

CRUZ NEWS

DECEMBER 2024

The Official Newsletter of the
Southern Cruzers



**HAPPY
HOLIDAYS!**





Cruzer Merchandise

License Plate Plaques - \$31.00
Ron Willson 952-892-6081

Club Window Stickers
Jim Neher 952-435-3180

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Jim Neher	Membership	952-435-3180

MEETING INFO

***2025 MONTHLY MEETING SCHEDULE ***

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FROM THE INTERNET

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

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' LUNCH OUT: Because of our Christmas party, there is no Ladies' Lunch Out scheduled for December. If you have questions, contact Karen Keenan @ 952-758-9754.

CLUB MEETING: Please note: **Because of the holidays, there is no meeting in December.** The next meeting is Thursday, January 2, 2025, 7:00 p.m., Apple Valley Legion Post 1776, 14521 Grenada Drive

CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY: Fri., December 6, 4:00 pm. Apple Valley Legion Post 1776, 14521 Grenada Dr. (See the invitation below for more details.)

OTHER SHOWS AND EVENTS

SEE YOUR LINECHASER FOR ALL THE MSRA EVENTS.

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.

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO SIGN UP FOR OUR CHRISTMAS PARTY

If your schedule suddenly opened up, or you changed your mind and decided that it would be fun to attend the Southern Cruzer Christmas party, you can still do so. Just be aware that, at this late date, you can still send in your \$11.00 per person to Karen Keenan, but it most likely will not make it by December 1. If you should do so, just call Karen (952-758-9754), or e-mail her (kbkeenan@bevcomm.net), to let her know that your check is in the mail, and you will be put on the list.

SOUTHERN CRUZER CHRISTMAS PARTY

Friday, December 6, 2024 at Apple Valley American Legion
Social hour 4:00 with buffet dinner at 5:15 p.m.

Cash bar with free pop provided

Bring an unwrapped white elephant gift.

For reservations bring \$11.00 per person to the next meeting or mail a non-refundable check (made to Southern Cruzers) by December 1st to:

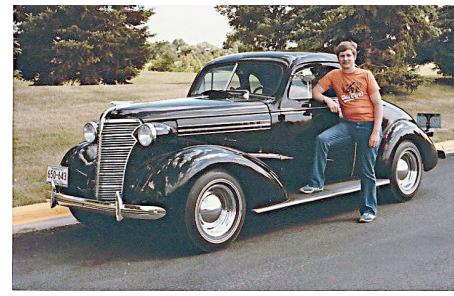
Karen Keenan

24275 East Cedar Lake Drive

New Prague, MN 56071



DUANE'S WORLD



Last month I remember writing that it was the middle of October, and it still felt like summer. Now, a little over a month since I made that comment, it has changed! I'm sitting here waiting for the wind to die down and for two trees in our backyard to finish dropping leaves, so I can go out for a final cleanup.

We have another Branson trip under our belts. The one we got home from a couple of weeks ago was our 13th. For close to 10 years we have been going down to take in all the activities during Veterans' Week. The highlight this year was when we won two tickets to attend the Lee Greenwood concert. Branson has a big section set apart at the ballpark for their Veterans' Village. The Village consists of 4 large rooms including 2 for Veterans' merchandize, hats, jackets, VA information, books, etc. and a day room where you can go to have coffee & donuts and listen to a group of musicians playing country music all day. The last room is the mess hall where Vets can have a free lunch every day and \$10.00 for spouses. We stopped in for lunch one day, and they gave us a ticket for a drawing. It turns out that the tickets were for Lee Greenwood, and we won! We also found out that these tickets were worth \$153.00 each! Lee is 82 years old, and we expected an old guy to come out, sing a couple of songs and then let other acts take over. Wrong! Lee looks like he is in his 60's and sang for an hour and a half with no break. He is also very good when he picks up a saxophone or plays the keyboard. He has a lot more energy than I do, and I'm 4 years his junior. I guess we would have to say that that experience was the highlight of our trip, although Rose would say that our stop at Pete & Jake's (See page 7) was the highlight for me.

