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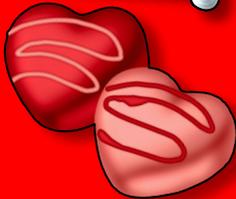


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**GEORGIA**  
*Cool Cruisers, inc.*  
 A 501(c)(3)  
 Non-Profit Organization

the 10th Annual "I'm SICK of Winter"

## Sweetheart Cruise-in

HOT  
ROD



Saturday, February 10th  
11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Gateway Classic Cars

2705 Ronald Reagan Blvd, Suite 200

Cumming, GA 30041



## HOT RODS at Hayes

Saturday, March 23rd

10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Hayes Family Dealerships

Baldwin, GA 30511



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**Please make sure  
your membership  
is up to date!**

***If you don't remember  
the last time you paid,  
you are probably DUE!***

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**Cool Cruisers Club Store**



- Jackets
- Windbreakers



- Polo shirts
- T-shirts

We offer a light weight windbreaker (\$75 & \$80\*) with our Club logo on the left chest and across the back. This jacket is available in most popular colors.

We also have a heavier weight 3-season jacket, embroidered the same as the wind-breaker (\$95 & \$100).

Get ready for Spring with a Cool-dry polo shirt, our club logo embroidered on left chest (\$35 & \$40), available in a variety of colors.

***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)*



**Club T's**

\$18 (S-XL) & \$20 (2X & 3X).

*T-shirts available at all Club events.*

***We accept Cash, Checks, PayPal and most major Credit Cards***

# 2024 Club Shows & Events



*The "I'm SICK of Winter"*

## Sweetheart Cruise-in

Saturday, February 10th

11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Gateway Classic Cars

2705 Ronald Reagan Boulevard

Cumming, GA 30041

*Fundraiser to help END Breast Cancer*

## Hot Rods at Hayes of Baldwin

Saturday, March 23rd

10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Hayes Family Dealerships

3660 State Hwy 365

Baldwin, GA 30511

*Fundraiser for Hot Rodders Children's Charity*

## Cool Cars at Briscoe Park - Spring

Saturday, April 20th

11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Snellville's Briscoe Park

2500 Sawyer Parkway (off Lenora Church Rd)

Snellville, GA 30078

## USO Benefit Car Show

Saturday, May 25th

11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Handy Ace Hardware

3969 Lawrenceville Highway

Tucker, GA 30084

*NOTE: All dates and times are subject to change.  
Check our website or Facebook page for updates.  
RAIN DATES: One week after the original date.*



## Horsepower at the Pony

Saturday, July 20th

Noon - 4:00 pm

The Pink Pony

1837 Corporate Boulevard NE

Brookhaven, GA 30329

*Fundraiser for Animal Rescues*

## "SANTA COP" Cruise-in

Saturday, September 21st

11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Handy Ace Hardware

3969 Lawrenceville Highway

Tucker, GA 30084

## Cool Cars & Costumes at The Pony

*Car Show & Halloween Costume Contest*

Saturday, October 19th

Noon - 4:00 pm

The Pink Pony

1837 Corporate Boulevard NE

Brookhaven, GA 30329

*Fundraiser to help END Breast Cancer*

## Cool Cars at Briscoe Park - Fall

Saturday, November 9th

11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Snellville's Briscoe Park

2500 Sawyer Parkway

Snellville, GA 30078

*Fundraiser for Snellville PD's "Shop With A Cop"*

## Toys for Tots Cruise-in

Saturday, December 7th

11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Handy Ace Hardware

3969 Lawrenceville Highway

Tucker, GA 30084



# CLUB NEWS & UPDATES

## JANUARY '24 CHARITY REPORT:



Although the **Poker Run** through North Georgia was not officially a Club event, we were an event sponsor and helped **Mike Thies** promote his event.

Mike set a very lofty goal of 40 cars participating and \$5,000 in total donations to benefit the Parkinson's Unit at Emory Hospital.

At first it appeared he would come in nowhere close to his goal, but as the event got closer, more signed up until he had 90% of the goal reached by Friday night before the big day.

Mike reported that he hit his goal on "Show Day" thanks to several day-of registrations *PLUS* all Poker Hand winners donated their winnings back to the charity!

*GREAT JOB, MIKE!! Thanks for letting us be part of it!*

## We Are *STILL* Looking for More Club Volunteers!

We've put out the HELP call more than once lately, with pretty much the same response, or LACK of response, so here we go one more time . . .

