

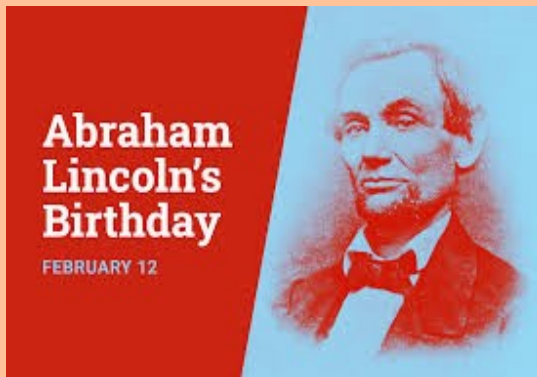
CRUZ NEWS

FEBRUARY 2025

The Official Newsletter of the
Southern Cruzers



FEBRUARY CAN BE A FUN MONTH!



DAYTONA 500, FEBRUARY 16



Cruzer Merchandise

License Plate Plaques - \$31.00

Ron Willson 952-892-6081

Club Window Stickers

Jim Neher 952-435-3180

2025 Officers

Duane Barclay	President	952-894-3165
Steve Brehm	V. President	952-457-1333
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Chell & Karen Craigie	Treasurer	952-447-4919
Jim Neher	Membership	952-435-3180

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:

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

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)



**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

Event Site: www.TheSummerSpectacular.com

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

LADIES' LUNCH OUT: Thursday, February 6, 1:00 p.m., at the Pizza Ranch in Lakeville. If you have questions, contact Karen Keenan @ 952-758-9754.

CLUB MEETING: The next meeting is Thursday, February 13, 2025, 7:00 p.m., Apple Valley Legion Post 1776, 14521 Grenada Drive

(Please note that because of scheduling conflicts, the meeting has been moved up one week for January and May only.)

OTHER SHOWS AND EVENTS

O'REILLY AUTO PARTS CAR SHOW: Feb. 22 & 23, Monticello Berndes Center, 766 N. Maple St., Monticello, IA — Galen @ 319-465-5119

TOPPERS CAR SHOW: March 29 - 30, 9 - 7 p.m., Veterans Arena, W. Fargo, ND — Kevin @ 701-367-7762

GSTA CAR SHOW: April 12 - 13, 9 - 8 p.m., **NEW VENUE:** Canterbury Park, Shakopee, MN 763-245-4334

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

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

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.

CRUISE NIGHTS

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

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

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

(Keep your eyes on this section. In a few months it will be filling up!)

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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August 14

March **(No Meeting)**

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May 1

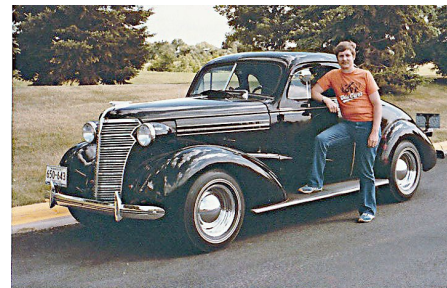
November 13

June 12

December **(No Meeting)**



DUANE'S WORLD



Up and down, up and down! That seems to be the story of our winter, this season. One day the temperature is above freezing, and the next day it is back down in the cellar, below zero or very close to it. Then, slowly but surely, it climbs back above freezing only to tumble back to the cellar again when a front comes through. Okay, Duane, quit yer bellyaching and be thankful you still have a house to keep you cozy & dry, you could be living in California ya know!

If you look at the hospital section on page 6, you will see that several of our members have spent some time in the hospital for some reason or another. Let's hope they are all feeling better by springtime to enjoy the upcoming driving season. I recently had my yearly checkup at the VA hospital, and the doc told me I'm in pretty good shape for the shape I'm in. Fingers crossed I'll stay that way for a long time to come. Tomorrow morning I go to have my eyes checked for the first time in a couple of years, and back then they told me I was on the cusp of developing cataracts, so who knows what they will find this time.

Fast forward a couple of days. I had my eye exam, and it went well. My cataracts have progressed to a moderate level but not far enough to do anything with them. A new set of glasses should be mailed to me in 3 weeks.

I know it's too early to come down with spring fever, but if this weather keeps up, I may have to go out to make sure Lil Darlin' will start & run when it's time to hit the road for another fun season. We have had a lot on our plate lately, so there hasn't been much time to spend out in the shop. I'm just wondering if anyone down in Florida or Louisiana would be interested in my snow blower. They could use it more than I could! Have a good month, and we will see you out there, somewhere. DB

SCOTT FRANK WINS THE "EARLY BIRD" PRIZE, AGAIN

The new year was only 7 hours old when Scott showed up for our Perkin's breakfast driving his '69 Chevelle. Since it was quite chilly, Scott was asked how cold it was in the car, but luckily, he reports the heater works just fine! (Unlike some of our rides.)



Incidentally, the "Early Bird" prize consists of a joke told by yours truly, no big thing! Editor photo

BEATS ME!

I just realized that I haven't had a "Beats Me" article in the Cruz News for a couple of years. Some of you newer members don't know what that is, but it's just me sounding off on something that bothers me just a little. For example:

If you're like me, I don't watch much prime time TV because it's a lot of trash, but spend a lot of time watching the oldies like MASH, Andy Griffith, Night Court, Hogan's Heroes, and Gilligan's Island.

