*I-85 Exit 99 (Jimmy Carter Blvd)*

*Co-hosted by*

*SoutheastWheelsEvents.com*

*Sponsored by Streetside Classics*

Remaining 2017 Show Dates: September 17

October 15, November 19, December 17

# Other Shows & Events of Interest

With only a few "Cool" shows remaining in 2017, we have brought back our listing of "other" events that you may be interested in attending. You can also plan a "Club Invasion" on any of these shows, just let us know and we will send out an email blast and see how many will join!

If you have a show you would like us to list, please send the details to Rick no later than the 20th of the month preceding the event.

## ***MONTHLY CRUISE-INS***

### **Caffeine & Octane**

**First Sundays ♦ 7:00 am - 11:00 am**  
**Perimeter Mall**  
 4400 Ashford-Dunwoody Road  
 Dunwoody, GA 30346

### **Cars & Coffee**

**Last Saturdays ♦ 9:00 am - Noon**  
**Gateway Classic Cars**  
 1870 McFarland Parkway  
 Alpharetta, GA 30005  
*Cars & Coffee is now year round!*

### **Cars & Coffee Cruise-In**

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

### **Tucker Main Street Cruise-In**

**Saturday, September 9th**  
**5:00 to 8:00 pm**  
 Main Street, Downtown Tucker

### **Stone Mountain Village**

### **Classic Car Cruise-In**

**Saturday, September 16th**  
**5:00 to 8:00 pm**  
 Main Street  
 In Stone Mountain Village

## **Summit Racing Cruise-Ins & Shows**

20 King Mill Road, McDonough, GA 30253  
**Monday Night Cruises - 6:00 to 8:00 pm**  
**All Vehicles Welcome!**

Sept 11th Featured Cars: Modern Muscle  
 Sept 18th Features Cars: 60's Cars  
 Sept 25th Features Cars: Pro Touring

**4t Annual**

### **AllGen Camaro & Firebird Show**

Saturday, September 23rd  
 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

## ***OPEN CAR SHOWS***

### **Year One Braselton Bash**

**Chip Foose Select Car Show**  
**Saturday, September 16th**  
**Noon - 7:00 pm**  
 1001 Cherry Drive  
 Braselton, GA 30517

### **Lamar Stephens Car Show**

**Saturday, September 16th**  
**8:00 am - 3:00 pm**  
**Buford Church of God**  
 4800 South Lee Street  
 Buford, GA 30518



## ***SWAP MEET***

### **Northeast Georgia Swap Meet**

**Saturday, September 2nd**  
**8:30 am - 1:00 pm**  
**Atlanta Dragway**  
 500 E. Ridgeway Rd, Commerce, GA  
**250 - 300 Vendor Spaces**  
**Contact Brad @ 706-424-5035**

# CLUB NEWS & UPDATES

## August Charity Collection



We only had one event in August, the Varsity Cruise-In.

We collected an *AMAZING* \$500 in donations for **USO Georgia**. Thanks to **Pat & Jack Horvath** for all their work at the Cruise-In, manning the USO tent and giving out info and stickers to the participants.

**TURN ONE CLASSIC CARS**  
**Classic & Muscle**



## Open Show at Turn One Classic & Muscle Cars!

**Bill & Leigh Whatley** have opened their Classic & Muscle Car Showroom in Hampton, GA, just outside turn one of Atlanta Motor Speedway.

To celebrate the Grand Opening, GCC will team up with Bill and Leigh to host an open car show on **Saturday, October 21st, 11 am to 3 pm.**

Bill is a veteran at hosting shows, so this promises to be a great event for us! He said he will be grilling burgers and hot dogs for us and have *PLENTY* of really nice door prizes.

All proceeds will benefit the Atlanta Chapter of **Speedway Children's Charity**.

*Make your plans to attend and bring your friends!*

## New Show-Day Volunteer Coordinators

Our "original" Field Commander **Jim Flowers** decided it was time to take a break from the summer heat and step back for a while.

Well we found out how much Jim has done, because we now have **THREE** guys taking his place!

**Larry Vaitkus, Dennis Behnken** and **Pat Durbin** will now be overseeing volunteer assignments and show day set-up.

Our Thanks for these three "stepping up to the plate!"

*If you would like to help out, please see one of them at the next club event!*

## 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.**

*Everyone is welcome!*

## 2nd Toys for Tots Event

The **November Varsity Cruise-In** will be a Toys for Tots Collection event.

This will be in addition to our December 2nd show at The Greater Good BBQ.

## GCC Ladies Luncheon



Sharon would like to get the ladies of the GCC together for a ladies' lunch/brunch.

