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***MORE Cancelations
 and Changes . . .***
**BUT WAIT! We Have
 a NEW Event!**



***Thanks to those
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We need MORE for
Next Month!***

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The LATEST on Our Events

As we head into June, we thought many of our everyday activities would be back to pretty much normal. Well, we thought WRONG! As some places are reopening, many are not. Those that have are operating at a far different "normal" than before. We have to "go with the flow" and fit in some car events when and where we can.

That being said, here are the latest updates, as of press time, and always subject to change.

Our "Horsepower at the Pony" show scheduled for June 20th has been postponed. Dennis Williams said he very much wants to have the show, but with bars and nightclubs still not open, the show will have to be later in the year. As soon as we can get a date, we will let you know.

Our July 25th show at The Greater Good BBQ will move to Handy Ace Hardware, also in Tucker, on the same date and time. Unfortunately the Greater Good didn't survive the Pandemic closure. We hate it, as they were great hosts.

This also leaves a big hole in our Toys for Tots and Holiday Party plans. We are looking for new host venues for these events, and are open to your suggestions.

We were hoping that the Stone Mountain Village Cruise-ins would get started in June, but the City of Stone Mountain's Mayor has delayed that until July.

The Tucker Main Street Cruise-in will hopefully kick off their season on June 13th. We will let you know via email and our Facebook page on any new info on this fun event. Their Cruise-ins start at 5:00 pm, but we advise you to get there EARLY, as the street, and side streets fill up fast!

We tried to sent up a mid June Cruise-in at one of the Sonic locations, but due to their increased business and lack of a full staff, we couldn't work it out.

What we DID set up (and very excited about it!) is our 4th of July show at 'Cue Barbecue in Peachtree Corners!

We are still working out all the details with the 'Cue folks, but it promises to be a great way to spend Independence Day. The show proceeds will benefit Furkids Animal Rescue & Shelters.

One of the "unknowns" is our show at Coolray Field, which is part of the Gwinnett Public Safety Festival. With baseball on hold, the Coolray Field folks will have to find our when the Gwinnett Stripers (Atlanta Braves AAA farm team) will play their season. Right now, we have no idea if and when the Public Safety Festival will be. Stay tuned for updates.

That's a BIG chunk of our season that is presently in the "Twilight Zone" but we will continue to try and sort things ut and do all we can to have a fun car show season (at least what's left of it).

2020 Club Shows & Events

PLEASE NOTE: In these uncertain times, our schedule can continue to change, so please check our Facebook page or website for the latest updates!



RED, WHITE & 'CUE

“Cool” Car Show

Saturday, July 4th
11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Cur BBQ of Peachtree Corners
5260 Peachtree Industrial Blvd.
Peachtree Corners, GA 30071
*Proceeds will benefit
Furkids Animal Rescue & Shelters*



USO Benefit Car Show

Saturday, July 25th
11:00 am - 3:00 pm
Handy Ace Hardware
3969 Lawrenceville Hwy.
Tucker, GA 30084

“Cool Day” on Main Street

Saturday, August 8th
5:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Downtown Tucker
Main Street
Tucker, GA 30084

Cool Cars & Old Trains

Saturday, September 5th
11:00 am - 3:00 pm
Southeastern Railway Museum
3593 Buford Hwy
Duluth, GA 30096

Cool Cars at Coolray Field

Part of the Gwinnett Public Safety Festival
Date TBA
10:00 am - 2:00 pm
Coolray Field
2500 Buford Drive
Lawrenceville, GA 30044

Cool Cars at Briscoe Park

Saturday, November 14th
11:00 am - 3:00 pm
Snellville's Briscoe Park
2500 Sawyer Pkwy
Snellville, GA 30078

Toys for Tots Cruise-in

Saturday, December 5th
11:00 am - 3:00 pm
**LOCATION
TO BE
ANNOUNCED**

MEMBER'S RIDES



Bill's Brewster

Story & Photos by Bill & Anne Marsh



Our 1934 Brewster was made for Lily Pons, Metropolitan Opera, main Soprano for over 20 years. Her husband was Andre Kostelanetz. Brewster was a carriage maker for the very wealthy since the early 1800s. The grand families had their own color scheme that could not be used for anyone else. We have a Brewster buggy made in 1828 for the Vanderbilt family with a maroon body color with muted orange pinstriping. It was restored by an Amish buggy restorer to its original condition (See picture)

In the 1900s Brewster began making bodies for very high end manufacturers like Rolls Royce and others. A frame, engine, and driveline would be made by a manufacturer, like Rolls Royce, and a Brewster body would be made on that chassis. These were named as Rolls-Royce Brewster.

