

# CRUZ NEWS

## JANUARY 2025

The Official Newsletter of the  
**Southern Cruzers**



**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**



**MAY YOUR TROUBLES LAST AS LONG  
AS YOUR RESOLUTIONS**



### Cruzer Merchandise

**License Plate Plaques - \$31.00**

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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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 IMAGE 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, January 9, 1:00 p.m., Steak & Ale, 14201 Nicollet Ave., Burnsville. If you have questions, contact Karen Keenan @ 952-758-9754.

**CLUB MEETING:** The next meeting is Thursday, January 2, 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

**MSRA WINTER AWARDS BANQUET:** Sat., January 25, doors open at 5:00 pm., Inwood Oaks Event Center, 484 Inwood Ave. North, Oakdale, MN. (See your Linechaser for details.)

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

**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

**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

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

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

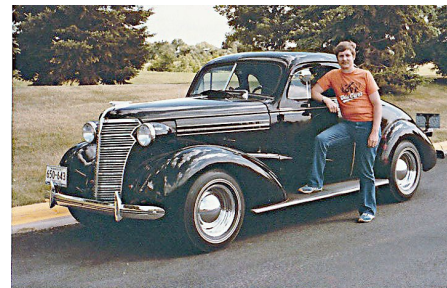
### CLUB MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2025

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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## DUANE'S WORLD



As I sit here slaving away at my computer, it is only a few days away from Christmas. As opposed to last year, it looks like we will salvage a White Christmas, but if it warms up like they are saying, it will be very close. Even if we do lose what snow we have, I still don't see Scott Frank and I driving our Chevys to Perkins' breakfast in January, like we did last year. Looking back, I am reminded that this is the 60th anniversary of my first Christmas away from home. In 1964 I was an 18 year old Navy airman stationed at NAS Memphis (Naval Air Station). Besides being away from home for the first time at Christmas, it was 65 degrees with not a speck of snow in sight. That made it worse, since I had never spent a Christmas without snow before in my life. If you live in the U.P., it is pretty much a given that you will have a White Christmas! Well, I survived, and the next couple of years being away from home on Christmas were much easier.

On page seven, you will find a recap of our Club Christmas party, which in my opinion, was a big success. Thank you to Fran Stade, Karen Keenan, and Rose Barclay for the work they did to make this happen. Also, thanks to the other members who stepped forward to help set-up and work in the food line. Speaking of the food line, the legion post manager, Bob, and crew did a bang-up job as usual making sure no one went home hungry.

Fast forwarding, we did manage to have a White Christmas, just barely, and now it looks like it will be quite brown when the new year comes along. Just a reminder, our Club meeting is the day after New Year's, one of two meetings we had to reschedule for 2025. The editor and staff (Rose) of the Cruz News wish you a very happy new year. If you are out celebrating the new year, be careful! See you out there, somewhere. DB

### "CRUZER OF THE YEAR" FOR 2024

It's been a Club tradition that at the end of the year, the President chooses a member to get the "Cruzer of the Year" award. I apologize for not getting this done last year. This year, it was my decision to give that award to David (Dave) Ritchie. Dave joined our Club a couple of years ago and in his own quiet way, has become an enthusiastic member of the Club. Dave has that beautiful teal colored 1958 Chevrolet. Looking back at the last season, I don't think Dave and his Chevy missed many of our events including that wet trip we made to Northfield last spring. Dave has also become one of the regulars at our Wednesday morning breakfast group at the Lakeville Perkins'.

Our conversations and bad jokes apparently didn't scare him away, and he fits right in! It is because of this, I give him this award. Congratulations, Dave!



Photos by the editor



## MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES – No meeting in December

### A CLUB FAREWELL TO BOB BOCHE

It is with sadness that I report the passing of another Southern Cruiser member. Bob left us on Thursday, December 19. Bob, along with his wife, Jeanne, were long time members of the Club. Ever since I knew them, I remember them as always ready to volunteer to get things done. I can't remember a time when they weren't working the south registration table at "Back to the Fifties", or at our Summer Spectacular events. Bob was a fellow Navy veteran, and we spent a lot of time swapping sea stories. In one photo, you can see Bob along with two guys from the USS Wasp, Duane & Jim Emery. Although Bob was on a different ship, he fit right in! Our condolences go out to Jeanne and the Boche family. Bob will be missed! Photos from Larry Aus & the editor



### Robert "Bob" Boche Obituary (sent by his family)

It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of our beloved Robert Raymond Boche, who left us on December 19, 2024, at the age of 83. Born on September 14, 1941, in St. Paul, MN, Bob lived a life full of love, service, and joy. Bob is survived by his wife Jeanne, his sons Todd (Laura) and Brian (Julie), and his grandchildren, Megan and Katelyn.