We have a GREAT core group, but we cannot expect the same few to handle *ALL* the duties at *ALL* the shows! We need some new blood to get involved!

We recently lost one of our top volunteers and trailer-pullers, Larry Navarre, who moved out of state. We desperately need to add several that can both help on show day set-up plus pull the Club trailer!

The work is NOT hard, in fact it is a lot of fun to be a part of making our shows the success they have become over the years!

If you would like to become a valued member of our "A-Team," please contact our Volunteer Coordinator **Paul Benhem** ASAP. His contact info is listed on page 2.

*This request is a PRIORITY if you want our shows to continue as they have in the past!*

## Now That We Are a 501(c)(3) . . .

We are SOOO PROUD of our new status as a certified non-profit organization! But what does this all mean to our members, sponsors and supporters? I means that when you make a donation to the Club, or become a Sponsor, you can use that as a charitable deduction on your tax returns!

Please consider the Cool Cruisers for one of your contributions this year! We will be happy to provide you with a donation receipt.

## Our April Show

Well we thought we had a "winner" with last year's show with the Snellville Methodist Church show. What a great event, plenty of space, food and even great weather! We were hoping to make this an annual event for the Club.

One problem, our member-in-charge of the show, Sammy McDaniel, moved to Cumming. No one at the Church wanted to take on the show for this year.

Briscoe Park had been wanting a second date for quite a while, so we were able to make that happen.

We selected the VFW (Veterans of Foreign Wars) as our event charity.

## Road Trip, Anyone?

Club member **Steve Freeman** moved off a few years ago to Bluffton (Hilton Head), SC and is opening a brand new business venture, **Auto Island**.

Auto Island is a "Club House" to store and consign collector cars. As part of the grand opening, Steve will be hosting an open car show on Friday, March 15th, with the ribbon cutting at 3:15 and the car show from 4:00 - 7:00 pm. Steve has invited all the Cool Cruisers to attend! *Info: www.AutoIsland.club* .

## In Our Prayers . . .

Please keep **Chip Cofer** (Tucker Main Street Cruise-Ins) in your thoughts and prayers in the loss of his wife, Rhonda.

Retired DeKalb Police officer and president of the DeKalb FOP (Santa Cop car show), **Jeff Wiggs**, recently died unexpectedly.

**An AMAZING & FUN Car Event for a CHILLY January Day!**

**Mike Thies' First Charity Poker Run a Huge Success!**

“A GREAT DAY” was how Club member Mike Walling described Mike Thies’ Poker Run for Parkinson’s disease! Mike organized the event and asked the Cool Cruisers to help promote it and serve as one of the event Sponsors. With January being pretty much a waste land for car events, we jumped at the plan. Mike set a goal of 40 cars to participate in the run with a total donation of \$5,000!

Rick & Sharon had planned to do the run, but a bout with Covid changed their plans and they had to ask Mike & Becca Walling to fill in for them. Mike did an excellent job on the photos and reporting on the event. Becca held the winning poker hand at the end (4 Queens!) and promptly donated her winnings back to the charity. All other winners followed, making a truly “Cool” event!

The run started at the set of “**Sam’s Garage**” TV show in Buford with coffee and donuts provided. Each participant drew a card at each stop. The other stops were:

- **Atlanta Motor Sport Park** in Dawsonville
- **Crisson Gold Mine** in Dahlonega, both a gold mine and a very unique store with lots to see and buy.
- **Mile Through Time Auto Museum** in Clarksville is a consignment store with tons of stuff to see and a car museum for \$15 with 106 cars in it.
- The run ended at **Top-End Motors** in Braselton where the winners were announced and everyone was treated to a full lunch.

The only bad part was the lack of participants from the Cool Cruisers. We are hoping to do this again in the future, either with Mike Thies or as a Club event. Hopefully this will give our members a better insight into the fun of doing a poker run and help increase our numbers! Thanks to those that did participate!





# POKER RUN for Parkinson's



## The "I'm SICK of WINTER" Sweetheart Cruise-in

**Saturday, February 10th**

**11:00 am - 3:00 pm**

**GATEWAY CLASSIC CARS**

*At Their NEW Location*

**2705 Ronald Reagan Blvd.**

**Cumming, GA 30041**



It's *FINALLY* time to kick off the Cool Cruisers 2024 show season! And as we have done the past nine years, we start with our "I'm SICK of WINTER" Sweetheart Cruise-in. Gateway Classics will host us at their North Atlanta Showroom, with one small change. They have *MOVED* one exit north off GA 400 (Exit 13). We checked out their new location and we are *IMPRESSED!* There is much better show car parking in both the front area and behind the showroom. We seriously doubt that we could possibly run out of show car spaces!

