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The Official Newsletter of the
Southern Cruzers



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He'll "go" for the sturdy cement mixer with its revolving drum, the workable dump truck, and the trencher with a real scooping operation. 22-1713

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EDITOR'S NOTE TO SANTA:

PLEASE BRING ME ANOTHER MIGHTY PAY LOADER. I WRECKED THE ONE YOU BROUGHT ME IN 1955.
(MOM & DAD WEREN'T HAPPY!)



Cruzer Merchandise

License Plate Plaques - \$31.00

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SHOW OFF YOUR CAR HOW?

If you contribute an article that is used, a small picture of your car may be published with it. If your car is not on the website, then I don't have a picture of it. (Pics will be used if room allows.)

Mail articles and photos to:

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MEETING INFO

***2024 MONTHLY MEETING SCHEDULE ***

January 11	July 11
February 8	August 8
March (No meeting)	September 12
April 11	October 10
May 9	November 14
June 13	December (No meeting)



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from the internet

Southern Cruzers platinum "Summer Spectacular" sponsor



*** CHECK OUT THE CRUZERS' WEBSITES ***

There is an Application Form on the MAIN website. If someone wants to join, they can just print it, fill it out, & mail it in with their check.

Main site: www.SouthernCruzers.com

Event Site: www.TheSummerSpectacular.com

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

LADIES' NIGHT OUT: Thursday, December 7, 2023, 3:00 p.m. Apple Valley Legion Post 1776, 14521 Grenada Drive. If you have questions, contact Karen Keenan @ 952-758-9754

SOUTHERN CRUZERS' CHRISTMAS PARTY: Fri., Dec. 8, Social hour 4 - 5 p.m., Buffet dinner 5 p.m., Apple Valley Legion Post 1776, 14521 Grenada Ave.

CLUB MEETING: Because of the holidays, there is no meeting in December. Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year!

OTHER SHOWS AND EVENTS

MSRA WINTER AWARDS BANQUET: Saturday, January 27, 2024, at the casino in Hinckley (See your Linechaser for details.)

50TH ANNUAL BACK TO THE FIFTIES WEEKEND: June 21 - 23, 2024. (It's never too early to start planning for this big event! It will also be the 40th annual trip for Lil Darlin' and me to this show!)

EDITOR'S NOTE: Just a reminder: This listing is in no way a complete one. I just list the events closer to home that may be of interest to our readers, or are favorites with our members. For a more comprehensive list, go to Events with Cars.com, or find the latest issue of the MSRA Linechaser.

CRUISE NIGHTS

I think that ship has sailed.

We hope everyone had a good time going to these cruise events!

This feature will return, next spring.

HANDY TIP FOR REMEMBERING THE MONTHS

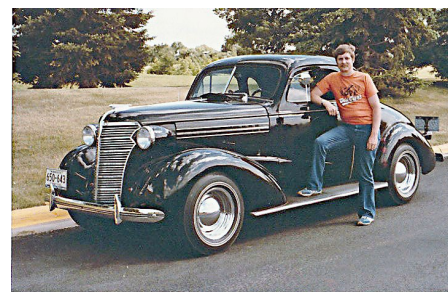
Do you ever have a problem trying to remember how many days there are in a month? Many years ago, when I was in high school, my shop math teacher, who not only taught us gear ratios, figuring out angles, fractions, measurements, and countless other valuable items to use throughout life, kept us entertained with jokes and other useful tidbits of information. One of the tidbits he taught us was how to remember how many days were in each month. I recently found this image on Facebook, and it instantly brought me back to 1961.



Put your hand into a fist and all the knuckles have 31 days, and the valleys between do not. If you counted right, July will land on your last knuckle. Start counting back on your fist starting with July, and August will also have 31 days! Thank you, Mr. Salo. for this little tool that has stuck in my brain all these years!



DUANE'S WORLD



Is it my imagination, or are there more leaves to take care of this year? Yesterday, I had our yard looking pretty good, and this morning I woke up, and it looks like I didn't do a thing. I've said it before, but I think leaves are blowing into our yard from Faribault! At this age, it might be time to hire a yard company to come in and take care of this yearly mess. I've also said before that if I ever become king, I'll make an edict requiring all the trees to drop all their leaves at the same time. Fast forward to today. Last night it snowed, so I'll have to wait for it to melt until I can get out one more time to get in the final mulching session.



If you went to the November Club meeting, you saw that Vice President Steve Brehm was running the meeting, and Sheryl Gardner was taking the minutes. That's because Secretary Rose and I were down in Branson taking part in their annual Veterans Week. We were hanging out with my old friend, Dave (Remember the Halloween photo from last month?), and his wife, Linda. The photo of the four of us was taken at the Top of the Rock while we were on the 2.5 mile golf cart path. Note the short sleeves. It was in the low 80's and beautiful!

