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TIME TO RENEW?

***Please make sure your
Membership is current!***

Providence Christian Academy *Cruise-in '24*



Fundraiser for PCA's Girls Basketball

Saturday, August 3RD

11:00 AM - 3:00 PM

4575 Lawrenceville Hwy ◆ Lilburn, GA 30047

**IMPORTANT: Due to the Summer Heat-Wave, we are
delaying Our August Club Meeting until October 13th.**

Coming in September:



SANTA COP *Cruise-in*

Saturday, September 7th
Coolray Field, Lawrenceville

Saturday, September 24th
Handy Hardware, Tucker

www.GeorgiaCoolCruisers.org





Welcome New Members!

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John Bunder

Matthew & Rachel Fowler

Jules & Jimmy Watson

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HORSEPOWER at the PONY Winners



BEST CLASSIC:

*Matthew Fowler, 1964 Mercury Marauder

BEST MODERN:

*Paul Benham, 2003 Mercury Marauder

TOP 15:

Steve Ramos, 1953 Chevrolet Bel Air

*Steven McKeague, 2015 Ford Roush Mustang

Cliff Swezey, 1974 Chevrolet Corvette

Bill Marrack, 1964 Ford Galaxie 500

*Andy Sarratt, 1931 Ford Rat-rod

Joshua Goldfarb, 1967 Pontiac GTO

Ted Fischer, 1932 Ford

Kevin "Pinto Guy" Evans, 1964 Ford Falcon

Michael Tunney, 1969 Chevrolet Camaro

*Joel Quartarone, 2004 Ford Thunderbird

Mary Tench, 1955 Ford F100

*Samantha Hutchinson, 1968 Plymouth Barracuda

*Greg Rogers, 1974 Ford Bronco

Shane Bailey, 1991 Toyota pick-up

*Pam Piercy, 1973 Dodge Charger SE

Host's Favorite (Pony's Pick):

James Potter, 1968 Jaguar XKE

Gateway Classics Cars' Pick (Sponsor's Award):

John Dunn, 1945 Dodge C.O.E. truck

Planned PETHood's Pick:

*Larry Gilmore, 2019 McLaren 600 LT

Coollest Cruiser (Club's Award):

Garrett Roberts, 2018 Dodge Charger

* Denotes GCC Club Member

2024 Club Shows & Events

*Providence Christian Academy Benefit Car Show

Saturday, August 3rd
11:00 am - 3:00 pm

4575 Lawrenceville Hwy.
Lilburn, GA 30047

Fundraiser Providence's Girls Basketball Team

**This show is not an "Official" Club show,
but we've taken an active roll in assisting
with the planning and it will be our "Official"
Club event for the month of August!*



Cool Cars at Coolray Field

Saturday, September 7th
10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Coolray Field

2500 Buford Drive
Lawrenceville, GA 30043

Fundraiser for Hot Rodders Children's Charity



"SANTA COP" Cruise-in

Saturday, September 21st
11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Handy Ace Hardware

3969 Lawrenceville Highway
Tucker, GA 30084

**Fundraiser for Fraternal Order of Police
"SANTA COP" program**

*Rain Dates are 1 week after the original show date unless
otherwise noted. Our Coolray show is Rain or Shine.
Check our Facebook page for the latest updates.*



Cool Cruisers Club Meeting

NEW "COOL" DATE!

Sunday, October 13th
11:00 am - 2:00 pm

Andy Sarratt's Garage
125 Paine Crossing Road
Social Circle, GA 30025



Cool Cars & Costumes at The Pony

Car Show & Halloween Costume Contest

Saturday, October 19th
Noon - 4:00 pm

The Pink Pony

1837 Corporate Boulevard NE
Brookhaven, GA 30329

Fundraiser to help END Breast Cancer

Cool Cars at Briscoe Park

FALL SHOW

Saturday, November 9th
11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Snellville's Briscoe Park

2500 Sawyer Parkway
Snellville, GA 30078

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



Toys for Tots Cruise-in

Saturday, December 7th
11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Handy Ace Hardware

3969 Lawrenceville Highway
Tucker, GA 30084

CLUB NEWS & UPDATES

Charity Report for July:



Our July charity was **Planned PETHood of Georgia** at our "Horsepower at the Pony" show. In spite of smaller attendance due to the weather, we raised a **grand total of \$2,600!**

This amount was from entry fees, 50/50 raffle proceeds (\$132) and sales from our Charity Auction (\$1400).

Our thanks to the Pink Pony for securing some AMAZING items for our Charity Outcry Auction! These items included an autographed and framed Austin Riley jersey, a YETI cooler, a Big Green Egg smoker and several golf bags.

We will return to the Pony in October for our "Cool Cars & Costume" show, so make your plans to be there!

