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 for our exciting
 2024 Events!

Sweetheart Cruise-in

Saturday, February 10th
 Gateway Classic Cars
 in Cumming, GA



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*Welcome to Our
New Members*

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Toys for Tots Cruise-in Winners



BEST CLASSIC:

*David Sewell, 1955 Chevrolet BelAir

BEST MODERN:

Nick Stambo, 2022 Chevrolet Camaro LT1

TOP 20:

*Andy Sarratt, 1931 Ford Rat rod

*Justin Mooney, 1978 Pontic Phoenix LS

*Alan & Rochelle Ziglin, 1969 Pontiac Grand Prix

*Paul Benham, 2003 Mercury Marauder

Tim & Jean Rodrigo, 1972 Pontiac LeMans Sport

*Ken & Susan Miller, 2005 Ford Mustang GT

*Steven McKeague, 2015 Ford Roush Mustang

Mary & Lance Netland, 1967 Ford Mustang convertible

James Caldwell, 1963 Buick Riviera

Rick Horne, 1995 Chevrolet Silverado

*Don Brock, 1991 Dodge D-250 truck

Wyle Woodman, 1975 Chevrolet Camaro

Troy Reeves, 2002 Mercedes SLK 320

*Ron Hester, 1993 Chevrolet Silverado truck

Del Hunn, 2021 Chevrolet Camaro

*Joel Quartarone, 2004 Ford Thunderbird

Gus Gustafson, 1969 Plymouth Valiant

*Chuck Dalton, 2004 Ford Excursion

Piyus Kayasths, 1998 Volkswagen GTI VR6

*Sharon Ellis, 2020 Dodge Challenger GT

Marine's Finest:

*Pam Piercy, 1973 Dodge Charger SE

Santa's Favorite:

*Mike & Chris Bilello, 1964 Dodge Town Wagon

Coollest Cruiser (Club's Award):

*Roger Broderon, 1969 Ford Mustang fastback

* Denotes GCC Club Member

2024 Club Shows & Events



The "I'm SICK of Winter"

Sweetheart Cruise-in

Saturday, February 10th

11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Gateway Classic Cars

2705 Ronald Reagan Boulevard

Cumming, GA 30041

Fundraiser to help END Breast Cancer

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

VFW Benefit at Briscoe Park

Saturday, April 20th

11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Snellville's Briscoe Park

2500 Sawyer Parkway (off Lenora Church Rd)

Snellville, GA 30078

USO Benefit Car Show

Saturday, May 25th

11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Handy Ace Hardware

3969 Lawrenceville Highway

Tucker, GA 30084

*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.*



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

"SANTA COP" Cruise-in

Saturday, September 21st

11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Handy Ace Hardware

3969 Lawrenceville Highway

Tucker, GA 30084

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

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

DECEMBER '23 CHARITY REPORT:

As always, December is **Toys for Tots** month! After last year's *WET* show day, we were hoping for a mild, *SUNNY* day so we could collect a record amount of toys and cash. You know how it went *AGAIN* this year . . . *BUT* we did pretty well!

We collected a grand total of 321 toys (*approx value \$18 ea*), 2 bikes (*value \$100 ea*) and \$3,000 in cash! A figure we can be proud of, given the conditions Maw Nature gave us!

How did we do it? We started collections at Handy Ace Hardware and Treasures on the Railroad a couple weeks prior to the show. By show day we had several *FULL* boxes, then on our actual show day, we had quite a few come donate, even if they didn't enter the show. Our Auction got all but canceled once again, but we still played "Let's Make A Deal" and sold a few items. The Marines sold a good amount of 50/50 tickets, and winner Don Brock donated his winning back to Toys for Tots. All this totalled almost \$1,500, with which we were pleased. *BUT WAIT!* Club member and Sponsor Leigh Fragnoli "sweetened" the pot with another \$1,500 and the Club added enough to round it up to a "Cool" *THREE GRAND!*

We are pretty sure that Handy Ace raided their seasonal toy aisle to help fill some of the boxes.

Our EVENT TOTAL: \$8,978 (cash & toy value).
Thanks to everyone that contributed!

2024 Club Sponsors

Two of our **Diamond Level** Club sponsors have already signed up for the new year! Our thank to **Fraggie Enterprises** (Leigh Fragnoli) and **Stout Irrigation** (Tony & Tammy Stout) for their very generous contributions!

As we announced last month, we are now recognized by the IRS as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, so your contributions are now tax deductible.

We are able to support our charities with 100% of the show proceeds by having our operating expenses funded by our Sponsors.