We made sure we did all the things that we normally do while in Branson, including several shows, and a stop every day at the Veteran's Village to listen to the non-stop guitar jam session, and to enjoy the companionship of other grey beard veterans such as us. Also, at the village, every day they have a free lunch, provided by local establishments, and who can pass up a free lunch?! The atmosphere for Viet Nam vets is completely different here than it was around the country in 1967! **(President's note:** It's also a real treat to take your secretary on a trip like this!)

On a more somber note, you will find on page 7, not the usual car show or cruise photos, but two recent passings in our Club. We appreciate our members very much. Greg Smith & Sue Flink will be missed!

I hope winter doesn't set in too soon. I still haven't warmed up Lil Darlin' for one last trip around the neighborhood, and to treat her with a little drink of Stabil to keep the innards of her carburetor from gumming up. I'm still living in the past century, do fuel injected engines require this attention?



The Cruz News staff wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. If we don't see you at the Christmas party, we'll see you out there, somewhere! DB

SOUTHERN CRUZERS CHRISTMAS PARTY, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8

Mark your calendar and make plans to attend the Southern Cruiser annual Christmas party which will be held at the Apple Valley Legion Post #1776. The festivities will start at 4 p.m. The cost per member will be \$15.00 (Non-refundable). There will be a buffet meal along with entertainment. As in the past, there will be a "White Elephant" table, so if you have an item that would be appropriate for the table, bring it along. As we in the Club are not very formal, Christmas ties and ugly Christmas sweaters fit right in with our décor. Otherwise, dress is casual.

If you have any questions on the party, call: Fran Stade, 612-716-1415, or Rose Barclay, 952-894-3165.

MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES –Thursday, November 9, 2023 - Submitted by Sheryl Gardner

Vice President: Steve Brehm called the membership meeting of the Southern Cruzers to order at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was observed.

Secretary's report: A motion was made by Craig Duntley and seconded by Ron Willson to accept the minutes of the October 12, 2023, meeting as printed in the November Cruz News. The motion passed.

Vice President's Report: Steve Brehm reported that he sent out 6 hard copies of the last Cruz News.

Treasurer's report: Chell Craigie read the treasurer's report. Jerry Forness made a motion to approve the report. The motion was seconded by Tim Gardner. The motion passed. A call for bills was made. Judy Kemper submitted a bill for a memorial; Jim Neher submitted a bill for membership mailing costs; Steve Brehm and Craig Duntley submitted a bill for an Apple Valley Ford plaque. Sheryl Gardner made a motion to pay the bills. It was seconded by Tim Gardner, and the motion passed. Jim Neher gave new income, from renewed memberships, to Chell.

Membership Chairperson: Jim Neher reported Club membership is 83 (144 total). At this time, 54 members have renewed. Jim had up to date Club rosters.

Events: Karen Keenan reported that Ladies' Night Out is scheduled for Thursday, December 7, 2023, at 3:00 p.m., at the Apple Valley Legion Club.

Old Business: Mark Peterson gave an update on visits to the Southern Cruiser website and to the Summer Spectacular website.

New Business: Ed Sanders birthday was acknowledged.

TSS Business: A plaque will be given to Apple Valley Ford for their donation. There was discussion about moving the TSS back a week again.

The next meeting will be at the Apple Valley American Legion Post 1776, on Thursday, January 11, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. Jerry Forness made a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Ron Anderson, and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned.

President & Secretary note: Thank you to Steve Brehm and Sheryl Gardner for taking over the reins at the November meeting!

TIMELINE FOR DISTRIBUTION OF TSS PROFITS

At the October Club meeting, attending members voted to donate \$6000.00 to selected charities, as we have done in the past. If you have a charity you would like to sponsor for part of this donation, fill out the information needed on page 9 of last month's issue. Please submit your completed allotment guideline sheet to a board member prior to the January, 2024 Club meeting, or submit it at the meeting.

At the January meeting, you will have a chance to explain your charity selection; it will be decided how the \$6000.00 should be divided; and there will be a vote on which charities to award.



SOUTHERN CRUZERS CURRENTLY IN THE HOSPITAL, OR CONVALESCING AT HOME



Darlene Smith is recovering after her recent surgery.

There may be members we don't know of who have been hospitalized or ill. We wish them a speedy recovery.

Judy Kemper is the club "Sunshine Lady." Please let her know of any member in the hospital, or suffering the loss of an immediate family member. Judy's phone number is: 952-322-5819.