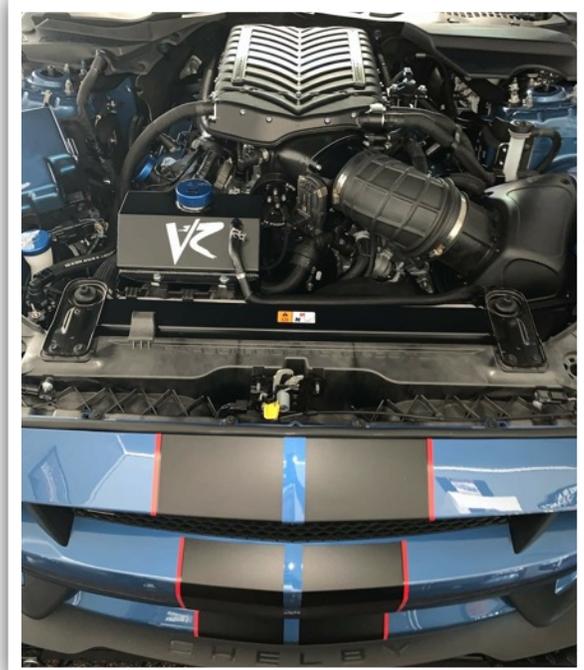
In 1934-1935 Brewster began making their own cars. Like ours. This was the Depression and many high end car manufacturers were going under. So they built our car on a 1934 Commercial Ford chassis that was extended by 15". Ford flathead 95hp engine was the power-plant. The car sold for \$3500 that was less than 1/3rd price as the major high end manufacturers.



Several features are the basketweave on the rear and sides. This was done, by hand, with a tiny cake decorator nozzle in raised patterns. The stunning heart-shaped grill was designed by Inskip who made very high end fountain pens. I gave this car to my wife, Anne as a Valentine day present.

Our car was featured in many high end collections and museums, and won 2nd place at the 1998 Pebble Beach Concourse, that finally was purchased by S. Truett Cathy, founder of Chick-Fil-A. Five years ago after negotiating with the Estate of Truett Cathy for six years they decided to sell it to me.

Bill & Anne have an extensive collection of Antique & Classic Cars. Make sure to check them out at the area shows. They are normally at the Stone Mountain Village Cruise-Ins, or cruising around Stone Mountain Park.

MEMBER'S RIDES**Michael Chastain's Mustang Gets More HP!**

Michael sent us several photos of his 2020 Mustang GT350R. The car was recently modified by Vengeance Racing, located in Cumming, Georgia.

They added a Whipple Supercharger, American Racing Headers and made several other upgrades to support the extra power. The car now has 875 horsepower, and redlines at 8300 RPMS! Check out the video at: <https://youtu.be/O-T7I-AEBjo>

Chuck Johns' Dodges!

Chuck sent us these "Cool" pics of his 1996 Viper RT/10 and Indy 500 Pace Truck. A lot of HP's in this "Dynamic Duo!"



MEMBER'S RIDES



Steve & Karen O'Neal's '69 AMX *(if it's running, it's hers)*

As many of you know I am retired. I sold our Black AMX for funds and started the process of bringing our Red AMX back to life. This starts with a nice looking rolling chassis from a previous body shop failure.

Body: Went in for a paint job, since it had 3 paint layers it had to be stripped and this was found - WTF jackleg would put 4" of bondo to cover all this up! I guess one can't push a shop with this much repair, 1 year & 9 months later...



