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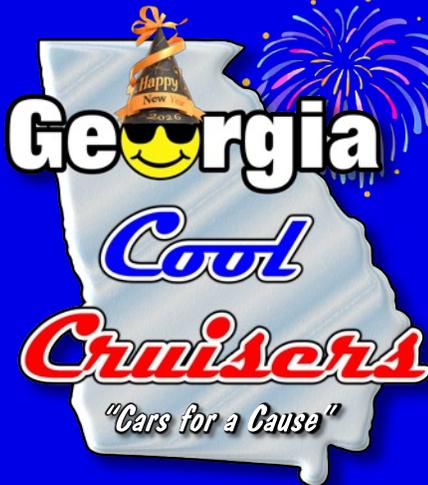


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Cool Cruisers, Inc.

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Cool Cruisers

Club Lunch & Get-Together



Saturday, January 17TH ◆ Noon

Dugan's Restaurant & Sports Bar

NORTHLAKE MALL

4800 Briarcliff Road ◆ Atlanta, GA 30345

Coming in February . . .

Sweetheart Cruise-in

Saturday,

February 14TH



Smoke Rise Baptist

Stone Mountain/Tucker

www.GeorgiaCoolCruisers.org

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 facebook.



**Welcome New
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Nancy & Hugh
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TOYS for TOTS Cruise-in Winners



BEST CLASSIC:

Jim Keller, 1941 Packard Rollson Badger

BEST MODERN:

Stephen Holbrook, 2002 Chevrolet S-10 Extreme

TOP 20:

Steve Brock, 1957 Chevrolet 2-door Handyman Wagon

*Alan & Rochelle Ziglin, 1969 Pontiac Grand Prix

Charles Dean, 1967 Chevrolet Chevelle SS

*Pam Piercy, 1965 Cadillac Eldorado convertible

*Andy Sarratt, 1973 Chevrolet Camaro Z28/RS

Phillip Lee, 1967 Plymouth Barracuda

*Sarah Fragnoli, 1965 Rolls Royce Silver Cloud 3

Justin Simms, 1983 Delorean DMC-12

*Troy Reeves, 1982 Auburn 898A

*Karen O'Neal, 2023 Dodge Challenger R/T

*Jack Gilleland, 1939 Chevrolet ½ ton truck Rat Rod

Joe Fotschky, 1969 Oldsmobile Hurst Olds

*Alex Ilyayev, 1953 Ford Sunliner

Kym Vrooman, 1962 Austin Mini Traveler

*Ken & Susan Miller, 1969 Mercury Cougar

Shawn Stone, 1963 Pontiac Catalina

*Jim Marianetti, 1969 Chevrolet Camaro

Chris Christopherson, 1952 Packard 250 convertible

*Paul Benham, 2003 Mercury Marauder

*Steven McKeague, 2015 Ford Roush Mustang

Handy Hardware's Pick (Host's Favorite):

Bob Gilmore, 1970 Dodge Challenger

Coollest Cruiser (Club Award):

Roger Gilmore, 1968 International Scout 800

USMC's Finest:

*Mitch Sheppard, 1963 Chevrolet Corvette "Split window"

Sponsor's Award (Susan & Ken Miller):

Ken & Lorraine Johanson, 1931 Ford truck

Sponsor's Award (Quest One Aerospace):

*Joe Leach, 1977 Chevrolet Camaro

Sponsor's Award (Hayes Family Dealerships):

Brian Dickson, 1970 Dodge Super Bee

* Denotes GCC Club Member

2026 Club Shows & Events



Cool Cruisers Club Lunch

Saturday, January 17th
Noon till ?

Dugan's Restaurant & Sports Bar
NORTHLAKE MALL
4800 Briarcliff Road
Tucker, GA 30084
♦ Lunch ♦ Social time
♦ Recognition of our 2025 A-Team



The 12th Annual "I'm SICK of WINTER"

Sweetheart Cruise-in '26

Saturday, February 14th
11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Smoke Rise Baptist Church
5901 Hugh Howell Road
Stone Mountain/Tucker, GA 30087
*Fundraiser to support the
Fight Against Breast Cancer
Sponsored by Streetside Classics*



Our Rain Date Policy:

Rain Dates are 1 week
after the original show date,
unless otherwise noted.
Always check our Facebook page or
Website for the latest updates!



