

CRUZ NEWS

March 2022

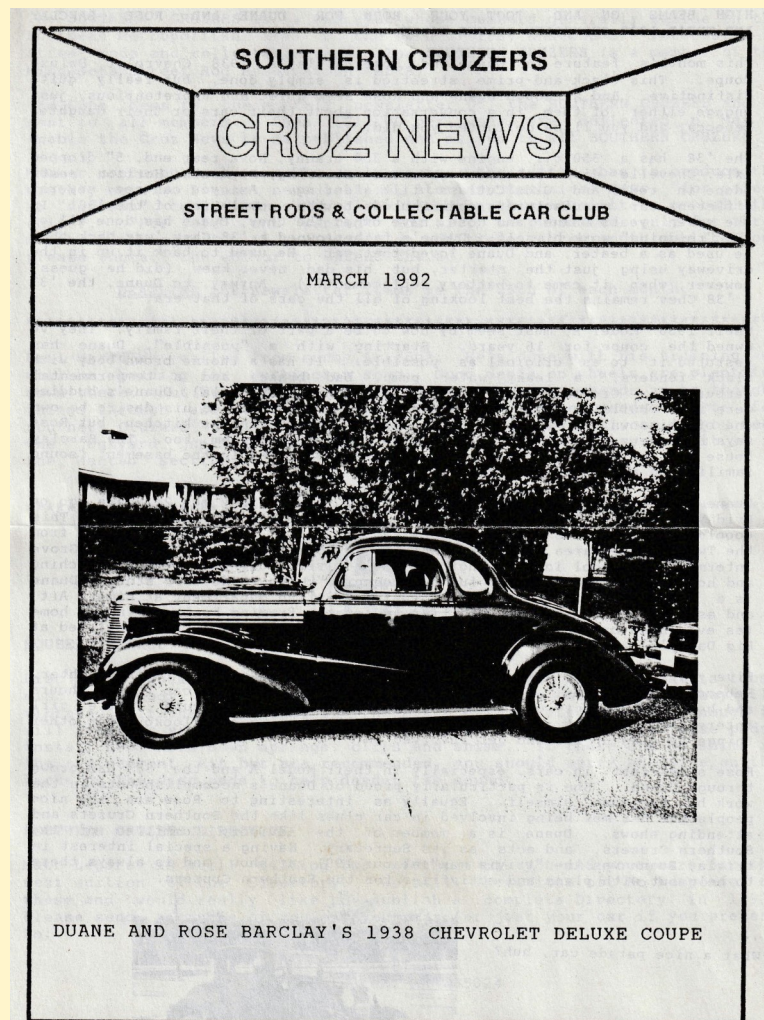
The Official Newsletter of the
Southern Cruzers



**A LOOK BACK
30 YEARS**

**THE CRUZ NEWS
HAS COME A LONG
WAY!**

**(See page seven to see
what our club was like in
1992.)**





Cruzer Merchandise

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

Club Window Stickers
Jim Neher 952-435-3180

2022 Officers

Duane Barclay	President	952-894-3165
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Jim Neher	Membership	952-435-3180

CRUZ NEWS INFO

The Cruz News is published monthly by the Southern Cruzers Car Club of Minnesota for the distribution to its members. The views expressed are those of the editor & members supplying articles & do not necessarily reflect the official position of the Southern Cruzers Car Club as a whole. **Deadline:** The Cruz News is usually published on the website during the last week of the month for the next month. Items to be published should be received no later than the 20th of the month. Photographs may be color or black and white and must be accompanied with a description and photographer's name. Every effort will be made to return submitted photos. Photos and/or articles can be e-mailed. Note: not all articles and pictures may be used due to space limitations.

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
c/o Southern Cruzers
13018 Girard Ave. So.
Burnsville, MN 55337

MEETING & CRUISE INFO

***MONTHLY MEETING ***

No meeting in March

Thursday, Apr. 14, 2022, 7 p.m.

Apple Valley Legion Post 1776
14521 Grenada Drive, Apple Valley, MN



Cover photo taken from
the editor's collection

Southern Cruzers platinum "Summer Spectacular" sponsor



Apple Autos

It's different here.

*** 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.

Please note: These websites, currently, are being revised.

