

CRUZ NEWS

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The Official Newsletter of the
Southern Cruzers



NEWS FLASH

LOCAL CAR CLUB MEMBERS PUT IN THE POKIE WITH
SMOKEY FOR IMPERSONATING RESTAURANT WAIT STAFF



FILM AT 10



Cruzer Merchandise

License Plate Plaques - \$31.00

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Club Window Stickers

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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 image
by Mark Peterson**

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, January 4, 2024, 3:00 p.m. Apple Valley Legion Post 1776, 14521 Grenada Drive. If you have questions, contact Karen Keenan @ 952-758-9754

CLUB MEETING: Thurs., January 11, 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.)

OTHER SHOWS AND EVENTS

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

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

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

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

It shouldn't be too long before I can start adding
events to this space.

CLUB THANK YOU PLAQUE AWARDED TO THE APPLE FORD GROUP

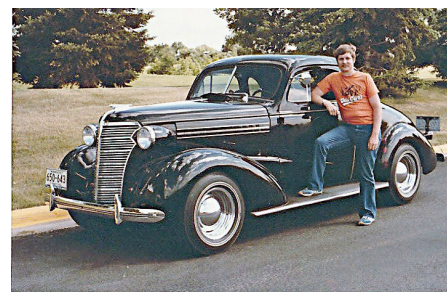


Our friends at Apple Ford remain the club's only Platinum sponsor. In appreciation for their continued support, a plaque was given to them from our club. In the photo, Steve Brehm and Craig Duntley are giving the plaque to Apple Ford employees, Chelsea Jones (Marketing Manager) and J.G.Callahan (Lincoln Customer Experience Manager).

Photo by the editor



DUANE'S WORLD



I don't believe it. It's Christmas time, and I could still be out there cleaning up leaves. A couple of weeks ago I put away my mulching mower. If I do anything with leaves now, it will have to be done the old way by hand and a rake. Last week I did give in and put Lil Darlin' to bed after throwing in some Stabil and going for a little ride to get it distributed throughout the system. On Christmas Day, if it's dry, I may have to take her out for a ride just for giggles! Fast forward a few days. It is now past Christmas, and Christmas Day was not a good one for tooling around in a street rod! What a strange year, even my old hometown in the U.P. was without snow on 12/25, and that rarely happens there!

Looking out to see brown brought back memories of my first Christmas away from home. It was 1964. I was 18 years old, stationed at NAS Memphis, and it was 65 degrees & sunny. The barracks was pretty empty on Christmas Day, so I caught the bus down to Memphis and wandered around trying to keep my mind off of the day. I ended up at the Peabody Hotel too late to catch the ducks coming out of their suite and going into the hotel pool to spend the day. From there I called my folks (collect) to chat for awhile. I didn't make it home for Christmas 3 years straight but that first one was the hardest, and the next two were pretty much business as usual.

Since this is the end of 2023, I hope you had a good year despite all the craziness going on in the world. The loss of my mother in May was the downer for us, but all in all, it was a good one. In our car world we had plenty to do with our rides. Ron Willson did a good job lining up visits to senior centers, and 2024 will, hopefully, be a repeat of that. As I have said before, the residents and staff of these facilities really enjoy our dropping by to show off our cars! The editor & staff of the Cruz News wish you all a safe and happy New Year, and we'll see you out there, somewhere. DB

Editor's note: We just recently learned of the passing of long time member, John Nelson. A memorial to John will appear in the next edition of the Cruz News.

THANK YOU SANTA! (And Roger)



If you remember the cover from last month's issue of the Cruz News, I made a request to Santa for that cool Mighty Pay loader advertised along with several other Tonka toys. Well, the jolly old elf must be one of my readers because the very same pay loader was given to me at the Christmas party by Roger Gilb. (I didn't even know Roger was in cahoots with Santa!) The pay loader will join my Tonka toy collection down in the shop, and I will take better care of it than the one from 1955. Thank you, Santa & Roger, for making my day!

Photo by Rose Barclay

Editor's note: I may have to get my 55-56 Ford dump truck down from its display shelf and load her up with dirt. Roger, I hope you don't want this back!

MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES –No meeting in December

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

SUZANNE (SUE) FLINK



Southern Cruiser member, Sue Flink, passed away on November 14, 2023. She is survived by husband Tom, son Tom, daughter Kelley, 3 grandchildren, 2 siblings, and many other loving relatives & friends.

As mentioned before, Sue & Tom are members of the Southern Cruiser Car Club. They had the Shell service station in Prior Lake for 30 years. Sue helped out a lot at the station, including the "Old Timers Shift" on weekend mornings. Her line at the station was always the longest since she had to catch up with all of her friends and neighbors.

Sue & Tom met through the military's pen pal program. It seems that one of Sue's friends had received a letter from Tom, and she through it in the trash! Sue was upset by this, retrieved the letter and started corresponding with Tom. As they say, the rest is history, and Sue & Tom were married December 7, 1967 during a blizzard.

Sue & Tom had a hobby farm in Jordan, MN, where Sue had an Arabian horse and other pets. It sounds like there was never a dull moment around the Flink household. When their kids were younger, their house quickly became the neighborhood hangout. Later on their house became the home for all the family get togethers as Sue loved the holidays and tried to make each one special for her family.

Our club condolences go out to Tom & family during this hard time.

Editor's note: I would like to thank Tom & family for spending a few minutes with Rose & me at Sue's visitation. The handout we picked up at the visitation was very well done and gave me a lot of insight and information to complete this memorial. Also, thank you to Judy & Jim Kemper for sharing their memories of being in the River Bend Car Club with Tom & Sue.

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



Nothing reported to me at this time. A good way to start off the new year!

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



January 11	Cheryl Lyke
January 15	Tom Roszak
January 16	Keith Biers
January 19	Richard Peterson
January 19	Lisa Ford
January 20	Karen Keenan
January 24	Patti Brehm
January 31	Tim Gardner
January 31	Byron Nelson



ANNIVERSARIES



Marvin & Jimmie Jansma, January 13, 1968, 56 years
 James & Carol Sexe, January 18, 1964, 60 years
 Mark & Patricia Baumann, January 19, 1980, 44 years
 Carl & Sandra Weiberg, January 31, 1981, 43 years

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

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Welcome back, Carol Oltmans, Apple Valley, MN with a 2002 Ford Thunderbird

(Carol & Virgil were long time members of the Club).

84 (145) paid members so far this year

At this time, 66 members have renewed for 2024.

LADIES' NIGHT OUT IN DECEMBER



On Thursday, December 7 a group of the Southern Cruzer 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, January 4, 3:00 p.m.

Photo submitted by Rose Barclay

SOUTHERN CRUZERS CHRISTMAS PARTY, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2023

On a pleasant Friday evening, 72 party goers enjoyed a good evening of comradery, dining, entertainment, and a "White Elephant" table that was filled with treasures requiring an extra table to be added to make room for more items. Manager Bob and the crew from 1776 put out a good buffet table laden with chicken, roast beef, corn, buns, and dessert. All of this was served by an efficient crew from our Club, and the line moved through very quickly. Colleen was our entertainment for the evening, and she managed to draw out some hidden talents from Ron Willson (hula) and reindeer impersonators, Mark Baumann & Ron (Eagan) Anderson. We thank Fran Stade and Rose Barclay for organizing this whole event, and for other Cruiser ladies who stepped up to help with setup and cleanup on the night of the party! Photos by Mark Peterson, Ron (Richfield) Anderson. And the editor.





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, January 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 HAPPY NEW YEAR!	2 PRACTICE WRITING "2024" IN YOUR CHECKBOOK	3 CALL DUANE TO SEE WHAT A CHECKBOOK IS	4 LADIES' NIGHT OUT 3:00 P.M. Apple Valley Legion Post 1776	5	6
7	8	9 MSRA BOARD MEETING 7 p.m. Hampton Inn I-694 & Lexington Shoreview, MN	10	11 CLUB MEETING 7 p.m. Apple Valley Legion Post 1776	12	13
14	15 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27 MSRA WINTER AWARDS BANQUET (SEE YOUR LINECHAS- ER FOR DETAILS)
28	29	30	31			

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