

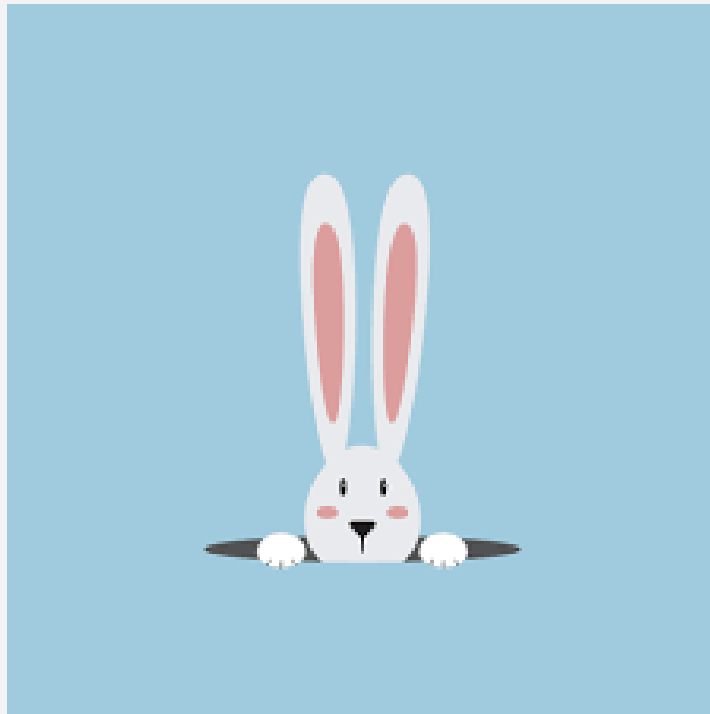
# CRUZ NEWS

## APRIL 2023

The Official Newsletter of the  
**Southern Cruzers**



**SNOW BANKS IN APRIL?**



**MOTHER NATURE, IS THIS YOUR IDEA OF AN  
APRIL FOOL'S JOKE ON THE OLD EASTER  
BUNNY?**



### Cruzer Merchandise

**License Plate Plaques - \$31.00**

Ron Willson 952-892-6081

**Club Window Stickers**

Jim Neher 952-435-3180

### 2023 Officers

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### 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 \*\*\***

Thursday, April 13, 2023, 7 p.m.

Apple Valley Legion Post 1776

14521 Grenada Drive, Apple Valley, MN



**COVER IMAGE FROM THE INTERNET**

**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.

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, April 6, 2023, 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., April 13, 2023, 7:00 p.m., Apple Valley Legion Post 1776, 14521 Grenada Drive

## OTHER SHOWS AND EVENTS

**GSTA ROD & CUSTOM CAR SHOW:** Apr. 1 & 2, MN State Fairgrounds, Dave Smith @ 763-245-4334

**MSRA RUN TO THE HILL:** Tues., May 2, State Capitol. Check your March Linechaser for more information.

**SEDAN DELIVERY MYSTERY RUN:** Sat., May 6, reg @ 8:30 a.m., Joseph's Grill, 140 Wabasha St., St. Paul, MN

**SPRING CAR SHOW/SWAP MEET:** Sun., May 7, 8 - 3 p.m., MN State Fairgrounds, Wes @ 651-770-8096

**RUSS PETERSON CAR SHOW:** Sun., May 14, 10 - 2 p.m., Log House Pioneer Village, Hastings, MN

**COPS N RODDERS CAR SHOW:** Sun., May 21, 9 - 2:30 p.m., Norm's Tire, 2767 Long Lake RD., Roseville, MN

**MORRISTOWN DAM DAY CAR SHOW:** Sat., June 3, 8 - 2 p.m., Morristown, MN, Steve @ 507-339-0157

**ALL GM SHOW:** Sun., June 4, 8 - 2 p.m., Machinery Hill, Minnesota State Fairgrounds, St. Paul, MN

**ALL FORD SHOW/SWAP:** Sun. June 4, 10 - 2 p.m., Apple Ford Group, 7200 150th St. W., Apple Valley, 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

