

CRUZ NEWS

December 2022

The Official Newsletter of the
Southern Cruzers



IN MEMORY OF



RICHARD DICK LIDBOM
OCTOBER 24, 2022



JEAN CATHERINE WILLSON
NOVEMBER 7, 2022



Cruzer Merchandise

License Plate Plaques - \$20.00
Ron Willson 952-892-6081

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 & CRUISE INFO

*****MONTHLY MEETING *****

NO MEETING IN DECEMBER

Thursday, January 12, 2023 7 p.m.
Apple Valley Legion Post 1776
14521 Grenada Drive, Apple Valley, MN



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from the internet, Facebook, and the
Southern Cruiser website

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, Dec. 1, **3:00 p.m.**, Apple Valley Legion Post 1776, 14521 Grenada Drive. If you have questions, contact Karen Keenan @ 952-758-9754. **(Please note the time change for this month.)**

SOUTHERN CRUZERS' CHRISTMAS PARTY: Friday, December 9, 4:00 social hour, 5:00 dinner buffet. American Legion Post 1776, 14521 Granada Drive, Apple Valley, MN. For info, call Fran Stade @ 612-716-1415.

CLUB MEETING: Due to the holidays, there will be no meeting in December. The next meeting will be: Thurs., Jan. 12, 2023, 7 p.m., Apple Valley Legion Post 1776, 14521 Grenada Drive

OTHER SHOWS AND EVENTS

MSRA WINTER AWARDS BANQUET: Sat., Jan 28, Doors open at 5 p.m., Inwood Oaks Event Center, 484 Inwood Ave. No., Oakdale, MN. See your Linechaser for details.

O'REILLY AUTO ROD & CUSTOM CAR SHOW: Feb. 25 & 26, 2023, Monticello Berndes Center, 766 N. Maple Street, Monticello, IA. Galen Muller, 319-465-5119.

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

Sorry folks, I think that ship has sailed!
Even the Monday gatherings at the Culver's in Eagan have ended for the year.
(I think frostbite has something to do with it!)



IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO SIGN UP FOR THE SOUTHERN CRUZER CHRISTMAS PARTY



The deadline for signing up for the Club Christmas party is Friday, December 2.

The Christmas party is on Friday, December 9, 2022 at the
Apple Valley American Legion Post 1776, 14521 Granada Drive, Apple Valley, MN.

TIME: 4:00 Social Hour, 5:00 Dinner Buffet

A lot of members (66) have already signed up, and it promises to be a fun gathering. If you would like to attend, please send a check made out to the Southern Cruzers, before December 2, \$10 per person (Nonrefundable), to Fran Stade, 19170 Inndale Court, Lakeville, MN 55044.

CLUB BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED AT THE JANUARY, 2023 MEETING

As recorded in the October meeting minutes, 4 minor changes to the Club bylaws were voted on and passed. I have made the changes to the bylaws and they are available as a PDF. If you are interested in a copy of the bylaws, let me know, and I can e-mail them to you.

An election for a new treasurer will be held at the January Club meeting. Please note that the new treasurer will be up for re-election, along with the rest of the board, at the general meeting, next fall. Also, at the January meeting, we will start the process of deciding what to do with the profits from the 2022 Summer Spectacular.



DUANE'S WORLD



To start with, normally, I try to have a December cover page that will get you in the festive mood, but as you can see, this month's cover is quite somber with the loss of two of our members. I thought it would be appropriate to remember them with this honor, but knowing both of them, I could see them telling me to go ahead with the festive cover, anyway. R.I.P. Dick and Jean. You will be missed!

I am finishing up this article just in time to get this whole issue off to the printers, and it is snowing pretty hard. My timing is off, just a little. I spent yesterday afternoon getting the Christmas lights up on the house, and it was a pretty easy job with only one burnt out bulb to replace, and the day was pleasant. If I had known that today would be so snowy, I would have postponed that task to be done today while the weather isn't quite as nice. Historically, I wait for the nastiest day to get this done, so I guess that this year is just an anomaly. Also, with the nice weather we have had recently, I was able to pick up the last vestiges of leaves still left in our yard. Normally my mulcher mower handles this task, but I made the decision to put the mower to bed between snow falls. I'm sure that with the heavy wind we had the last few weeks, I was picking up leaves that originated in Albert Lea!

