

# CRUZ NEWS

## APRIL 2025

The Official Newsletter of the  
**Southern Cruzers**



(DON'T FORGET TO MAKE A CHART OF  
WHERE YOU HIDE THE EGGS TO HELP FIND THE MISSING  
ONES ON THE MONDAY AFTER EASTER!)



### Cruzer Merchandise

**License Plate Plaques - \$31.00**

Ron Willson 952-892-6081

**Club Window Stickers**

Jim Neher 952-435-3180

### 2025 Officers

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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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Burnsville, MN 55337

## MEETING INFO

### \*\*\*2025 MONTHLY MEETING SCHEDULE \*\*\*

January 2	July 10
February 13	August 14
<b>March (No meeting)</b>	September 11
April 10	October 9
May 1	November 13
June 12	<b>December (No meeting)</b>



**COVER IMAGES TAKEN  
FROM THE INTERNET**

**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](http://www.SouthernCruzers.com)

Event Site: [www.TheSummerSpectacular.com](http://www.TheSummerSpectacular.com)

**UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS**

**LADIES' LUNCH OUT:** Thursday, April 3, 1:00 p.m., at the Steak & Ale in Burnsville. If you have questions, contact Karen Keenan @ 952-758-9754.

**CLUB MEETING:** Thursday, April 10, 7:00 p.m., at the Apple Valley Legion Post 1776, 14521 Grenada Drive

**OTHER SHOWS AND EVENTS**

**MSRA SPRING MEMBERSHIP MEETING:** Sat., April 12, 5 p.m., North Heights Lutheran Church, 1700 West Highway 96, Arden Hills, MN. Dave Lemke @ 763-427-6225

**GSTA CAR SHOW:** April 12 - 13, 9 - 8 p.m., **NEW VENUE:** Canterbury Park, Shakopee, MN 612-720-5611

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** At the above listed GSTA show, there will also be a 1/24 - 1/25 scale model display.

**MSRA RUN TO THE HILL:** Wednesday, April 30, 8 am., Joseph's Grill, 140 Wabasha St., St. Paul

**SPRING EXTRAVAGANZA CAR SHOW/SWAP MEET:** Sun., May 4, 8 - 3 p.m., MN State Fairgrounds, Machinery Hill, St. Paul, MN — Wes @ 651-770-8096

**HOLY EMMANUEL CAR SHOW:** Sat., May 17, 10 - 2 p.m., Holy Emmanuel Church, 201E. 104th St., Bloomington, MN

**SEDAN DELIVERIES CAR SHOW:** Sun., May 18, 10 - 2 p.m., Little Log House Pioneer Village, Hastings, MN

**MIDWEST F100 TRUCK SHOW:** June 13 - 14, Lakeview Community Ctr., Clear Lake, IA— Pat @ 651-303-1537

**EDDIE COCHRAN CAR SHOW/MUSIC FESTIVAL:** June 13 - 14, Albert Lea, MN, Stephanie @ 507-303-8003

**MSRA BACK TO THE 50S WEEKEND:** June 20 - 22, MN State fairgrounds

**FREEDOM DAYS CAR SHOW:** Fri., June 27, 5 - 9 p.m., Legion Post 1776, 14521 Grenada Dr., Apple Valley, MN

**KAPOSIA DAYS CAR SHOW:** Sat., June 28, 9 - 3 p.m., High School, 6th Ave. N & 3rd St. N, South St. Paul, MN

**STEELE WHEELS CAR SHOW:** Sat., July 12, 9 - 12 p.m., Steele Co. Frgrnds., Owatonna, MN 507-456-2030

**KOLACKY DAYS CAR SHOW:** Sat., July 26, 8 - 3 pm., Along 1st. St., Montgomery, MN, Jim @ 507-262-0829

**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**

**HISTORIC HASTINGS:** Sun., 5/18, 6/15, 7/20, 8/17, 9/21, 10/12; 11 - 4 p.m., Jodi @ 651-246-3233

**ALL WHEEL WEDNESDAYS:** 5 - 8 p.m., Downtown Belle Plaine, MN — Kevin @ 612-282-3514

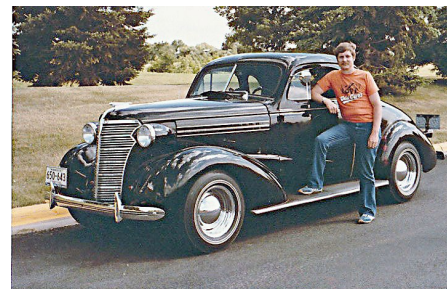
**STREET ROD, MUSCLE CAR ROLL IN:** Every other Thur. (starting May 22), Rack's Sports Bar, 2400 Cliff Rd. East, Burnsville, MN

