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Cool Cruiser's day on Main Street! Saturday, June 14th 10:00 am - 1:00 pm **ON Main Street** in Downtown Tucker, GA 30084





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Sunday, July 20TH 4:00 - 7:00 PM **The Varsity Gwinnett** in Norcross, GA

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# **USO** Benefit at Handy Ace Winners



BEST CLASSIC: Alex Ilyayev, 1954 Packard Caribbean

#### **BEST MODERN:**

Suzanne Wimbish, 2017 Ford Mustang GT/CS

### <u>TOP 20</u>:

Robert Pines, 1959 Cadillac Eldorado convertible Doug Richardson, 1949 Willys Jeepster Jim Goodwin, 1943 Ford GPW Jeep Coach Jester, 1969 Ford Mustang \*Paul Benham, 1954 Ford Popular 103E Tom Mason, 1970 Mercury Cougar Jeaneen Rider, 2024 Ford Mustang GT Frankie Framer, 1955 Chevrolet Bel Air \*Jerry McCullough, 1975 Dodge Dart Sport 340 \*Ken & Susan Miller, 1969 Mercury Cougar XR-7 Coach Jester, 1963 Chevrolet C-10 truck Ed Sandford, 2020 Ford Shelby GT 500 Ron Jackson, 1987 Pontiac Firebird Rick Horne, 1923 Ford T-Bucket David Sewell, 1955 Chevrolet Bel Air \*Dan Crosson, 1955 Chevrolet truck Gene Wilson, 2019 Chevrolet Corvette Marvin & Betty Garner, 1967 Chevrolet Chevelle Brian Dickson, 1970 Ford Mustang Chris Christopherson, 1952 Packard

USO's Favorite: Ken & Lorraine Johanson, 1931 Ford truck

Coolest Cruiser (Club Award): \*Andy Sarratt, 1965 Chevrolet Corvette coupe

Handy Hardware's Pick: Starla Burrell, 1960 Nash Metropolitan

Gateway Classic Cars (Sponsor's Award): Dee Dee Johnson, 1970 MG BGT

\* Denotes GCC Club Member

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2025 Club Shows & Events



## **Cool Cruiser Day at the Tucker Main Street Cruise-in** Saturday, June 14th 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

ON Main Street, Tucker, GA 30084 This is NOT a Cool Cruiser event but we are the June "Big Block" sponsor and will have special parking at the Cruise-in



Cruise-in at The Varsity Gwinnett Sunday, July 20th 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm The Varsity Gwinnett 6045 Dawson Blvd. Norcross, GA 30093



Smoke Rise - Fall Show Saturday, September 6th 11:00 am - 3:00 pm Smoke Rise Baptist Church 5901 Hugh Howell Rd. Stone Mountain, GA 30087 Fundraiser for Lilburn Cooperative Ministry Rain Date: Saturday, September 20th



Cool Cars & Costumes at the Pony Saturday, October 25th Noon - 4:00 pm The Pink Pony 1937 Corporate Blvd Brookhaven, GA 30329 Benefit to help END Breast Cancer!



Cool Cars at Briscoe Park FALL 2025 SHOW Saturday, November 8th 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 6th 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 for the latest updates.







## **May Charity Report**



Our charity for our Memorial Day Weekend show was **USO Georgia.** This is one of our favorite charities that provides

assistance to our soldiers as they travel through various airports in Georgia.

Between entry donations and the 50/50 raffle, we raised a grand total of **\$2,675**! Our thanks to Pat Horvath and Karen O'Neal for selling all the 50/50 tickets and poor Steve O'Neal who got the job of tearing apart *ALL* those tickets!

Our 50/50 winner donated a portion of his winnings back to the USO. Also, the USO had almost \$100 in donations at their booth!!

## Our Halloween Show is Now Scheduled!!

We have set a date for our Halloween show! We will return to **The Pink Pony** on **Saturday**, **October 25th**, noon - 4:00 pm. We will fundraise to benefit the fight against Breast Cancer.

This year, we are looking for three major improvements for this event:

#### MORE Show Cars!

MORE Costume Contestants and

*MORE* Club Volunteers. This is a complicated show with a Car Show, Costume Contest and Charity Auction, so we need MORE "A-Team" members to help out!

## An Idea for a "Cool" August Event

We've been racking our brain trying to figure out something FUN and "Cool" for our August Club event. We don't want to do a show on a HOT asphalt parking lot, so here is what we have come up with . . .