Bob served his country honorably in the Navy from 1961 to 1965. He and Jeanne moved from Rosemount, MN, to retire in Surprise, AZ, in 2002. In retirement, Bob embraced his favorite hobbies: playing softball, restoring classic cars, and golfing. His enthusiasm for these activities brought him many friends and countless happy moments. Memorial Visitation will be held at 11:00 am Friday, January 10, 2025, in the Camino del Sol Reception Center, 13738 W. Camino del Sol, Sun City West, AZ 85375.



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



Jack Keenan is at St. Gertrude's in Shakopee. Karen Craigie is recovering from heart surgery. 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



January 1, Kati Mytty  
 January 11, Cheryl Lyke  
 January 15, Tom Roszak  
 January 16, Keith Biers  
 January 19, Richard Peterson  
 January 20, Karen Keenan  
 January 24, Patti Brehm  
 January 31, Tim Gardner  
 January 31, Byron Nelson



### ANNIVERSARIES



Marvin & Jimmie Jansma, January 13, 1968, 57 years  
 James & Carol Sexe, January 18, 1964, 61 years  
 Mark & Patricia Baumann, January 19, 1980, 45 years  
 Carl & Sandra Weiberg, January 31, 1981, 44 years

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

### WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

No new members for this month

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

Please note in your calendar that because of scheduling conflicts in January, the dates for our Club meeting and Ladies' Lunch have been flip flopped.

The ladies event is now scheduled for Thursday, January 9, 1:00 p.m., at the Steak & Ale, 14201 Nicollet Ave. in Burnsville.

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

**Editor's Note:** I have made this comment several times over the years while reporting on the ladies' events. They always stress that at these get togethers, the subject of cars or the antics of the drivers of these cars are never discussed. For the life of me, I can't imagine what they can find to talk about if they don't!



## SOUTHERN CRUZERS' CHRISTMAS PARTY

The weather cooperated, and we had a good day to have our Club Christmas party. Before the hour of four p.m., the partygoers started to file in to the room at the 1776 Apple Valley Legion Club. Most had a white elephant gift to add to the table heaped with items that members, absolutely, could not do without! In a very short speech, President Duane welcomed all who were able to make it, and a moment of silence was held to honor those who couldn't, and our friends lost over the year. Duane also introduced our newest "Cruzer of the Year," Dave Ritchie, with a framed certificate. Legion Club manager, Bob, and his crew, came through with another fine meal which was served up by several Cruzers who proved to be very efficient in their duties. I don't think anyone went home hungry! Our club thanks go out to Fran Stade, Karen Keenan, and Rose Barclay for their work in organizing another fine event! Photos by the editor. Food line photo by Rick Delmonico.



**MEN'S LINEUP**



**LADIE'S LINEUP**



**WHITE ELEPHANT GIFT TABLE**



**FULL HOUSE!**



**RICK DELMONICO &  
FRAN STADE**



**MEAT MAESTRO,  
JOSE**



**DUANE &  
DAVE RITCHIE**



**LOOKING FOR TREASURES**



**MORE OF THE FULL HOUSE**



**FOOD LINE**

**Editor's Note:** I never did find out which member of a 50's singing group Rick stole that jacket from!



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, January, 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 NEW YEAR'S DAY	2 CLUB MEETING 7 p.m. Apple Valley Legion Post 1776	3 PRACTICE WRITING 2025 IN YOUR CHECKBOOK	4 CALL DUANE TO ASK WHAT A CHECKBOOK IS (HE STILL USES ONE!)
5	6	7 MSRA BOARD MEETING 7 p.m. Hampton Inn I-694 & Lexington Shoreview, MN	8	9 LADIES' LUNCH OUT 1:00 P.M. (See page 3 for details.)	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY	21	22	23	24	25 MSRA WINTER AWARDS BANQUET (SEE YOUR LINECHAS- ER FOR DETAILS)
26	27	28	29	30	31	

### 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