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HOT RODS

at Hayes Dealerships of Baldwin



Saturday, March 21st

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Hayes Family Dealerships

3660 State Hwy 365 ◆ Baldwin, GA 30511

Coming in April . . .

Cool Cars at Briscoe Park



Saturday, April 25th

Snellville's Briscoe Park ◆ 11:00 am - 3:00 pm

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Welcome New Member:

**Ralph
Freeman**

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“Sweetheart” Cruise-in Winners



BEST CLASSIC:

*Alan & Rochelle Ziglin, 1951 Studebaker Commander

BEST MODERN:

Mitch Greer, 2014 BMW 650i

TOP 20:

Doug & Cathy Richardson, 1949 Willys Jeepster

Chip Cofer, 1932 Buick Phaeton

Ken & Lorraine Johansen, 1931 Ford Truck

Bobby Gilmore, 1970 Dodge Challenger

*Andy Sarratt, 1973 Chevrolet Camaro Z28/RS

David Sewell, 1955 Chevrolet Bel Air

Terry Bonner, 1966 Chevrolet Nova

Brian Dickson, 1970 Ford Mustang

*Mitch Sheppard, 1963 Chevrolet Corvette

Brad Rosselle, 1966 Austin Moke

Ted Moon, 1955 Chevrolet Cameo (truck)

Larry Skelton, 1957 Chevrolet Nomad

Tony Blackmon, 1955 Ford Crown Victoria

Charlie Morris, 1967 Chevrolet Malibu

*Larry Dodson, 2013 Chevrolet Corvette GS

Tommy Clack, 1999 Chevrolet Z71 Truck

Roger Gilmore, 1967 International Scout 800

Charles Deans, 1970 Chevrolet Chevelle SS

Phyllis Anglin, 1968 Chevrolet Camaro

*Jerry McCullough, 1973 Dodge Dart Sport 340

Host's Favorite (Smoke Rise Baptist):

Gary Moon, 1929 Windsor Cabriolet coupe

Coollest Cruiser (GCC's Favorite):

Frank Nocerb, 1932 Ford Model A

Charity's Choice:

Cecil McCall (Cofer Collection), 1937 Hudson Brougham

Sponsor's Award (Streetside Classics):

Lloyd Mitchell, 1940 Ford coupe

* Denotes GCC Club Member

2026 Club Shows & Events



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

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!



Red, White & Briscoe

Saturday, July 18th

11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Snellville's Briscoe Park

2500 Sawyer Parkway

(off Lenora Church Road)

Snellville, GA 30078

Cool Cars in Smoke Rise

Saturday, September 5th

- Rain Date: September 19th -

11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Smoke Rise Baptist Church

5901 Hugh Howell Road

Stone Mountain/Tucker, GA 30087

Cars & Costumes at The Pony

Car Show & Halloween Costume Contest

Saturday, October 24th

Noon - 4:00 pm

The Pink Pony

1837 Corporate Blvd.

Brookhaven, GA 300329

Cool Cars at Briscoe Park

- Fall 2026 Show -

Saturday, November 14th

11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Snellville's Briscoe Park

2500 Sawyer Parkway

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

CLUB NEWS & UPDATES



February's Charity Report

Our "Sweetheart" Cruise-in was a fundraiser for the fight against Breast Cancer with 100% of our donations staying right here in Georgia.

With a near perfect day weather-wise, we had a parking lot *FULL* of show cars and a donation bowl *FULL* of cash! We ended up with an *AMAZING* total of **\$3,015!**

This came from entry donations, the 50/50 raffle and an auction of two gift baskets donated by Nuttopia.

Rick won the 50/50 drawing and promptly donated his winnings to the charity. He bought two car lengths to get the jackpot started.

Our thanks to everyone that donated!



We STILL NEED YOU To Be a Club Volunteer!!

You may have noticed that we applaud and recognize our "A-Team" in every newsletter. That's because we have the BEST volunteers in the GA Cool Cruisers that anyone has ever had.

