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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



Saturday, December 3rd

11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Handy Ace Hardware

3969 Lawrenceville Hwy, Tucker, GA 30084

Cool Cruisers Holiday Party

Sunday, December 11 ♦ 1:00 pm

at The O'Neal's in Lawrenceville

See Page 11 for more info

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS
to all our Members!

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Cool Cars at Briscoe Park Winners



BEST CLASSIC:

*Rob Mikell, 1979 Pontiac Trans-Am

BEST MODERN:

DeWit Moyer, 2017 Chevrolet Corvette

TOP 15:

Mark Sanders, 1930 Ford pick-up

*Sammy McDaniel, 1952 Ford F-100 truck

Jim Keller, 1926 Pierce Arrow 80

*Jason McDaniel, 1979 Chevrolet Corvette

Norman Malone, 1956 Ford Thunderbird

*Theresa Leach, 1966 Ford Mustang

Mitch Anglin, 1979 Chevrolet Corvette

Ron Brinson, 1932 Ford B

Tom Harness, 1927 Ford Model T

Bill Knight, 1929 Ford Model A

*Dale Ellis, 1932 Ford 5-window coupe

William E. McCluskey, 1982 Mercury Capri RS

*Steven McKeague, 2015 Ford Roush Mustang

*Art Coates, 1964 Ford Galaxie 500 XL convertible

Fred Mannweiler, 1969 Plymouth Roadrunner

Fred & Paula Martin, 1962 Studebaker GT Hawk

*Paul Benham, 2003 Mercury Marauder

Dana White, 1955 Oldsmobile Rocket 88

Tony Gaines, 1966 Ford Mustang 2+2

John Sparks, 1956 Ford Crown Victoria

Special Award (Church on Main):

*Andy Sarratt, 1965 Chevrolet Corvette

Sponsor's Award (Streetside Classics):

Scot Donahoe, 1971 Chevrolet Monte Carlo

Sponsor's Award (Ted's Garage):

Dennis Vance, 1972 Ford Bronco

Snellville Park's Pick (Host's Award):

Phyllis Anglin, 1968 Chevrolet Camaro

Charity's Pick (SPD's Most Likely to Meet a Cop):

Willie Woods 1956 Chevrolet Bel Air

Coollest Cruiser (Club Award):

Chris Scout, 2021 Chevrolet Corvette

* Denotes GCC Club Member

2022 & 2023 Club Shows & Events



Toys for Tots Cruise-in

Saturday, December 3rd

NEW LOCATION for 2022!

11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Handy Ace Hardware

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Tucker, GA 30084



Cool Cruisers Holiday Party

Sunday, December 11th

1:00 pm

Home of Karen & Steve O'Neal

2629 Summerfield Way NW

Lawrenceville, GA 30044

Bring a Dish to share & Ornament to exchange

"Sweetheart" Cruise-in '23

Saturday, February 11th, 2023

11:00 am - 3:00 pm

LOCATION TBA

See page 5 for the latest info

Snellville UMC Open Car Show

Saturday, April 15th, 2023

11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Snellville United Methodist Church

2428 Main Street East

Snellville, GA 30078



Hot Rods at Hayes of Baldwin

Saturday, March 25th, 2023

10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Hayes Family Dealerships

3660 State Hwy 365

Baldwin, GA 30511

"OTHER" Car Show & Events of Interest in December

Saturday, December 3rd, 10 am - 2:00 pm "Caffeine & Chrome HOLIDAY PARTY" at Gateway Classic Cars, 1870 McFarland Pkwy, Suite 300, Alpharetta, GA 30005. *Entry is FREE but PLEASE bring a Toy to donate to Toys for Tots. Complimentary snacks & drinks served while supplies last. Info: 678-839-9709*

Saturday, December 10th, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm. Holiday Cruise-in and Toys for Tots Collection Event, Streetside Classics. 213 Thornton Road, Suite 400, Lithia Springs, GA 30122. No entry fee, just donations for Toys for Tots, Bring your family and Special Ride, Everyone is welcome & ALL Years - Makes - Models.