Main site: www.SouthernCruzers.com

Event Site: www.TheSummerSpectacular.com

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

LADIES' NIGHT OUT: Thursday, March 3, 5 p.m., Apple Valley Legion Post 1776, 14521 Grenada Drive. If you have questions, contact Karen Keenan @ 952-758-9754. **Editor's note:** The ladies have this site booked for the whole year. Mark your calendars for the first Thursday of the month, unless noted otherwise.

CLUB MEETING: There is no meeting scheduled for March. The next meeting will be, Thursday, April 14, 7 p.m., at the Apple Valley Legion Post 1776, 14521 Grenada Drive.

OTHER SHOWS AND EVENTS (CHECK AHEAD FOR CANCELLATIONS.)

MOTORHEAD MADNESS: Sat., Mar. 19, 10 - 5 p.m., DECC, 350 Harbor Dr., Duluth, MN 218-722-5573

TOPPERS CAR SHOW: Mar. 26 - 27, 9 - 5 p.m., Veterans Arena, 1201 7th Ave. E., West Fargo, ND, Kevin @ 701-367-7762

GSTA CAR SHOW: Apr. 2 - 3, 9 - 6 p.m., Warner Coliseum, MN State Fairgrounds, St. Paul, MN, 651-334-6313

SPRING EXTRAVAGANZA CAR SHOW: Sun., May 1, 8 - 3 p.m., MN St. Frgrnds., St. Paul, MN, 651-770-8096

TWIN CITIES AUTO SHOW: Sat., May 14, 10 - 9 p.m., MN State Fairgrounds, St. Paul, MN

RUSS PETERSON MEMORIAL CAR SHOW: Sun., May 15, 10 - 2 p.m., Little Log House, Hastings, MN

AMERICAN LEGION CAR SHOW: Sun., May 22, 10 - 3 p.m., Tahpah Park, Shakopee, MN, 612-802-3723

MOPARS IN THE PARK: June 3 - 5, Washington Co. Fairgrounds, Stillwater, MN, 612-210-1752

BACK TO THE 50'S: June 17 - 19, MN State Fairgrounds

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 (CHECK AHEAD FOR CANCELLATIONS.)

MUSCLE CAR ROLL-IN: Every other Thurs. (Starting May 19) 5 - 8 p.m., Racks Sports Bar, 2400 Cliff Rd. E., Burnsville, MN

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

HISTORIC HASTINGS: Sundays, 11 - 4 p.m., 5/15, 6/19, 7/17, 8/21, 9/18

SURF BALLROOM, 2022, THE MUSIC IS STILL ALIVE. THEY WON'T LET IT DIE!

Denny & Renae Borowski went to the annual Buddy Holly memorial concert at the Surf Ballroom in Clear Lake, IA. They have made the pilgrimage there for many years, and sent in these photos. If you can enlarge the crowd photo, you can find Denny & Renae! (Hint - look 3 rows back)





DUANE'S WORLD



The Super Bowl is over, the Olympics are over, They say that Covid-19 is on the wane, but as I sit here at my computer keyboard, a look outside tells me that winter is not over! I've noticed that the older I get, the less winter I can take. When we were kids back in the U.P., we lived out in the snow, but when your area averages 150" of snow a year, you have no choice but to get out and enjoy it. Since we weren't city kids, we had to make all our own fun, but for us that was no problem. Our neighborhood was quite hilly, so it seemed that all the boys had their own ski-jumps in their backyards, including yours truly. They were nowhere near the size you see at the Olympics, but you had to start your jumping career somewhere. We also had a designated street that was our sleigh riding hill very close to my house. When you had a sleigh riding hill, the township didn't lay down any sand after plowing. Salt was pretty much unheard of at that time. That was our playground for hours upon hours. We did everything conceivable on our sleds, but I don't remember any serious injuries. Years later, one of the girls, who went down the hill with us on my friend's big bobsled, claims I tipped the thing over, and she broke her ankle, but I just can't grasp the fact, or memory, of doing anything like that. Heh, heh.

Even though it's snowing, as I speak, I do see the light at the end of the tunnel, and cruising season is getting closer. Lil Darlin' is still up in the air with no rear springs, and I have to get serious about getting that project done. The old spring hangers have been ground and drilled out, with new hangers taking their place. I finished painting the springs last weekend, and now it's a matter of getting the new springs installed, hoping everything fits. I'll let you know how that turns out. I also did several little projects including new bushings in the rack & pinion steering where it mounts to the Mustang II cross member, and another ground strap going from the motor to the frame. They say you can never have enough ground straps, especially when the battery sits in the trunk, like mine.

