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 Is a 501(c)(3)
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Sweetheart Cruise-in

Saturday, February 14TH
11:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Smoke Rise Baptist Church
5901 Hugh Howell Road
Stone Mountain/Tucker, GA 30087

Coming in March . . .

HOT RODS
at Hayes Dealerships of Baldwin

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



Welcome New Members:

**Margaret & Phillip
Moore**

John Androski

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Thanks to Our 2025 "A-Team"

A BIG Thanks to our 2025 "A-Team" of Club volunteers!
You make our events GREAT!

If your name is not listed below, please consider becoming part of our group of volunteers in 2026.

Paul Benham

Our Volunteer coordinator

Jack Gilleland

Steven McKeague

Susan & Ken Miller

Theresa & Joe Leach

Karen & Steve O'Neal

Rochelle Ziglin

Tom Ariail

Chuck Dalton

Don Brock

Sharon Ellis

Mike Perry & his "Crew"

Our burger & hot dog provider

Billy Wright

Our Photographer

2025 Diamond Level Sponsors:

Thanks to our top level sponsors *PLUS* all the others that have helped support our Club during 2025!

Leigh Fragnoli – Fraggie Enterprises

Ken & Susan Miller

Don & Annette Brock

George Gilbert - Quest One Aerospace

Gateway Classic Cars

Denny Williams Motor Sports

Hayes Dealerships of Lawrenceville

Streetside Classics

Handy Ace Hardware

Phil Hutchinson

2026 Club Shows & Events



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Sweetheart Cruise-in

Saturday, February 14th

11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Smoke Rise Baptist Church

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Stone Mountain/Tucker, GA 30087

Fundraiser to support the

Fight Against Breast Cancer

Sponsored by Streetside Classics



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

Fundraiser for the

Hot Rodders Children's Charity

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

Cool Cars in Smoke Rise

Saturday, September 5th

11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Smoke Rise Baptist Church

5901 Hugh Howell Road

Stone Mountain/Tucker, GA 30087

Cool Cars at Briscoe Park

- Fall 2026 Show -

Saturday, November 14th

11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Snellville's Briscoe Park

2500 Sawyer Parkway

(off Lenora Church Road)

Snellville, GA 30078

Toys for Tots Cruise-in

Saturday, December 5th

11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Handy Ace Hardware

3969 Lawrenceville Hwy.

Tucker, GA 30084



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!



CLUB NEWS & UPDATES

UPDATE: Charity Report for Toys for Tots 2025

Although we didn't have an event to raise funds for a charity in January, we do have an update on our Toys for Tots contributions.

We received a message from our Marine Corps League with a copy of a letter that they received from the National Toys for Tots folks. It was a report on the number of kids that our Marines helped.

They distributed nearly 25,000 toys to 4,202 children (1,841 families) in the NE Metro area.

Of course that wasn't from just our contributions, but we certainly made a sizable donation to it. Once again, a BIG thanks to everyone that contributed!

We Have "Cool" Caps!

We now have our order of Cool Cruiser caps. They will be available at all Club events starting at the Sweetheart Cruise-in on February 14th.

You can also order a Club jacket, either a windbreaker or fleece lined, both with hoods and embroidered on the left chest and full back design. Choice of colors. Please contact Rick for ordering information (contact info on page 2).

We also have Club T-shirts available at all shows.

New Club Purchase to Help with Marking Off Our Show Areas



You have probably noticed that at some venues we've had issues of keeping non-show cars out of the show area. It has been very frustrating for us to say the least.

We recently purchased a *BUNCH* of new traffic cones to define our space and close off traffic. We are hoping this will work and will be trying it out at our shows at Smoke Rise and Hayes in Baldwin to get it fine-tuned for our May show at Handy Ace Hardware.

More Dates Finalized for Our 2026 Show Schedule

We are continuing to piece together our show schedule for the year. You will notice that we have added three dates for the latter part of the year with a September 5th date at Smoke Rise Baptist Church, November 14th at Bricoe Park in Snellville and December 5th at Handy Ace Hardware in Tucker for our Toys for Tots Cruise-in.

We are still working on the middle part of the schedule (June, July and August). We are planning to be the featured Club and Sponsor for one of those months at the Tucker Main Street Cruise-in.

The other two months are still pretty much "wide open" and we are looking for YOUR suggestions for show venues or Club events.

We do have tentative plans for our Halloween show and costume contest at the Pink Pony for October 24, but that is yet to be finalized.

Still Looking for More Volunteers!



WE WANT YOU!

We are still looking for some of our Club members to "step up to the plate" and join our A-Team!

We *ALWAYS* need more help in all areas of running the show, from set-up to parking, registration and tear-down. You *DON'T* have to work every show or even the entire show. There are some shows that require more workers and we can *ALWAYS* use those that just want to work part of the show and can provide relief for our regulars, so they can eat lunch and enjoy looking at the show cars.

The pay is low (\$0.00) but the rewards are great! We always have donuts for our crew, a cooler of cold drinks and provide a free lunch.

We are always willing to give some training if you would like. Please contact our Volunteer Coordinator **Paul Benham** (contact info on page 2) for more info or to sign up.

A GREAT Time Despite Some Service Issues with the Restaurant

Our Club Lunch & Get-Together Was Well Attended!

We had a great time at our Club Lunch & get-together! We had a good number of Club members, family and friends with over 30 total. Dugan's provided a very nice and spacious area on their covered, enclosed and HEATED patio area. The food was tasty, although it took a long time for some to get their orders.