Hit pretty hard on pass side quarter, rust on drivers side quarter and front and rear glass channel corners, inner structure cracking and bad dent repair on hood. Lower quarters replaced, upper sail panel custom bent and replaced, hood structure cut out, repaired, now that they could get to it the skin was beat back out and everything welded back up. Skim coat - NO BONDO type stuff used. Got it back, pretty amazing and the back end doesn't droop with all that bondo gone.



Engine: This was built 7+ years ago and dyno'd at 325 hp and 525# torque all under 4500 rpm. Now it needs to be checked and re-done for fuel injection, AC, larger alternator and the new PS pump. This picture shows much of it but top end and accessory pulley alignment is not finished yet. It is sitting on the new suspension cross member and will be installed complete by lowering the body onto it.

Suspension: All new Control Freak tubular front suspension with power rack w/2 way adjustable coil over shocks and Wilwood big brakes. Front will be going in with the motor shortly. Rear will be 4 link.

Wiring: With all the electronics it will have new complete wiring system with some custom Components I still have to plan out as they just don't make what is needed.

Project completion date unknown but I'm working on it!

CLUB NEWS & UPDATES

The “Cool Gear” Store



Order
Your's
TODAY

We thought that you would like to look “Cool” while being safe, so we had embroidered **face masks** made up. (sizes: Men’s and Women’s). They are currently available for **\$12.00 each**.

Our latest **T-shirts** have gotten two thumbs up from everyone that has seen them. We have sizes Small - XL @ **\$15.00 each**, 2X & 3X for **\$18.00 each**.

We will have them at our shows, or you can order and we will mail them to you. To order, email Rick at RNE680@mindspring.com or call at 404-732-6842.

You can pay by PayPal or mail a check. Please add \$5.00 per order to help defray shipping costs.

Safety Precautions at Shows

When we resume our shows in July, we will be following the latest mandated safety requirements. As things change almost daily, we are not sure what all we will have to do.

Some of the things will be extra cleaning of things such as the pens & Sharpies and additional spacing at Registration.

We will have hand sanitizer and disposable masks available (masks at a small charge). Any food services will also have new precautions. We will also have a waiver of liability for all participants to read and sign.

We may have to limit the number of participants to ensure safe distancing (no show cars parked in non-designated spaces). If you are sick, or just not feeling well, we ask that you please stay home.

We are living in new and different times, so please understand the changes and work with us to make everything run smoothly!

Our 7th Birthday Celebration



June is our Club’s anniversary month, and we always celebrate with a big cake at one (or more) of our June shows.

This year we will be a **BIG 7!**

Unfortunately, with all the changes we are experiencing, we won’t have a June show for our celebration, so please eat some cake in our honor!

What we are going to try and do, is have a birthday celebration at a show later in the year, complete with a cake!

Our Club Needs . . .

Sponsors: The pandemic has stopped our Sponsorship bucks!

Trailer Pullers: We need a volunteer or 2 that will help us get the trailer pulled to our July events. Please let Rick know if you can give us a “tow.”

Studebakers on Mackinac Island... **(where there are no motorized vehicles) *By Alan Ziglin***



Studebaker



In June 2019 my wife Rochelle and I took a two and a half week vacation which included a 10 day cruise of the Great Lakes. The cruise started in Chicago and ended in Toronto. Included on the cruise itinerary was a day on Mackinac Island, Michigan. Just before we left Atlanta a friend from the local Pontiac club contacted me to be sure I was aware that on Mackinac Island there was a carriage museum which had a Studebaker wagon in it.

My friend is very familiar with Mackinac Island since he and his wife were married there many years ago. In addition, they have celebrated most of their wedding anniversaries by going back there.

I knew Mackinac Island was noted for the fact that it has no motorized vehicles. However, had my friend not alerted me to the Studebaker vehicle there, we would have missed it completely since that museum was not on our Mackinac Island tour.

When we got to the island, I asked our tour guide if she knew where the museum was. She did and told me where on the tour we would be closest to it and that if I hurried, I could get to the museum and back to the tour group. So that's exactly what I did. I only had a few minutes but I did snap a few pictures.

