

CRUZ NEWS

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The Official Newsletter of the
Southern Cruzers



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Cruzer Merchandise

License Plate Plaques - \$31.00

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Club Window Stickers

Jim Neher 952-435-3180

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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:

Duane Barclay
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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 PHOTO BY
THE EDITOR**

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, March 7, 2024, 1:00 pm., Olive Garden, 1451 County Rd. 42 W. Burnsville, MN. If you have questions, contact Karen Keenan @ 952-758-9754

CLUB MEETING: No meeting in March. The next meeting will be Thurs., April 4, 2024, 7:00 p.m., Apple Valley Legion Post 1776, 14521 Grenada Drive

CLUB MINI SHOWS, 2024

The Timbers, Apple Valley, Wed., May 29 (More details to follow)
 Wednesday, June 12, at the Legacy in Farmington, MN (More details to follow)
 Nine Mile Creek, Bloomington, time & date TBD

OTHER SHOWS AND EVENTS

MOTORHEAD MADNESS Duluth: March 23 & 24

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

GOPHER STATE BUICK CAR SHOW: Sun., May 5, 8 - 3 pm., Machinery Hill, MN State Frgrnds, St. Paul, MN

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

RUSS PETERSON MEMORIAL CAR SHOW: Sun., May 19, 10 - 2 pm., Little Log House Village, Hastings, MN

NORM'S TIRE CAR SHOW: Sun., May 19, 9 - 2:30 pm., Norm's Tire, 2767 Long Lake Rd., Roseville, MN

MORRISTOWN DAM DAYS CAR SHOW: Sat., June 1, 10 - 2 pm., 109 2nd. St SW, Morristown, MN

WOLF MOTORS CAR SHOW: Sun., June 9, 9 - 2 pm., 600 West 2nd St., Jordan, MN

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!)

FREEDOM DAYS CAR SHOW: Fri., June 28, 5 - 9 pm., Legion post 1776, 14521 Granada Ave., Apple Valley, MN

KAPOSIA DAYS CAR SHOW: Sat., June 29, 9 - 3 pm., 6th Ave. N. & Marie Ave., South St. Paul, MN

ACME SPEEDSHOP CAR SHOW: Wed., July 3, 10 - 3 pm., 66th St. @ Columbus Ave., Richfield, MN

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

LITTLE MARKET THAT COULD ROLL-IN: Every Thurs., 3:53 - 7:19 p.m., 16907 Hwy 13 So., Prior Lake, MN

RACKS SPORTS BAR ROLL-IN: Every other Thurs. starting May 23, 2400 Cliff Rd. E., Burnsville, MN

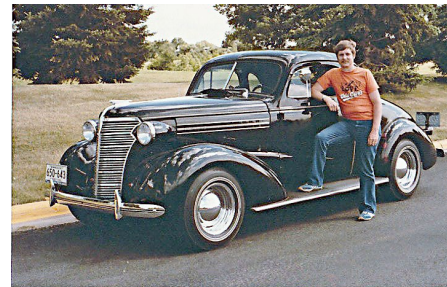
HISTORIC HASTINGS: Sun., 5/19, 6/16, 7/21, 8/18, 9/15, 10/13 11 - 4 p.m., Hastings, MN, Jodi @ 651-246-3233

MY DOCTOR ASKED IF ANY MEMBERS OF MY FAMILY SUFFERED FROM INSANITY.

I REPLIED, "NO, WE ALL SEEM TO ENJOY IT!"



DUANE'S WORLD



How did you like our winter? I think it lasted about a week, but experience tells me that we shouldn't get too excited about our wimpy winter, just yet. We could end up with 2 feet of snow on the ground in April!

Normally, I try to keep my Cruz News covers on the light side, but the recent event in our town requires me to put a somber tone to our March cover. I went over to City Hall to pay respect to our fallen heroes, and it was a different feeling for me to be there in person rather than just seeing it on TV. When you see it on TV or read about it in the paper, you get the feeling that it happened to the other guy and not me. To be there in person makes it apparent that bad things can happen in our town, as well, and you find yourself taking ownership along with thousands of others. A sobering thought.

