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## Saturday, December 7th

### 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM

### Handy Ace Hardware

### 3969 Lawrenceville Hwy

### Tucker, GA 30084



## Coming in 2025 . . .

- \*North Georgia Poker Run - Saturday, January 18th
- Sweetheart Cruise-in - Saturday, February 15th
- Hot Rods at Hayes in Baldwin - Saturday, March 22nd
- Briscoe Park in Snellville - Saturday April 26th

*\*Not a GCC Club event, but we are a Sponsor*

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*Welcome New Member!*

**Bernard Barty**



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## Cool Cars at Briscoe Park Winners



**BEST CLASSIC:**

Norman Malone, 1956 Ford Thunderbird

**BEST MODERN:**

Suzanne Wimbush, 2017 Ford Mustang

**TOP 20:**

\*Andy Sarratt, 1928 Ford Truck

Bruce Baker, 1966 Austin Mini Cooper S

Chris Christopherson, 1930 Packard 726

\*Alan & Rochelle Ziglin, 1967 Pontiac Grand Prix

Ginny Morgan, 1966 Ford Mustang GT

Jim Garrett, 1971 Chevrolet Chevelle

Jim Potter, 1968 Jaguar XKE

Tom Duncan, 1969 Chevrolet Camaro Indy Pace Car

John Lawless, 1932 Ford Roadster

Mike Grier, 2014 BMW 650i

David Bennett, 1955 Chevrolet Bel Air

Daryl Hayes, 1989 Chevrolet Monte Carlo

Dennis Vance, 1972 Ford Bronco

Scot Donaghy, 1971 Chevrolet Monte Carlo

\*Jason McDaniel, 1970 Chevrolet Corvette

Alan Burns, 2015 Ford Mustang GT

Al Freeman, 1970 Oldsmobile Cutlass

Mario Ce, 1981 GMC C1500

\*Mike Thies, 1962 Porsche 356

Fred Mannweiler, 1969 Plymouth Roadrunner

**Santa's Favorite:**

\*Dan Crosson, 1955 Chevrolet 3100 Truck

**Snellville's Park Pick (Host's Favorite):**

Doug Richardson, 1949 Willys Jeepster

**Sponsor's Award (Streetside Classics):**

John Stone, 1956 GMC 100

**Coollest Cruiser (Club Award):**

Rick Stambe, 1949 Chevrolet Fleetline

**"Most Likely to Meet a Cop" (Snellville PD's Pick):**

Scott Payne, 1977 Pontiac Trans Am

# 2024 & 2025 Club Shows & Events



## Toys for Tots Cruise-in '24

Saturday, December 7th  
11:00 am - 3:00 pm  
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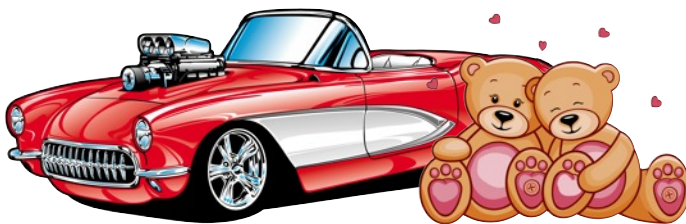
## \*Drive Toward A Cure POKER RUN

Saturday, January 18th, 2025  
9:00 am Start Time @  
Streetside Classics

In Lithia Springs

Travel through N. Georgia gathering your  
Poker hand, ending at Caffeine & Octane  
Lanier Raceway. Prizes for best hand!

*\*Not a Georgia Cool Cruiser event, but  
we are one of the event sponsors.*



The "I'm SICK of Winter"

## Sweetheart Cruise-in '25

Saturday, February 15th  
11:00 am - 3:00 pm  
Smoke Rise Baptist Church  
5901 Hugh Howell Road  
Stone Mountain, GA 30087  
Fundraiser to help END Breast Cancer

Rain Dates are 1 week after the original show date  
unless otherwise noted.  
Check our Facebook page for the latest updates.