Mike Perry has agreed to come and cook his tasty burgers, hot dogs and BBQ. He will also expand his offerings to include Hot Chocolate, Coffee and Donuts for the early show hours. Of course we will have a *BUNCH* of Popular Choices Awards, expanding to a Top 25 along with Best Modern, Best Classic and several Special Awards.

Fraggie Enterprises (Leigh Fragnoli) will be our show sponsor, and select the Sponsor's Award. We will also have a mini silent auction with some items that, due to our rainy Toys for Tots show, we didn't get to sell. Year One has provided us a \$100 gift certificate for the auction!

Entry fee is \$20, with 100% going to benefit the fight against breast cancer, with all funds staying right here in Georgia.

We hate to even mention it, but the rain (or snow) date will be **Saturday, February 17th.**

*The 15th Annual*

***HOT RODS at HAYES***



**Saturday, March 23RD**

**10:00 am - 2:00 pm**

**Hayes Dealerships of Baldwin**

**3660 State Hwy 365**

**Baldwin, GA 30511**

Mark your calendars! If you've *NEVER* been to this show, this is your year to attend! Those that are "regulars" know how much fun this one is! We get a bunch of show cars (and trucks) that we don't see at our other shows. The Hayes folks are amazing hosts for our shows, providing a free event t-shirt, lots of show car parking, music and arranging some tasty BBQ at very reasonable prices. Year One Muscle Car Parts always kicks in with a \$250 gift certificate that we will raffle off.

The \$20 entry fee, along with proceeds from the 50/50 raffle, will benefit the Hot Rodders Children's Charity.

This is a *GREAT* area to make it a fun weekend, with Helen and Unicoi State Park a short drive away, but don't forget a stop at Jaemor Farms in Alto in your day's plans!

 ***Our Sponsors & Supporters*** 

<p>Diamond Sponsor </p> <p><b>Gateway</b> CLASSIC CARS </p>	<p>Double Diamond Sponsor </p> <p> <b>Fraggie</b> ENTERPRISES</p>	<p>Triple Diamond Sponsor </p> <p><b>DON MITCHELL</b> HOMES <b>Don Brock, Builder</b></p>	<p>Diamond Sponsor </p> <p><b>Streetside</b> CLASSICS </p>
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<p><b>Denny Williams</b> <b>MOTOR SPORTS</b></p>	<p><b>The HUTCHINSON FAMILY</b></p>	<p><b>SUMMIT</b> RACING EQUIPMENT</p>	<p>Lawrenceville - Oakwood - Baldwin <b>HAYES</b> FAMILY DEALERSHIPS Chrysler - Dodge - Jeep - Ram Chevrolet - Buick - Cadillac - GMC</p>
<p><b>PRINTSONIC</b> INCORPORATED PRINTING • SIGNS • BANNERS</p>	<p> <b>Mike Thies</b> <a href="http://SouthEastWheelsEvents.com">SouthEastWheelsEvents.com</a></p>	<p><b>YEARONE</b> Muscle Car Parts</p>	<p><b>Dr. Z's Fleet</b> THAT CAN'T BE BEAT</p>
<p><b>I-VAN International Vehicle Appraisal Network</b> 770-883-0160</p>	<p><b>Sharon K. Ellis</b> OPTOMETRIST</p>	<p>Mike Perry <b>Tucker Welding &amp; Fabrication</b></p>	<p><b>Decatur Estate VINTAGE MARKET</b> <a href="http://DecaturEstateAntiques.com">DecaturEstateAntiques.com</a></p>
<p></p>	<p> Classic &amp; Muscle</p>	<p><b>HAGERTY</b></p>	<p></p>

***Some of the Charities We Support***

<p><b>TOYS FOR TOTS</b></p>	<p><b>SANTA COP</b> and Shop With A Cop </p>	<p><b>USO</b> GEORGIA</p>	<p> It's The <b>Journey</b> Inc. Raising funds for Georgia Breast Cancer Programs</p>
<p><b>Atlanta Animal Rescue Friends</b> </p>	<p> <b>PAW PROJECT</b> of Georgia</p>	<p><b>HOT RODDERS</b> CHILDREN'S CHARITY </p>	<p></p>