Speaking of fun times, everything is pretty much set up for the Club Christmas party on December 6. Karen Keenan reports that over 60 people have already signed up to go. See page 3 for some last minute instructions on how to join the fun. Again, I'm also adding the TSS profit allotment guidelines on page 9 for your consideration. By the time you get this, Thanksgiving will be over, and we hope you had a good one. Remember, because of the holidays, there is no meeting in December. If we don't see you at the Christmas party, have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Otherwise, we'll see you out there, somewhere. DB

CLUB MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2025

Normally we schedule our Club meetings for the second Thursday of the month, but after checking with the folks at the Legion Club, we have had to make a couple of changes for 2025. It is as listed, mark your calendars.

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MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES – Thursday, November 14, 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 Craig Duntley and seconded by Dave Ritchie to accept the minutes of the October 10, 2024 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 Cruz News.

Treasurer's Report: Chell Craigie read the treasurer's report. Ed Sanders made a motion to approve the treasurer's report, and it was seconded by Tim Gardner. The motion passed. A call for new bills was made. Jim Neher submitted a bill for stamps. Mark Peterson submitted a bill for the Southern Cruzers domain name and other computer services, for 2 years. Ron Donely made a motion to pay the bills. It was seconded by Ron Willson, and the motion passed. Jim Neher gave new income for membership renewals to Chell Craigie.

Membership Chairperson: Jim Neher reported Club membership is 82 (136 total). He reported that the Club has no new members. Jim had up to date Club rosters.

Activities: None at this time

Events: Rose Barclay reported that for the month of December there will not be a Ladies Get Together.

Announcements: Jerry Forness reported that the Club Facebook page has had 893 followers. Duane Barclay reminded members that Club car plaques are available from Ron Willson for \$31.00. Ron Willson made a motion that the Club pay for a Club plaque to be sent to Pete & Jake's Hot Rod Shop in Missouri for their display wall. Jerry Forness seconded the motion, and it passed. Ron Willson made a motion to order more plaques. Ron Anderson (Eagan) seconded the motion, and it passed. Steve Brehm will order more Club hats at \$20 a piece. Judy Kemper gave a Sunshine report. She reported that Karen Craigie will be having open heart surgery; Terry Stade is home. Ron Anderson (Richfield) spoke about collecting donations for the homeless.

Old Business: Mark Peterson said there was a bump in visits to the TSS site for October.

New Business: Rick Delmonico has bought a car hop tray. If anyone else is interested in purchasing one, contact Rick. Duane Barclay read a thank you letter from DCTC for the scholarship the Club gave. Ron Anderson (Richfield) spoke about the possibility of a 1 day, Spring, train trip to Wisconsin Dells. He will look into more details.

TSS Business: Nothing at this time

The next meeting will be at the Apple Valley American Legion Post 1776, on Thursday, January 9, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. Jerry Forness made a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Lynn Peterson, and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned.

***** PLEASE NOTE: Because of a scheduling conflict at the Legion, our next meeting will be Thursday, January 2, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.



SOUTHERN CRUZERS CURRENTLY IN THE HOSPITAL, OR CONVALESCING AT HOME



Karen Craigie is in the hospital. Terry Stade is home.

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, Karen Acevedo
 December 2, Diane Swanson
 December 5, Larry Aus
 December 6, Laurie Sanders
 December 11, Susan Sieleni
 December 12, Patricia Baumann
 December 14, Jim Olson
 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

ANNIVERSARIES



Keith & Susan Biers, December 9, 1972, 52 years

Richard & Lois Peterson, December 26, 1953, 71 years

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

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Jim Olson & Kati Mytty, Bloomington, MN with a 1953 Ford F-100

There are 83 (138) paid members so far this year.