## Hot Rods at Hayes '25

Saturday, March 22nd  
10:00 am - 2:00 pm  
Hayes Dealerships of Baldwin  
3660 State Highway 365  
Baldwin, GA 30511  
Fundraiser for  
Hot Rodders Children's Charity



## 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



## USO Benefit Car Show '25

Saturday, May 24th  
11:00 am - 3:00 pm  
Handy Ace Hardware  
3969 Lawrenceville Hwy.  
Tucker, GA 30084

# CLUB NEWS & UPDATES

## Fundraiser Report for November:

Our November show was a benefit for the Snellville Police “**Shop With A Cop**” program, which helps some local underprivileged school kids have a better Christmas.

Between show entry fees and a large 50/50 jackpot, we raised \$2,318! Our thanks to the winner of the 50/50 for donating his winnings back to our charity.

Kudos to the Snellville Police Officers that worked the show and sold 50/50 tickets. They did a *GREAT* job, selling \$550 in raffle tickets, *but who can so no to a guy with a badge and a gun! LOL*

Our thanks to all that attended and donated!

## More Thanks to Our Generous Members!

One of the biggest reasons for our Club’s success is our AMAZING members! We have been blessed with not only a group of GREAT folks but a lot of very GENEROUS ones!

Our thanks to **Phil Hutchinson** and **Karen O’Neal** for their recent contributions!

## Cool Club Gear Make GREAT Holiday Gifts!



Looking for that *PERFECT* gift for a Cool Club member? Well we’ve got you “covered” with a couple of jackets to choose from.

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).

***These items are made to order, so please contact Rick for more details at 404-732-6842 or RNE680@mindspring.com***

***Order early for the Holidays!***

*(\*indicates additional charge for 2X & 3X)*

## Report on the November 16th Shows:

As most of you know, we had our fingers in TWO shows on the same day. The first was the **Doug Baker Celebration of Life** show in Lilburn that Rick helped out with. The other was **Tom Ariail’s VFW Fall Show** in Dunwoody.

At the end of the day, both shows did pretty well. The Lilburn show drew 30 cars and took in \$820 in entry fees that went to the show host, The NETT Church.

Show winners included Cool Cruisers Andy Sarratt, Theresa Leach, Tony Stout and Art Coates. Our thanks to Club members Joe & Theresa Leach, Susan & Ken Miller, Steven McKeague and Karen & Steve O’Neal for all their work in making the show run smoothly!

Also a shout-out to Mike Perry and his crew for providing his famous burgers and hot dogs!

Tom reported that his **VFW Benefit show** enjoyed its biggest crowd yet with 50 show cars! Tom also had the local Fire & Police departments displaying some of their cars and trucks during the show, plus the outcry auction did quite well.

Among the Cool Cruisers taking home show honors: Sarah Fragnoli, John & Wendy Bailey and Troy Reeves.

Our thanks to the Club members that supported either show!

## A “COOL” January Event



January is a pretty dead month for car shows and events, and the main reason is the weather! It’s usually too COLD to sit in your folding chair outside!

We have a “cure” for that . . . **Mike Thies’ POKER RUN** to benefit Emory Hospital’s Parkinson’s unit. This year’s event will be on **Saturday, January 18th**, starting at Streetside Classics in Lithia Springs with stops around the North Georgia area.

This is *NOT* a GCC event, but we are helping sponsor and promote it. Those Club members that participated in 2024 thoroughly enjoyed the event!

*Please see page 9 for more info!*

***Nice Weather, a Full Field of Show Cars and a Visit From Santa!*****Cool Cars at Briscoe Park - *ANOTHER SUCCESS!!***

As everyone knows, we *NEVER* worry about the show day weather . . . *Yeah right!* The forecast for our show was ALL OVER the board, with the latest saying a cloudy, overcast day. We ended up with some early clouds that quickly gave way to some very welcomed BLUE SKIES and mild temperatures! The show cars starting arriving early until our show area was nicely filled with an amazing variety with everything from an old Packard to a “mini” Mini!

We love our shows at Briscoe Park for a variety of reasons. The Briscoe Park staff always do a lot to make the shows successful, including lining up our food vendors, getting signs out and helping make everything run smoothly all day. The City of Snellville also donates a space on two electronic billboards (Hwy 78 and Scenic Hwy) plus bulletin boards in the new “downtown” area.

