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Cool Cruisers, Inc.
Is a 501(c)(3)
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Our 18th Annual
Toys FOR Tots
Cruise-in

Saturday, December 6TH
11:00 am - 3:00 PM
Handy Ace Hardware
3936 Lawrenceville Hwy ♦ Tucker, GA 30084

Coming in January . . .

Saturday, January 17TH ♦ Noon
Cool Cruisers
Lunch Get-Together
Dugan's Sports Bar
Northlake Mall, Tucker

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**Welcome New
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Cool Cars at Briscoe Park Winners



BEST CLASSIC:

***Alan & Rochelle Ziglin, 1947 Pontiac Streamliner**

BEST MODERN:

Jerel Arnold, 2018 Chevrolet Corvette Grand Sport

TOP 20:

Jim Keller, 1934 Chrysler Airflow Imperial

Kenneth House, 1960 Cadillac DeVille

***Andy Sarratt, 1972 Volkswagen "Rat Rod"**

Ginny & Mike Morgan, 1966 Ford Mustang

Charlie Morris, 1967 Chevrolet Chevelle Malibu

David Randall, 1970 Dodge Challenger R/T

***Jerry McCullough, 1973 Dodge Dart Sport 340**

Bob Padovano, 1951 Ford 2-door

William McCluskey, 1982 Mercury Capri

Rob Anderson, 1963 Chevrolet Corvette

***Pam Piercy, 1965 Cadillac Eldorado convertible**

Mike Grier, 2014 BMW 650i

Ron Brinson, 1932 Ford B

***Jack Gilleland, 1932 Chevrolet ½ ton "Rat Rod"**

Mark Gibbons, 1966 Dodge Charger

Kent "Spider" Khuen, 1950 Navy Jeep CJ3A

Chris Christopherson, 1952 Packard 250 convertible

Suzanne Wimbish, 2017 Ford Mustang GT/CS

Phyllis Anglin, 1999 Chevrolet Corvette

Blake Thompson, 1955 Chevrolet BelAir

Park's Pick (Host's Favorite):

Gary Moon, 1929 Windsor 6-77

Cooldest Cruiser (Club Award):

Phillip McMahon, 1937 Ford Cabriolet

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

Reginald Williams, 1970 Chevrolet Nova

Santa's Pick:

Ken & Lorraine Johanson, 1931 Ford truck

Sponsor's Award (Streetside Classics):

Randall McMinn, 1940 Ford coupe

Sponsor's Award (Ted's Garage):

Harold Cape, 1966 Ford Bronco

** Denotes GCC Club Member*

'25 & '26 Club Shows & Events

Toys for Tots Cruise-in



Saturday, December 6th

11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Handy Ace Hardware

3969 Lawrenceville Hwy.

Tucker, GA 30084

♦ *Fundraiser for USMC's Toys for Tots*

♦ *Free Event T-Shirt*

RAIN DATE (we hope not): December 13



Cool Cruisers Club Social & 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*



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!*

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

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

*Some other events we are planning
for next year:*

- Cool Cruiser day at Tucker Cruise-in
- September date at Smoke Rise Baptist
 - Halloween show at the Pony
 - Fall Show at Briscoe Park
- Toys for Tots at Handy Ace Hardware

CLUB NEWS & UPDATES



Charity Report for November

Our charity for "Cool Cars at Briscoe Park" was Snellville Police Department's "Shop With A Cop" Program. Entry donations and other donations totaled \$2,200. The SPD officers did an *AMAZING* job of selling 50/50 tickers, but who can refuse a man with a gun and badge selling tickets? LOL

The Raffle jackpot reached \$500 and was won by our own Prez Rick, who immediately donated his winnings back to the cause!

Our GRAND TOTAL was **\$2,700!** That amount will help SPD take over a dozen more local school kids on a shopping trip for the Holidays *Thanks to all that donated!*



COOL CRUISERS CLUB GEAR

Great Holiday Gifts . . .

Jackets, Windbreakers & Polos

We are offering two jackets, perfect for the cooler months, a light weight windbreaker (\$75 & \$80*) and a fleece lined medium weight jacket (\$110 & \$115). Both feature our Club logo on the left chest and across the back. These jackets are available in most popular colors.

We also offer polo shirts (short or long sleeve), with our club logo embroidered on left chest (\$35 & \$40).

These shirts look GREAT! If you want something a little nicer than a T-shirt to show your "Club Pride," this is it!

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

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

As always we have our Club T-shirts available at all our shows. Small - XL are only \$18.00 each, 2X and 3X are \$20.00 each

We will be restocking our Club caps soon!

We accept Cash, Checks and Credit Cards.



Happy Holidays!



Sponsor Needed for Our "Sweetheart Cruise-in"

We recently lost one of our major Diamond Level Sponsors, Gateway Classic Cars. Gateway has been our show sponsor for our last few "Sweetheart Cruise-Ins," along with quite a few other shows.

We are looking for someone to step up and become a show sponsor for our February show. If you know of anyone that would like to fill this void, please have them contact us for details.

Speaking of our Sweetheart Cruise-in, our attendance was off last year, probably due to being at a new venue and having a rain delay. We need to get the attendance back to where it usually is, so please pass the word around and make *YOUR PLANS* to attend!



Congrats to Tom Ariail & His VFW Car Show

Our Club member **Tom Ariail**, along with his VFW post, puts on two car shows a year in Dunwoody, helping fund their charities.

After their Spring show was rained out, they were looking forward to a strong Fall show. It's date fell on our Briscoe Park rain date. Well you know the rest. We went head to head with them, and since a lot of our members support Tom's show, neither of us were very happy.

We are pleased to report that Tom had a record number of 66 show cars! Congrats Tom, we will plan on supporting his next show in the Spring of 2026!