Thanks to Our "Trailer Crew"

Our Club trailer is a valuable tool in doing our shows, but recently it had become overfilled and disorganized so we planned a Sunday "Trailer Party" to make it more user friendly.

Six Club members recently met at our storage location: **Jack Gilleland, Paul Benham, Susan & Ken Miller and Rick & Sharon Ellis.**

Everything was removed, boxes were condensed, trash removed, everything put back orderly and we even swept it out. It looks SO much better now!

Thanks to the dedicated members that worked so hard on a HOT Sunday!

Thanks, Dennis!

Our thanks to **Dennis Williams & Denny Williams Motor Sports** for a VERY GENEROUS sponsorship check!

We don't publish the amounts of sponsorships and donations, but his generosity earned **THREE** Diamonds on the Sponsorship page!

A **BIG** Thank you to Dennis for your continuing support of the Club!

Cool Cruisers Club Gear

As always you can order an embroidered cool-dry polo or windbreaker. *Contact Rick for details.*

Our "Cool" Club Meeting Delayed Until "Cooler" Times!

We have had quite a bit of interest in our Club meeting we had planned for August 11th at Andy Sarratt's garage. We also had some concerns arise from this Summer's HEAT WAVE, so we discussed this with Andy and came up with a "Cool" plan . . . We made the decision to reschedule the meeting to **Sunday, October 13th** when we are sure it will be a much more comfortable temperature.

Our thanks to Andy for being flexible with his schedule. We will still provide Pizza and Soft Drinks for the meeting.

Look for more info in upcoming issues of "Cool Times."

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!

Yes, you've heard this *MANY, MANY* times before, but now it's gotten to the "DO or DIE" category. We were missing a few of our regulars at our "HP at the Pony" show, and it was a struggle to find enough to fill in (our sincere thanks to those that did step up to the plate!).

We CANNOT continue our shows without MORE volunteers! Our next Club event is our Coolray Field show, which takes a lot of help due to the size and number of both cars and spectators.

WE NEED YOU! Please consider being a part of our "A-Team!" Contact **Paul Benham**, our Volunteer Coordinator to sign up or for information. His contact info is on page 2.

THANKS IN ADVANCE!

Coolray Event T-shirts:

We asked a couple months ago if our members would like to do an event shirt for the Coolray show and help out by being a shirt sponsor. We only had one that was interested (*which was a VERY generous offer*), so we will NOT be doing an event shirt this year.

NEW CLUB MEMBERS!

WOW! Check out all the NEW MEMBERS we signed up in July (see page 2). Please help us make them feel like part of our "Family!"

A Rainy Forecast Kept our Crowd Down, but NOT the FUN!

Our Return to the Pony was a \$uccess, In Spite of Mother Nature

We thought we were due, actually OVERDUE, for a sunny day at our Pink Pony show, but once again we were VERY wrong. A week-long forecast of rain and thunderstorms didn't change much at all, but on Friday afternoon it looked like we might be able to *SQUEEZE* in the show between showers, so we made the tough decision to give it a try. We were "mostly" lucky with only a brief light shower mid show. Unfortunately all this kept our crowd on the small side with about 50 show cars coming out.

Those that did come had a **BLAST** with Burgers, Hot Dogs, Oldies, an event t-shirt, a **GREAT** charity to support and **BIRTHDAY CAKE** for everyone, to celebrate the Club's 11th birthday! We had our always fun Charity Auction with some of the **BEST** items we've had!

Even though the parking lot was not packed to capacity, it was nicely filled, thanks to our loyal following and also a great turnout by 238 Motor Sports, who came out in full force with 10 of their customers' cars. Our thank to all that braved Mother Nature!

We gave out our Best Classic, Best Modern, Top 15 popular choice awards along with several other Special Awards. Our Best Classic and Best Modern winners had a very interesting "twist" with *BOTH* being Mercury Marauders! New member Matthew Fowler won Best Classic with his 1964 model and Paul Benham took home the Best Modern with his 2003.

Now for all the **THANK YOU's**, and there were a lot! First to our Host, the Pink Pony for all their work and support, Chef Pam for the delicious burgers and hot dogs and birthday cake and especially our always amazing **VOLUNTEERS!**

Our show charity was Planned PETHood of Georgia. We collected a tidy sum of \$2,600 for them! *Please see page 2 for a listing of all the show winners.*



See more photos on our
Facebook page by
Club member Billy Wright



HORSEPOWER at the PONY '24



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Red, White & Blue-Haven: Cool Cars on a HOT Day!

The Cool Cruisers came out to support Brookhaven's "Red, White & Blue-Haven" show put on by the Chamber of Commerce and our own Dennis Williams. Unfortunately the show suffered from an all too familiar issue of early morning rain and then a very HOT and humid afternoon. We provided support for the show by helping promote it and handling show day registration. Our thanks to members that attended and those that helped!