A Sunday Club get-together for lunch! We are looking at **Dugans Sports Bar at Northlake Mall** for the venue. They have a great menu of Wings, Burgers, Philly Cheesesteaks plus many other items. They have both indoor seating and a covered patio and lots of parking available. Food prices are very moderate and the service is always good. *Your thoughts???* 

### **Other (non-GCC) Shows of Interest**

Here are some local, non-Cool Cruiser shows of interest:

Summit Racing, 20 King Mill Rd, McDonough Monday Night Cruise-ins / 6:00 - 8:00 pm Open to ALL Years-Makes-Models JUNE DATES & Featured Vehicles: June 2 - Hot Rod Walt, Old School Rods June 9 - '20-'40 Hot Rods & Street Rods June 16 - '70's & '80's Cars & Bikes June 23 - Buick, Olds, Pontiac, Cadillac June 30 - Ford Bronco

Last Saturdays, 9 am to Noon Gateway Classic Cars "Caffeine & Chrome" 12705 Ronald Reagan Blvd, Suite 200 Cumming, GA 30041 Free Entry & Free Donuts (while they last) Info: GatewayClassicCars.com

#### Saturday, June 7th, 10am to 2 pm SUMMER KICK-OFF CAR SHOW Streetside Classics

213 Thornton Road, Lithia Springs, GA 30122 benefiting Boys & Girls Club of Metro Atlanta More Info: www.streetsideclassics.com

#### Saturday, June 14th, 10am - 1pm TUCKER MAIN STREET CRUISE-IN ON Main Street in Downtown Tucker Awards - Food - Entry Fee: \$5

# In Our Prayers . . .

Please keep **Steven McKeague** in your prayes as he recovers from the first of two knee surgeries. Also keep **Rochelle Ziglin** in your thoughts and prayers as she deals with severe back and neck pain.

# **HELP WANTED!**

With several of our amazing "A-Team" members out recently, we are in desperate need of some additional volunteers to help fill in the "gaps," especially to pull the trailer!

If you can help us out, please contact our Volunteer Coordinator **Paul Benham** ASAP. His contact info is on page 2. *Thanks in advance!* 

# A GREAT Show & Fun Day at Handy Ace Hardware! A Parking Lot FULL of Show Cars to Benefit the USO

Sometimes we think the weather forecasters *HATE* car shows, with way too many wet Saturdays! It looked like we finally beat the odds with a pretty nice forecast for Saturday! On show day morning we were thrilled with blue sky and mild temps, breaking the Handy Ace rain jinx!

Show set-up went quickly and smoothly as show cars started rolling in, filling up the parking lot! We ended up with over 120 show cars (113 registered). On a negative note, we just do not understand those that come to our charity fundraiser events and do not register or make the entry fee donation. 100% of the entry fee goes to the charity. Please help "encourage" this group to "get with the program!"

As the show name indicates, this event is a fundraiser for the USO, and to be more specific, the Georgia chapter of the USO. Club member and USO volunteer Pat Horvath set up a canopy to give out Red, White and Blue "Bling" to the crowd, talk about the USO, sell 50/50 tickets and accept donations. She was assisted by Club members Karen and Steve O'Neal.

We also had our show sponsor, Gateway Classic Cars, set up along with the Tucker-Lavista Lions Club. Mike Perry and his "Hot Rod Grill" crew worked hard all day, cooking and serving his famous burgers, hot dogs and BBQ sandwiches to the hungry crowd. We collected a grand total of \$2,675 for the USO, which will be a big help to their 24/7/365 operation!

We ended the show a tad early when it appeared a large "blob" of rain was in a direct path to Tucker. Luckily the rain tracked a little north of us and fizzled out.

Once again, special thanks to Joe Leach for taking the photos featured in this newsletter. Check our Facebook page for even more photos by Club Member Ronn Lippman! We will be back at Handy Ace Hardware on Saturday, December 6th for our Toys for Tots Cruise-in!



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After 4 shows in 4 months, it's time for us to take a break and have a "No Work" event! We have just the thing for you ... We are the Featured Club and Big Block Sponsor (main sponsors) for the Tucker Main Street Cruise-in! We will have special parking down the middle of Main Street, as space permits, and we will get to choose a show car for the "Big Block" Sponsors Award.

We will set up a canopy to give out information on our Club and our events, but that's about all the work we will be doing. If you've been to the Tucker Cruise-ins before, you know the drill, if not here it is. They close off Main Street for the show, entry fee is only \$5, they give 20 awards per show, play some great music, give door prizes and there's always plenty of food close by.

If you want to park down the middle of Main Street, please let Rick know ASAP. Those cars will stage in the parking lot of Matthews Cafeteria and then parade in together.

Immediately after the end of the show, those that would like to join us, we will caravan up Lavista Road to Dugans Sports Bar in Northlake Mall (4800 Briarcliff Road NE, Tucker, GA 30345) for lunch. They have a great and very affordable menu of burgers, wings, cheese steaks and plenty of cold beverages for a warm June afternoon. You can view their menu at DugansBar.com. Please let Rick know if you want to join us for lunch so he can give Dugans an approximate number.



We were looking for a "fun" event for our July Club outing, so we asked some of our faithful members. The answer was always the same, "How about a Cruise-in at the Varsity in Gwinnett?" We stopped by and asked if they would host us again and got everything rolling.

As always, there will be no entry fee, but we have invited the Gwinnett Humane Society to set up at the show and accept cash donations. They will also have adoptable animals at the show, looking for their forever home.

We will be playing our oldies to set the mood, plus have a few door prizes. We will not have our Top 20 awards, but a select few: Coolest Cruiser, Charity's Choice, Varsity's Favorite and a Sponsor's Award. The Cruise-in is on SUNDAY AFTERNOON from 4:00 - 7:00 pm, so please make note of the day and time. This is a FREE Cruise-in, but the Varsity goodies are NOT free! Please make your plans to attend, and tell all your car buddies to join us!