When I got to the museum, I was delighted to find there was not one, but three, Studebaker vehicles there. In addition to getting pictures of the vehicles I also took pictures of the descriptive plaques and some of the Studebaker automobilia they had on the walls. One vehicle was a "Rumble Seat Trap". I had heard some types of horse drawn carriages referred to as "traps" but never knew why, until I read the informative sign. In order for passengers to get into their seats the driver had to lift his seat up and allow the passengers to enter the carriage. At that point, the driver would put his seat back down. The passengers then found themselves "trapped" until he moved the seat up again to allow them to exit.

Another of the Studebaker vehicles was a Victoria Carriage, noted for its low step and wide entrance. The third vehicle was a Two-Seated Pony Runabout.

As an aside, as I mentioned earlier, I knew that Mackinac Island was known for having no motorized vehicles. It really was different being in a place where all transportation was non-motorized. However, I did wonder if there were absolutely no motorized vehicles. I asked some questions on the topic and it turns out they do have two or three motorized police vehicles. In addition, as they talked about how much snow they get every winter that has to be plowed off the roads and streets I said, "... And all those plows are pulled by horses?" The answer was "no" since they actually do have motorized snow plows.

Knowing that there were a few motorized vehicles lurking around, in no way diminished our enjoyment of this unique island.

And to think, I would have missed these two Studebaker vehicles if it hadn't been for a friend from the Pontiac club!

MEMBER'S RIDES**Dennis Behnken's "Hell-Kitten" Challenger**

I have long loved the looks of the Challengers, but being a "Ford Guy," I have had to suppress those thoughts. I was browsing on the Hayes Auto site and found one I really liked, a base model 2019 SXT in Pitch Black. I decided to go take a look at it and ended up talking to the head man, Mike Hayes.

As a result of Mike offering me a great deal, and the fact that I was tired of all the harassment from the MOPAR gang (Rick), I finally traded in my beloved Petty Blue Mustang convertible.

The Challenge was a "Blank Canvas" just waiting for the Mods, and it didn't have to wait very long. First I put badging and interior accents, then I put added a tail stripe and hood graphics with a red grill insert. Next came the cold air intake and cat-back exhaust system.

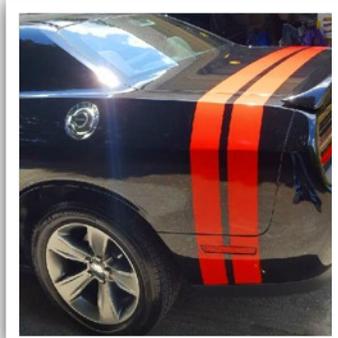
These two mods made it PURRRRR, hence the name "Hell-Kitten!"



In the near future, plans are wheels and tires, changing the upholstery and flash the computer.

This will keep me busy for a while because I am retiring as of July 31, an trust me, I am *COUNTING THE DAYS!*

I also have my old Mercury Comet convertible to finish up, but that's another project for another year.



***Please send in your stories and photos of your "Cool" Rides!
Send In MS Word format and photos as JPEG attachments,
And send to Rick @ RNE680@mindspring.com. THANKS!***

More Thoughts During Quarantine

By Ken Yokelson

I know that we are getting restless to get back to our car shows and drive our classics and I agree. The last eight weeks have been tough. Right when the quarantine hit, there were eight straight weekends of car shows. All canceled! That hurts.

I was talking with a friend yesterday and we both were getting tired of this “shelter in place” and started talking about the changes we were seeing. We both came to the realization that getting back to “normal” was not necessarily a good thing and that the “new normal” wasn’t all that new.

Let me explain: I have now found myself sitting in my driveway more often than before and feeling more relaxed (after all, where can I go). I’m watching as the neighbors walked by walking their dogs, they stop, and talk (at 6’ distance). Some of these neighbors, I don’t usually see and got to know them. But, the biggest change I saw (and my friend has seen this in his neighborhood) was children out riding their bikes around. What struck us both was that we hadn’t seen this kind of activity in a long time. We both remembered that our Saturdays were spent on our bikes for hours. We laugh and remembered we’d leave the house when we were (a lot) younger in the morning and the last words we’d hear from our mother was “be home before dark.” As youngsters, we spent the day meeting up with friends and riding everywhere and anywhere. Exploring was what Saturdays were about.

