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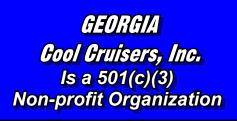
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Welcome New Members: Mitch & Alicia Sheppard

**Jerry McCullough** 

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# **2025 Hot Rods at Hayes Winners**



BEST CLASSIC: Nick Webb, 1976 Ford Bronco

#### **BEST MODERN:**

Heath Barrett, 2007 Ford Shelby GT

#### <u>TOP 25</u>:

Alex Ilyayev, 1954 Packard Caribbean Michael Fraser, 1970 Chevrolet Chevelle \*Alan "Dr. Z" Ziglin, 1969 Pontiac Grand Prix Jody Reed, 1967 Chevrolet C-10 \*Andy Sarratt, 1965 Chevrolet Corvette coupe Tony Hicks, 1966 Ford F-100 Gary Hickman, 1966 Pontiac Tempest Jacob Free, 1960 Chevrolet C-10 Barry "Free Bird" Bird, 2019 Dodge Challenger Scat Ted Moon, 1955 Chevrolet Bel Air \*Jerry McCullough, 1973 Dodge Dart Sport 340 James Adams, 1959 Chevrolet Corvette Steve Loudermilk, 1970 Oldsmobile 442 Cathy Slaton, 1955 Chevrolet Bel Air \*Jim Gowin, 1968 Dodge Dart HEMI Rick Whiting, 1952 Chevrolet truck Jason Chambers, 1967 Chevrolet Chevelle Leslie Woodson, 1992 Chevrolet Camaro RS Robert Free, 1967 Chevrolet Chevelle Robin Moon, 1955 Chevrolet truck Jimmy Bryson, 1967 Chevrolet Chevelle SS Joyce Knight, 2011 Dodge Challenger Sue King, 1969 Ford Mustang Mach 1 Jason Hare, 1969 Chevrolet Chevelle Hoyt Dodd, 1931 Ford pickup

> Radio Station WCON's Favorite: Scott Aycock, 2022 Dodge Challenger

Coolest Cruiser (Club Award): Walter Reese, 1965 Ford Econoline truck

\* Denotes GCC Club Member

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# 2025 Club Shows & Events



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 Fundraiser for Gwinnett Humane Society



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

Saturday, May 24th 11:00 am - 3:00 pm Handy Ace Hardware 3969 Lawrenceville Hwy. Tucker, GA 30084 Benefit for the Georgia Chapter of the USO

#### **Our Rain Date Policy:**

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

Always Check our Facebook page for the latest updates.





#### **Cool Cruiser Day at the Tucker Main Street Cruise-in** Saturday, June 14th 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

ON Main Street, Tucker, GA 30084 This is NOT a Cool Cruiser event but we are the June "Big Block" sponsor and will have special parking at the Cruise-in



Smoke Rise - Fall Show Saturday, September 6th 11:00 am - 3:00 pm Smoke Rise Baptist Church 5901 Hugh Howell Rd. Stone Mountain, GA 30087 Rain Date: Saturday, September 20



Cool Cars at Briscoe Park FALL 2025 SHOW Saturday, November 8th 11:00 am - 3:00 pm Snellville's Briscoe Park 2500 Sawyer Parkway (off Lenora Church Road) Snellville, GA 30078







#### **March Charity Report**



Our charity for Hot Rods at Hayes in Baldwin was the Hot Rodders Children's Charity. We raised a

total of **\$3,900** between entry donations, a very sizable 50/50 raffle.

We are extremely proud of this amount, being one of our largest collections in Club history.

This money will be used to purchase child safety seats for parents that cannot afford them. They also provide training for the proper installation and use of car seats.

Our thanks to everyone that donated!

#### **Prayers for Rick**

Due to some ongoing health challenges, Rick is having to be conservative with his physical activities.

We are still committed to the events that we have scheduled but Rick will unable to physically help with show setup and tear down; we will also need someone to help walk the show field and take photos.

We appreciate the amazing volunteers that show up to every event but we are asking for more Club members to step up to help as Rick scales back, so that we don't wear out our A-team.

Please contact our Volunteer Coordinator, **Paul Benahm**, at 404-358-0075 or **paul.benham@live.com** if you can help.

#### **New Show for September!**

We still have a lot of holes in our schedule after the USO show in May. We have filled in one more "piece of the puzzle" with a second date at **Smoke Rise Baptist**. The show date is **Saturday, September 6th** with a rain date two weeks later (so we don't compete with Tucker Main Street Cruise-in on the 13th).

We have not selected a charity for this show as of yet. We are taking suggestions for a great local "grass roots" charity to support.

As of press-time, there is still no updates on either of the shows at the Pink Pony.

