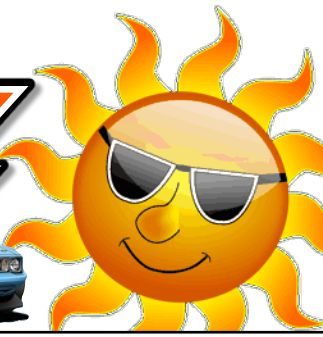


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2024 **HOT RODS** at **HAYES** of Baldwin



Saturday, March 23rd

10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Hayes Dealerships of Baldwin

3660 State Hwy 365

Baldwin, GA 30511

Briscoe Park - Spring Show

Saturday, April 20th

Briscoe Park in Snellville, GA



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*Welcome to Our
New Member*
Maria Koulouris

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Sweetheart Cruise-in Winners

BEST CLASSIC:

Bernie Zeh, 1970 Chevrolet Chevelle

BEST MODERN:

*Leigh Fragnoli, 2024 Aston-Martin DBR

TOP 25:

Charles Deans, 1970 Chevrolet Chevelle SS

*David Sewell, 1955 Chevrolet Bel Air

Jerry Miller, 1954 Chevrolet 3100

*Alan & Rochelle Ziglin, 1972 Buick Riviera

"King X" Andrews, 1957 Chevrolet Cameo

*Ken & Susan Miller, 2005 Ford Mustang GT

Bill Morris, 1931 Ford pick-up

Finley Saxon, 1932 Ford 3-window coupe

Coley Jones, 1971 Dodge Dart Swinger

Will Wullenjohn, 2010 Chevrolet Camaro SS

*Andy & Karen Galt, 1964 Datsun L 320 truck

Scott Buehler, 1967 Ford F-100

Nick Stambo, 2020 Chevrolet Camaro LT1

Grayson Hughes, 1986 Ford Bronco II

Darrell Watson, 1971 Chevrolet Camaro RS

Solveig Evans, 1970 Plymouth Duster

Jim Clark, 1969 Chevrolet Chevelle

Daniel & Susan Clark, 1966 Dodge Dart GT

*Andy Sarratt, 1962 Chevrolet Bel Air

Ed Traverso, 1966 Ford Mustang

Carlton Rose, 1961 Chevrolet "Bubble-top"

Billy Fox, 1966 Chevrolet Impala SS

Tyler Moon, 1967 Pontiac Firebird

Kevin Evans, 1964 Ford Falcon

*Theresa Leach, 1966 Mustang

Host's Favorite (Gateway Classic Cars):

Eric Kushner, 1970 Plymouth Barracuda Grand Coupe

Sponsor's Award (Fraggie Enterprises):

Terry Mell, 1967 Plymouth Barracuda

The PINK Pick (Breast Cancer Charity):

Ted Moon, 1955 Chevrolet truck

Coolest Cruiser (Club's Award):

James Wallace, 1957 Chevrolet Bel Air

* Denotes GCC Club Member

Group Photo of Winners - pg 9

2024 Club Shows & Events



Hot Rods at Hayes of Baldwin

Saturday, March 23rd

10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Hayes Family Dealerships

3660 State Hwy 365

Baldwin, GA 30511

Fundraiser for Hot Rodders Children's Charity

Cool Cars at Briscoe Park

SPRING SHOW

Saturday, April 20th

11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Snellville's Briscoe Park

2500 Sawyer Parkway (off Lenora Church Rd)

Snellville, GA 30078

Fundraiser for VFW (Veterans of Foreign Wars)

USO Benefit Car Show

Saturday, May 25th

11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Handy Ace Hardware

3969 Lawrenceville Highway

Tucker, GA 30084

Horsepower at the Pony

Saturday, July 20th

Noon - 4:00 pm

The Pink Pony

1837 Corporate Boulevard NE

Brookhaven, GA 30329

Fundraiser for Animal Rescues

NOTE: All dates and times are subject to change. Check our website or Facebook page for updates. RAIN DATES: One week after the original date.



"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 for under



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

FEBRUARY CHARITY REPORT:

As in past years, our February Sweetheart Cruise-in benefits the fight against Breast Cancer. Despite the “questionable” weather forecast that kept our number of Show Cars down by probably a third, we did well at the donation bowl.

Our final total was **\$2,300!** This figure was from entry donations, the 50/50 raffle and the Silent Auction. The auction did not see much action, but we managed to sell \$120 worth of “stuff.”

Our thanks to the 50/50 raffle winner for donating a large portion of his winnings back!

By the way, we beat our total from last year’s Sweetheart Cruise-in by \$50!

Thanks to all that attended and donated!

Our Thanks to Leigh & Dr. Z!

Thanks to Leigh Fragnoli (Fraggie Enterprises) and Alan “Dr. Z” Ziglin for their generous sponsorship contributions!