Our sincere thanks to all that contribute!
Please consider being a Club sponsor in '24.

January POKER RUN

Please see page 11 for details on Mike Thies' Poker Run. It will route through North Georgia on Saturday, January 20th.

Although this is *NOT* a Club event, it should be a lot of fun for an otherwise dead time of the year for car events. All proceeds will benefit Emory Hospital's Parkinson's unit.

Sign up today!

Our 2024 Schedule

Check out page 3 for our '24 schedule of events! We have a few changes from last year including a new venue for April. We are adding a second show at Briscoe Park in Snellville that will benefit the VFW (Veterans of Foreign Wars).

We will be returning to The Pink Pony for both the Summer and Halloween shows, but the date for the Summer show will move to mid-July.

We will probably once again help sponsor one of the Tucker Main Street Cruise-ins and be the featured Club for that month.

Rain Dates for 2024 Shows

We got hit hard by rainy show days and rainy show day forecasts in '23, probably the worst we've ever experienced!

This year we will have a "built-in" rain date for each of our shows. The rain date will be one week following the original show date.

We hope we will *NOT* have to postpone any of our shows this year, but we now have a plan in place.

Still Looking for Some Volunteers!

We had *ZERO* response to our request for a couple of additional members to help with pulling our Club trailer to our shows. We didn't fare much better with our search for more members for our "A-Team."

If you can help in either capacity, please let either Paul Benham, our volunteer coordinator, or Rick know. We have an *AMAZING* group now, but we just need to add to it.

We are happy to provide some training in any of the areas you are interested in helping.

Trust us, it's a lot of fun to be part of the production staff . . . *Give it a try!*



Rain Delayed One Week, Then Rain on the Rain Date . . .



A WET TOYS for TOTS Show . . . AGAIN!

We delayed the original show date a week due to the forecast of near 100% chance of up to 1" of rain . . . It never rained, although it was still a pretty ugly day. We were hoping for a nice day for the rescheduled date . . . *IT RAINED*. Due to the time frame the Toys for Tots folks had to deal with, we made it a "Rain or Shine" event so we could collect as much as possible. Thanks to our AMAZING "A-Team" of volunteers, the staff of Handy Ace Hardware and the Marine Corps League Detachment 665, we made it work! Although it was far from a record show, we did pretty good. The Marines hauled off SEVEN boxes of toys, 2 bikes and nearly \$1,500 in cash. Leigh Fragnoli sent us a contribution to make that total round up to a "Cool" \$3,000!!!

We had nearly 30 brave souls enter their rides in the car show, although admittedly some were NOT their primary show car. The ones that entered and stuck it out to the end were rewarded with an award plaque. Luckily the rains pretty much stopped shortly after 11:00 am, but it was still a dreary, gray day. You can see in the photos how wet the cars were and how gray the day was.

The dreary weather didn't dampen the spirits though, and a visit from Santa helped quite a bit! Santa picked his favorite show car for the "Santa's Favorite" award and provided some great photo ops and got to visit with the kids (of ALL ages) before he had to rush off, heading back up north. Justin Mooney kept the kids involved in the Hot Wheels racing while Holy and Henry gave out the event T-shirts to all that donated cash or toys. Admittedly our Registration and Show Car Parking volunteers were not too busy, but they all did a great job too.

When all was said and done, and we had all dried out, we had a great day, collecting toys for the needy kids and money so the Marines could buy more to fill the gaps. Thanks to all that came out!

See page 2 for a list of all the winners and page 4 for more on the day's totals.



TOYS FOR TOTS Cruise-in '23



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Our “Cool” Holiday Party . . . Food, Fun & Fellowship

On Sunday, December 10th, GCC members gathered at the home of Steve & Karen O’Neal for our Annual Holiday Party. The O’Neals are amazing hosts with a beautiful home, festively decorated for our gathering. Karen & Steve provided ham, meatballs, desserts, champagne punch, beer and sodas while Club members contributed additional main dishes, sides and desserts. Our Club members can really cook!

After enjoying delicious food and great conversation, we held our Annual Ugly Sweater Contest, won by Don Brock. The ornament exchange was next, with most people getting to keep their ornaments (not too many “steals”). Next came recognition of our 2023 Diamond Level Club Sponsors (*see below*) and the A-Team awards (*see page 10 for a list of the 2023 A-Team members*). Andy Sarratt was presented the President’s Award.

This festive gathering brightened everyone’s spirits, despite the rainy day, and reminded us how Blessed we are to have such amazing people in our Club.