We don't do many non-car show events, due to historically low attendance, but with the number we had this time we will look at doing more. We would like your feedback on this gathering and how you liked the location plus suggestions for other venues,

We did interrupt the social time long enough to recognize our 2025 A-Team members and our Diamond level sponsors. Each one was presented a plaque as a token of our appreciation. The complete list can be found on page 2 of this newsletter. Our heartfelt thanks to these outstanding Club volunteers and our Sponsors & Supporters. You are the reason for our success over the past dozen years!

Bill Swilley brought a guest, John Androski, who joined the Club during the get-together. Our thanks to Bill for both bringing his friend and promoting our Club to others!

Our thanks to all that attended and our apologies to those that experienced issues with service from the restaurant. We thought we had an understanding prior to the lunch with their management. We look forward to seeing everyone at the Sweetheart Cruise-in on February 14th.



Club Lunch & Awards Recognition



Like Our "Cool" Car Art?

Most everyone knows that our fearless leader, Rick, designs our show flyers and awards. Rick says that doing this is his "therapy" and really enjoys it.

One of the main issues in putting together these flyers is locating car art. You would think there are "billions and billions" of Classic and Hot Rod clip art files out there to use. Fact is there are a lot, but most are either low quality, wrong format or just not what he is looking for.

A few years ago, while surfing and searching, Rick came across a site that looked pretty interesting with a nice collection of car art and in a very usable format. He purchased one (at a very reasonable cost) and emailed the artist, requesting a different color. Well in a very short time . . . BAM, there it was in his email inbox!

This started a long time business relationship (and friendship) with California artist **Kristina Albrecht**. She has worked on quite a few special requests for us, most recently our Toys for Tots Santa & his Hot Rod art. She has helped us elevate our print image to a new level, not to mention making Rick's life a lot easier! We hope you enjoy these "Cool" cars!



Sweetheart Cruise-in**Saturday, February 14TH****11:00 am - 3:00 pm****Smoke Rise Baptist Church****5901 Hugh Howell Road****Stone Mountain/Tucker, GA 30087**

Haven't been to a Car Show since last year, are you SICK of Winter? We are all ready to shine up our "Cool" cars and get out for some fun! We are hoping that Mother Nature will shine on us with some sunny and mild weather!

We will be back at Smoke Rise Baptist for our 12th Annual "Sweetheart Cruise-in" and hoping for a crowd like we have gotten in past years. Smoke Rise has a nice, large parking lot that works well for our shows. We will have our usual show features of Popular Choice Awards, Door Prizes, 50/50 raffle and burgers, hot dogs and BBQ sandwiched available from **Mike Perry** and his crew!

We will also have a variety of guests lined up including our Show Sponsor, **Streetside Classics**, the **Tucker Lions Club** and the **Snellville VFW**. In addition, we have secured **Nuttopia** to have a vendor booth with some tasty items, just perfect for a Valentine's gift for your Sweetheart, or to munch on during the show.

The \$20 entry fee will go to helping fight breast cancer with all funds staying right here in Georgia. Registration will open at 10:00 am and awards will begin around 2:30, so there is plenty of time to get to your Valentine's Day dinner!

We are hoping to fill the show field, so please make your plans to attend and tell all your car buddies to join us. The Rain (or snow) date is Saturday, February 21st, hopefully we won't need it!

HOT RODS at Hayes of Baldwin**Saturday, March 21ST****10:00 am - 2:00 pm****HAYES Dealerships of Baldwin****3660 State Hwy 365****Baldwin, GA 30511**

Our second stop of the year will be in North Georgia at the Hayes Dealerships of Baldwin, about an hours drive north on I-85/985/GA 365, a very easy and scenic drive to the foothills of the North Georgia mountains.

This is always a fun show featuring a lot of very nice cars that we don't see in the Metro area. The show is always PACKED, so come early for the best spots. We have increased the awards to Top 25, plus Best Classic & Best Modern. Mike Perry has agreed to cook his burgers again this year, WCON will provide music and DJ services for us and Hayes will provide a free event t-shirt to registered show cars. *Sound like fun? It is, so make your plans to attend!*



Our Sponsors & Supporters

<p>Diamond Sponsor  Ken & Susan MILLER</p>	<p>Triple Diamond Sponsor   Fraggie ENTERPRISES</p>	<p>Triple Diamond Sponsor   Don Brock, Builder</p>	<p>Diamond Sponsor  </p>
<p> HANDY HARDWARE <i>Home of the Hard to Find Items</i></p>	<p>Diamond Sponsor  The HUTCHINSON FAMILY</p>	<p>Diamond Sponsor  Denny Williams MOTOR SPORTS</p>	<p>Diamond Sponsor   Quest One AEROSPACE</p>
<p>Pam & Brad PIERCY</p>	<p> KAREN O'NEAL</p>	<p> TUCKER Cruise In <i>See You on Main Street</i></p>	<p>Lawrenceville - Oakwood - Baldwin  HAYES FAMILY DEALERSHIPS Chrysler - Dodge - Jeep - Ram Chevrolet - Buick - Cadillac - GMC</p>
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<p> TOM CHICK Lawn Management Services LawnManagementServices.com</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  Classic & Muscle</p>	<p> Dugans SINCE 1985 CHICKEN WINGS Northlake Mall Tucker, GA</p>	<p> TIM LEACH CONSTRUCTION</p>

Some of the Charities We Support

<p> TOYS FOR TOTS</p>	<p>Shop With A Cop </p>	<p> USO GEORGIA</p>	<p> GEORGIA ALLIANCE FOR BREAST CANCER Raising funds for Georgia Breast Cancer Programs</p>
<p> Gwinnett Humane Society</p>	<p>Southeast Gwinnett Cooperative Ministry</p>	<p> LCM Lilburn Cooperative Ministry</p>	<p> HOT RODDERS CHILDREN'S CHARITY</p>