Saturday, December 10th, 11:00 am - 4:00 pm, Pierce Transportation 2nd Annual Toys for Tots Toy Drive & Car Show, 3977 Atlanta Hwy, Loganville, GA 30052. *Info: 770-545-6332*

MONTHLY CRUISE-INS:

First Sundays, Year round: "Caffeine & Octane," 9:00 am - Noon, Town Center at Cobb, 400 Ernest W. Barrett Pkwy NW, Kennesaw, GA 30144, Rain or Shine.

With the Winter season here, there are few car events going on. If you know of one, please share it by sending the info to Rick, no later than the 15th of the month prior to the event.

Our 2022 TOYS for TOTS Sponsors**PLATINUM LEVEL:**

Leigh Fragnoli - Fraggie Enterprises
 Denny Williams Motor Sports
 Don & Annette Brock
 Tom Chick - Lawn Management Services
 Hayes Automotive - Lawrenceville
 Handy Ace Hardware
 Phil Hutchinson & Family

DIAMOND LEVEL:

Decatur Estate Vintage Market
 Gateway Classic Cars
 Pat Horvath – USO
 Mike Perry Welding & Fabrication
 Dr. Sharon Ellis, Optometrist
 Dennis & Amber Behnken
 Tucker Body & Custom
 Tucker Cruisers
 John Martin, State Farm Insurance
 Las Colinas Mexican Grill
 Streetside Classics
 Great Clips - Cofer Crossing, Tucker

GOLD LEVEL:

Patricia's Spiritwear
 Year One Muscle Car Parts
 Pam Piercy
 Mike Thies – I VAN Auto Appraisals
 Nick Stambo & Family
 Steve Stephens Insurance
 PrintSonic - Printing, Signs & Banners
 Glass Tiger Car Wash & Detail Salon
 Bill & Leigh Whatley
 A&E Conveyor Systems
 Kirk's Tutoring
 United Controls International
(in memory of Bryan Smith)

"COOL" Club Gear!***It's FALL and time for a Club Jacket or Windbreaker!***

We offer two different jackets: a light weight wind-breaker (\$75 & \$80*) and a 3-season jacket (\$95 & \$100*), both available in several 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*). We can also get long sleeve shirts, just ask!

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 T's**

\$18 (S-XL)
 & \$20 (2X
 & 3X).

*T-shirts are
 Available at
 all Club
 events*

CLUB NEWS & UPDATES

November Charity Report



Our "Cool Cars at Briscoe Park was a benefit for Snellville PD's "Shop With A Cop" program again this year. Between entry donations and our portion of the 50/50 raffle, we collected \$2,300. Rick and Sharon donated another \$200 to match last year's total of \$2500.

We really enjoy working with both the SPD and the Parks & Recreation department and look forward to our show with them in 2023!

Our 2023 Schedule of Events

We are still piecing together our 2023 schedule. Usually by now we would have most dates filled in, but due to various situations, we are still working on it.

We have confirmed the show date at the Hayes Dealerships in Baldwin for Saturday, March 25th. We are awaiting word from Brookhaven on the July 4th weekend show. It looks like Briscoe Park will return on November 11, and Toys for Tots will be on the first Saturday in December.

It appears that neither of our September shows (Train Museum and Santa Cop) will repeat, so we may be able to add a show in one of those slots.

We have not planned anything for January, but would be open to either a Club meeting or informal Cruise-in. Please let us know your ideas as soon as possible.

In Our Prayers . . .

Please keep **Don Brock** in your thoughts and prayers as he is scheduled to undergo surgery at the end of November.

We hope to see Don up and around soon!

Membership Dues

Please remember to send in your Membership dues! Please see page 2 for our mailing address. If you are receiving our emails and no longer are interested, please send Rick an email and you will be removed. Also make sure we have your current contact info!

Our Toys for Tots Sponsors!

With the sluggish economy and moving our Toys for Tots across town this year, we were worried about getting enough show sponsors to cover all the show costs (t-shirts, awards, printing, etc). Well, we were worried for nothing as we had a RECORD year of sponsors.