She needs contact emails for the lady members of our Club and ideas for restaurants and locations. If you have not already sent Sharon your email address, please call/text 404-732-6843 or email to

["sharon@sharonellis.org"](mailto:sharon@sharonellis.org)

## Thanks for the Renewals!

We have been on a mission to get the renewals current, and many of you have responded!

Aside from our sponsors, membership dues and renewals are the prime source of operating funds!

If you have not paid your dues in the past 12 months, please send \$30 (\$40 for USPS mail delivery of the newsletter).

You can send via PayPal (link is on the membership page of our website), or by regular mail (P.O. Box 942291, Atlanta, GA 31141).

If you pay at an event, please put payment in an envelope with your name and marked "MEMBERSHIP DUES" so we will get your payment credited.

## Find Us on Facebook!

Make sure you "Like" the Club's FB page and get the latest event info and photos!



# **GCC CHARITY SPOTLIGHT**

*Learn More About How Our Charity Contributions are Used . . .*

## USO Georgia - Helping Our Soldiers Across the State!



**Editor's Note:** Our club has collected over \$120,000 for the charities and causes we support. I was recently treated to a visit to the Atlanta Airport USO facility. I was so impressed with the job that they do on limited and 100% donated funds, I thought I would let our members get a better insight into this organization. Please consider making a donation or serving as a volunteer!  
Thanks to Jack Horvath for the USO article!

Our Atlanta Airport USO celebrated its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary in Atlanta on June 28. There was a marvelous program of appreciative speeches which took place in the middle of the food court atrium at noon. The whole atrium was decorated with our national flags and red/white/blue bunting.

Our current USO Chief, Ms. Mary Lou Austin, was assigned here by the national USO office 40 years ago and at that time she was able to arrange the wonderful support to our USO, this continues to this day, from the City of Atlanta administration. Our USO is part of a USO national charity which was founded in 1941 to assist our traveling military persons.

Today USO World has over 200 assistance centers and serves 30,000 military and family members each day. Our local USO has received a 95% positive rating concerning the service use of donations, with only 5% used for administrative costs. You may be confident that your tax-deductible donation will be well used in assisting our military.

Our airport USO lounge serves approximately 200 persons each day, and is open 365 days each year. There is a quiet space which features buffet service, lounge chairs, computers, televisions, and a family area. When the airport closes down because of bad weather or flight problems, and hotel rooms are not available, the lounge stays open overnight. On January 11 of 2011, our USO celebrated serving the one millionth Operation Enduring Freedom Rest and Recuperation military member since 2002.

USO Georgia now has additional permanent facilities at the Savannah airport, at Warner Robins Air Base, and serves at Dobbins Air Reserve Base, at Fort Gordon, at Ft Benning and at other locations on an as needed basis.

Every identified donation receives a local USO 'thank you' note. if you would like to donate at any time, the address is: USO, Box 20963, Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport, Atlanta, GA, 30320.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call Georgia Cool Cruisers member **Jack Horvath**, at 770-934-0127. Jack has at least six service days per month on various USO projects, and he and his wife Pat have been USO volunteers for over 17 years.

## *We Discussed Plans for Our 2018 Activities*

# Highlights from the August Club Meeting

We thought we would hold a club meeting to get everyone's opinion for events for 2018 and additional activities for this year. Only about 20 members agreed that this was a good idea. Fortunately, those members spoke up about which events they want to repeat in the coming year.

During the meeting, members were encouraged to discuss and vote for their favorite and least favorite club functions. Their preferences were loud and clear!

Here are the highlights from the meeting:

- Possible Cruise to Memory Lane in Eatonton, GA (about 1 hour west of Atlanta). This would probably be planned for early November.
- Holiday Party: We have held all our Holiday Parties at The Greater Good BBQ, mainly due to their large banquet room and great service. We will probably continue here for this year.
- We will make our November Varsity Cruise-In into a Toys for Tots collection event. Our December Varsity date will be a Holiday Theme Car Decorating Contest.
- We added a show at Bill & Leigh Whatley's Turn One Classic and Muscle Cars in Hampton, GA. The date is Saturday, October 21st, from 11am - 3pm.

### 2018 Events:

**IN:** Sweetheart Cruise-In (location in question due to redevelopment plans of the area adjacent to Old Hickory House), Decatur Estate Antiques, Pink Pony (2 shows) Coolray Field.

**OUT** (probably): Atlanta Auto Show, St. David's Church Show, Home Depot - Doraville (issues getting reimbursement check), Local Heroes show (other shows at The Greater Good BBQ, but different fundraiser).

