

CRUZ NEWS

AUGUST 2025

The Official Newsletter of the
Southern Cruzers



**AUGUST WILL BE A
SPECTACULAR MONTH,**



ESPECIALLY SUNDAY THE 24TH



Cruzer Merchandise

License Plate Plaques - \$30.00

Ron Willson 952-892-6081

Club Window Stickers

Jim Neher 952-435-3180

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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 INFO

***2025 MONTHLY MEETING SCHEDULE ***

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



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the editor's collection

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: Thurs., Aug 7, 12 p.m., at the Apple Valley Legion Post 1776, 14521 Grenada Drive. If you have questions, contact Karen Keenan @ 952-758-9754.

CLUB MEETING: Thursday, August 14, 7:00 p.m., at the Apple Valley Legion Post 1776, 14521 Grenada Drive

36TH ANNUAL SUMMER SPECTACULAR: Sun., Aug. 24, 9 - 2 p.m., Buck Hill, Burnsville, MN

UPCOMING CLUB MINI-SHOWS

7/23/25 **The Glen Hopkins, (rained out)** 1011 Felti Ct., Hopkins, MN, 5 p.m.

8/8/25 **Ebenezer Ridges Burnsville,** 13820 Community Dr., Burnsville, MN, 10:30 - 12 p.m.

8/19/25 **Presbyterian Homes,** 9889 Penn Ave. So., Bloomington, MN, 2 - 4 p.m.

8/22/25 **The Rivers,** 11111 River Hills Dr., Burnsville, MN, 2 p.m.

8/27/25 **9 Mile Creek Sr. Living,** 2301 Village Lane, Bloomington, MN, 10:30 a.m. (Lunch @ Noon)

9/9/25 **MN MASONIC HOME,** 11501 Masonic Drive, Bloomington, MN, 2 p.m.

OTHER SHOWS AND EVENTS

CANNON FALLS COUNTRY CRUISE: Fri., Aug. 1, 5 - 10 p.m., Cannon Falls H.S., Dennis @ 507-263-2775

RED WING RIVER CITY DAYS CAR SHOW: Sat., Aug 2, 9 - 3 p.m., Bay Point Park, Scott @ 612-940-3446

MN. OLDS CLUB SHOW/SWAP MEET: Sun., Aug. 3, 9 - 2 p.m., 17205 Forest Blvd. N., Hugo, MN 651-315-1530

NIGHT TO UNITE SHOW: Tues., Aug. 5, 5 - 8:30 p.m., Joseph's Grill, 140 Wabasha, St. Paul, MN 612-581-4612

PONTIAC HAPPENING: Sat., Aug. 9, 9 - noon., 8200 Audobon Rd., Chanhassen, MN, Tom @ 612-834-1888

VETTES FOR VETS: Sun., Aug. 10, 8:30 - 1:30 p.m., 12375 Princeton Ave., Savage, MN, AJ @ 952-210-6087

KENYON ROSE FEST CAR SHOW: Sat., Aug 16, 8 - 2 p.m., downtown Kenyon, MN, Ron @ 507-202-7867

CORVETTES AT STILLWATER: Sat., Aug. 16, 9 - 1 p.m., Cornerstone Chev., 5900 Stillwater Blvd.

LE SUER CO. FAIR CAR SHOW: Sun., Aug. 17, 10 - 3 p.m., Le Suer Co. Frgrnds, Le Center, MN 507-262-0829

WOODBURY DAYS CAR SHOW: Sat., Aug. 23, 8 - ?, Ojibway Park, Woodbury, MN, Dale @ 715-338-6149

DEFEAT OF JESSE JAMES: Sat., Sept. 6, 9 - 3 p.m., Riverside Park, Northfield, MN, Jim @ 507-262-0829

IGH DAYS CAR SHOW: Sun., Sept 7, 9 - 3 p.m., 65th St & Cahill, Inver Grove Hgts, MN, Rich @ 651-398-6302

NICKLE DICKLE DAY: Sat., Sept. 13, 8 - 3:30 p.m., City Square Park, Waconia, MN, Mike @ 612-719-3261

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., 8/17, 9/21, 10/12; 11 - 4 p.m., Jodi @ 651-246-3233

EAGAN APPLEBEE'S: Every Monday till the snow flies. 5 - 8 p.m., 1335 Town Centre Drive, Eagan, MN

CULVER'S SAVAGE: Every 3rd Tues., 8/19, 9/16, 5 - 8 p.m. The first 15 cars, 1978 & older get a one half price value meal. For information, call Ron Willson @ 952-892-6081, or 612-401-5242 (cell).

HENDERSON ROLL-IN: Every Tuesday, 5 - 8 p.m., until September 23

HOLY EMMANUEL CRUISE-IN: Every Tuesday, 4 - 8 p.m., 201 E. 104th St., Bloomington, MN, 651-343-4181

BUCK HILL: Every Wednesday until Sept. 10, 5 - 8 p.m.