Need to Go "Toys for Tots" Shopping?

With KB Toys, Toys R Us and Big Lots all gone, it is getting harder and harder to find local stores that sell affordable items for your Toys for Tots donations, especially if you are not a fan of "Wally World."

We discovered that Macy's (of all places) has a pretty good selection with some items having discounts up to 70%! Plus there are no crazy crowds to fight! *Check them out!*



Perfect Weather on Our Rain Date = A GREAT SHOW!

Rain Delay Redemption at Briscoe Park!

While we've "rain dated" car shows before, we're not sure that our rain date weather has ever been nicer than the one we had for our Show at Briscoe. Sunny skies and mild temperatures brought out an amazing array of show cars and a bunch of spectators.

Thanks to the hard work of our A-Team and the Snellville Parks Team, the show ran very smoothly. In fact, multiple people commented after the show on what a great variety of show cars we had and how well organized our event was.

We did have some changes due to having to postpone the Show. Chick-fil-A was unable to accommodate our new date so the Mexican food vendor stepped up to feed our Show volunteers. Santa Perry was also booked elsewhere but he sent out a help call and another Santa was available.

Several companies set up vendor tables (and donated door prizes) and the Snellville Police Department had their community engagement team out in force and also sold 50/50 tickets. They do so well on 50/50 sales (who says "no" to a police officer? LOL).

We gave out awards for Best Classic, Best Modern, Top 20, Coolest Cruiser, Park Pick (Host Fave), Snellville PD Pick ("Most Likely to Meet a Cop") and two sponsor awards (Ted's Garage and Streetside Classics). Prez Rick won the 50/50 raffle and donated the winnings back to the charity which was Snellville Police Department's Shop with a Cop program. Between donations and the 50/50 pot, we raised \$2700 for this amazing cause. Check out the Club's Facebook page for the link to pictures of the show, thanks to photographer Billy Wright.

Don't miss our Spring 2026 show at Briscoe Park on Saturday, April 25th from 11am - 3pm.

Please see page 2 for a list of all our show winners.





Cool Cars at Briscoe Park





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Our 2025 *Toys for Tots* Cruise-in Sponsors

We decided to do our always popular Toys for Tots event T-shirt this year after not doing one last year. With the economy not being that great, we thought it would be a real struggle to get enough sponsors to make it feasible to do a free T-shirt. Boy, were we **WRONG!** We had a new record in sponsorships this year! Thanks to *ALL* our *GENEROUS* Sponsors & Supporters!!



Platinum Level:

Hayes Family Dealerships of Lawrenceville
Ken & Susan Miller
Don Brock
Quest One (George Gilbert)

Diamond Level:

Dugan's Sports Bar – Northlake Mall
Denny Williams Motorsports, LLC
Fraggie Enterprises (Leigh Fragnoli)
Tim Leach Construction
Handy Ace Hardware

Gold Level:

Decatur Estate Vintage Market (Maggie Monastesse)
Turn One Motorsports (Bill & Leigh Whatley)
Steve & Karen O'Neal
Tucker Welding (Mike Perry)
Mike Thies Classic Car Appraisals
Andrews Executive Car

Silver Level:

Lawn Management Services (Tom Chick)
Steve Stephens Insurance (Faron Stephens)
Pam & Brad Piercy
Sharon K. Ellis, O.D. – Loganville Eye Care
238 Motorsports
Year One (Pat Staton)
Summit Racing Equipment
PrintSonic (Thomas Denton)
Patricia's Spiritwear, LLC



Toys FOR Tots Cruise-in



It's hard to believe that we are wrapping up another year of successful fundraiser car shows! It is equally hard to believe that this is our 18th year of supporting Toys for Tots, but here is how our Club, founded in 2013 accomplished this feat . . . The simple answer is that Rick & Sharon started it back in the days of the Galaxy Diner Cruise-ins and continued with the Cool Cruisers.

After a year's absence, we are bringing back the always popular event T-shirt which is FREE with all registered show cars that make a qualifying donation (toys or cash, while supplies last).

We will have our usual Best Classic, Best Modern and Top 20 popular choice awards along with an assortment of special awards, a bunch of "Cool" door prizes, 50/50 raffle and a raffle to win a \$250 Gift Certificate to Year One Muscle Car Parts. Mike Perry and his "Hot Rod Grill" will be on hand to serve up his always tasty burgers, hot dogs and BBQ sandwiches.

The Entry Fee is a new unwrapped toy(s) - with a minimum value of \$20 or \$20 cash. Please be generous so we can assist the Marines in helping as many needy kids as possible!

Make your plans to attend and bring a few friends! As always Spectators are welcome and admitted free. We are looking forward to a great (and SUNNY) event this year.

Registration opens at 10:00 am. The hopefully not needed rain date is Saturday, December 13,

Cool Cruisers Club Lunch & Get-Together



Saturday, January 17TH

Meet at Noon

Dugan's Restaurant & Sports Bar

NORTHLAKE MALL

4800 Briarcliff Road, Tucker, GA 30084



We doubt ANYONE will argue that January is not the best month for a car show. We wanted to do something Club related though, so we are planning a lunch get-together. We checked out a few different options and feel this is the best one.

Dugan's has a large location and plenty of parking plus an excellent menu with LOTS more than chicken wings! You can check out their menu at Dugansbar.com.

The Dugan's staff and management are excited to host us! We have been offered their spacious enclosed (and heated) patio area, as long as the temps outside are not TOO cold. If they are, we will move inside. This is a BYOB Party - Buy Your Own Burger (or whatever you want).

In addition to lunch and social time, we will recognize our 2025 A-Team members.

Our Sponsors & Supporters

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Some of the Charities We Support

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