Hot Rods at Hayes of Baldwin

Saturday, March 21st
10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Hayes Family Dealerships
3660 State Hwy 365
Baldwin, GA 30511

Cool Cars at Briscoe Park

- *Spring 2026 Show* -

Saturday, April 25th
11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Snellville's Briscoe Park
2500 Sawyer Parkway
(off Lenora Church Road)
Snellville, GA 30078

USO Benefit Car Show

Saturday, May 23rd
11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Handy Ace Hardware
3969 Lawrenceville Hwy.
Tucker, GA 30084

Other 2026 Show Dates

Other events we are planning for '26:

- Cool Cruiser day at Tucker Cruise-in
- September 5th at Smoke Rise Baptist
 - Halloween show at the Pony
 - November 14th at Briscoe Park
- Toys for Tots at Handy Ace Hardware
- *Still looking for a June, July or August show location. The Tucker Cruise-in will take one of these dates.*



CLUB NEWS & UPDATES

Charity Report for December



Our 18th Annual Toys for Tots Cruise-in turned out to be a very good one, in spite of the cold and gray day.

We collected both toys and cash, with the cash to be used by our retired Marines to purchase more toys to fill in any gaps.

Our cash total was an **AMAZING \$4,000!** This was from entry donations, 50/50 & Year One raffle proceeds, donations from Club members and a \$1,000 donation from **George Gilbert & Quest One Aerospace**. The Club added another \$500 to make it a nice total of \$4,000!

We also collected 217 toys with an estimated value of **\$4,150**.

A VERY GOOD event for sure! **Our thanks for everyone that donated!**

A BIG Thank You to Our 2026 Sponsors & Supporters!

As we begin the new year, we've already received sponsorships from several of our Club members.

Our Thanks to **Leigh Fragnoli & Fraggie Enterprises** (Triple Diamond level), **Ken & Susan Miller** (Diamond level) and **Phil Hutchinson** (Gold level).

We are able to continue our policy of giving 100% of the show proceeds to charity because of all of our generous sponsors and supporters!

Sweetheart Cruise-in Sponsor



We are pleased to announce that **Streetside Classics** has signed up to sponsor our February 14th "I'm SICK of Winter" Sweetheart Cruise-in at Smoke Rise Baptist Church.

They will be selecting their favorite show car for the "Sponsor's Award." Please make your plans to attend!

New Order of Club Caps!

Our supply of Club caps has been pretty slim for a while, with very few colors from which to select. Good news: we have placed an order and will have them right after the holidays!

The new caps will be available at the Sweetheart Cruise-in and possibly for the Club Lunch in January. The cost, like with everything else, will go up to \$25.

Join the "A-Team" in 2026!

Our Club is only as good as our members and our Volunteers. We currently have some very **AMAZING** volunteers that make our shows run extremely efficiently.

The BAD news is that we just don't have enough at times. Some shows require more staffing, such as when we have an auction or t-shirts and especially when the show car parking is "difficult."

We need **YOU** to become part of our A-Team. There are a variety of "needs," especially in parking, registration and tear down. We would like to have enough so our volunteers can get a break for lunch and also have a chance to look at all the show cars.

We are always happy to give you some on-the-job training. Please contact **Paul Benhan** if you would like to join the "Elite" group.

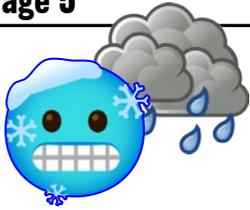
Paul's contact information can be found on page 2. *Thanks in advance!*

Our Membership Roll

We have A LOT of names on our membership list, and some that we've not seen in quite a while plus a lot that have not renewed their membership in a long time.

We don't mind sharing our info with anyone, but we don't want to fill up their email with stuff they are no longer interested in. If you fall into this category, please drop us an email and your name will be removed.

If you still enjoy being a Club member but haven't renewed your membership, please consider doing so. Membership renewals are only \$30 to receive your newsletter via email and \$40 for printed copy via USPS.



A CHILLY and CLOUDY Day for Our Toys for Tots Show

Once Again We Battle Mother Nature!

