

# CRUZ NEWS

## FEBRUARY 2024

The Official Newsletter of the  
**Southern Cruzers**



**HEY, GOOGLE!  
IT'S A LEAP YEAR.  
WHAT AM I SUPPOSE TO DO  
WITH THAT EXTRA DAY?  
AND WHY CAN'T WE MOVE LEAP DAY UP TO JUNE  
WHEN WE CAN PUT THAT EXTRA TIME TO  
MUCH BETTER USE? (JUST ASKING!)**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY, MR. LINCOLN, FEBRUARY 12**

**HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY, FEBRUARY 14**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY, MR. WASHINGTON, FEBRUARY 22**



**Cruzer Merchandise**

**License Plate Plaques - \$31.00**  
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**CRUZ NEWS INFO**

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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)



**Cover theme  
was all the editor's idea.**

**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](http://www.SouthernCruzers.com)

Event Site: [www.TheSummerSpectacular.com](http://www.TheSummerSpectacular.com)

## UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

**LADIES' NIGHT OUT:** Thursday, February 1, 2024, 11:00 a.m., Casper's Cherokee of Eagan, 4625 Nicols Road, Eagan, MN. If you have questions, contact Karen Keenan @ 952-758-9754 **(Please note the time & venue change to this event)**

**CLUB MEETING:** Thurs., February 8, 2024, 7:00 p.m., Apple Valley Legion Post 1776, 14521 Grenada Drive (Many members who attend the meeting come a little early to enjoy a burger basket or any of the other tasty selections from their menu.)

### CLUB MINI SHOWS, 2024

Wednesday, June 12, at the Legacy in Farmington, MN (More details to follow)

## OTHER SHOWS AND EVENTS

**O'REILLY AUTO PARTS ROD & CUSTOM CAR SHOW:** Feb. 24 - 25, Sat. 11 - 10 pm., Sun. 8 - 7 pm., Monticello Berndes Center, 766 N. Maple St., Monticello, IA

**MOTORHEAD MADNESS Duluth:** March 23 & 24, (More information to follow)

**GSTA CAR SHOW:** Apr. 6 & 7, 2024 (More information to follow)

**TOPPERS ROD & CUSTOM CAR SHOW:** Apr. 6 - 7, Sat. 9 - 7 pm., Sun. 9 - 5 pm., West Fargo, ND

**PRIME STEEL CAR SHOW:** Apr. 13 - 14, Grand Forks, ND, Leah @ 701-741-0220

**MSRA RUN TO THE HILL:** Tue., May 7 (More information to follow)

**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

**HENDERSON ROLL-IN:** Tuesdays, 5 - 8 p.m., 5/28 - 9/17

## CHANGES TO THE SUMMER SPECTACULAR

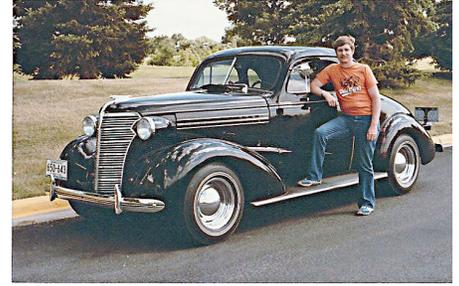
It's not too early to start talking about the Summer Spectacular 2024. At this time there has been a change. The show will be moved from Saturday to Sunday, August 25. The reason for this is that Buck Hill is planning to host a Farmer's Market on Saturday, August 24, and there would not be enough room to handle both events. Actually, we are quite optimistic in this change. There are far fewer car shows on Sundays, and our competition for cars will be less. We will see!

## CHARITY AWARDS

In 2023, it was voted to donate \$6,000.00 from TSS profits and the Club treasury. At the meeting in January, members had a chance to discuss their chosen charities and a vote was taken on how the \$6,000.00 would be divided. Four charities will be awarded \$1,000.00 each, and the 5th will get 2 awards totaling \$2,000.00. These include: The Open Door Pantry in Eagan; Sharing & Caring Hands, Mpls.; Rosemount Beyond the Yellow Ribbon; Dakota Family & Kid's Clinic; and the Dakota County Technical College, Rosemount, which will get \$2,000.00, one for the auto body program, and one for the auto mechanics program. **Editor's note:** We as a car club feel it is important to support the auto programs at DCTC as much as possible.