Did you ever wonder, on Gilligan's Island, since they were only out on a 3 hour cruise, where they came up with all the changes of clothes and tools to make their grass huts? Where do they get their food? Where are their sanitary facilities?

I just watched an episode where they were listening to their portable radio. Obviously, the radio runs on batteries. How can those batteries last for years?

Beats me!



MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES – Thursday, January 2, 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 Pat Gansmoe and seconded by Steve Brehm to accept the minutes of the November 14, 2024, meeting as printed in the December Cruz News. The motion passed.

Vice President's Report: Steve Brehm reported that he sent out 6 hard copies of the last Cruz News.

Treasurer's Report: Chell Craigie read the Treasurer's report. Marv Jansma made a motion to approve the report. The motion was seconded by Ron Willson, and the motion passed. A call for bills was made. Mark Peterson submitted a bill for the Southern Cruiser.com website. Tim Gardner made a motion to pay the bill. It was seconded by Keith Biers, and the motion passed. Jim Neher gave new income, from memberships, to Chell.

Membership Chairperson: Jim Neher reported Club membership is 81 (135 total). He had up to date Club rosters.

Activities: Nothing to report at this time

Events: Rose Barclay reported that the Ladies' Get Together is scheduled for Thursday, January 9, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. at Steak & Ale on Nicollet & 42 in Burnsville.

Announcements: Duane Barclay reminded members that Club car plaques are \$31.00 from Ron Willson. Jerry Forness reported that the Club Facebook page has had 891 followers. Judy Kemper gave updates on: Bob Boche, Karen Craigie, Jack Keenan, Lynn Peterson, and Carolyn Corson. Denny Borowski had an update on Jerry Salhus (former member.)

Old Business: Mark Peterson reported on the yearly visits to our two Club websites.

New Business: Three charities were presented to the Club members present. Ron Willson spoke about the Open Door Pantry; Marv Jansma spoke about Beyond the Yellow Ribbon of Rosemount; Jim Neher spoke about the automotive department of Dakota County Technical College. Jerry Forness made a motion to give \$2000.00 to each of the three charities. Ed Sanders seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

TSS Business: At this time we are in need of co-chairs.

The next meeting will be at the Apple Valley American Legion Post 1776, on Thursday, February 13, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. Jerry Forness made a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Craig Duntley, and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned.

******* Mark your calendar: This year's Club Christmas party is booked for Friday, December 5, 2025.**



SOUTHERN CRUZERS CURRENTLY IN THE HOSPITAL, OR CONVALESCING AT HOME



Jack Keenan, Steve Brehm, Chell Craigie, Karen Craigie, and Lynn Peterson are 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



February 2, Joy Evans (Aus)

February 2, Jimmie Jansma

February 3, Laurie Anderson

February 5, Craig Duntley

February 10, Carl Weiberg

February 12, Patrick Gansmoe

February 12, Kerri Lockwood

February 15, Elaine Anderson

February 16, Ron Willson

February 19, Ron Anderson



ANNIVERSARIES



Jack & Karen Keenan, February 3, 1967, 58 years

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

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Matt & Kate Dinslage, Bloomington, MN, with a 1967 Chevelle

There are 82 (137) paid members so far this year.

GOODBYE TO OLD MEMBERS

We recently learned that two long time, former members of the Southern Cruzers, Jerry & Mary Perry, passed away within days of each other during the holiday season. Our condolences go out to the Perry family at this time.

LADIES' LUNCH OUT, THURSDAY, JANUARY 9, 2025



On a day usually reserved for the club meeting, The ladies held court at the Steak & Ale in Burnsville.

The ladies event is next scheduled for Thursday, February 6, 1:00 p.m., at the Pizza Ranch in Lakeville.

If you have questions, or have some questions about what happens at these lunches, contact Karen Keenan @ 952-758-9754.

Photo submitted by Rose Barclay

Editor's note: The Pizza Ranch sounds good to me. That's one place if you walk out hungry, it's your own fault!

CAR GUYS FIELD TRIP TO THE DELTA AIRLINES ENGINE SHOP

On a cold December Wednesday, one week before Christmas, a group of over twenty car guys including members of the Southern Cruzers, Wanderers, Acme Car Club, and the Roadsters Car Club went out to the airport to take a tour of the Delta Airlines engine shop. A couple of retired Delta mechanics took us on a very nice tour of the huge facility. Huge is what comes to mind when you look at an engine that powers the airplanes that take us all over the world! We also realized that a jet engine is a world away from the small block Chevy's found in our typical street rod or custom. During the time we were there, they were running up an engine in one of the test cells. The room is so very well insulated you could hear only a very low roar, but the big door to the cell was vibrating and shaking. The skill it takes to work on one of these is amazing. Thanks to the people working in this shop to make it safe for the millions of people flying the friendly skies. Also, thank you to Jerry Baldwin for making the arrangements for this tour to happen! 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, February, 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 GROUNDHOG DAY	3 Six more weeks of winter? It's the groundhog's Fault!	4	5	6 LADIES' LUNCH OUT 1:00 P.M. (See page 3 for details.)	7	8
9	10	11 MSRA BOARD MEETING 7 p.m. Hampton Inn I-694 & Lexington Shoreview, MN	12 ABE LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY	13 CLUB MEETING 7 p.m. Apple Valley Legion Post 1776	14 VALENTINE'S DAY	15
16	17 PRESIDENT'S DAY	18	19	20	21	22 GEORGE WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY
23	24	25	26	27	28	

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