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TIME TO RENEW?

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Special Award Winners From The Varsity Gwinnett Cruise-in



The Varsity Cruise-ins follow a very different format from our other shows. One of the biggest differences is the limited number of awards we give and no popular choice voting.

This time we presented five "Special Awards" chosen by our Sponsors, our Host, the event Charity and the Club. Those chosen were:

Sponsor's Pick (Gateway Classic Cars):
Mark & Leslie Crowley, 1968 Pontiac GTO

Sponsor's Pick (Thies Auto Appraisals):
Joel Quartarone, 1964 Ford Fairlane

Host's Award (Varsity Gwinnett): Walter Reese, 1956 Ford Custom station wagon

> Charity's Choice (Gwinnett Humane Society): Cliff Swezey, 1966 Ford Mustang

Club Award (GCC's Favorite) Alex Ilyayev, 1954 Packard Carribean



2025 Club Shows & Events



Cool Cruiser Day at the Tucker Main Street Cruise-in

Saturday, August 9th
10:00 am - 1:00 pm
ON Main Street, Tucker, GA 30084
THEN . . . LUNCH at 1:30 pm
DUGANS Sports Bar

This is NOT a Cool Cruiser event but we are the August "Big Block" sponsor and will have special parking at the Cruise-in

Northlake Mall



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 Local Food Bank
Rain Date: Saturday, September 20th



Our Rain Date Policy:

Rain Dates are 1 week after the original show date unless otherwise noted.

Please ALWAYS check our Facebook Page for the LATEST UPDATES!



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

CHUB MEWS & UPDATES

July Charity Report



The Varsity Cruise-in does not follow our "standard" format, it is a FREE event with no entry fee. We do invite a charitable organization to set

up at the show and we have our donation bowl out for anyone that would like to contribure.

We invited the **Gwinnett Humane Society** to be a part of our event and they had pretty good results. We collected \$675 at the GCC canopy and the Humane Society added another \$410 between donations, sales and raffle ticket sales from the Year One Gift Certificate.

Our thanks to Year One for donating the Gift Certificate!

Pet Adoptions From The Varsity Cruise-in!

We are proud to announce not one, but TWO adoptions from our Varsity Cruise-in. The Gwinnett Humane Society brought a variety of both puppies and adult dogs looking for their "forever homes."

Hal & Helen King immediately spotted the cage with three extremely cute Pug pups and picked their favorite.

We later learned that **Theresa & Joe Leach** adopted "Molly," a four year old Standard Poodle.

All parents are doing well with their new children, but Hal is reporting they are in the process of getting their puppy house-broken and he may have to up his anxiety meds! LOL





Other (non-GCC) Shows of Interest

If you have a favorite non-Club show that doesn't compete date wise with a Cool Cruiser show, please send us the info and we will be happy to list it.

Here are a few shows that we think will be of interest:

Summit Racing, 20 King Mill Rd, McDonough Monday Night Cruise-ins / 6:00 - 8:00 pm Open to ALL Years-Makes-Models AUGUST DATES & Featured Vehicles:

August 4 - Corvette

August 11 - Pro Street, Gassers, Race CarsAugust 18 - Convertibles, Targa Top, T-TopAugust 25 - Imports Cars, Trucks, Bikes

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, August 9th, 10am - 1pm TUCKER MAIN STREET CRUISE-IN

ON Main Street in Downtown Tucker Awards - Food - Entry Fee: \$5

A Note from Rick

I would like to thank all our Club members and especially our "A-Team" for all the help given since my decline of performing many physical activities related to putting on our shows and events. It has been truly appreciated!

Also, some of you know that I ended up in the hospital in the early morning hours following the Varsity cruise-in (not related to the show).

All your calls, texts, visits and a few offers to break me out made the stay more bearable.

I am hoping that my strength and stamina will make some noticeable improvements in the near future, but regardless I know y'all always "have my back!"

I hope to see everyone at the next Club events! Keep praying for both me and DRY show day weather!!

If it COULD Go Wrong, IT DID!

Varsity Gwinnett Cruise-in: Not Our Best

We pride ourselves in running smooth events, unfortunately this was DEFINITELY not one of them! We had watched the weather forecast and thought we had a real good chance of a dry show. It rained hard but luckily stopped right at the show's start time. We had asked the Varsity staff to make sure all their large catering trucks were moved from our show area . . . Nope, still sitting there when we arrived. The power outlet we have used in the past had been sealed up and we had to search for a usable power source. We had to run multiple extention cords all the way to the front entrance.

After the rain stopped, the temperature was probably 100 degrees with the humidity close to the same! Other than being quite uncomfortable, it played havoc on our PA equipment, requiring us to shut it down to cool off and move it to a shady spot.

All was NOT BAD though . . . The rain did not kill our crowd, with very few leaving and many more showing up until our show area was PACKED with some really nice show cars! We estimated that we had around 70 cars total with a lot of spectators.

Even though we were not collecting an entry free, our generous folks donated nearly \$1,100 to benefit the Gwinnett Humane Society. We also know of two adoptions from the show.

We ended up the day with free birthday cake to celebrate the Club's 12th birthday and to present five "special" awards. See page 2 for a listing of the winners. Our thanks to Gateway Classic Cars, our Sponsor, and all of our A-Team that fought through all the issues all day to pull this one out of the fire. This will most likely be the last time we have an event at the Varsity Gwinnett, as we like our venues to be much more of a partner with us.

Thanks to all that came out, see you on August 9th on Main Street!









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Guiso-in on MAN STREET & LUNGTH



Our day on Main Street got rained out in June, but since all we had scheduled for August was a Club lunch, we were able to combine the two for a "Super Saturday." We do need everyone to say a prayer for a DRY and maybe even a MILD show day!

We will have special show car parking down the middle of Main Street and will stage in the Matthews Cafeteria paking lot at 9:30 am and caravan in around 10:00 am. Those that want to park with the group, please let Rick know ASAP.

We will set up our Club canopy close to our cars and will serve as "Cool Cars Central" during the show for giving out info on the Cool Cruisers. There are multiple restaurants along the show area, but we are planning to meet immediately after the show at **Dugans Sports Bar** at Northlake Mall (4800 Briarcliff Rd, about 5-10 minutes from Main St) immediately after the show. **PLEASE RSVP RICK IF YOU PLAN TO JOIN US.** You can check out Dugans menu at **dugansbar.com**.

The entry fee for the Cruise-in is only \$5. They will present 26 awards (Sweet 16, The Fab Four, 5 Sponsor awards and a DKPD Favorite). They also have door prizes, food & cold drinks and great music. In July they had over 150 show cars packed on Main Street making for a GREAT show day! **See you on Main!**



We return to our "normal" show format for our September show and back to where we kicked off our 2025 season for our second visit to the Smoke Rise Baptist Church. We really like this venue and the Church is certainly car show friendly. There are plenty of parking spaces, some shade and easy access from Highway 78.

We will have our Best Classic, Best Modern, Top 20 Popular Choice Awards along with some Special Awards. Mike Perry has signed on to cook burgers, hot dogs and BBQ plus the King of Pops will be there to keep us all "Cool." Gateway Classic Cars is our show sponsor.

Our \$20 show car registration fee will benefit a local food bank, Lilburn Cooperative Ministry. If you park in the show area, PLEASE register and help us encourage everyone else to do the same. Registration opens at 10:00 am, an hour prior to the official show time.

Please let our Volunteer Coordinator, Paul Benham, know that you are willing to help us out!



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