Jim Neher has membership rosters: with names and addresses; another with the addition of cars; and an e-mail list of the ones that answer yes to list their e-mail address.

LADIES' LUNCH OUT

Because the Ladies' lunch out, normally scheduled for the first Thursday of the month is one day before the club Christmas party, the ladies decided to cancel the event for December.

Stay tuned, there should be an email coming out with the announcement of where and when the event will take place in January, 2025.



BUCKET LIST ITEM: SIT IN THE “CALIFORNIA KID” (DONE, CHECK IT OFF!)

I admit that my bucket list might be a little different than yours. Oh, okay, maybe a lot different! But I just had a chance to fulfill an item that a lot of car guys might have on their list. I saw the famous “California Kid” car in person! Now some of you might not be familiar with the “Kid,” but it was the star of the 1974 film (along with Martin Sheen) of the same name. The “Kid” is owned by the folks that have Pete & Jake’s Hot Rod Shop in Missouri. We learned that the shop was right on our way to Branson, MO. On Tuesday, November 12, on our way home from Branson and Veterans’ Week, we stopped in to look around, and the folks there were very nice! They even asked me if I would like to sit inside the car, and I replied, “I can do that?!” with eyes as big as saucers! In the store they have a very large collection of car club plaques mounted on the wall, and I said I would send one of our plaques to add to their collection. At our last meeting I was given permission to give them one from our inventory and Club member Steve (Sully) Sullivan graciously donated his plaque that was recently painted by J.T. Taylor, and the Club gave Sully another plaque to be painted by J.T. Thanks, guys!

It was well worth our while to make a stop there. The showroom had a lot to look at, and they even took us next door to see the chassis and Super Bell axle shop. Pete & Jake’s is just south of Kansas City on Hwy 71 in Peculiar, Missouri. (We still don’t know how Peculiar got that name.)



PETE'S COUPE



SUPER BELL AXLE COUPE



PART OF CLUB PLAQUE DISPLAY



WOOD CARVING BY NORM GRABOWSKI (HE BUILT THE “KOKIE CAR IN 1955”)



CHASSIS & AXLE SHOP



PHOTOS BY 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, December 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5 NO LADIES' LUNCH OUT THIS MONTH	6 SOUTHERN CRUZER CHRISTMAS PARTY 4:00 PM.	7
8	9	10 MSRA BOARD MEETING 7 p.m. Hampton Inn I-694 & Lexington Shoreview, MN	11	12 NO CLUB MEETING THIS MONTH HAPPY HOLIDAYS!	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 WINTER BEGINS
22	23	24 CHRISTMAS EVE (MEN, IS YOUR SHOPPING DONE?)	25 MERRY CHRISTMAS!	26 CHECK YOUR ROOF FOR REINDEER DAM- AGE	27	28
29	30	31 NEW YEAR'S EVE (BE SAFE OUT THERE!)				

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

TSS PROFIT ALOTTMENT GUIDELINES

At the Club meeting in October, 2024, attending members voted to take \$6,000.00 from the Club treasury to donate to selected charities as we have done in the past. At the Club meeting in January, you will have a chance to discuss your submitted charities.

If you plan on submitting a group/charity, please include the following in writing to a board member prior to the meeting on January 9, 2025, or submit it at the meeting.

2024 DISTRIBUTION WILL BE \$6,000.00

At the January, 2025 meeting, charities submitted will be discussed, and voting will take place to determine which charities will receive a donation.

1. Complete name and address of your group or charity:

2. Contact person & phone number of the group or charity:

3. E-mail address of group or charity:

4. What type of group/ charity:

Non Profit For Profit (Check one)

5. Are they part of a tax supported group/charity? (If yes, please explain.)

6. What are the administration & fund raising costs in %?

7. What is the objective of this group/charity?

8. How will the money we give be used?

Please do your homework before making your submissions. All questions must be answered.

Be prepared to discuss your submitted charity, and answer any questions from the Club membership at the January 9, 2025, Club meeting.