**MAYBE:** Hayes Baldwin (different show date so we won't conflict with other major shows), Dave & Buster's Marietta

**NEW:** Some suggestions for new shows: Dave & Buster's Gwinnett location, Handy Ace Hardware in Tucker (Spring date) and Austell City Square.

If you have suggestions for new show locations, thoughts on existing shows or other comments, please call or email Rick (404-732-6742 or RNE680@mindspring.com)

## Cool Cruisers "Smoke" Local Firefighters!



It's not often that we get to see "up close and personal" how the charity funds we raise are used. We got to see it with the proceeds from the "Local Heroes" show!

On DeKalb Fire Station 5's wish list was a ceramic smoker grill, and thanks to Primo Grills in Tucker, we were able to purchase one for HALF price, to stay at our \$800 limit.

Pictured are members of one of the Fire Station's shifts and some "Cool Cruisers" that helped make the presentation.

We are waiting for an invitation for a BBQ dinner at the Fire House!



***Beautiful Blue Skies and NO Chance of Rain!***

## **Hot Day for “Cool” Cars at the Varsity Cruise-in**

It was a GREAT, sunny Sunday afternoon to hang out with your car buddies and have a chili dog or two, and for the first time in *MONTHS*, we did not have to sweat out a rainy forecast. Our crowds improved along with the forecast with about 65-70 show cars.

We collected \$500 for our Charity-of-the-Month, **USO Georgia**. We received MANY compliments on our Cruise-In, gave out info on our upcoming shows and even took in a new member.

Don't miss our **September 17th** Cruise-In when we will be collecting for **FurKids!**





# SEPTEMBER "COOL" CLUB EVENTS

## 4th Annual Cool Cars at Coolray Field



**Saturday, September 23rd**

**10:00 am - 2:00 pm**

**Coolray Field**

**Gwinnett Braves Stadium**

**2500 Buford Drive**

**Lawrenceville, GA 30043**

Time for our "Fall Classic" at Coolray Field in Lawrenceville! Last year we had an EXCELLENT show with nearly 140 cars, and we are looking to beat that mark this year!

This show is part of the **Gwinnett County Public Safety Festival** and in addition to our Car Show, it will feature displays of all kinds of Police, Fire and Emergency equipment. There will also be a softball game between the Police Officers and Firefighters. Just see what happens when someone "steals" a base!

We will have vendors in the Car Show field, raffles, prizes, music and popular choice awards (nearly 30). We will also have a "Cool" event t-shirt to purchase.

Entry Fees & Raffles will benefit the **Hot Rodders Children's Charity**.

## Sunday, September 17th - The Varsity Gwinnett Cruise-In



**4:00 pm - 7:00 pm**

**6045 Dawson Blvd ♦ Norcross, GA 30093**

We picked up some momentum at the August Cruise-In, thanks to good (but HOT) weather. Let's continue the trend and **FILL** the parking lot in September!

Enjoy the "Cool" cars, fellowship, great music and tasty chili dogs and rings!

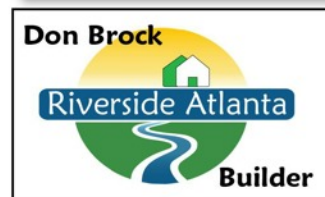
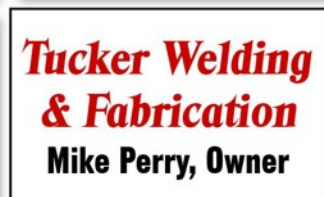
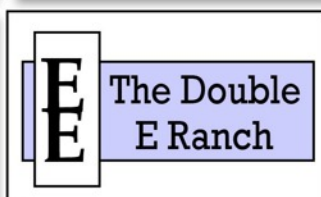
We will be fundraising for our friends at Furkids. Please make your plans to attend, and bring a friend!

## Sharon is Fundraising Again to Cure Breast Cancer

**Sharon Ellis** is participating in her fourth **Susan G. Komen Atlanta 3-Day Walk** this **October 13-15th**. She will walk **60 miles** over 3 days to raise money and awareness for breast cancer. Walkers must raise at least \$2,300 in order to participate. Sharon's goal is to raise at least \$4,000 to honor the memory of her Mom and her friend Lauchi. This year, Sharon's college friend Allison (a breast cancer survivor) will be walking the 3-Day for the first time. You can help by donating, sending cards or letters to her in 3-Day Camp, or showing up at a "Cheering Station" during the 3-Day Walk. For more info, visit [www.the3day.org/goto/sharonellis](http://www.the3day.org/goto/sharonellis) or contact Sharon at 404-732-6843 for info.



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