BIRTHDAYS



December 2, Karen Acevedo
 December 2, Diane Swanson
 December 5, Larry Aus
 December 6, Laurie Sanders
 December 11, Susan Sieleni
 December 12, Patricia Baumann
 December 17, Jerry Larsen
 December 17, Anne Thoresen
 December 18, Jan Guerber
 December 22, Jan Pedersen

December 24, Larry Bennett
 December 26, Carol Korzan
 December 27, Mark Peterson



ANNIVERSARIES



Keith & Susan Biers, December 9, 1972, 51 years
 Richard & Lois Peterson, December 26, 1953, 70 years

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL ON YOUR SPECIAL DAY!

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

No new members reported for this month

83 (144) paid members so far this year

At this time, 54 members have renewed for 2024.

LADIES' NIGHT OUT IN NOVEMBER

On Thursday, November 2, a group of the Southern Cruiser ladies held their monthly gathering at the Legion Club in Apple Valley. If you are new to our Club, or wish to join this group, you are certainly welcome! See the Club events section on page three for information on this outing. The ladies will be meeting again on Thursday, December 7, 3:00 p.m., which, incidentally, is the day before our Club Christmas party. **Editor's Note:** Ladies, don't party too much on Thursday. Save some celebrating for our party on Friday!



Photo submitted by Rose Barclay

GREGORY (GREG) SMITH - 1941 - 2023

Gregory M. Smith of Burnsville passed away Sunday, October 22, 2023 at The Meadows in Savage. He was born August 31, 1941. He worked in the semiconductor field throughout his career. One of his biggest enjoyments in life was being part of a drag racing team with his friends and watching racing. He was an avid clock collector. He is survived by his wife, Darlene, son Curtis, daughter Kim (Marcus) Hanson, grandson Dustin Bare and sister Cheryl Terry. Visitation was on November 18, prior to the memorial service at the Grammercy Club of Burnsville, MN.

Greg was a Southern Cruiser for many years. He can be most remembered for showing up for our Summer Spectacular car show set up day and setting out all the chalk lines we used to locate the cars and classes. I also found a photo of Greg working the classification table on show day. Greg and I go back over 30 years to the time when we put on the Burnsville Fire Muster Car Show. The Fire Muster show was a lot bigger then and involved trophies and dash plaques. We worked together on that endeavor for several years! Greg's car collection included a 1923 Buick Roadster, a Ford Ranger pickup with a "Snuffy Smith" emblem painted on, and a 1967 Pontiac GTO convertible. You might remember seeing the GTO at some shows with a tiger tail coming out of the gas tank. (Remember the old tiger in your tank ads?)



Darlene, Curtis & Greg Smith, 23 Buick



Greg's car corral including the GTO and Buick Roadster



Greg & Mike Nagle classifying cars at the Summer Spectacular, 2017



Greg Smith, Ron Donely, & John Nelson setting lines, 2015



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Our Club condolences go out to Darlene and the Smith family.

Photos found at Greg's memorial service, and from the editor's collection

IN MEMORY OF SUZANNE (SUE) FLINK - 2023

On Tuesday, November 14, we lost another member. Sue Flink passed away on that date.

I plan on putting a memorial for her in the next issue of the Cruz News. Let me know if you have anything I could include in her memorial.



CHECK OUT APPLE AUTO'S WEBSITE TO FIND THE LATEST SPECIALS, OR ACCESS THEIR SITE FROM THE SOUTHERN CRUZER WEBSITE. REMEMBER, IF YOU BUY A CAR, TIRES, PARTS, OR HAVE SERVICING DONE, DON'T FORGET TO TELL THEM YOU ARE A SOUTHERN CRUZER.



Cruzer Calendar, December 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7 LADIES' NIGHT OUT 3:00 P.M. Apple Valley Legion Post 1776 PEARL HARBOR DAY	8 CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY 4 P.M.	9
10	11	12 MSRA BOARD MEETING 7 p.m. Hampton Inn I-694 & Lexington Shoreview, MN	13	14 NO MEETING HAPPY HOLIDAYS!	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22 WINTER BEGINS	23
24 BAKE COOKIES FOR SANTA MEN - FINISH YOUR SHOPPING	25 MERRY CHRISTMAS!	26 CLEAN UP THE COOKIE CRUMB MESS THAT SANTA LEFT	27	28	29	30
31 NEW YEARS EVE (BE CAREFUL OUT THERE!)						

CLUB EVENTS

CONTACT PEOPLE

Karen Keenan (Ladies' Night Out) 952-758-9754
 Judy Kemper (Sunshine Lady) 952-322-5819
 Ron Willson (Savage Culver's information) 952-892-6081

OTHER EVENTS

CRUISE NIGHTS