I am happy to report that the club has made some progress on a couple of fronts. Mark Peterson has been working feverously on our club website, and he tells me the end is in sight for finishing that project. I think you will like what he has done. Thanks Mark for all your hard work. There is also good news on the TSS front! We talked with the folks from Buck Hill, and the decision was made at the last meeting to hold the Summer Spectacular at that venue. More good news is that Apple Group is in for another year as our Platinum sponsor! I have good feelings about it being a good year for the Southern Cruisers! See you out there, somewhere. DB

MEMBER'S CARS NEEDED FOR THE WEBSITE

As I mentioned above, Mark Peterson has been hard at work getting the club's websites in tip-top condition! From time to time, I check out the sites to see how they are looking. One of the areas needing attention is the Member's cars section. Unfortunately, a lot of the members with their cars as featured in the section are no longer with us, or one of the mates has passed. My idea is to update the Member's car section with as many cars as I can find. If you have a photo of your car, please send it to me, and I'll post it on the website. No photo? Let me know, and I'll put you on the list to get a photo of your car in the future.

Another change you will see is that we have deleted the last names of all the car owners on the website. Sadly, with the world the way it is, we felt no need to advertise our precious rides that are sitting in our garages.



MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES –Thursday, February 10, 2022, Taken 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 Jerry Forness to accept the minutes of the January 2022 meeting as printed in the Cruz News. The motion passed.

Vice President's Report: There was none.

Treasurer's report: Dick Lidbom read the treasurer's report. Fran Stade made a motion to approve the report. The motion was seconded by Craig Duntley, and the motion passed. A call for bills was made. Duane Barclay requested a check for \$20.00 to renew the club's membership in the Minnesota Car Club Association. Jerry Forness made a motion to pay the bill. It was seconded by Ron Anderson, and the motion passed. New income of \$85.00 for membership was given to Dick Lidbom.

Membership Chairperson: Jim Neher reported that club membership is 80 (137 total). He reported that the club has a new member, Pat Gansmoe of Lakeville, MN. Pat has a 1949 Chev Deluxe. Jim had up to date club rosters.

Activities: Fran Stade reported that the club Christmas party has been set for Friday, December 9, 2022, at the Apple Valley American Legion. Entertainment has been booked.

Events: Rose Barclay reported that Ladies' Night Out is scheduled for Thursday, March 3, at 5:00 p.m., or earlier, at the Apple Valley Legion Club.

Announcements: Jerry Forness reported that the club Facebook page has had about 800 likes.

Old Business: Mark Peterson gave an update on all that he has done, and will be doing, on the southerncruzers.com website. On the web page with pictures of members cars, the last names of members will be deleted. This is to ensure privacy. The Summer Spectacular website also will be updated.

New Business: There was none.

TSS Business: Craig Duntley reported on a meeting that he and Duane Barclay had, on 2-10-2022, with Tiffany Newton, the events director at Buck Hill. The charge for using Buck Hill for the Summer Spectacular would be \$500.00. Insurance would need to be purchased for the event. Buck Hill's north end of the parking lot holds 303 cars; the southern end, 141 cars. Inside restrooms would be available. An outdoor barbecue operated by Buck Hill would be set up along with their indoor restaurant. Buck Hill would retain the profits from the sale of food. No golf carts would be needed and fewer radios would be required. There is a room inside of Buck Hill that could be used for ballot counting. Jerry Forness made a motion to have the Summer Spectacular at Buck Hill. It was seconded by Ron Anderson, and the motion passed.

MSRA Report: No report

The next meeting will be at the Apple Valley American Legion Post 1776, on Thursday, April 14, 2022, at 7 p.m. There is not a March meeting. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Keith Biers; seconded by Ron Anderson; and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned.



SOUTHERN CRUZERS CURRENTLY IN THE HOSPITAL, OR CONVALESCING AT HOME



Our thoughts go to John Nelson who is currently in the hospital. Karen Keenan is back home recuperating.