Our Club volunteers got the job done too, getting us set up quickly, helping get the show cars parked and registered and a quick tear-down at the end. This show ranked among the best and smoothest running of all time!

We always enjoy working with the Officers from Snellville Police Department and fundraising for their “Shop With A Cop” program. We had another great event for them, raising \$2,318!

Special thanks go out to the Chick-fil-A of Snellville (show vendor) for donating meals to both the Park and Cool Cruiser show volunteers!

Towards the end of the show, we had a special guest come down from the north to help us present the awards . . . *SANTA himself*, driving his old red Chevy truck! Santa “Perry” was a huge hit with everyone, young and old! Santa also took time to select his favorite show car for a “Santa’s Pick” award. See page 2 for a list and photo of all the show winners!

Our next show at Briscoe Park will be our Spring show on Saturday, April 26th. We are extremely pleased to have two shows a year at the Park! We have not chosen a local charity for the event, so if you have any suggestion, please let us know. ***More photos on our Facebook page!***



*Cool Cars* at BRISCOE PARK in Snellville



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# Cool Cars at BRISCOE PARK in Snellville





## Our Toys for Tots Cruise-in 2024

**Saturday, December 7<sup>TH</sup>**

**11:00 am - 3:00 pm**

**Handy Ace Hardware**

**3969 Lawrenceville Hwy**

**Tucker, GA 30084**



**DON'T BE A GRINCH!** Make your plans to attend our 17th Annual Toys for Tots show at Handy Ace Hardware! Fill your "Sleigh" with toys (or cash!) and help make a bunch of needy kids happy on Christmas morning!

It's hard to believe that we are already at our LAST Club show for 2024! Our Toys for Tots show is ALWAYS a favorite, with a festive feeling and all our car friends in attendance! Our favorite group of retired Marines will be on hand to help collect the toys then take them to their warehouse for distribution. This is a MAJOR Toy Collection and Fundraiser event, so make sure you are part of it! Mike Perry and his crew will be on hand with his tasty burgers, hot dogs and BBQ sandwiches.

We will have our usual Best Classic, Best Modern and Top 20 awards along with some special awards! We will also have our 50/50 raffle, great music and some nice door prizes! Unfortunately, what we WON'T have is our event T-shirt and Charity Auction. After Rick's medical issues, he had the tough decision of having to make a few cuts. We hope these things will return in 2025.

Looking for a good place to buy toys? Try Macy's! They have a "Toys R Us" store inside their stores with a good selection and good prices! **See everyone on Saturday, December 7th!!**



**Drive Toward A Cure**

**FOR PARKINSON'S DISEASE**

**Saturday, January 18<sup>TH</sup>**

**Start at Streetside Classics at 9am**

**213 Thornton Road ♦ Lithia Springs, GA 30122**

January can be such a DEAD month for car events, even *WE* don't plan a show during the month. We are happy that Mike Thies has once again planned his Poker Run and has included the Cool Cruisers! This event is a fundraiser for the Parkinson's unit at Emory Hospital. Mike's goal again this year is to raise \$5,000!

The event will start at Streetside Classics in Lithia Springs, where participants will draw their first card, then take off on a trip through North Georgia, stopping at various "Cool" locations along the route where they will draw additional cards. The final stop will be at Caffeine and Octane Lanier Raceway for the final card. The winning hand will be announced during the reception at Lanier Raceway along with presentation of over \$1,250 in prizes! Each poker hand will cost \$125 with all proceeds benefiting the Parkinson's unit at Emory Hospital.

To sign up, go to: [DriveTowardsaCure.org/day/pokerrun](http://DriveTowardsaCure.org/day/pokerrun) 2025. Questions: contact Mike Thies at 770-883-0160 or email: [gaservices62@gmail.com](mailto:gaservices62@gmail.com).

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## Some of the Charities We Support

<p></p>	<p><b>Shop With A Cop</b> </p>	<p></p>	<p> Raising funds for Georgia Breast Cancer Programs</p>
<p></p>	<p><b>VFW</b> VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS</p>	<p> Choose Life for Georgia's Pets!</p>	<p><b>HOT RODDERS</b> CHILDREN'S CHARITY </p>