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Cool Cruisers, Inc.
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Cool Cars at
BRISCOE PARK



Saturday, November 9TH
11:00 AM - 3:00 PM
2500 Sawyer Pkwy ◆ Snellville, GA 30078

Coming in December . . .

Toys FOR Tots Cruise-in



Saturday, December 7TH
11:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Handy Ace Hardware in Tucker



TIME TO RENEW?

Please send \$30
(USPS mail Newsletter - \$40)
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Cool Cars & Costumes Show Winners



BEST CLASSIC:

Jerry McCullough, 1973 Dodge Dart Sport 340

BEST MODERN:

*Rachel Fowler, 2021 Harley-Davidson FLRT (Trike)

TOP 15:

- *Paul Benham, 1954 Ford Tourer
- David Randall, 1961 Ford Starliner
- *Andy Sarratt, 1928 Ford Roadster truck
- *Ken Bexley, 1928 Ford Model A
- Brian Davis, 1971 Datsun 510
- *Troy Reeves, 1931 Auburn 898-A
- Chris Christopherson, 1930 Packard 926
- *Pam Piercy, 1965 Cadillac Eldorado convertible
- *Matthew Fowler, 1964 Mercury Marauder
- *Jim Marianetti, 1969 Chevrolet Camaro SS 396
- Bob & Sarah Rio, 2008 Chevrolet Corvette
- *Joel Quartarone, 2004 Ford Thunderbird
- Raymond Rodgers, 1972 Chevrolet Cheyenne 4x4
- Goldfarb/238 Motorsports, 1967 Pontiac GTO
- Marco Dierna, 1976 Chevrolet Corvette C-3

"Breast" of Show (Charity Pink):

Todd Ellis, 1953 Chevrolet Corvette C-1

Pony's Pick (Host's Favorite):

Jim Keller, 1941 Packard Rollson Formal Towncar

Coollest Cruiser (Club's Award):

J.W. Schwab, 1940 Buick Special



**Best Classic
Winner:**

Jerry
McCullough's
'73 Dodge Dart
Sport 340

*GCC
Club member

2024 & 2025 Club Shows & Events

Cool Cars at Briscoe Park '24

FALL SHOW

Saturday, November 9th

11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Snellville's Briscoe Park

2500 Sawyer Parkway

(off Lenora Church Road)

Snellville, GA 30078

Fundraiser for Snellville PD's
"Shop With A Cop" program



Hot Rods at Hayes '25

Saturday, March 22nd

10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Hayes Dealerships of Baldwin

3660 State Highway 365

Baldwin, GA 30511

Fundraiser for
Hot Rodders Children's Charity



Toys for Tots Cruise-in '24

Saturday, December 7th

11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Handy Ace Hardware

3969 Lawrenceville Hwy.

Tucker, GA 30084



Cool Cars at Briscoe Park

SPRING 2025 SHOW

Saturday, April 26th

11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Snellville's Briscoe Park

2500 Sawyer Parkway

(off Lenora Church Road)

Snellville, GA 30078



The "I'm SICK of Winter"

Sweetheart Cruise-in '25

Saturday, February 15th

11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Smoke Rise Baptist Church

5901 Hugh Howell Road

Stone Mountain, GA 30087

Fundraiser to help END Breast Cancer



USO Benefit Car Show '25

Saturday, May 24th

11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Handy Ace Hardware

3969 Lawrenceville Hwy.

Tucker, GA 30084

Rain Dates are 1 week after the original show date
unless otherwise noted.

Check our Facebook page for the latest updates.



CLUB NEWS & UPDATES

Fundraiser Report for October:

October was Breast Cancer Month and as we always do, we support this great cause with our "Cool Cars & Costumes" show at what better place than the Pink Pony!

Unfortunately we had a smaller number of show cars this year, but the total of donations was an AMAZING \$3,200!

This total came from a combination of entry fees, the 50/50 raffle (the winner donated back), an awesome auction that raised \$990 and a \$500 donation from Dennis Williams and the Pink Pony. Steve & Karen O'Neal, winners of the "Best Couple" costume contest, donated their winnings to the cause!

Our sincere thanks to all that attended and donated!

A Message from Rick & Sharon

As many of you know, I recently suffered another heart attack. I am in the recovery process and should be back to "normal" soon.

Sharon and I would like to thank everyone for all the calls, emails, texts and prayers! Special thanks to those members that stepped up so that we could continue with both our Club Pizza Party and Cars & Costumes show.