## DUANE'S WORLD



Happy New Year! How is 2024 working out for you so far? Your intrepid Club secretary, president, and Cruz News editor started out the year with what they are calling RSV. We are now three weeks into the new year and just starting to feel pretty good. As the old saying goes, "I feel like I was run over by a Mack Truck" pretty much says it all, except I don't know if they make Mack trucks any more. So I'm saying I got run over by a Peterbilt truck. (Now you're going to try to tell me they don't make Peterbilts anymore. It wouldn't surprise me!) While I was trying to kick the RSV thing, I did a lot of sleeping. As I look out the window, I wonder if I slept through January & February. It's brown out there, but don't bother trying to call me "Rip Van Winkle!"

Lil Darlin' must feel that I've abandoned her. Since I got sick, I had no interest in going out to the shop! I'm still working on the little project I started last summer, and that is putting sound proofing panels on the floorboards and interior of the car. I think my energy will be back enough to get out and do some more work on this. I haven't had any phone calls from anyone with a winter project that they would like featured in this publication, so I would imagine you are spending your time in front of the TV watching "Gilligan's Island" reruns or that other show that has many people on the edge of their seats, "The Bachelor or Bachelorette." (Gag!) That last response is strictly the editor's own opinion and not necessarily one of the Southern Cruiser Car Club.

As you are reading through these pages, you will notice some small changes taking place in the Club. This includes a new time and venue for the ladies that they will be trying out, and the other involves a change in the day of the 2024 Summer Spectacular. By the time of the February meeting we will know how the venue & time change worked out for the ladies. I've been told that driving home in the dark was the biggest issue which brought about the change to an earlier time. We will keep you posted on their plans for the upcoming months. As I mentioned on page 3, I have a feeling that moving the Summer Spectacular from Saturday to Sunday might work out in our favor with less competition from other shows. It seems that all I heard, last year, after our show was how many cars were at such & such show, thinning out our numbers. Now if Mother Nature would just cooperate by giving us cooler temperatures and dryer weather, we should be just fine!

In the last couple of months we have lost four members, Greg Smith, Sue Flink, John Nelson, and Dick Hansen. I would like to take just a moment to think of their friendship and contributions to our Club. You will all be missed! Who knows, if this weather keeps up, we'll be cruising soon! See you out there, somewhere. DB

**I REMEMBER BEING  
ABLE TO GET UP WITHOUT  
MAKING SOUND EFFECTS...  
GOOD TIMES!**



## MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES – Thursday, January 11, 2024 - Submitted by Rose Barclay

President: Duane Barclay 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 Pat Gansmoe and seconded by Ellen Heitzman to accept the minutes of the November 9, 2023, meeting as printed in the December Cruz News. The motion passed.

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

Treasurer's report: Chell Craigie read the Treasurer's report. Loren Bahls made a motion to approve the report. The motion was seconded by Ron Willson, and the motion passed. A call for bills was made. Judy Kemper submitted a bill for memorial money sent from the Club. Craig Duntley made a motion to pay the bill. It was seconded by Tim Gardner, and the motion passed. Jim Neher gave new income, from a membership, to Chell.

Membership Chairperson: Jim Neher reported Club membership is 84 (145 total). 71 members have renewed. In December the Club welcomed back Carol Oltmans of Apple Valley, MN. She has a 2002 Ford Thunderbird.

Activities: Ron Willson reported that on Wednesday, June 12, we will have a Club car show at the Legacy in Farmington.

Events: Rose Barclay reported that Ladies' Lunch Out is scheduled for Thursday, February 1, 2024, at 11:00 a.m., at Casper's Cherokee of Eagan.

Announcements: Duane Barclay reminded members that Club car plaques are \$31.00 from Ron Willson.

Old Business: Mark Peterson recapped all that he has done on the Club websites in 2023. In lieu of a stipend, Rick Delmonico made a motion to pay the yearly Club dues for Mark; Ron Willson seconded; and it passed.

New Business: Rose Barclay asked if members would like a Christmas party in 2024. A show of hands overwhelmingly said, "Yes." Members present felt that entertainment wasn't necessary.

Each of the 5 charities were presented to the Club by the person submitting the application. After the presentations, Ed Sanders made a motion to give \$2000 to DCTC, because it is for two separate programs, and \$1000 to each of the four remaining charities. Keith Biers seconded the motion, and it passed. The following charities will receive the \$6000: Dakota County Technical College; Open Door Pantry; Sharing and Caring Hands; Rosemount Beyond the Yellow Ribbon; and Dakota Family and Kids Clinic.