Rose and I had another nice trip down to Branson, MO, to hang out with old friends and to take advantage of all the perks that Branson offers to veterans during the week preceding Veterans Day. We saw four shows during the week, and the big parade on Veterans Day topped it all off. The weather was beautiful, in the 70s and 80s, until the day of the parade. It had dropped down to 40. This was our first trip to Branson since the pandemic started, and it was sure nice to get back down there!

Speaking of old friends, my buddy, Dave, who was in Branson with us goes back a long way, 71 years! When I



was going into Kindergarten, my mother called up Dave's mother to ask if Dave could keep an eye on me while getting on and off the bus. It was my dad's idea that I would get on the wrong bus and end up miles away in the next town, even though there were only two busses to choose from. Dave took his little task quite seriously, and he has been keeping track of me ever since! Dave had two brothers and a sister, and I spent so much time at their house that they always considered me another brother. We grew up in the era before TV and were very skilled in finding things to do, and getting into occasional trouble. Since Dave was a year older than me, I was always able to pin the blame on him for getting us into these circumstances, and I can still

hear my dad remarking, "But you were dumb enough to go along with it!" With Marquette, Michigan being right on Lake Superior, we had plenty of things to do, some of which involved risking our lives. But, when you're a kid, you are invincible! (black & white photo, 1955, with Dave's dog, Laddy; color photo, Branson, 2022)

Just a reminder that our Club Christmas party is coming up in a week and a half, and starting in January, we will be electing a new treasurer and deciding what to do with the profits from our 2022 Summer Spectacular. Here's wishing all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! See you out there, somewhere! DB



MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES –Thursday, November 10, 2022, Taken 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 Ed Sanders and seconded by Ron Willson to accept the minutes of the October 13, 2022 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: Mark Peterson submitted a bill for \$359.52 from GoDaddy for 2 years of website hosting and cPanel access and 2 years of website backup for both websites. Jim Neher submitted a bill for \$59.75 for stamps for membership renewals. Ron Willson made a motion to pay the bills. It was seconded by Pat Gansmoe, and the motion passed.

Membership Chairperson: Jim Neher reported that club membership is 86 (148 total). He reported that the Club has a new member, Chuck and Susan Futterer of Lakeville, MN. They have a 1929 Chevy Coach Street Rod and a 1967 Chevy Camaro Convertible. Jim had up to date Club rosters. So far, 39 members have renewed for 2023.

Events: Karen Keenan reported that Ladies' Night Out is scheduled for Thursday, December 1, at 3:00 p.m., at the Apple Valley American Legion.

Announcements: Steve Brehm reminded members that Club car plaques are available for \$20.00 from Ron Willson.

Old Business: Mark Peterson explained the expenses for GoDaddy for the next two years. He will continue to update the 2 websites.

New Business: Jean Willson passed away on November 7, 2022. Her funeral will be November 16 at Trinity Church in Lakeville. The Club will send flowers to the funeral.

Fran Stade reported on the winter party, Friday, December 9. So far, 27 people have made reservations. The caterer will be the same as last year. Again, there will be tables for unwrapped white elephant/donated items.

Kathy Keifer's price is going up to \$30.00 total for plaques.

TSS Business: The Show in 2023 will be held one week earlier.

The next meeting will be at the Apple Valley American Legion Post 1776, on Thursday, January 12, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. Roger Gilb made a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Jerry Forness. The motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned.



HAPPY HOLIDAYS



SOUTHERN CRUZERS CURRENTLY IN THE HOSPITAL, OR CONVALESCING AT HOME



Terry Stade is recovering from a broken wrist.