This also brought back many memories of 1994 when I was working for the Minneapolis police running the photo lab, and two St. Paul police officers along with their canine partner were shot. St. Paul didn't have the capabilities to handle all the photo work involved with an event of this size, so our Minneapolis crime lab took over to handle it. My friend Mike did the brunt of the work, and by the time he was done with the two funerals, I think I had 40 rolls of film to process & print. Needless to say, I was one busy guy for several days! SPPD was very appreciative, and I remember I had the same feeling back then as I do now, "Hey, this is real stuff and not something seen on TV happening elsewhere." Mike left us several years ago, but if he was still here, I could see him jumping in with a camera and memory cards, doing his part. I just wouldn't have the problem of finding a place to hang 40 rolls of film and cussing him out for taking so many photos. Technology has changed in 30 years.

On page three you will see that Ron Willson has booked a couple mini-shows for our Club to attend once the cruising season begins. Personally, I like these events a lot, and wouldn't mind filling my calendar with 10 chances to get out and enjoy the hospitality of the senior facilities. But, first, I have to get out there and finish my sound proofing project and get the seats back in, or I won't be going anywhere!

See you out there somewhere, DB

GARAGE SCENE & A POSSIBLE NEW RECORD FOR AN EARLY START

I haven't heard from anyone who has a garage project going on, so I assume our members are happy sitting in front of the tube watching "Dancing with the Stars." Shown is a photo of my sound & heat proofing job on Lil Darlin'. I'm getting closer to getting the seats put back in. Also, on Wednesday, January 31, we had two rides in the parking lot at Perkin's Lakeville for breakfast. Scott Frank & his Chevelle beat me & Lil Darlin' by a few minutes, so he can claim the early bird award for 2024. Scott also claims that he was the last holdout for 2023.



Photos by the editor

MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES – Thursday, February 8, 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 Ed Sanders and seconded by Keith Biers to accept the minutes of the January 11, 2024, meeting as printed in the February 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. Jerry Forness made a motion to approve the report. The motion was seconded by Keith Biers, and the motion passed. A call for bills was made. Judy Kemper submitted a bill for memorial money sent from the Club and stamps. Craig Duntley had 2 TSS bills—one to reserve Buck Hill and another for a 1/2 down payment for the DJ, Paulie Spitz. Ron Willson made a motion to pay the bills. It was seconded by Ron Anderson, and the motion passed. Jim Neher gave new income, from a membership, to Chell.

Membership Chairperson: Jim Neher reported Club membership is 78 (130 total). He reported that the Club has a new member, Deb Streeter, of Apple Valley, MN. She has a '67 Pontiac GTO Convertible and a '70 Chevy Chevelle.

Activities: Ron Willson reported that he has booked some mini car shows for the Club. They are: the Timbers on May 29 (Wed.) on Pennock in Apple Valley; the Legacy on June 12 (Wed.) in Farmington; and Nine Mile Creek in Bloomington with time/date TBD.

Events: Rose Barclay reported that Ladies' Lunch Out, or Ladies' Night Out, is scheduled for Thursday, March 7, 2024. A time and place is yet to be determined.

Announcements: Duane Barclay reminded members that Club car plaques are \$31.00 from Ron Willson. Jerry Forness reported that the Club Facebook page has had 872 followers. Judy Kemper read a thank you note from Eloda Hanson; Duane Barclay read a thank you note from Dorothy Nelson. Judy said that Jim Kemper will be having surgery for a detached retina on his right eye.

Old Business: Mark Peterson reported that the Club website has 1200—1300 visits each month and 800 visits to the TSS website.

New Business: N/A

TSS Business: Craig Duntley reported that The Summer Spectacular will be on Sunday, August 25, 9 - 2. Paulie Spitz is looking at adding sponsors. You can find him at KSIZ Sizzlin 99.9.

There is not a meeting in March, so the next meeting will be at the Apple Valley American Legion Post 1776, on Thursday, April 11, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. Jerry Forness made a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Mark Baumann, and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned.



SOUTHERN CRUZERS CURRENTLY IN THE HOSPITAL, OR CONVALESCING AT HOME



Jim Kemper had recent eye surgery.

Our condolences to Club member, Dottie Hanson on the loss of her brother, Bob.