Most of our loyal sponsors returned, along with some new ones. Many of our old sponsors stepped up their game with Don Brock doing a DOUBLE Platinum level, Hayes Dealerships, Phil Hutchinson and Handy Ace Hardware and Tom Chick (Lawn Management Services) moved up to the Platinum level.

Among our new Toys for Tots Sponsors were Leigh Fragnoli (Fraggie Enterprises) - Platinum level, Tucker Custom & Body, Tucker Cruisers, John Martin, State Farm Insurance, Las Colinas Mexican Grill and Great Clips of Cofer Crossing in Tucker all as Diamond Level.

Nick Stambo, a regular at many of our shows, and Kirk's Tutoring are our new Gold Level Sponsors.

United Controls International did a \$100 donation in memory of Bryan Smith.

Our sincere thanks to ALL our sponsors! You will find a full listing on page 4 of this newsletter.

Latest Info on Our February Sweetheart Cruise-in

We are continuing to look for a suitable location, but as of press-time, nothing is confirmed. We've contacted multiple places, but either no response, they want big bucks to use their location or can't commit at this time.

It has really become frustrating!

We are looking for a location that can hold 150-200 show cars, restroom facilities and a place where participants can go inside to eat and warm up.

We will continue our search, but if you know of a place, please do a little preliminary investigation and let us know who to contact.

A Foggy Morning Greeted Our Briscoe Park Show Day

The Weather Hurt Our Attendance But Not Our Bottom Line!

One thing you can ALWAYS count on in Georgia is that you can't count on the extended weather forecast! When we sent out the show reminder on Monday before the show, the forecast looked near perfect for Saturday, clear with the temps in the mid to upper 50's. THEN the tropical storm lingered causing a not-so-great day with a foggy start, clouds and then rain starting in the afternoon. Oh well, something we cannot control.

Unfortunately it took a large bite out of our total show car count. We were expecting 125-150 cars and already had an over-flow plan in place to handle the crowds. We ended up with a "respectable" 80 registered cars. Disappointing to say the least.

What was NOT disappointing was the great show we had! Those that braved the weather were treated to a fun day, with lots of food (4 food vendors), great oldies, a large display from the Snellville Police including several patrol cars, a bunch of their officers and even some free "bling!" The show ended with a surprise visit from Santa, who helped us present awards and posed for pictures with all the kids (of all ages).

Even though our attendance took a big hit due to the weather, our collections to benefit SPD's "Shop With a Cop" program fared pretty well. We collected a total of \$2,500 thanks to a healthy 50/50 jackpot, but who can refuse the cops selling the tickets?

Our thanks to the Snellville Parks and Recreation team! Not only do they come out to help on show day, but they do a lot of work before that show.

Special thanks to our ALWAYS amazing "A-Team," especially Jack Gilleland, who filled in as our Volunteer Coordinator for vacationing Larry Navarre.

See page 2 for all the show winners.



Photos by Billy Wright, our "A-Team" photographer

Cool Cars at BRISCOE PARK



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★ **TOYS for TOTS: Our BIGGEST & "FUNNEST" Event!**



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11:00 am - 3:00 pm

HANDY ACE HARDWARE

3969 Lawrenceville Hwy

Tucker, GA 30084

We are *SO EXCITED* to move our Toys for Tots back to Tucker, and *DOUBLE EXCITED* that it will be hosted by Handy Ace Hardware! If you've been to one of our many shows at Handy Ace, you know there's plenty of show car spaces available! For your dining pleasure, we will have Mike Perry and his crew to grill burgers and hot dogs. We are also bringing back our favorite group of retired Marines to help us collect all the toys.

We will add in a *FREE* event T-shirt to all that make a qualifying donation of toys or cars (\$20 or more) and our famous outcry auction for a fun-filled day of Holiday Joy! 100% of the Auction proceeds will benefit Toys for Tots. The the cash donations are used to purchase toys for some of the age groups that don't get enough items donated, such as pre-teens and tweens. We accept cash, checks and credit cards for donations and auction payments.