Photos by Billy Wright



Other Events of Interest

Please help us out with this section and let us know your favorite non-Cool Cruiser events! Please send us the info by the 15th of the month prior to the event.

Sunday, August 4th, 7:00 am - 11:00 am, Caffeine & Octane, Town Center at Cobb, 400 Ernest W. Barrett Pkwy NW, Kennesaw, GA 30144. Info: Bruce @ 770-395-7900 or www.caffeineandoctane.com

Saturday, August 10th - 10:00 am - 1:00 pm, Tucker Cruise-in, ON Main Street, Tucker, GA 30084. Enter from the Lawrenceville end of Main St. 20 awards, food vendor, restaurants, , prizes. Entry fee: \$5. Info: TuckerCruisein.com

Saturday, August 17th, 8:00 am - 5:00 pm, "The Connection" Car Show at the Savoy Automobile Museum, 3 Savoy Lane, Cartersville, GA 30120. ALL VEHICLES MUST BE PRE-REGISTERED. Rain or Shine. Info: 770-416-1500

Summit Racing Monday Night Cruise, 6:00 - 8:00 pm, 20 King Mill Rd, McDonough, GA AUGUST DATES & Feature (open to ALL Years, Makes & Models): August 5 - Corvette Night. August 12 - Pro Street & Race Cars. August 19 - Convertibles, Targa & T-tops. August 26 - Import Night. Food vendors, Awards. Info: SummitRacing.com

The "Coolest" Red, White & Blue-Haven Winners!



Above are all the show winners. The Georgia Cool Cruisers were well represented in both the number of attendees and also the number of award winners! Our Club member taking home awards were:

TOP 20 Winners:

Ken Bexley
1968 Mercury Cougar

Greg Rogers
1974 Ford Bronco

Ronn & Will Lippman
1965 Ford Mustang

Andy Sarratt
1965 Chevrolet C-10 truck

Omar Aviles
1947 Ford Sedan

Paul Benham
2003 Mercury Marauder

Mike Walling
1967 Pontiac GTO

Most Patriotic Winner:

Troy Reeves
1952 Willys M-38

Coolest Cruiser:

GSP Trooper Gonzalez
2023 Chevy Camaro Pursuit

August & September Club Events

Providence Christian Academy

Saturday, August 3RD

11:00 am - 3:00 pm

4575 Lawrenceville Hwy ♦ Lilburn, GA 30047



When we made the decision to move our Club meeting to a “Cooler” time of the year, that left us without a Cool Cruiser event for the month of August. That was not really an issue, since Rick has been working with Providence Christian Academy on their show, we just “slid” it in. This is not a Club run event, but more of our Club get-together for the month (similar to the June Tucker Cruise-in).

The show will feature popular choice awards, door prizes, vendors PLUS burgers and hot dogs from our very own Mike Perry. Mike’s daughter plays for Providence’s basketball team. Rick will be doing the music and providing general assistance on show day.

There is *PLENTY* of Show Car parking and a lot of trees for a shady spot for your chairs.

The entry fee is \$25 which will benefit the school’s Girls Basketball Team.

Even though this isn’t a Club show, they would *REALLY* appreciate any help our folks can provide. If you’d like to give them a hand, please let Rick or Paul know.

Make your plans to attend and pass the word on to all your friends!

A “Double Play” for Our September Events!

We *RARELY* plan two shows in a month, but this year is an exception. We’d already planned our September 21st ‘Santa Cop’ show when our friends at Gwinnett PD called wanting us to do the car show part of their Public Safety Festival at Coolray Field on September 7th.

We polled our members, who said they really wanted to do Coolray and can make both shows happen.

Cool Cars
At
Coolray Field



Saturday, September 7th

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

2500 Buford Dr ♦ Lawrenceville, GA 30043

After missing out on this show for a few years (COVID & Scheduling conflicts), we are **BACK!**

This is part of the Gwinnett Public Safety Festival, so LOTS of spectators and LOTS of parking spaces for show cars, so let’s all get busy helping to get the word out! Vendor spaces are available. *More info in the September Cool*



SANTA COP *Cruise-in*
Saturday, September 21st

11:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Handy Hardware ♦ Tucker, GA 30084

Our second stop at Handy Ace for 2024 and let’s make this one a DRY one! This show is for a great cause, helping local underprivileged kids have a better Christmas with a shopping trip escorted by a local Police Officer. *We are up against several other large local shows, so let’s get the word out and fill the parking lot!*



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Some of the Charities We Support

	<p>Shop With A Cop</p> 		 <p>Raising funds for Georgia Breast Cancer Programs</p>
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