Everyone we know is a huge fan of our Toys for Tots show.....except for Mother Nature! It feels as if we fight the forecast for this Show every year. We try NOT to rain-date this Show because it delays getting the toys/cash to the Marines in time for distribution to families in need. While we didn't get any rain at the Show, cloudy skies and rain in other areas did impact our attendance. We still registered more than 70 cars and collected an amazing number of toys. We collected \$4,000 in cash and 217 toys with an estimated value of \$4,150!

As always, our awesome volunteers made quick work of setting up for the Show. The Marines set up their trailer to collect toys while the local Lions Club set up a booth to sell nuts. Mike Perry and his crew served up hot food and hot chocolate to keep the crowd fed and happy. Car show participants and spectators alike brought generous donations and bags of toys.

We had a record number of Sponsors for this Show which allowed us to give out over 200 Show t-shirts. One of our new Platinum Sponsors made a second donation after the Show to push the cash total even higher. Our great Host, Handy Ace Hardware, continued to collect toys after the Show, that helped make our count higher.

We gave out awards for Best Classic, Best Modern, Top 20 and specialty awards for Handy Ace favorite, Coolest Cruiser, Marines pick, and Sponsor picks from Hayes Family Dealerships, Ken & Susan Miller and Quest One. *Please see page 2 for a list of all our Toys for Tots show winners.*

This show wraps up our 2025 schedule, but never fear, we kick off 2026 shows on February 14th with our Sweetheart Cruise-in!





Toys FOR Tots Cruise-in



 **Toys FOR Tots Cruise-in**





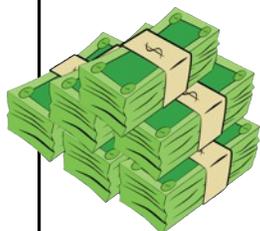
Toys FOR Tots Cruise-in



Toys FOR Tots Cruise-in



Some of our "A-Team" members posing with the Marines and the Toy Donations



Our 2025 Charity Contributions

We had another great year supporting our charities!

Here is the breakdown for each show:

FEBRUARY – Sweetheart Cruise-in @ Smoke Rise Baptist
Breast Cancer - \$1,750

MARCH – Hot Rods at Hayes, Baldwin
Hot Rodders Children’s Charity – \$3,900

APRIL – Cool Cars at Briscoe Park, Snellville
Gwinnett Humane Society – \$2,000

MAY – USO Benefit at Handy Ace Hardware, Tucker
USO Georgia - \$2,675

JULY – Cruise-in at the Varsity Gwinnett, Norcross
Gwinnett Humane Society - \$1,085

SEPTEMBER – Cool Cars in Smoke Rise, Stone Mountain
Lilburn Cooperative Ministry - \$1,432

OCTOBER – Cool Cars & Costumes at the Pony, Brookhaven
Breast Cancer - \$3,300

NOVEMBER – Cool Cars at Briscoe Park, Snellville
Snellville Police Department’s “Shop With A Cop” - \$2,700

DECEMBER – Toys for Tots Cruise-in, Handy Hardware, Tucker
Toys for Tots - \$4,000 cash, 217 toys (estimated value \$4,150)

Our Grand Total for 2025: \$26,992.00



Deciding to Rain Delay or Proceed with a Show . . .

Over the past couple of years we’ve had *MORE* than our share of show day weather issues to deal with. We stress over the forecast starting at least a week before our shows and check weather.com no less than a dozen times a day! As everyone knows, the forecast can change day-to-day and even hour-to-hour.

We start getting calls and messages early in the week of the show asking if we are going to delay the show. We **DO NOT** make a call for weather that early, but **YES** we are making plans **IN CASE** we do. We generally don’t make a final decision until mid-day on Friday, and only if there is a very high probability of rain.

There are a lot of factors in delaying a show, such as the weather forecast for our rain date, the availability of our volunteers and our food vendor. If we make the decision to delay, then the fun begins . . . We have to get the word out! Our S.O.P. is to **A.)** Update our Website, **B.)** Email all our members, **C.)** Post on Facebook and share with all related pages and **D.)** Call all our volunteers and vendors. Then we watch the weather and hope we made the right call. Sometimes we do, sometimes the wet forecast changes at the last minute to a dry one.