I have found myself spending more time around the house doing little projects. My wife is doing more gardening and the landscape never looked better.

So what has all this rambling been about? Maybe I’m saying that with this “down time” you should take the time to take a breath and relax. Remember the simple life when every moment of our life wasn’t scheduled. Take the time to do the things you want to do around the house. Our automotive activities will return soon enough and when they do we will be right back at it.

Am I being nostalgic? At my age probably, but is that slower, more relaxed pace so bad? Has this pandemic caused us to slow down and take stock of our lives and look at what we have achieved or need to achieve in life? I have found myself even reconnecting with some old friends during this time. Try it, you may find that long lost friend from high school, college, or work.

So what’s the bottom line: take a breath, enjoy the “down time”, and realize we are all in the same boat. Be more tolerant and thoughtful of each other and remember the simple times. Remember what is really important to you and enjoy what we have left in life. While our classics are important to us, they are not the most important part of our lives. They will be there when the virus has been defeated.

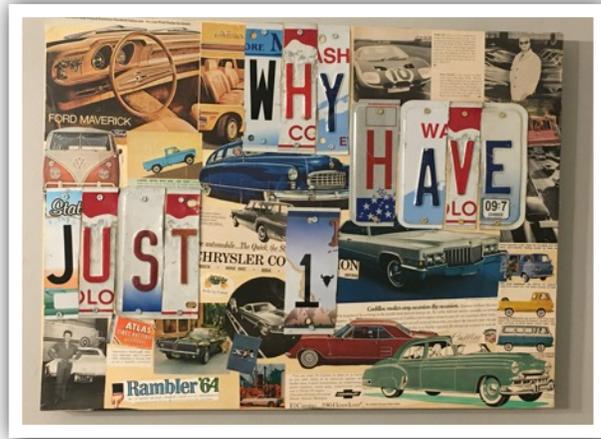
*So my final thought: **Relax and enjoy life. We will be back soon enough . . . Ken***

David Sterne’s “Garage Art”

Now that we all have more time to sort through those boxes, piles, or in some cases - garages full of car stuff, it’s fun to see what can be re-purposed into different things.

While moving some stacks of old magazines and boxes of license plates, I got the idea to put them both together to see what I could make, which I’ve attached.

Let’s see what other members have created with their spare time!



July Events Preview . . . YES, We are BACK!!!

We were hoping to have some shows or cruise-ins for June, and Lord we tried, but the best we could work out is early July.

Normally this space would feature our June events, but since we don't have any, we wanted to give you information about our July shows. One is brand new, the other one has a new venue.

We will have more info on both shows in our July edition of "Cool Times," but please put both shows on your calendar!

Red, White & 'Cue Car Show

Saturday, July 4th

11:00 am - 3:00 pm

'Cue Barbecue

5260 Peachtree Industrial Blvd.

Peachtree Corners, GA 30071



With all the canceled and postponed shows, we started working on some new ones to get our season re-started. With July 4th falling on a Saturday, we thought "what better than Independence Day, Cars and Barbecue?" Next, a call to our friends at 'Cue BBQ in Peachtree Corners, and it's a DONE DEAL!

'Cue has some of the best barbecue (and side items) as we have found, and the staff LOVES car shows, so make sure you put this one on your calendar! All proceeds will benefit Furkids Animal Rescue & Shelters.

Since we just got this one set-up, we are still working out all the details and will have more information in the July "Cool Times."



USO Benefit

Saturday, July 25th

11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Handy Ace Hardware

3969 Lawrenceville Hwy.

Tucker, GA 30084

This show is still quite a ways off, but with a change of venue, we wanted to get the info to you "early and often!"

With the closure of The Greater Good BBQ, we had to find a new location to host it. Our friends at Handy Ace were happy to jump in and help out! With the late changes, we still have some details to work out, so we will be updating you closer to the show.

All proceeds will benefit USO Georgia.

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