

CRUZ NEWS

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The Official Newsletter of the
Southern Cruzers



HAPPY 249TH BIRTHDAY, AMERICA



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Cruzer Merchandise

License Plate Plaques - \$30.00

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Club Window Stickers

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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)



Cover image 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: TBA If you have questions, contact Karen Keenan @ 952-758-9754.

CLUB MEETING: Thursday, July 10, 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

7/7/25 **Boden Sr. Living**, 5399 155th St., Apple Valley, MN, 2:30 p.m.

7/15/25 **The Legacy of Farmington**, 22300 Denmark Ave., Farmington, MN, 2:00 p.m.

7/17/25 **Hayden Grove**, 8715 Portland Ave. So., Bloomington, MN, 4:00 p.m.

7/18/25 **Apple Valley Village Health Care**, 14650 Garrett Ave., Apple Valley, MN, 2 p.m.

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

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

8/20/25 **9 Mile Creek Sr. Living**, 2301 Village Lane, Bloomington, MN, 10:30 a.m. (Lunch @ Noon)

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

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

OTHER SHOWS AND EVENTS

ACME CAR SHOW: Thurs., July 3, 9 - 12 pm., Christ the King Lutheran, 8600 Fremont Ave., Bloomington, MN

PAN-O-PROG CRUISE: Fri., July 11, departs at 6:30 p.m., Holyoke Ave. & 210th St., Lakeville, MN

PAN-O-PROG CAR SHOW: Sat., July 12, 11 - 3:30 p.m., Upper 206th W. and Holyoke Ave., Lakeville, 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 p.m., Along 1st. St., Montgomery, MN, Jim @ 507-262-0829

BELDENVILLE CAR SHOW: Sun., July 27, 8 - 2:30 p.m., Pierce Co. Frgrnds, Ellsworth, WI 715-273-5552

SCAVENGERS CAR SHOW: Sun., July 27, 9 - 2 p.m., 2200 Hwy.10, Mounds View, MN, Rick @ 612-840-1308

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

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

LE SUER CO. FAIR CAR SHOW: Sun., Aug.17, 10 - 3 p.m., Le Suer Co. Frgrnds, Le Center, MN 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., 7/20, 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., 7/15, 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., May 27 - 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

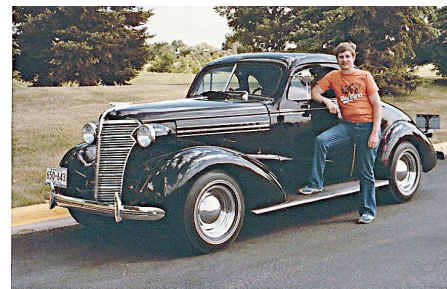
STREET ROD, MUSCLE CAR ROLL IN: Every other Thur. (starting May 22), Rack's Sports Bar, 2400 Cliff Rd. East, Burnsville, MN

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., 7/18, 8/15, 9/19. Downtown Faribault, MN



DUANE'S WORLD



Well that's done for another year! I am happy to report that Lil Darlin' and I made our goal of making 40 consecutive years to the "Back to the Fifties weekend! If we didn't get shut down by Covid-19, we should have celebrated that milestone last year. See my article below on what the "Back to the Fifties" weekend was like in 1984 when I first set sight on what would become Lil Darlin'.

I'm still chasing that gremlin that has been troubling me for some time. The one thing that's consistent is that the problem is inconsistent. It comes and goes! I have changed spark plugs and spark plug wires, given the carburetor a good bath, checked the timing, played with the electric choke, adjusted the carb using a vacuum gauge, and run a compression check. After Saturday breakfast 2 weeks ago, Ron (Eagan) Anderson came over and used his considerable mechanical skills trying some other things, including taking every single spark plug wire off while the motor was running. Nothing jumped out to indicate a problem. I made 2 trips over to the Fairgrounds on that hot weekend, and the car ran fine until it was time to go home Saturday afternoon when it started to run a little sour. By the time I got to 35E in St. Paul, it had smoothed out but not completely, and that's where it stands today. I'm running through some other possibilities in my mind about what could be causing this problem (What could possibly go wrong there?) and will let you know what happens. Thank you for all of your suggestions!

A couple of the Club mini shows are already in the history book, but I think rain kept the numbers down in attendance. See page 3 for a complete list of upcoming shows, giving you plenty of chances to get out and enjoy these events. I have high hopes Mother Nature will cooperate, giving us some nice weather. Ron Willson told me that it is most likely he will not be booking any more mini shows for the season at the risk of burning out our members. And to top it off, our Summer Spectacular on August 24 is rapidly approaching. Lots to do this summer! See you out there, somewhere. DB