We truly appreciate ALL our AWESOME Club members, y'all are the *GREATEST!*

One More Toys for Tots Update

After Rick's recent medical issues, he made a very tough decision to cut back on a few of the "extras" that have always been part of this show.

FIRST, the show will go on as scheduled. The changes are: NO event T-shirt this year nor Charity Outcry auction.

This also means we won't need all the show sponsors we've had in past years. Our thanks to those that have already committed to being a sponsor. We have contacted everyone that had already sent in payment and guess what . . . NO ONE wanted a refund. They said to either use the money for show expenses or donate it to Toys for Tots.

Our thanks to this group of supporters!

A Couple of Non-Club Shows You Should Plan to Attend!

Here are a couple of non-Club shows that both have a "Cool" flavor. Unfortunately they are both on the same day, Saturday, November 16th, so you will have to choose which one.

Doug Baker Celebration of Life Car Show



Doug passed away recently and his family wants to host a memorial car show. We've know Doug for years, since the old Galaxy Diner Cruise-in days. Doug was famous for his teal colored American Motors Rambler Station wagon.

His show will be on Saturday, November 16th from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm at **The Nett Church** located at **675 Pleasant Hill Rd, Lilburn, GA 30047**.

The show is open to all years, makes and models. There will be a Best of Show and Top 10 popular choice awards presented along with several special awards.

Rick is helping with this show and donating all the awards. Please come support it!

VFW Fall Car Show



This semi-annual event will be held on Saturday, November 16th from 11:00 am - 3:00 pm at the **Dunwoody Village Shopping Center**.

This is a fundraiser for the VFW (Veterans of Foreign Wars) charities and is open to all years, makes and models. The Best Classic, Best Modern and Top 10 top vote getters will receive a custom made wood plaque.

Dunwoody Village Shopping Center is located at **1317 Dunwoody Village Parkway, Dunwoody, GA 30338**. Entry fee is \$25.

This show is put on by our own Tom Ariail.

A Smaller Number of Show Cars BUT a GREAT Day for Our Charity!

Cool Cars & Costumes Returns to the Pony

On Saturday, October 19th, GCC returned to Brookhaven's Pink Pony for the 11th Annual Cars & Costumes Show, benefiting breast cancer programs in Georgia. As a nice change, we had a perfect forecast for Show day: bright blue sky and sunshine!

This show has a lot of elements: car show registration, costume contest registration, t-shirt sales and outcry auction. We were anticipating being short several "veteran" volunteers and, potentially, our leader Rick Ellis. We were thrilled to welcome some new volunteers who showed up when we sent out the help call. Along with several of our dedicated A+ Team, we want to thank Chris Christopherson, Jim Keller, Ted Marcus and Rachel Fowler for stepping up.

Rick was able to make it to the show; despite needing to take it easy, he still ran the music, made announcements and handled the outcry auction.

Chef Pam and her crew grilled up tasty hamburgers, cheeseburgers, hot dogs, chicken and Brunswick stew. Pony veteran Leilani manned the beer tent with her usual flair.

The Pink Pony vendors provided some outstanding items for the auction, which raised \$990. Dennis Williams brought some "vintage" Pink Pony show t-shirts to sell, with the proceeds benefiting the charity. Dennis also provided the Costume Contest prize money.

We gave out car awards for Best Classic, Best Modern, Top 15, Charity Pick ("Breast of Show"), Coolest Cruiser, and Pony Pick. We gave out Costume Awards for Best Male, Best Female, Best Couple and Best Decorated Car. Karen and Steve O'Neal won for Best Couple and donated their winnings back to the charity. Rick won the 50/50 and donated his winnings back to the charity as well.

When we tallied it all up, we raised \$3200 for breast cancer programs and all of that money stays in Georgia to help local communities.

Special thanks to Jack Gilleland for picking up the Show stuff from Rick & Sharon's house and hauling it to the trailer the week before the show. Also special thanks to Jim Flowers for delivering the show banners to the Pony while Rick was in the hospital and for picking up the Pony show t-shirts the day before the show and dropping them off at the Pony.



Cool Cars & COSTUMES at the PONY



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Photo Credit: **Billy Wright**
Our Thanks to Billy for his EXCELLENT photos!
To see more photos from "Cool Cars & Costumes"
Check out the Club's Facebook page!

Cool Cars & COSTUMES at the PONY



Great Costumes and Decorated Cars for Halloween!