ALL WHEEL WEDNESDAYS: 5 - 8 p.m., until Aug. 27, Belle Plaine, MN, Kevin @ 612-282-3514

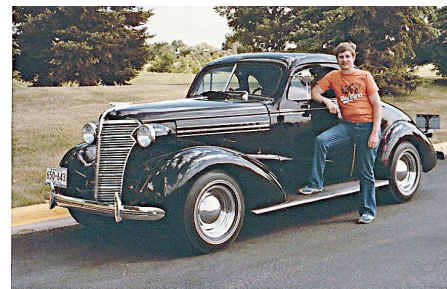
STREET ROD, MUSCLE CAR ROLL IN: Every other Thur. (starting May 22), Rack's Sports Bar, 2400 Cliff Rd. East, Burnsville, MN

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

FARIBAULT FRIDAY CRUISE NIGHTS: 6 - 9 p.m., 8/15, 9/19. Downtown Faribault, MN



DUANE'S WORLD



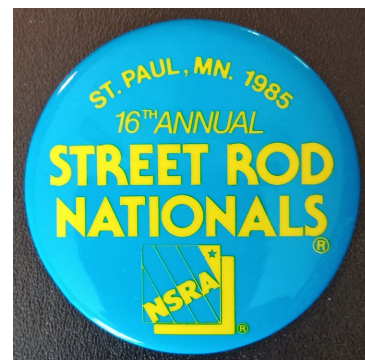
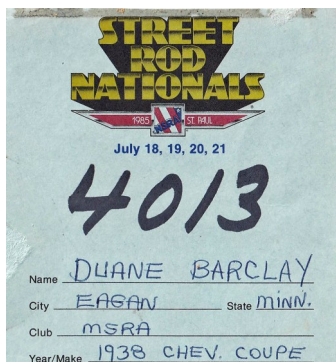
Guess what. It's raining again! With a little over a week left in July, I don't remember our lawn ever looking so green so late in the summer. I'm also finding weeds growing that I've never seen before. In May, the city planted a new tree in our front yard to replace the tree that was much enjoyed by that pesky Ash Borer, one of many on our street to suffer the same fate, including 2 trees that were taken down yesterday at our neighbors across the street. All these trees taken down sure changes the landscape of the area. The city also provided us with water bags to wrap around the tree, but with all this rain, I don't have to worry about keeping the bag filled. As long as we don't have floods like they do in Texas, I'll be happy!

Lil Darlin' is still being a little cranky! Last week I made the command decision to try another distributor. A quick order put in to Speedway had another one coming my way. If you know Speedway, you will know that my new distributor was delivered less than 2 days after I hit send on my computer. Amazing! Time constraints only allow me short sessions in the shop. One afternoon was spent finding TDC on the engine, and then another afternoon, yesterday, was spent dropping in the new distributor making sure when all was said and done that the rotor was correctly pointing to the #1 post on the distributor. I must have done something right because she started and ran on all 8 cylinders! Once I get caught up working on this Cruz News, I'll get the timing light out and check my work. Stay tuned. **(Editor's note July 29. It's running worse!)**

If you look on page 3, you will see our schedule of Club mini-shows coming up. The Glen Hopkins show was rained out, and it is unknown if it will be rescheduled. Stay tuned. Of course, don't forget to come to our Summer Spectacular on the 24th, even if you are not working the event. Bring your ride to park with the rest of the Cruiser cars! See you out there somewhere. DB

STREET ROD NATIONALS, 1985

In last month's issue, I reminisced about the 1984 version of "Back to the Fifties" and how it has changed over the years. One year later, the NSRA Street Rod Nationals would be at the Fairgrounds for what would be the second to the last time it would ever be in Minnesota. (1989 was the last.) I was there with Lil Darlin', and she was quite a bit different than she is now. Looking at the photo, I see that I had installed a dropped front axle from Butch's Rod Shop giving the reason for the fake wire wheels on the front, and still the original '38 Chevy rear. She still had the 235 six-cylinder someone had installed years before. (I believe the original car would have had a 216 motor.) Shifting gears was done with the 3-speed floor shift that had a habit of slipping out of third gear while going down the highway. Cooling was provided by a little fan mounted on the dash, which I should have kept, and a pine tree air freshener hung from the choke knob. Good times! Photos from the editor's collection





MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES – Thursday, July 10, 2025 - 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 Loren Bahls and seconded by Lynn Peterson to accept the minutes of the June 12, 2025, meeting as printed in the July Cruz News. The motion passed.

Vice President's Report: Steve Brehm reported that he sent out 3 hard copies of the last Cruz News.

Treasurer's Report: Chell Craigie read the Treasurer's report. Pat Gansmoe made a motion to approve the report, and it was seconded by Jan Pederson. The motion passed. A call for bills was made. There were no new bills. Given to Chell was new income from Jim Neher for a new membership and for TSS preregistrations. Also, Chell had received money for Club plaques.

Membership Chairperson: Jim Neher reported Club membership is 79 (135 total). The Club's newest members are Steven and Trudy Hegge of Lakeville, MN. They have a 1956 Chevy 150 Corvette. Jim had up to date Club rosters.