TSS Business: Craig Duntley and Gary Lyons met with a man from the Trader's Market in Elko. It had been suggested that this could be a site for the TSS. The cost would be \$500-\$1000. In addition, there are no toilets, so the Club would need to rent some. Also, there is no indoor building. Buck Hill may do a Farmer's Market on Saturdays. It was pointed out that there are fewer car shows on Sundays, so TSS could be on a Sunday. Craig will continue to work with Buck Hill.

The next meeting will be at the Apple Valley American Legion Post 1776, on Thursday, February 8, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. Ron Willson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Craig Duntley, and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned.



**SOUTHERN CRUZERS CURRENTLY IN THE HOSPITAL, OR CONVALESCING AT HOME**



Laurie Anderson, Larry Aus, & Jerry Forness have all, recently, spent time in the hospital. 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**



- February 2, Joy Evans
- February 2, Jimmie Jansma
- February 3, Laurie Anderson
- February 5, Craig Duntley
- February 10, Carl Weiberg
- February 12, Patrick Gansmoe
- February 16, Ron Willson
- February 19, Ron Anderson
- February 26, Chuck Futterer



**ANNIVERSARIES**



Jack & Karen Keenan, February 3, 1967, 57 years

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL ON  
YOUR SPECIAL DAY!**

**WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS**

No new members for this month  
84 (145) paid members so far this year  
At this time, 71 members have renewed for 2024.

**LADIES' NIGHT OUT MAKING A CHANGE**

On Thursday, January 4, a group of the Southern Cruiser ladies held their monthly gathering at the Legion Club in Apple Valley. No photographs of this outing were submitted to the editor. At this event a discussion was held and the ladies made a decision to try a new venue and meeting time. On Thursday, February 1, 11:00 a.m., the ladies will be gathering at Casper's Cherokee of Eagan. (Casper's address is on page three) 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.

## GOODBYE TO JOHN NELSON & DICK HANSEN

### JOHN NELSON, APRIL 19, 1939 - DECEMBER 24, 2023

John was a long time member of our Club. There was a lot I knew about John by being in his company for many years, but I learned a lot more when I picked up a memorial pamphlet at his visitation in Northfield. Looking at his 2 cars, a 1947 Ford & 1950 Ford, it was obvious that John was very methodical! Being methodical carried over to his working life. John found his true calling doing furniture repair & woodworking. He used his skills working with Dorothy Collins Interior Design & the Room & Board Company where he worked until he was nearly 80 years of age. John also started his own business of technical furniture repair and restoration. Another of my memories is of John running, along with Club member, Jim Neher, the car show at the Dakota County Fairgrounds. John was often seen wearing his signature cowboy hat. Our Club condolences go out to Dorothy and the Nelson family.



### RICHARD "DICK" HANSEN, AUGUST 21, 1934 - JANUARY 4, 2024

On January 4, Dick Hansen passed away. Dick was a Southern Cruzer member and is best known for his beautiful 1929 Cadillac which as the story goes, he built from a basket of parts. Dick was also a member of our Wednesday breakfast group at the Lakeville Perkins'. I often sat at the same table with Dick, and he kept the waitresses busy trying to explain what he usually ordered every week. They loved it!

After graduating from Farmington High School, Dick served 5 years in the Air Force. Dick worked for Northwestern Airlines as a crew chief mechanic. After leaving the airline, he opened his own auto repair shop, 'Dick Hansen's Auto Repair.' After selling the repair shop, he changed his career to real estate, as an agent and broker.

Our Club condolences go out to Eloda and the Hansen family.





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, February 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 LADIES' LUNCH OUT 11:00 A.M. Casper's Cherokee of Eagan	2	3
4	5	6 MSRA BOARD MEETING 7 p.m. Hampton Inn I-694 & Lexington Shoreview, MN	7	8 CLUB MEETING 7 p.m. Apple Valley Legion Post 1776	9	10
11	12 LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY	13	14 VALENTINE'S DAY ASH WEDNESDAY	15	16	17
18	19 PRESIDENTS' DAY	20	21	22 WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY	23	24
25	26	27	28	29 LEAP DAY SLEEP IN AND READ YOUR NEW EDITION OF THE CRUZ NEWS		

**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**