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, Diane Swanson
 December 2, Karen Acevedo
 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
 December 29, Cathy Mazanec



ANNIVERSARIES



Keith & Susan Biers, December 9, 1972, 50 years
 Tom & Sue Flink, December 9, 1963, 59 years
 Greg & Darlene Smith, December 22, 1973, 49 years
 Richard & Lois Peterson, December 26, 1953, 69 years

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

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Chuck & Susan Futterer, Lakeville, with a 1929 Chevy Coach Street rod, and a 1967 Camaro Convertible
 To date, our membership stands at 86. (148 total)

LADIES' NIGHT OUT IN NOVEMBER

The Southern Cruiser ladies met on Thursday, November 3, at the American Legion Post in Apple Valley. In this



photo, the ladies can be seen making a toast to their missing friend, Judy Alexa Lidbom. The ladies will be meeting on Thursday, December 1, 3:00 p.m. **(Please note the time change.)** If you are new to our club and wish to join them, you are certainly welcome to attend! They have a good time!

Photo submitted by Rose Barclay

WE SAY GOODBYE TO DICK & JEAN

The months of October and November were difficult ones for the families of Dick Lidbom and Jean Willson, and for the Southern Cruzers. On Monday, October 24, Dick Lidbom passed away, and his funeral was held On Thursday, November 3. Jean Willson, wife of Ron Willson, passed away on Monday, November 7, and her funeral was held on Wednesday, November 16. As a big legacy for both of them, a large group of family and friends was present at both funerals.

In all my years of doing this newsletter, this is the first time I can remember doing two memorial articles in one issue.

Anyone who has attended the club meetings over the last several years know that Dick was our treasurer for a long time. Dick was a CPA, so it was natural for him to be doing the club finances. Along with being treasurer, Dick was also one of the Wednesday, Perkin's breakfast guys. I would say Corvettes were his car of choice, and he had recently taken delivery on a new one shortly before his passing. Although Dick was a big car guy who fit right in with us, he readily admitted that he didn't know anything about the workings of a car, and got a lot of kidding about that fact. I think that was a lesson for the rest of us that you don't have to be a gearhead with grease under your fingernails to enjoy our hobby, and a good testament to our club that everyone who enjoys cars is welcome! Along with the car group, Dick & Judy were very avid line dancers, and had the knack for making life fun! Dick, with his friendship and dry humor will be greatly missed, and he will be a hard act to follow!

Jean Willson was married to Ron for 54 years, and after knowing both of them for many years, I can say they knew how to make a marriage work!

"What began, as our common bond of teaching for the same school district, developed into a great friendship. Jean and I found that we had similar: likes/dislikes, values, sense of humor, how we were raised as children, and small appetites. Quite often at Ladies' Night Out, Jean and I would share a hamburger basket.

"Many people may think that Jean was a very quiet person. But, we never lacked for things to talk/laugh about with each other. Jean liked to share stories about: as a child, going to the farm in North Branch; helping her dad at his gas station in St. Paul; how she made stained glass projects; how she liked growing orchids, just like her mom; her love for kids, especially taking care of her great grandson.

"I miss talking, laughing, and sharing with Jean. I miss my friend." Rose Barclay



Dick Lidbom, (top center) and Jean Willson (to Dick's left) at the club holiday brunch, 2019



Rose Barclay & Jean Willson entranced by something in New Orleans



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 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 LADIES' NIGHT OUT 3 P.M. Apple Valley Legion Post 1776 (Note time change)	2 DEADLINE FOR CHRISTMAS PARTY RESERVATIONS	3
4	5 GO THROUGH CULVER'S EAGAN WITHDRAWALS	6 MSRA BOARD MEETING 7 p.m. Hampton Inn I-694 & Lexington Shoreview, MN	7 PEARL HARBOR DAY	8 NO MEETING THIS MONTH HAPPY HOLIDAYS!	9 SOUTHERN CRUZER CHRISTMAS PARTY 4:00 P.M.	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21 WINTER BEGINS	22	23	24 CHRISTMAS EVE BAKE COOKIES FOR SANTA
25 MERRY CHRISTMAS!	26	27	28	29	30	31 NEW YEARS EVE (BE SAFE)

CLUB EVENTS

CONTACT PEOPLE

Karen Keenan (Ladies' Night Out) 952-758-9754
 Judy Kemper (Sunshine Lady) 952-322-5819
 Terry Stade (Culver's information) 612-716-1415

OTHER EVENTS

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