Activities: Ron Willson reported that the next Culver's is Tuesday, July 15. Also, he listed the Club mini shows coming up for the following week.

Events: Rose Barclay reported that the Ladies Get Together is Thursday, August 7. Karen Keenan will send an e-mail.

Announcements: Duane Barclay reminded members that Club plaques are available from Ron Willson for \$30.

Old Business: Mark Peterson reported there have been more visits to both of the Club's web sites. He has loaded 4 sponsors onto the Club's website. Steve Brehm reminded everyone that there are Club hats for sale. Duane Barclay reported on BTT50's. He drove his '38 Chev there for 40 years. There will no longer be a south registration site.

New Business: None reported

TSS Business: Ray Valdovinos reminded everyone to take flyers for the Show. Another sponsor has been added. There will be 3 EMT's. The Fire Truck Club is bringing 2 fire trucks. A \$700 sponsorship was given to Chell Craigie. Duane Barclay reminded members to get their cars inspected at the TSS Show.

The next meeting will be at the Apple Valley American Legion Post 1776, on Thursday, August 14, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. Ron Willson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Craig Duntley, and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned.



SOUTHERN CRUZERS CURRENTLY IN THE HOSPITAL, OR CONVALESCING AT HOME



Nothing reported to me at this time. Keep up the good work, folks!

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



August 3, Michael Korzan
 August 4, Kyle Buecksler
 August 4, William Larson
 August 8, Mike Opp
 August 13, Karl Swanson
 August 15, Bill Nelson
 August 20, Judy Lidbom



ANNIVERSARIES



Bill & Carrie Mitchell, August 1, 1981, 44 years
 Matt & Kate Dinslage, August 8, 1998, 27 years
 Howard & LeAnne Schmitt, August 30, 1974, 51 years

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

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Steven & Trudy Hegge, Lakeville, MN, with a 1956 Chevy 150 Corvette

There are 79 (135) paid members so far this year.

Just a reminder that Jim Neher has up to date membership rosters and Car Club window stickers.

LADIES' LUNCH OUT

Because of the Fourth of July holiday, the Ladies' Lunch for this month was cancelled.

The ladies' event for August is scheduled for Thursday, August 7, 12:00 p.m., at the Apple Valley Legion Post #1776, in Apple Valley, MN.

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.

**When I ask for directions, please
 don't use words like "East."**

SOUTHERN CRUZER MINI-SHOW ROUNDUP FROM WET TO HOT

If my math is correct, we have 8 mini-shows under our belt, with 6, possibly 7, left before we pull the snow blowers out for the season. The reason I said seven is that the Glen Hopkins event was rained out, and it is unknown, at this time, if it will be rescheduled. Considering the wet or hot conditions, our turnout has been quite good. Thanks to all who took time out from their busy day to show off their rides. Looking ahead on the schedule, I see some shows that are among my favorites, and I hope I can get Lil Darlin' running well enough to get to them.

AUGUSTANA REGENT, JUNE 11, 2025

This was the first mini-show of the season, and it was quit damp. Photos by Ron Willson



BODEN SENIOR LIVING, JULY 7, 2025

A hot one. Thanks to Ron Donely for providing his canopy to keep us cool! Photos by the editor



APPLE VALLEY VILLAGE HEALTH CARE, JULY 18, 2025

Nice weather. It was the largest group of spectators we can ever remember at this show. 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, August, 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4 EAGAN APPLEBEES 5 - 8 P.M.	5 HENDERSON ROLL-IN 5 - 8 P.M.	6 BUCK HILL 5 - 8 p.m.	7 LADIES' LUNCH OUT, 12 P.M. Apple Valley Legion Post 1776	8 EBENEZER RIDGES BURNSVILLE MINI- SHOW (SEE PAGE 3 FOR INFO)	9
10	11 EAGAN APPLEBEES 5 - 8 P.M.	12 HENDERSON ROLL-IN 5 - 8 P.M.	13 BUCK HILL 5 - 8 p.m.	14 CLUB MEETING 7 p.m. Apple Valley Legion Post 1776	15	16
17 HISTORIC HASTINGS 11 - 4 p.m.	18 EAGAN APPLEBEES 5 - 8 P.M.	19 PRESBYTERIAN HOMES MINI-SHOW (SEE PG.3 FOR INFO) CULVER'S SAVAGE 5 - 8 P.M.	20 BUCK HILL 5 - 8 p.m.	21	22 THE RIVERS MINI-SHOW (SEE PG. 3 FOR INFO)	23
24 THE SUMMER SPECTACULAR 9 - 2 p.m. BUCK HILL	25 EAGAN APPLEBEES 5 - 8 P.M.	26 HENDERSON ROLL-IN 5 - 8 P.M.	27 9 MILE CREEK MINI- SHOW (SEE PG. 3 FOR INFO) BUCK HILL 5 - 8 PM	28	29	30
31 BUY NEW GAS FOR THE SNOWBLOWER						

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