**THE LITTLE MARKET THAT COULD ROLL-IN:** Weekly Thur., 3:53 - 7:19 p.m., Hwy.13 So., Prior Lake, MN

**KEEP AN EYE ON THIS PAGE FOR A LISTING  
OF UPCOMING CLUB MINI-SHOWS**



## DUANE'S WORLD



Still that up and down weather thing I have been talking about for two months! One doesn't know how to dress from day to day. I think we may be heading in the right direction, weather-wise, since I detected a little tinge of green in our front yard. A week or so ago, I did try to start the driving season by firing up Lil Darlin' for a little test drive around the area. She turned over a little slow but did start. After a couple of miles, I put her back in the garage and to test the battery, tried to start her again. The starter wouldn't turn over, just like it was 25 below zero. A voltage check of the battery showed it was right where it should be at almost 13 volts. Also, I noticed that the distributor seemed to be turned more retarded than usual which could result in bad starting. I eyeball advanced the starter a few degrees but no luck with the starter. Now my head is buzzing with different scenarios of what could be the problem. The starter was just clicking when I turned the key, so I decided to replace the remote solenoid with a new one, hoping the easier fix would do it. Same problem, but the solenoid click seemed stronger. Now, in my mind, there was nothing left to do but pull the starter. (Not my favorite thing to do!) So, a couple of days ago I did just that and put in a new starter that I got from NAPA a couple of years ago and had sitting under my workbench. I got the new starter in just before supper and just had a chance to try it out. It turned over very well! (Whew!) Next, maybe even today, I'll go out to see if it will start, and then reset the timing. I'll let you know how that turns out. Fun with old cars! Sorry to bore you with this story, but other than that, I don't have much to report. On April Fool's day I have an appointment at the clinic which involves a camera crew, and that's as far as that story goes! It shouldn't be too long before requests start coming in to Ron Willson about having more of our mini-shows this season. I'll keep you updated. See you out there, somewhere, DB

**When your wife starts a sentence with "When you get a chance..." just go ahead and start putting your shoes on.**

**She means now!**

### BEATS ME!

You can rest easy. This will probably be the last "Beats Me" article for this winter season.

Along with all the rest of the old comedies that we watch on Me TV or Decades TV, Andy Griffith is one of our favorites. But there are a couple things about that show that bother me just a little:

It is well known that Andy's girlfriend, Helen, was a school teacher but does anyone know what Barney's girl, Thelma Lou, did for a living that she could afford that nice house she lived in?

Also, when you see street scenes of Mayberry, the citizens are always walking around in suits and dresses which I think is quite inappropriate for a small town in the 50's. They didn't dress like that in my home town!

Beats Me!

Thanks for letting me get a few things off my chest this past winter!



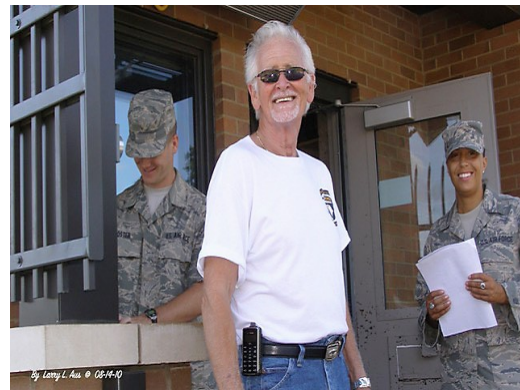
## MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES – No meeting for the month of March, see you in April!

### A CLUB FAREWELL TO NOEL JOHNSON

Another of our Club members, Noel Johnson, passed away on March 11. Because of his health, Noel hasn't been a Club member since 2020, but since he was active in the Club for many years, I wanted to do something in his memory.

As I said before, Noel was a long time member, and I can't remember when he wasn't around. Noel didn't change cars a lot and had his Chevy coupe for years. The thing I remember most about Noel was that he was very proud of his military service. Noel was a paratrooper in the army airborne. (You know, the guys that like to jump from perfectly good aircraft that are in no danger of crashing!) He organized the color guard who presented at our Summer Spectacular car shows at the Dakota County Fairgrounds. In one photo, Noel can be seen conveniently blocking out with his flag that "Anchor Clanker" who was invited into the group to be the token sailor. Oh, by the way, Noel didn't make a very good looking lady, either. I'll plan on telling that story at a later date. Our condolences go out to Noel's wife, Linda, and family. He will be missed!

Photos from Larry Aus's collection.





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



Sharrell Nagle is recovering in Texas.

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.

Our condolences go to the family of former member, Jerry Salhus, who passed away in March.



#### BIRTHDAYS



April 1, Renae Borowski

April 8, Denny Borowski

April 14, Chris Aden

April 26, Ed Mueller

April 29, Mike Quinn



#### ANNIVERSARIES



Jim & Tami Neher, April 3, 1982, 43 years

Ron & Laurie Anderson, April 20, 1974, 51 years

Dave & Tammy Edwinston, April 25, 1987, 38 years

Chuck & Susan Sieleni, April 30, 1977, 48 years

### CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL ON YOUR SPECIAL DAY!

### WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Mike & Susan Opp, Farmington, MN, with a 1990 Camaro RS Convertible

There are 75 (127) paid members so far this year.

### LADIES' LUNCH OUT, THURSDAY, MARCH 6, 2025



This month the ladies went to the Steak & Ale in Burnsville,

The ladies event is next scheduled for Thursday, April 3, 1:00 p.m., back at the Steak & Ale in Burnsville.

If you would like more information, or have some questions about what happens or what is discussed at these lunches, contact Karen Keenan @ 952-758-9754.

Photos submitted by Rose Barclay





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, 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 APRIL FOOL'S DAY	2 HOW MANY PRANKS YOU TRIED, YESTERDAY, ACTUALLY WORKED?	3 LADIES' LUNCH OUT 1:00 P.M. (See page 3 for details.)	4	5
6	7	8 MSRA BOARD MEETING 7 p.m. Hampton Inn I-694 & Lexington Shoreview, MN	9	10 CLUB MEETING 7 p.m. Apple Valley Legion Post 1776	11	12
13 PALM SUNDAY	14	15	16	17	18 GOOD FRIDAY	19
20 EASTER	21 SEARCH FOR YOUR MISSING EGGS	22 EARTH DAY	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	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

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