The challenge is that we have the same 10-ish volunteers that do the majority of the work at every show, from set up to tear down. Those of us on the A-Team absolutely LOVE what we do! We love contributing to an organization that exists to give back and Bless others.

*But...*sometimes we get tired. Sometimes we'd love to get a break in the middle of the Show to eat lunch undisturbed *OR* get to walk the Show field and see the amazing cars.

That's where you come in! We'd love for more people to show up and help out. You don't have to work every show or for the entire show (unless you want to!). We'll show you how you can help. We'll even feed you (volunteers get snacks, drinks and lunch for free).

So, PLEASE reach out to Rick Ellis or Paul Benham (*contact info can be found on page 2*) to let them know that you'd like to contribute your time and energy to our Club. We'd love to have you.

Our 2026 Show Schedule:

More Pieces of the Puzzle in Place!

We have been hard at work trying to fill in the middle of our 2026 schedule of shows and events. It might sound like a pretty easy job, but it's not always. We have to find a proper venue (sufficient available parking spaces, rest-rooms and power supply) and a willing host.

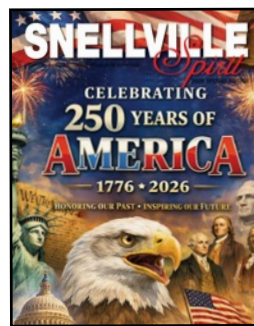
The Pink Pony opted out of a Summer show but will continue with the always FUN Halloween car show & costume contest.

We have decided to repeat our June sponsorship of the Tucker Main Street Cruise-in and will be the featured Club. We may also add a lunch gathering to that event, but no plans have been made yet.

This being the USA's 250th birthday we *REALLY* wanted to do an Independence Day show on the 4th, but after trying to work out the details, it just didn't work. We did schedule a show at Briscoe Park in Snellville on July 18th. It will have all the "fun stuff" as if it was 2 weeks earlier. We are really excited about this so watch for more info coming soon!

August is still open, so let us hear your ideas.

GCC Gets Some GREAT Press!



Club member Margaret Moore spotted an article in the latest issue of "SNELLVILLE SPIRIT" on the Cool Cruisers November show when our charity was Snellville PD's "Shop With A Cop" program. You can find a it at:

ExperienceSnellville.com/snellville-spirit-magazine/

Rod Worley, editor of the online magazine "Vettes of Atlanta" came out to our Sweetheart Cruise-in to cover it for his magazine. He also did a very nice article on the Cool Cruisers!

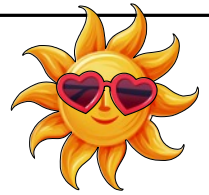
You can find the article at vettesofatlanta.com/

We always appreciate the good press! It really puts a "Cool" Smile on our faces!

Please share any Club related news items with us!

Mother Nature "Shines" on Us With a PERFECT February Day!

Our "Sweetheart" Cruise-in was AMAZING!



We could not have asked for a nicer mid-February day for our 12th Annual "I'm SICK of Winter" Sweetheart Cruise-in! We were ALL SMILES all day long! It reminded us of our very first one at the Old Hickory House when we had similar weather and crowd!

We returned to Smoke Rise Baptist and FILLED their parking lot to near capacity with over 130 registered show cars (plus probably 10-12 that didn't bother to register or donate). We also had a variety of vendors, including Nuttopia and the Church's pre-school selling their tasty treats plus the Tucker Lions Club and the Snellville VFW. Unfortunately our show Sponsor, Streetside Classics, was unable to make it. Mike Perry and his crew stayed busy serving up burgers and dogs to the crowd.

Our ALWAYS amazing crew of volunteers made the show run flawlessly in all aspects, including set-up, registration, show car & spectator parking and packing it all up at the end. We were able to fill up the the show parking with very few of the usual scattered empty spaces, making the show area look especially nice!

Our Charity for the show benefited the fight against breast cancer with all money raised (\$3,015) staying right here in Georgia. We must admit that we did a "HAPPY DANCE" after this show! Perfect weather, an amazing group of show cars and an excellent total for our charity . . . LIFE IS GOOD!