Best Decorated Car
Joe & Theresa Leach
Best Male Costume
Rusty Redfern

Best Female Costume
Nina Redfern
Best Couple Costume
Steve & Karen O'Neal



Fellowship, Food and Fun Was the Order of the Day! **Club Pizza Party at Andy Sarratt's Garage**

On Sunday, October 13th, GCC members gathered at the home of Club Member Andy Sarratt. Andy has been looking forward to welcoming GCC to his garage in Social Circle to check out his car collection and “man cave.”

It was a beautiful Fall day, made all the more special with an appearance by our President Rick, who had just been discharged from the hospital the day before, after treatment for a heart attack.

The Club provided pizza and soft drinks, Ken & Susan Miller brought fruit and veggie trays, Jack Gilleland brought ice and everyone got to enjoy each other's company while browsing Andy's extensive collection of car show awards/trophies and “cool” rides.

Rick presented Andy with a plaque to show appreciation for hosting such a fun event. We're looking forward to more casual (non-show) Club events next year and hope more Club members can join us at future events.

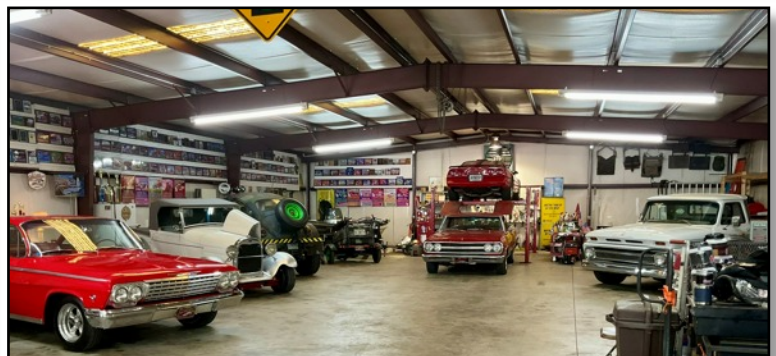


Photo Credit: *Karen O'Neal*

Our November & December Club Shows

Cool Cars at **BRISCOE PARK**

Saturday, November 9TH

11:00 am - 3:00 pm

2500 Sawyer Parkway ♦ Snellville, GA 30078



Time for our second stop at one of our favorite venues, Snellville's Briscoe Park! Our shows at Briscoe are always great and well attended and we are expecting nothing less this time. We have a very nice show area, plus several overflow areas along with designated parking for spectators.

The Briscoe Park staff have lined up FOUR food vendors for our dining pleasure. Santa is expected to make an appearance during the show and will be helping us hand out the awards (Best Classic, Best Modern, Top 20 and a variety of special awards). Once again our entry donations and proceeds from the 50/50 raffle will benefit the Snellville Police "Shop With A Cop" program, helping local needy school kids have a better Christmas.

Our thanks to **Streetside Classics** for once again sponsoring our Briscoe Park shows!

Please make your plans to attend and tell all your car buddies to come too. The hopefully not needed rain date will be Saturday, November 16th. PLEASE NOTE: Enter the park from the MAIN ENTRANCE (the stone one pictured above) and follow the road all the way around to the show area, located in the baseball parking lot. There will be staff on hand to guide you to the show area.
See you at the Park!



Toys FOR Tots Cruise-in

Saturday, December 7TH

11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Handy Ace Hardware

3969 Lawrenceville Hwy ♦ Tucker, GA 30084



It's time to get ready for our 17th annual "Toys for Tots Cruise-in!" Yes the 17th Annual (Rick started this show back in the Galaxy Diner Cruise-ins days and has kept it going). This is a MAJOR toy collection and fundraiser for our group of retired Marines. After a very WET show last year, we are hoping and praying for a nice, sunny and MILD show day this year.

A couple of changes for this year: NO event t-shirt or charity auction, as explained on page 4. Things that won't change: Best Classic, Best Modern and Top 20 popular choice awards, a 50/50 raffle, burgers and hot dogs served up by Mike Perry and his crew, great oldies, a festive holiday spirit, our group of retired Marines on hand to help collect all the toys and the amazing hospitality of our show host, Handy Ace Hardware.

Entry fee is either a new, unwrapped toy(s) or a \$20 cash donation. All cash donations will be used to purchase additional toys to fill in the gaps.

Sound like a fun show? It DEFINITELY IS, so make your plans to attend! *See you on 12/7/24!*

Our Sponsors & Supporters

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Some of the Charities We Support

			 <p>Raising funds for Georgia Breast Cancer Programs</p>
			