We are looking forward to a great 2024!



Our 2023 Diamond Sponsors:
Don Brock Stout Irrigation
Leigh Fragnoli Tom Chick
Streetside Classics Handy Hardware
Gateway Classic Cars

2023 Recap . . . Our Charities & Volunteers

RECAP: Our Charity Giving in 2023

<u>Show:</u>	<u>Charity:</u>	<u>Amount raised:</u>
Sweetheart Cruise-in	Breast Cancer Cure	\$2,250
Hot Rods at Hayes	Hot Rodders Children’s Charity	\$2,835
Snellville United Methodist	SUMC’s Outreach Program	\$3,660
USO Benefit Car Show	USO Georgia	\$2,680
Stone Mountain Village Show	AARF Animal Rescue	\$1,730
Carter Hill Church Cruise-in	Carter Hill Church restorations	\$2,265
Santa Cop Cruise-in	DeKalb FOP’s Santa Cop program	\$3,550
Varsity Gwinnett Cruise-in	Paw Project of Georgia	\$1,000
Cool Cars & Costumes in the Village	Breast Cancer Cure	\$1,050
Cool Cars at Briscoe Park	Snellville PD’s Shop With A Cop	\$2,700
Toys for Tots Cruise-in	Toys for Tots	*\$8,978
<i>*\$3000 cash, 321 toy (est value \$18 ea), 2 bikes (value \$100 ea)</i>		

2023 TOTAL: \$32,698.00

A “Cool” Salute to Our 2023 “A-Team” Volunteers!

Larry & Tammy Navarre
 Jack Gilleland
 Steven McKeague
 Tom Chick
 Rochelle Ziglin
 Sharon Ellis

 President’s Award Winner
 Andy Sarratt



Paul Benham
 Steve & Karen O’Neal
 Chuck Dalton
 Susan Miller
 Billy Wright
 Mike Perry (& crew)



January & February Events

Charity Poker Run Through North Georgia

Saturday, January 20th, starting in Buford



As a SPECIAL TREAT for a normally dead January, our friend and Club member, Mike Thies, came up with a Poker Run and has asked us to join in! Of course Rick is helping with the event flyer and some of the other stuff, so we are graciously listed as a Sponsor.

If you've never done a Poker Run, they are fun and pretty easy to do, There is a starting point (Sam's Garage, 6302 Lanier Island Parkway, Buford, GA) where you will draw your first card. At each stop through the course in North Georgia, you will draw an additional card. At the final stop (Top End Motors in Braselton), you will draw your final card. There will be a reception at Top End Motors and the winning hands will be announced. There will be more than \$750 in cash and prizes for the best hands. The cost to enter is \$120 per hand. Proceeds will benefit the Parkinson Unit at Emory Hospital, with a goal of a \$5,000 donation.



You DO NOT have to drive your Show Car! You can drive your "Less-than-show-car" or even your daily driver. This is NOT a race, drive at your own pace, and even your own course. All the fun starts at 9:00 am on Saturday, January 20th.

To register, scan the QR code or contact Mike at 770-883-0160 or email: gaservices62@gmail.com

The "I'm SICK of WINTER"

Sweetheart Cruise-in



Saturday, February 10TH

11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Gateway Classic Cars

2705 Ronald Reagan Blvd

Cumming, GA 30041

We know that we get the "Car Show Itch" shortly after the end of the year and can't wait until the first show of the new year . . . That's why we start early every year with our "Sweetheart" Cruise-in during mid-February! Since our very first one at Old Hickory House, this show has always been popular and well attended.

This year we will return to Gateway Classic Cars at their brand new showroom in Cumming (just one exit north on 400 past their old location). We are expecting another great show and huge crowd this year! Mike Perry said he will be there with his tasty burgers, dogs and BBQ and we will have our "Cool" tunes, popular choice awards, raffles and door prizes!

Entry Fees will benefit the **Fight Against Breast Cancer!** *Make your plans to attend!*

Our Sponsors & Supporters

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	 <p>Mike Thies SouthEastWheelsEvents.com</p>		<p>Dr. Z's Fleet THAT CAN'T BE BEAT</p>
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	 <p>Classic & Muscle</p>		

Some of the Charities We Support

	<p>SANTA COP <i>and</i> Shop With A Cop</p> 		 <p>Raising funds for Georgia Breast Cancer Programs</p>
<p>Atlanta Animal Rescue Friends</p> 		 <p>Choose Life for Georgia's Pets!</p>	