Rest assured, we do our best to make the correct decision. Our sincere thanks for your understating, support and assistance!

Cool Cruisers CLUB LUNCH & GET-TOGETHER

Saturday, January 17TH

NOON - Till ??

Dugan's Sports Bar & Restaurant

NORTHLAKE MALL

4800 Briarcliff Road, Atlanta, GA 30345



January is usually too cold for a car show, even for us! We still want to do a Club event, but in a climate controlled environment. Let's throw in a healthy portion of good food and good friends while we are planning! We've managed to put all these elements together for our 2026 kick-off event, a Club lunch, get-together and recognition of our A-Team members and top sponsors.

Finding a place to do this is no small task, but we have found a good solution . . . Dugan's Sports Bar & Restaurant at Northlake Mall in Tucker. They have a very nice large enclosed (heated) patio, if the weather is not too chilly, or an inside area if it's too cold outside.

Dugan's features an extensive menu with wings, burgers, cheese steaks, salads, tacos and a lot more (see their full menu at DugansBar.com), at very reasonable prices, We can order off their regular menu, so no "special" menus with high prices and limited selections.

This is an informal get-together, so friends (perspective Club members :) and family are welcome to join us. We do need you to let us know if you are planning to attend so we can let their management know how to staff. Please let Rick know via email or text. Please wear your Club name badge!

This is a B.Y.O.B. Party . . . Buy Your Own Burger (or anything else).

Although this is NOT a formal Club meeting, you are always welcome to share your ideas and suggestions. Hope to see you there!

Sweetheart Cruise-in '26

Saturday, February 14TH

11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Smoke Rise Baptist Church

5901 Hugh Howell Road

Stone Mountain/Tucker, GA 30087



Are you SICK of WINTER? It's been a long time since our last show, but never fear, we have the "fix," our 12th annual "Sweetheart Cruise-in" on Valentine's Day, February 14th. We will return to Smoke Rise Baptist Church with hopes of filling up the parking lot to capacity! This event will support the fight against Breast Cancer in Georgia.

We will have our usual array of awards and Mike Perry has signed on to cook his famous burgers and hot dogs for us.

We are also looking for additional vendors with Valentine themed products, just in case anyone forgets their sweetie. Please make your plans to attend and help us spread the word!

Our Sponsors & Supporters

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| <p>Diamond Sponsor </p>  | <p>Triple Diamond Sponsor   </p>  | <p>Triple Diamond Sponsor   </p>  | <p>Diamond Sponsor </p>  |
| <p></p>  | <p></p> <p>The HUTCHINSON FAMILY</p> | <p>Diamond Sponsor </p> <p>Denny Williams MOTOR SPORTS</p> | <p>Diamond Sponsor </p>  |
| <p>Double Diamond Sponsor  </p> <p>Ken & Susan MILLER</p> | <p></p> <p>KAREN O'NEAL</p> |  | <p>Lawrenceville - Oakwood - Baldwin</p> <p> FAMILY DEALERSHIPS</p> <p>Chrysler - Dodge - Jeep - Ram Chevrolet - Buick - Cadillac - GMC</p> |
|  | <p></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>I-VAN International Vehicle Appraisal Network 770-883-0160</p> | <p>Sharon K. Ellis OPTOMETRIST Loganville Eyecare</p> | <p>Mike Perry Tucker Welding & Fabrication</p> | <p>Decatur Estate VINTAGE MARKET DecaturEstateAntiques.com</p> |
| <p> Andy SARRATT</p> | <p>Bill & Leigh Whatley TURN ONE CLASSIC CARS Classic & Muscle</p> | <p> Northlake Mall Tucker, GA</p> | <p>Residential  Remodeling TIM LEACH CONSTRUCTION</p> |

Some of the Charities We Support

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|  | <p>Shop With A Cop </p> |  | <p>GEORGIA ALLIANCE FOR BREAST CANCER Raising funds for Georgia Breast Cancer Programs</p> |
|  | <p>VFW VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS</p> | <p>LCM Lilburn Cooperative Ministry</p> | <p>HOT RODDERS CHILDREN'S CHARITY </p> |