We have scheduled a September 5th show at the Church, so make sure you put it on your calendar. Our Charity for that show will be the DeKalb Fraternal Order of Police "Santa Cop" program.

Of course we don't have room to show all the "Cool" cars from the show, but if you go to our Facebook page, you can check out all the great shots by Club member Billy Wright!





Sweetheart Cruise-in





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Many more photos on our Facebook page!



Sweetheart Cruise-in



HOT RODS at Hayes of Baldwin



Saturday, March 21st

10:00 am - 2:00 pm

HAYES DEALERSHIPS

3660 State Hwy 365

Baldwin, GA 30511

Hayes
**FAMILY
DEALERSHIPS
of BALDWIN**

Ready for a "Road Trip?" Make your plans to join us for the 17th Annual Hot Rods at Hayes in Baldwin, Georgia! This is a very easy drive up I-85/985 to Highway 365, a straight shot only about an hour north of Spaghetti Junction. This is ALWAYS a FUN and WELL ATTENDED show, with a lot of show cars and trucks that we never see in shows around the metro area!

We have increased the awards to TOP 25 along with the Best Classic and Best Modern. Hayes Dealerships will once again have a "Cool" event T-shirt that they give each registered show car (while supplies last), WCON 99.3 fm "My Country" will be providing music and DJ, Mike Perry and his crew will be cooking up their tasty burgers, hot dogs and BBQ sandwiches and Year One Muscle Car Parts has donated a \$250 Gift Certificate that we will raffle off (tickets \$2 ea. or 3 for \$5)

Our charity will be the Hot Rodders Children's Charity with 100% of the entry donations and raffle proceeds going to this great charity.

Please note the earlier start time of 10:00 am. For the best parking spaces, make your plans to arrive by the start time! We plan to open registration at 9:00 am.

This show requires EXTRA Club Volunteers to assist with Registration, Shirt Distribution and Show Car Parking, so please consider giving us a hand! Let us know ASAP if you can help!

Cool Cars at Briscoe Park



Saturday, April 25th

11:00 am - 3:00 pm

BRISCOE PARK

2500 Sawyer Parkway

Snellville, GA 30078

Briscoe Park is ALWAYS a favorite venue for us! And we always have a very nice group of show cars and a LOT of spectators! The Snellville Parks staff has been hard at work, lining up a variety of food vendors and helping promote the show.

We have a new charity for this event, the Southeast Gwinnett Cooperative Ministry. They provide assistance to families in need in Snellville and SE Gwinnett.

Of course we will have our usual Best & Top 20 popular choice awards, 50/50 raffle and great oldies music. Our thanks to Streetside Classics for once again sponsoring our Briscoe Park shows.

Please make your plans to attend!

Our Sponsors & Supporters

<p>Diamond Sponsor  </p> <p>Ken & Susan MILLER</p>	<p>Triple Diamond Sponsor   </p> <p> Fraggie ENTERPRISES</p>	<p> Triple Diamond Sponsor</p> <p>Don Brock, Builder</p>	<p>Diamond Sponsor </p> <p></p>
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<p>TOM CHICK Lawn Management Services</p> <p>LawnManagementServices.com</p>	<p>Sharon K. Ellis OPTOMETRIST Loganville Eyecare</p>	<p>Mike Perry Tucker Welding & Fabrication</p>	<p>Decatur Estate VINTAGE MARKET</p> <p>DecaturEstateAntiques.com</p>
<p></p>	<p>Bill & Leigh Whatley TURN ONE CLASSIC CARS Classic & Muscle</p>	<p> Northlake Mall Tucker, GA</p>	<p>Residential  Remodeling TIM LEACH CONSTRUCTION</p>

Some of the Charities We Support

<p></p>	<p>Shop With A Cop </p>	<p></p>	<p></p> <p>Raising funds for Georgia Breast Cancer Programs</p>
<p></p>	<p>Southeast Gwinnett Cooperative Ministry</p>	<p></p>	<p></p>