**EAGAN CULVERS:** Every Monday, 5 - 8 p.m., (waiting for more information)

**SAVAGE CULVERS :** Every 3rd Tues., 5/16, 6/20, 7/18, 8/15, 5 - 8 p.m., Ron Willson @ 952-892-6081

**HENDERSON ROLL-IN:** Each Tuesday, May 30 - Sept. 19, 5 - 8 p.m.

**LITTLE MARKET THAT COULD ROLL-IN:** Every Thurs., 3:53 - 7:19 p.m., Prior Lake, Rosemary @ 612-214-8770

**RACKS SPORTS BAR ROLL-IN:** Every other Thurs. starting May 18, 2400 Cliff Rd. E., Burnsville, MN

**HISTORIC HASTINGS:** Sun., 5/21, 6/18, 7/16, 8/20, 9/17, 11 - 4 p.m., Hastings, MN, Jodi @ 651-246-3233

## LADIES' NIGHT OUT, MARCH 2023

Again, the weather cooperated to allow this group to gather at the Legion Club for another late afternoon of chatting and dining. Their next outing will be Thursday, April 6, at 3:00 p.m. **Editor's Note:** My mouth waters just looking at the baskets on the table and thinking of what came in them! Photo submitted by Rose Barclay



## CULVER'S SAVAGE CHANGE



### Culvers In Savage

The 3rd Tuesday of every Month for 2023  
Time: 5 to 8 PM

Dates: May 16  
June 20  
July 18  
August 15  
September 19

1 Free Value Meal for the 1st 15 Cars - 1978 and older

Questions - Call Ron @ 952-892-6081



After hosting this event for many years, Fran & Terry Stade are stepping down and passing the baton to Ron Willson. Otherwise, the event stays as before. Thank you, Fran & Terry for keeping this event going, and to Ron for taking it over!

**Editor's Note:** I hope that tasty

shrimp basket is still on the menu!



## DUANE'S WORLD



As I look outside my window, I see that it's too early to think about putting the snow blower away and taking the cover off of Lil Darlin'. Hey, this is how I started last month's Duane's World, and it still looks that way! In the last week or so, we have been making progress, and I don't have to keep my fingers crossed, anymore, that there are no cars coming down the street that I can't see because of the height of the snowbank at the end of our driveway. In the U.P. of Michigan, where they get anywhere from 150" to 300" of snow a year, it was a custom to put a tennis ball on your car antenna so folks could see you coming up to an intersection, or out of your drive. Since external antennas are less prevalent than they used to be, I don't know if that's much of an option, these days. I guess that's one of the reasons we stay out of the U.P. in the winter!

I'm happy to announce that I have been able to scrape up some extra time to get out to the shop to get some minor things done on Lil Darlin'. She's once again in the air, and I have been able to get a couple of things done that I postponed from my project, last year, when I put new rear springs in. I actually think I'll have her back on the ground and ready to boogie when the time finally comes to do some cruising. (Try to get that image out of your head imagining what it looks like when Lil Darlin' and I are boogying!)

By now you should be aware that new club jackets are available. I still have my old club jacket from back in the nineties, but for some reason it shrunk quite a bit, and it doesn't fit as well as it did then. I think it got wet in the rain, and that's why it shrunk. That's my story, and I'm sticking to it! Anyway, I think the new jackets will work out well, and give us a chance to advertise the club at upcoming car events.

The next club meeting is April 13, and I have a feeling that some of our snowbirds might be back, and we can brag about the wimpy winter we just had. See you out there, somewhere. DB

### CLUB JACKETS & HATS FOR SALE

Recently, an e-mail was sent out to all members with the information that we now have a chance to buy new Club jackets & hats. Craig Duntley is the go to guy for getting your own jacket, or to answer your questions before you make a decision to buy. Craig informs me that jacket orders are starting to come in, and a good time to place your order would be at the club meeting on April 13.



If you want information on prices, sizes, etc, call Craig at (612) 718-1820, or e-mail him at:

[oldspepsi@yahoo.com](mailto:oldspepsi@yahoo.com)

### CLUB PLAQUE RESIDES IN ARIZONA



I recently received an e-mail from former member, Dave Thurber who now lives permanently in Arizona. Dave wanted a Club plaque to add to his collection. Ron Willson made arrangements with him to get that done. Dave sent me a photo of his new plaque on display with other car artifacts. For \$31.00, you too could have a plaque to hang on the wall, or on your ride. Contact Ron Willson.



## MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES – No meeting in March

### GARAGE SCENE - SCOTT FRANK'S 1969 CHEVELLE SS

(And an example of "It's a small world")

In this month's, and probably the last "Garage Scene" for the season, I am featuring member Scott Frank and his 1969 Chevelle SS. I doubt many of you are familiar with Scott & Sandy as they are our newest members. On this page, I'll try to give you a little background on the Chevelle, and also, try to explain what I mean by "Small World")

Since joining the Club, Scott & I have had some dialog going over the internet with me trying to find out more about the Chevelle. I have a large soft spot in my heart after having a '69 Chevelle of my own that I bought new in 1969, but that's another story. Before the Chevelle came on the scene, Scott bought a '69 Camaro that turned out to be too much of a project, and they sold it for parts. Scott's boys then found the Chevelle in a barn with no engine, tranny, and a fair amount of weight reduction on the car. **Editors note:** As car folks, I'm sure we understand completely what he means by "weight reduction!"

Scott was looking for a project to keep the family together after his three kids were done with high school sports and activities. A small block Chevy and a garage full of parts became the first means of propulsion. A job change to Texas found Scott dragging the Chevelle along with family, where they hung out with the "Nifty Fifties" car group. It sounds like the Frank family got a little homesick for Minnesota and moved back here after their first grandchild was born. A debate was held over selling the car in Texas or dragging it back to Minnesota. Luckily they did bring the Chevelle back, and I'm glad they did, otherwise I wouldn't have anything to talk about this month!



Fast forward to the present, and now there are three grandsons available to help work on the car. Somewhere along the line an LS motor found its way into the engine bay, and Scott reports that he is doing some undercarriage work this winter, being careful that the car will be ready to cruise when the time comes.

And now for that small world thing I mentioned earlier. In corresponding with Scott, I discovered that in his younger days he worked at the Southtown "66" gas station on Penn Avenue in Bloomington. It just so happens that my roommate and I were

regulars at that station with our gas guzzling GTO and Chevelle. We also had 650 Triumph bikes which needed the occasional fill up. The owner of the 66 station, Jerry, was a Corvette guy, and he didn't seem to mind us hanging around and talking smart. I'm quite sure that Scott's and our paths must have crossed back in those days!



Now that Scott & Sandy are Southern Cruzers, we welcome them to the Club, and I see them fitting right in! I became familiar with Scott and his Chevelle from the Wednesday night outings at Buck Hill. Also, thanks to Ellen Heitzman and J.T. Taylor for recruiting Scott & Sandy into our Club!



Photos submitted by Scott



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



Paul Justen is back home from the hospital. No other reports at this time.

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



April 1, Renae Borowski  
 April 8, Denny Borowski  
 April 12, Jeanine Lindmeyer  
 April 14, Chris Aden  
 April 19, John Nelson  
 April 29, Mike Quinn



### ANNIVERSARIES



Jim & Lee McMillan, April 3, 1976, 47 years  
 Jim & Tami Neher, April 3, 1982, 41 years  
 Ron & Laurie Anderson, April 20, 1974, 49 years  
 Dave & Tammy Edwinston, April 25, 1987, 36 years  
 Chuck & Susan Sieleni, April 30, 1977, 46 years

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

## WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

No new members reported for this month

76 (133) paid members so far this year

## THE GIFT OF GIVING CONTINUES!

On a rainy St. Urho's day in mid-March, Rose and I went over to the Dakota County Technical College to present a check for \$1500.00 to the appreciative folks in the automotive department. Scheduling snags prevented us



from getting this done in time to be inserted in last month's Cruz News issue, but as usual they were happy to have us there! Amy Epping, Foundation Development Director, met us at the front lobby and took us down to the auto shops. Going through the shops, we saw students busily working on motors and transmissions, and I regret that I didn't have a facility like this with a great chance of getting into the industry when I was a young lad. In the auto body shop we took this photo along with the instructors from both areas. Left to right: Duane, Jerry Rainford, Christ Siebenaler, Jeff Copeland, and Scott Anderson.

Photo taken by Amy



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, April 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1  APRIL FOOLS' DAY
2  Apologize to the victims of your April fools' pranks that backfired	3	4	5	6  LADIES' NIGHT OUT 3:00 P.M. Apple Valley Legion Post 1776	7  GOOD FRIDAY	8
9  EASTER SUNDAY	10	11	12	13  CLUB MEETING 7 p.m. Apple Valley Legion Post 1776	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22  EARTH DAY
23	24	25	26	27	28	29  ARBOR DAY
30						

### 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