Of course there will be plenty of awards to give out, including the Best Classic, Best Modern, Top 20 and various Special Awards including "Santa's Favorite" for the car that displays the best Holiday spirit! Please make your plans to be with us and ***BE GENEROUS!***

Cool Cruisers Holiday Party

Sunday, December 11th
1:00 pm

Home of Karen & Steve O'Neal
2629 Summerfield Way
Lawrenceville, GA 30044



- ♦ **Covered Dish Lunch (Bring a Side or Dessert)** ♦ **Ornament Exchange**
- ♦ **Ugly Sweater Contest** ♦ **Year End Recognition & Awards**

Everyone is invited to attend our year-end Holiday Celebration, hosted by Karen & Steve O'Neal at their beautifully decorated home in Lawrenceville. The O'Neals will be providing a ham, an appetizer, sodas, etc. We'd like others to bring a side dish or dessert to share. Please RSVP and let Karen know you are coming and what you will be bringing. If you need ideas just give her a call or email (770-331-4344 or karenhoneal@yahoo.com).

Wear your *UGLY* Christmas sweater for our Ugly Sweater contest and bring a *WRAPPED* ornament for our *FAMOUS & FUN* ornament exchange! We will also be recognizing our top sponsors and A-Team members. ***MAKE YOUR PLANS TO ATTEND!!!***

Our Sponsors & Supporters

<p>Diamond Sponsor </p> <p>Gateway CLASSIC CARS </p>	<p>Double Diamond Sponsor </p> <p>Denny Williams MOTOR SPORTS</p>	<p>Double Diamond Sponsor </p> <p> Don Brock, Builder</p>	<p>Diamond Sponsor </p> <p>Streetside CLASSICS</p>
<p>Diamond Sponsor </p> <p> Fraggie ENTERPRISES</p>	<p>Reliable. Honest. Professional</p> <p> Lawn Management Services </p> <p>TOM CHICK • 770-883-1192</p>	<p> COLDWELL BANKER</p> <p>LeAnn Chick GRI, CNMS, SRS Realtor, Relocation Specialist 770-823-9619 - LeannChick.com</p>	<p> Classic & Muscle</p>
<p>Sharon K. Ellis OPTOMETRIST</p>	<p>The HUTCHINSON FAMILY</p>	<p> SUMMIT RACING EQUIPMENT</p>	<p>Lawrenceville - Oakwood - Baldwin</p> <p>Hayes FAMILY DEALERSHIPS</p> <p>Chrysler - Dodge - Jeep - Ram Chevrolet - Buick - Cadillac - GMC</p>
<p>PRINTSONIC INCORPORATED PRINTING • SIGNS • BANNERS</p>	<p> Mike Thies SouthEastWheelsEvents.com</p>	<p>YEARONE Muscle Car Parts</p>	<p>Dr. Z's Fleet THAT CAN'T BE BEAT</p>
<p>Dennis & Amber BEHNKEN</p>	<p> HANDY HARDWARE Home of the Hard to Find Items</p>	<p> GLASS TIGER Hand Car Wash & Detail Salon Peachtree Corners, GA</p>	<p>Decatur Estate VINTAGE MARKET DecaturEstateAntiques.com</p>
<p> Andy SARRATT</p>	<p>Las Colinas MEXICAN GRILL</p>	<p>Mike Perry Tucker Welding & Fabrication</p>	<p>Martin Farmers Insurance Agency Buford, GA 678-802-9922</p>

Some of the Charities We Support

<p>TOYS FOR TOTS</p>	<p> SHOP WITH A COP </p>	<p> USO GEORGIA</p>	<p> It's The Journey Inc. Raising funds for Georgia Breast Cancer Programs</p>
<p> furkids ANIMAL RESCUE & SHELTERS</p>	<p> Carter Hill Christian Church</p>	<p> PLANNED PETHOOD Choose Life for Georgia's Pets!</p>	<p> HOT RODDERS CHILDREN'S CHARITY</p>

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