BACK TO THE FIFTIES, WAY BACK WHEN IN 1984

In my "Duane's World" article I mentioned that this was my 40th year at "Back to the Fifties." Let me tell you how it was in 1984 when I saw this 1938 Chevrolet coupe with a "For Sale" sign on the windshield. I think it was love at first sight, partly because when I was a kid, my dad had a '38 Chev. Coupe that he used for going to work & hunting and fishing, I loved that car! Back to the Fifties in 1984 was a lot different than it is today. Back then, the whole event took up just the racetrack which at that time was still being used for racing. All of the show cars and car corral took up the infield. The swap meet was held on the racetrack. The track banking made it a challenge to see all the swappers. Things have changed! With even the look of Lil Darlin' changing quite a bit. She sat pretty high on that original front axle, and I got nosebleeds from the altitude. Photos taken by the editor on 6/24/84



**MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES – Thursday, June 12, 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 Craig Duntley and seconded by Ron Willson to accept the minutes of the May 1, 2025, meeting as printed in the June 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. Ron Anderson made a motion to approve the report, and it was seconded by Ed Sanders. The motion passed. A call for bills was made. Judy Kemper submitted a bill for memorials. Jerry Forness made a motion to pay the bill. It was seconded by Loren Bahls, and the motion passed. Given to Chell was new income from Jim Neher for a new membership; new income from Ron Willson for Club plaques.

Membership Chairperson: Jim Neher reported Club membership is 78 (133 total). The Club's newest members are Bill and Carrie Mitchell of Eagan, MN. They have a 1956 Chevy 150 and a 2020 Dodge Challenger. Jim had up to date Club rosters.

Activities: Ron Willson reported that the first Club's mini show at Augustana Regent had 7 cars.

Events: Rose Barclay reported that the Ladies Get Together is Thursday, July 3, 12:30, at a place TBA. Karen Keenan will send an e-mail.

Announcements: Duane Barclay reminded members that Club plaques are available from Ron Willson for \$30. Duane reported that Jeanne Boche is selling Bob's car. If interested, contact Duane for more information. Jerry Forness reported that the Club Facebook page has had 918 followers. Judy Kemper reported that former members, Jerry and Mary Perry, both passed away. Steve Brehm reminded members about the Club's hats and jackets for sale.

Old Business: Mark Peterson reported there is a little rise in visits to both of the Club's web sites.

New Business: None reported

TSS Business: Ray Valdovinos reported that he and Dave Ritchie have a couple of sponsors, and they have lined up trophies.

The next meeting will be at the Apple Valley American Legion Post 1776, on Thursday, July 10, 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.

**Told my wife I wanted
to be cremated. She
made me an
appointment for
Tuesday.**



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



July 3, Marie Sullivan
 July 5, Randy Osmond
 July 5, Paul Thoresen
 July 16, Fran Stade
 July 23, LeAnne Schmitt
 July 24, Carrie Mitchell
 July 25, Mike Nagle
 July 31, Chell Craigie



ANNIVERSARIES



Steve & Marie Sullivan, July 14, 2018, 7 years
 James & Judy Kemper, July 28, 1984, 41 years

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

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Bill & Carrie Mitchell, Eagan, MN with a '56 Chevy 150 2 door sedan & a 2020 Dodge Challenger RT Skat Pack

There are 78 (133) 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, THURSDAY, JUNE 5, 2025

This month the ladies went to Willy McCoy's in Bloomington.

The ladies event is TBA for Thursday, July 3, 12:30 p.m., Watch for an email.

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. Photo submitted by Sheryl Gardner





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, July, 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 HENDERSON ROLL-IN 5 - 8 P.M.	2 BUCK HILL 5 - 8 p.m.	3	4 INDEPENDENCE DAY	5 APOLOGIZE TO YOUR NEIGHBORS FOR ALL YOUR FIRECRACK- ERS YESTERDAY
6	7 BODEN SR. LIVING MINI-SHOW (SEE PAGE 3) EAGAN APPLEBEES 5 - 8 P.M.	8 HENDERSON ROLL-IN 5 - 8 P.M. MSRA BOARD MEETING 7 p.m. Hampton Inn I-694 & Lexington Shoreview, MN	9 BUCK HILL 5 - 8 p.m.	10 CLUB MEETING 7 p.m. Apple Valley Legion Post 1776	11	12
13	14 EAGAN APPLEBEES 5 - 8 P.M.	15 LEGACY OF FARMINGTON MINI- SHOW (SEE PAGE 3) CULVER'S SAVAGE 5 - 8 P.M. Ron @ 952-892-6081	16 BUCK HILL 5 - 8 p.m.	17 HAYDEN GROVE MINI-SHOW (SEE PAGE 3)	18 APPLE VALLEY VILLAGE MINI-SHOW (SEE PAGE 3)	19
20 HISTORIC HASTINGS 11 - 4 p.m.	21 EAGAN APPLEBEES 5 - 8 P.M.	22 HENDERSON ROLL-IN 5 - 8 P.M.	23 BUCK HILL 5 - 8 p.m.	24	25	26
27	28 EAGAN APPLEBEES 5 - 8 P.M.	29 HENDERSON ROLL-IN 5 - 8 P.M.	30 BUCK HILL 5 - 8 p.m.	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