#### **Other (non-GCC) Shows of Interest**

Here are some local, non-Cool Cruiser shows of interest:

Summit Racing, 20 King Mill Rd, McDonough Monday Night Cruise-ins / 6:00 - 8:00 pm Open to ALL Years-Makes-Models APRIL DATES & Featured Vehicles: April 7 - Summit Employees vehicles April 14 - High School & College night April 21 - Chevrolet vehicles April 28 - Ford, Lincoln, Mercury vehicles

> Saturday, April 5, 9am - 2pm HOT RODS for HONDURAS Corinth Christian Church 1635 Hwy 81, Loganville, GA 30052

Saturday, April 12, 10am - 1pm TUCKER MAIN STREET CRUISE-IN ON Main Street in Downtown Tucker Awards - Food - Entry Fee: \$5

Saturday, May 3rd, 11am to 3 pm VFW SPRI OPEN CAR SHOW

Dunwoody Village Shopping Center 1317 Dunwoody Village Pkwy, Dunwoody Popular Choice Awards, Entry Fee \$25 Rain Date: May 17 Organized by Club member **Tom Ariai** 

### **Cool Club Gear for the Spring!**

For the Spring, we offer a light weight windbreaker (\$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 a heavier weight 3-season jacket, embroidered the same as the windbreaker (\$95 & \$100).

Cool dry polo shirts, club logo embroid-ered on left chest (\$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 & 3X),* We always have our Club T's available at all club shows for \$18 (\$20 for 2XL & 3XL).

## A Bright Sunny Day Brings Out a Record Number . . . An AMAZING Show Day at Hot Rods at Hayes in Baldwin

We ALWAYS get a nice group of show cars when we do our annual show at the Hayes Family Dealerships in Baldwin, we even had a SUNNY (although chilly and breezy) forecast, but with a lot of other shows going on we were NOT expecting a RECORD number! The show cars started rolling in early and kept coming all day! At one point it looked like Highway 365 in front of the dealership was closed and ALL traffic was being rerouted into our show area!

When we closed down registration, we had 181 show cars registered and probably 20-30 more that were in the show area but didn't bother to sign up. It was a truly great event with music by local radion station WCON, free event T-shirts compliments of Hayes and burgers & BBQ by our very own Mike Perry and his crew.

The quantity of show cars wasn't the only thing we had, we had QUALITY and a huge variety with every think from antiques and classics to hot rods and modern muscle. With the large number of show cars, we were glad we added five more awards this year, but probably could have easily added ten! One of the hardest jobs was trying to pick the photos for this issue of "Cool Times!" Our thanks to Club members Billy Wright and Ronn Lippman for taking HUNDREDS of photos at the show. This is NOT an easy task!

Of course no show would be a success without our crew of volunteers. Although we didn't have enough for the crowd, we managed to make everything work with the help of several Clhb members that jumped in to assist with everything from parking to tearing apart 50/50 raffle tickets.

The proceeds from entry fees and the Club's half of the 50/50 raffle benefited the Hot Rodders Children's Charity, collecting a grand total of \$3,900!

A SPECIAL THANKS to the Hayes Family Dealerships for all they do to make this show!





# SHOT RODS in Baldwin 25







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See more, LOTS MORE photos on our Facebook page by Club members Billy Wright & Ronn Lippman!









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# Snellville, GA 30078



We go from an hour plus trip up north to a quick jaunt down Highway 78 east to Snellville for this month's show at Briscoe Park. This is the second year we will do both a Spring and Fall show at the Park! We will have a new charity for the Spring show, the Gwinnett Humane Society! They are planning on having some adoptable dogs and cats at the show, looking to go home with YOU, as their new "forever" home! Qur entry fees and raffle proceeds will benefit this group.

The Snellville Parks staff is hard at work lining up a variety of food vendors, crafts vendors and local community groups for our enjoyment. If you would like to be a vendor on show day, please contact Megan at Briscoe Park (770-987-3532) for more info.

The park is conveniently located directly off Lenora Church Road, just a shirt distance from Hwy 78 and 124. Please us the MAIN park entrance (the rock entry sign) and follow the directional signs to the show area. There e plenty of show car and spectator parking spaces available.

We will have our usual Best Classic, Best Modern and Top 20 popular choice awards along with a variety of speical awards.

Our thanks to our show sponsor, Streetside Classics. They will be on hand at the show to take care of your Collector Car needs! *Please make your plans to attend, and bring a friend or two!* 



Saturday, May 24TH 11:00 am - 3:00 pm Handy Ace Hardware 3969 Lawrenceville Highway Tucker, GA 30084

We will wrap up the first part of our 2025 schedule at one of our favorite venues (yes, we have a LOT of favorites), Handy Ace Hardware in Tucker. We will celebrate Memorial weekend by supporting our active military through the Georgia Chapter of the USO.

This show will feature our "usual" show format with popular choice awards (Best Classic, Best Modern and Top 20), burgers and hot dogs by Mike Perry, a 50/50 raffle, great oldies and a bunch of dor prizes. Gateway Classic Cars has signed on as our show sponsor and will be on hand to select their favorite show car for the "Sponsor's Award." Our host, Handy Ace Hardware, always comes up with some really nice door prizes.

The Tucker Lions Club has asked for a vendor spot to sell their world famous brooms as a fundraiser and will also be collecting your old eyeglasses for their "Lions Recycle For Sight Program." Sounds like a GREAT event, doesn't it? Make your plans to join us!