Our June Club Event

What June event you ask, nothing on our schedule for June! We are planning a repeat of last year’s “Cool Cruisers at the Tucker Main Street Cruise-in” for Saturday, June 8th.

Once again the Cool Cruisers will be the show’s “Big Block” sponsor (coming out of Rick’s pocket, NOT the Club’s funds).

Look for more details in the coming months. We will look at some additional activities, such as meeting for a meal or a museum tour.

In Our Prayers . . .

Old Hickory House founder **George Jackson** recently passed away at the age of 97. George has always been a fixture at the Northlake location, greeting all the regulars.

Hickory House hosted our very first Sweetheart Cruise-in, fulfilling one of George’s dream of having a car show at his restaurant. The first show was a huge success with over 150 cars packing the shopping center’s lot. We held three shows there until redevelopment replaced much of the shopping center with apartments.

Our Newest A-Team Member

We were pleasantly surprised to see one of our new Club members, **Wade Williams**, show up at the Sweetheart Cruise-in early, ready to help! Wade helped set-up and then took control of the very challenging job of getting all the show cars parked!

Our thanks to Wade, and we are looking forward to seeing him at a *LOT* of future shows!

We also have a couple of volunteers for “Trailer Duty.” Don Brock and Paul Benham have stepped-up to help out in this much needed area.

Jack Gilleland has offered to pull the trailer to the Hayes show in Baldwin. This will definitely make life easier, not having to cram all the needed items in Rick’s Challenger!

Thanks to *ALL* our *AMAZING* Volunteers! You too can join this elite group! Just let Paul Benham know you want to help us.

Auto Island Car Show Friday, March 15th



Last month we told you about member Steve Freeman’s new business venture in Hilton Head, SC. Steve is planning an Open Car Show (yes, we are helping with the show plans) as part of the grand opening festivities!

He has invited all the Cool Cruisers to attend and has reserved a block of rooms at the nearby Holiday Inn at a discounted rate.

The show will feature Participants and Spectators Choice Awards, Food Trucks, Music and more. Rick and Sharon are planning on attending and would like some of our Club members to join us.

Here are the details: Friday, March 15th, ribbon cutting at 3:15 pm, with the car show from 4:00 - 7:00 pm.

Auto Island is located at 3095 Soperton Drive, #204, Bluffton, SC 29910, (843) 989-8104.

The host hotel is Holiday Inn Express & Suites, 35 Bluffton Road, Bluffton, SC 29910. Reservations: 888-465-4329.

This sounds like a fun “Road Trip” car show! Please let Rick know if you are planning to attend!

We Overcame the Challenges for a "Sweet" Result!

Our 10th Annual "I'm SICK of Winter" Sweetheart Cruise-in

We're "tickled pink" with the results of our 10th Annual "I'm Sick of Winter Sweetheart Cruise-In" but we definitely had some challenges to overcome.

We're used to dealing with the weather forecast challenges. Mother Nature likes to stress us out the week before the event with a questionable forecast and daily changes that keep us guessing as to whether we should make a go of it or use our rain/snow date. We were lucky that the forecast improved significantly late in the week to make it a "go."

We had a BIG surprise when we showed up at Gateway on show day only to discover construction taking up the middle of the show field. When Rick and Sharon did "recon" the month before, that construction wasn't there. Rick spoke to the staff at Gateway during the week to find out if they wanted to hold the show out front or in the back and they decided on the front...but they didn't tell us about the parking lot construction.

As always, our Club A-Team did a fantastic job of making it work. The temperature was pleasant and we only had one unexpected brief rain shower. We had a great turnout and it was wonderful to see some old friends. Mike Perry's Hot Rod Grill kept everyone fed. The registration ladies would like to thank Thad Barnes for the gift of premium chocolate (yes, we will "work for food"). We had a charity auction with some items left over from the rain-shortened Toys for Tots Show and Justin kept the kids entertained with Hot Wheels Racing.

We registered 90 cars but had closer to 110 cars in the show field. Between donations, 50/50 (the winner donated most of the winnings back!) and charity auction, we raised \$2,300 to fund the fight against breast cancer here in Georgia. Thank you so much to our volunteers, participants and spectators for an amazing show! *See page 9 for the show winners.*





Sweetheart Cruise-in





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Our Show Winners



Want to see even more photos?

Check out our Facebook page for Photos from Club members Ronn Lippman, Billy Wright and Kevin Cunningham.



About Our Club's Charities

We thought that you would like to know more about some of the Charities we support. Here is the 4-1-1 on our March charity, the HRCC.