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 6, Kirsten Storlie
 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, Jim McMillan

March 26, Connie Donely

March 28, Donna Larsen



ANNIVERSARIES



Tom & Kelley Roszak, March 1, 1986, 36 years

Norton & Mary Jo Permuth, March 8, 1962, 60 years

Lynn & Linda Peterson, March 9, ????

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

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Patrick (Pat) Gansmoe, Lakeville, MN, with a 1949 Chevrolet Deluxe

Ellen Heitzman, Burnsville, MN

To date, our membership stands at 81. (138 total)

A reminder that if you are a new member of the club, the cost to join is \$25.00. If you become a member after October 1st, your membership will be good through December 31st of the following year.

Renewing membership is \$20.00 a year, if received by January 31st. \$25.00 per year after January 31st.

LADIES' NIGHT OUT IN FEBRUARY

On Thursday, February 3, the Southern Cruiser ladies met



again at the American Legion post in Apple Valley. In 2022, the ladies will continue to meet the first Thursday of every month at the same venue. If you are new to our club and wish to join them, you are welcome to attend! Fran Stade & Anne Thorsen were the lucky winners in the meat raffle.

Photo by Rose Barclay

**YOU KNOW YOU'RE
GETTING OLD
WHEN A RECLINER
AND A HEATING
PAD IS YOUR IDEA
OF A HOT DATE**

A UNIQUE DAY FOR THE CRUZERS & WANDERERS

On Wednesday, February 16, several of the Wednesday breakfast guys (and ladies), who are made up of Southern Cruisers and Wanderers, made a road trip down to Unique Auto in Mankato. A year or so ago, Unique moved into a new building, and we were all anxious to see it! I thought their previous building was impressive, but you should see the new one! Over 100 cars are under one roof, and if you don't see anything you like, you're not trying hard enough! Another item of interest on display is the last car owned by Johnny Cash, and we were told that it's not for sale! Ron Willson killed two birds with one stone and did an interview with the Unique folks that will appear in a future MSRA Linechaser. Photos by the editor



Duane Barclay, Ron Donely, Loren Bahls, Ron Willson, Larry Aus, Ed Sanders, Jim Kemper, Jerry Forness, & Craig Duntley

THE SOUTHERN CRUZER CAR CLUB, 30 YEARS AGO

Recently, while sorting through my collection of old Cruz News editions, I found this issue from March, 1992. My steel trap mind told me, "Hey, that's exactly 30 years ago, you can make an article out of this telling how it was in the club back then!" From the cover to the back page, things have changed!

In 1992, The Cruz News issues were black & white, and the editor was Sharon Cavegn.

No club officers back then, just an Advisory Committee consisting of: Tom DeGidio, Keith Klucas, Joe Mesojedec, Bruce Miller, Dick Nassen, Dave Thurber, and Duane Barclay. (Tom, Bruce, and Dick have passed.)

The Sunshine Lady was Lorryne Ingram, and Bruce Miller sold club plaques for \$17.50.

Club dues were \$12.00 a year.

Todd Cavegn was the club jokester, and here are two of his gems: Sometimes I don't mind being so short, after all, when it rains, I'm one of the last to know! Gem #2: What do you get when you cross a German Shepard with a Giraffe? (A watch dog for the eighth floor) **Editor's note:** Our humor has improved, just a little, but in the defense of Todd, he was only 12 or 13 at the time!

Thirty years later, Lil Darlin' looks a little better with her new paint job, and we have gained 30 years worth of new memories!



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 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Ash Wednesday	3 LADIES' NIGHT OUT 5 P.M. Apple Valley Legion Post 1776	4	5
6	7	8 MSRA BOARD MEETING 7 p.m. Hampton Inn I-694 & Lexington Shoreview, MN	9	10 NO MEETING THIS MONTH. SEE YOU IN APRIL! MSRA MEETING 7:30 p.m. Sheet Metal Worker's Hall Hwy. 36 & White Bear Ave. St. Paul	11	12
13 Daylight savings time begins. Turn your clocks ahead, and lose that hour of sleep you gained last fall!	14	15 Ides of March	16 St. Urho's Day (Take a Finlander out to lunch.)	17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19
20 First Day of Spring	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31 Start planning your April Fools Day pranks		

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

CRUISE
NIGHTS