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



March 1, Sue Justen
 March 5, Jerry Forness
 March 8, Steve Sullivan
 March 9, Kim Clemens
 March 13, Jeanne Boche
 March 17, Tom Moore
 March 19, Ron Anderson
 March 19, Mike Erickson
 March 19, James Sexe
 March 21, Lynn Peterson

March 22, David Ritchie

March 26, Connie Donely

March 26, Rick Delmonico

March 28, Donna Larsen

Happy belated birthday wishes to Elaine Anderson on February 15



ANNIVERSARIES



Tom & Kelley Roszak, March 1, 1986, 38 years

Norton & Mary Jo Permuth, March 8, 1962, 62 years

Lynn & Linda Peterson, March 9, 1974, 50 years

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL ON YOUR SPECIAL DAY!

Editor's note: If you note that your birthday or anniversary is not being listed, and you would like it to be, please let me know and I'll get it rectified.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBER

Deb Streeter, Apple Valley, MN, with a '67 GTO convertible, and a '70 Chevelle
 There are 78 (130) paid members so far this year.

LADIES' MORNING OUT - FEBRUARY 1, 2024



On Thursday, February 1, 11:00 a.m., a group of the Southern Cruiser ladies held their monthly gathering at Casper's Cherokee of Eagan. This was to try out a new venue and meeting time. 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. Photo submitted by Rose Barclay



ONCE AGAIN, THE SEASON OF GIVING

Our Summer Spectacular Car Show is something to be proud of as a Club. Another thing to be proud of is that for many years we have been able to donate a sizable amount of money to charities from our show. This year was no exception, and I'm happy to announce that \$6,000.00 has been donated to charities voted on by the Club. Four checks of \$1,000.00 each were given to 4 charities, and one check of \$2,000.00 was given to the Dakota County Technical College. It was decided that since we are a car club, it is important to support our future mechanics and body men, so \$1,000.00 went to the mechanics program, and \$1,000.00 to the auto body program. As they presented the checks to their chosen charities, the sponsors were encouraged to have a photo taken while doing so. Since the sponsor of DCTC, Jim Neher, is still working, I had the pleasure of presenting the check to a very appreciative group of instructors in Jim's place. All photos were submitted by the sponsors, and the DCTC photo was taken by Rose Barclay.



ROSEMOUNT BEYOND THE YELLOW RIBBON

Marv Jansma, (left)

Tom Neumann, President (center)

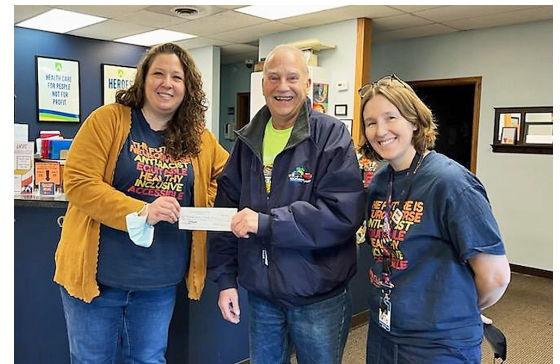
Stephen Bruce, Treasurer, (right)



**THE OPEN
DOOR PANTRY**

Jason Vienna, Executive
Director (left)

Ron Willson (right)



DAKOTA CHILD & FAMILY CLINIC

Heather Todd (left)

Pat Gansmo (center)

Molly Gehrke (right)



DAKOTA COUNTY TECHNICAL COLLEGE

Duane Barclay, (front left) and

Auto program instructors

Editor's note: In back of our group was a 1936 Plymouth Coupe, very apropos!



CARING & SHARING HANDS

Chell Craigie (left)

Mary Jo Copeland (center)

Karen Craigie (right)



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, March 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7 LADIES' LUNCH 1:00 pm. (See page 3 for details)	8	9
10 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS LOSE AN HOUR OF SLEEP	11	12 MSRA BOARD MEETING 7 p.m. Hampton Inn 1-694 & Lexington Shoreview, MN	13	14 NO MEETING IN MARCH	15 IDES OF MARCH	16 ST. URHO'S DAY (FINLAND)
17 ST. PATRICK'S DAY (IRELAND)	18	19	20 SPRING BEGINS	21	22	23
24 PALM SUNDAY	25	26	27	28	29 GOOD FRIDAY	30 Make a chart of where you hid the eggs for Easter.
31 EASTER SUNDAY	You couldn't find 2 eggs you hid for East- er. Get out your chart!					

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