The HOT RODDERS CHILDREN'S CHARITY



Since its inception, the Hot Rodders Children's Charity has been driven by one goal – improving the lives of children by helping provide the tools necessary for a safe and secure future. These tools can be as simple as warm clothing in the winter time, to the more complex such as helping promote and providing resources for research into childhood diseases such as cancer and Progeria. Often, however, it is information and education that prove to be the most useful tool of all.

Recently, the HRCC implemented a program where, in partnership with recognized state-funded or other suitable organizations, expectant mothers are provided with new car seats for their children. To qualify for a car seat from the HRCC, the mother-to-be has to meet certain criteria as set forth by the partnering organization. While specific details may change from one group to the next, in all cases these criteria include the expectant mother successfully completing courses on motherhood and infant care. The information in these courses can be critical in providing a safe and healthy start for newborns, particularly when the new mothers lack a traditional familial support network.

Providing new mothers with new, modern car seats helps ensure children are safe during travel, and helps alleviate one of many expenses incurred by a new parent directly after childbirth. But more importantly, the information provided on the proper care of the newborn child is invaluable for the long-term safety and security of the new family as a whole.

The Hot Rodders Children's Charity is actively seeking partner organizations for the Car Seat Program. If your organization works with disadvantaged expectant mothers and has a program in place to provide mentoring and support to them, please take a moment to consider becoming involved in the HRCC Car Seat Program. Through our combined efforts, we can make a difference by providing needed equipment and many of the life skills necessary for a safe and healthy childhood.

The Hot Rodders Children's Charity is a certified non-profit 501c3 agency.

"COOL" Club Gear! Get Ready for Car Show Season!



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 wind-breaker (\$95 & \$100).

Cool dry polo shirts, club logo embroidered 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)



\$18 (S-XL) &
\$20 (2X & 3X).
T-shirts available
at all Club events

March & April Club Shows

HOT RODS at HAYES of Baldwin, GA

Saturday, March 23rd ♦ 10 am - 2 pm

3660 State Highway 365 ♦ Baldwin, GA 30511



If you have never made the trip north to our Hot Rods at Hayes show, you should make your plans to go this year! This will be the 15th show at Hayes, yes 15! Rick started this and Toys for Tots shows *BEFORE* he started the Cool Cruisers, and brought both shows with him.

The Hayes of Baldwin show attracts a lot of *QUALITY* show cars and trucks you rarely see in the metro area. It is *ALWAYS* a lot of *FUN!* Hayes provides a *FREE* event T-shirt to all registered show cars (limit one per show car, as supplies last). Music & announcements are done by a local radio station, either "My Country 99.3" or "106.7 the Breeze" (Sister stations). Year One has donated a \$250 gift certificate that we will raffle off (tickets are \$2 ea or 3 for \$5).

We twisted Mike Perry's arm a bit and he's agreed to come up and do his famous Burgers, Hot Dogs & BBQ sandwiches for us! As always we will have our Popular Choice Awards: Best Classic, Best Modern and Top 20. We never know what special activities the Hayes Team will come up with, so maybe a surprise or two will be in store for us.

You may want to incorporate a side trip to Helen, Unicoi State Park or Jaemor Farms while you are up this way. It is an easy drive, about one hour from I-285 and I-85 North to I-985 and continue on State Hwy 365 to Baldwin.

Please note the earlier than normal start time of 10:00 am. Our Rain Date is March 30th.

The \$20 entry donation and raffle proceeds will benefit the Hot Rodders Children's Charity.

Cool Cars at Briscoe Park

– SPRING SHOW –

Saturday, April 20th ♦ 11 am - 3 pm

2500 Sawyer Pkwy ♦ Snellville, GA 30078



Everyone knows what *GREAT* shows we always have at Snellville's Briscoe Park, so when our very successful show at Snellville United Methodist decided not to repeat this year, Briscoe was a no-brainer replacement! The Briscoe Park staff have wanted a second show for a while, so we picked a date and set it in stone as an annual event!

Next was to pick a charity . . . The VFW has been asking about the Cool Cruisers either doing a show for them, or helping them do their own show. We discussed this with the Parks & Recreation staff and decided to make the VFW the benefactor of the show proceeds. These funds will be used to assist Veterans here in Georgia.

The Briscoe staff will line up a variety of food trucks plus they are working on better signage to help newbies find the show area (yes, we listen to your concerns). They have also developed an excellent plan for a larger number of show cars, so everything is on target for another great show!

Make your plans to attend, and pass the word to your car buds!

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Some of the Charities We Support

	<p>SANTA COP <i>and</i> Shop With A Cop</p> 		<p>GEORGIA ALLIANCE FOR BREAST CANCER Raising funds for Georgia Breast Cancer Programs</p>
<p>Atlanta Animal Rescue Friends</p> 	<p>VFW VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.</p>	<p> Choose Life for Georgia's Pets!</p>	<p>HOT RODDERS CHILDREN'S CHARITY</p> 