

# CRUZ NEWS

## MARCH 2025

The Official Newsletter of the  
**Southern Cruzers**

**Car Club**



### St. Urho's Day



IF YOU'RE FINNISH,  
MARCH 16  
IS THE DAY FOR YOU!



IF YOU'RE IRISH,  
MARCH 17  
IS THE DAY FOR YOU!



### 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
Rose Barclay	Secretary	952-894-3165
Chell & Karen Craigie	Treasurer	952-447-4919
Jim Neher	Membership	952-435-3180

## 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

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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

### 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, March 6, 1:00 p.m., at the Olive Garden in Burnsville. If you have questions, contact Karen Keenan @ 952-758-9754.

**CLUB MEETING:** Please note: There is no meeting scheduled for March. The next meeting is Thursday, April 10, 7:00 p.m., at the Apple Valley Legion Post 1776, 14521 Grenada Drive

## OTHER SHOWS AND EVENTS

**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

## A CLUB FAREWELL TO TERRY DAHLEN

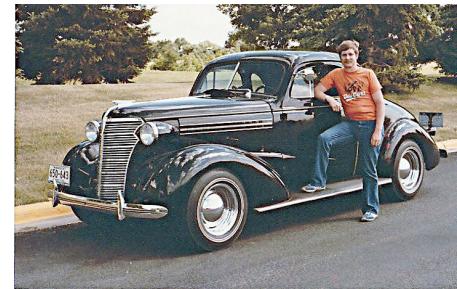
We recently learned of the passing of another of our Club members. Terry Dahlen passed away in February. Terry was a member of both the Southern Cruzers and the Wanderers. Terry didn't have a typical street rod, custom, or special interest vehicle, but was known for his love of military surplus pickup trucks. His trucks looked like they just came back from Kuwait or Afghanistan with their camouflage paint and 10 foot whip antennas. Years ago when we still had CB radios and were cruising out of Perkin's on Wednesdays, Terry would take the back door (that's CB talk), as he could communicate with the guys up front. I often teased Terry that he could talk with someone in Tibet with his antenna array. Terry volunteered at our Summer Spectacular and could always be found helping out at our set-up day on Friday. Our condolences go out to the Dahlen family.

Photos submitted by Larry Aus





## DUANE'S WORLD



Let me start off by what I said in last month's issue, "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." Despite what they were forecasting, this winter has turned into another wimpy one! If this was forty some years ago, you would have found me in a low funk, because I couldn't fling myself off ski jumps, or enjoy the solitude of a nice cross-country ski trail, due to the lack of snow. Now that that part of my life is over, I can just say it is what it is, and I should start getting Lil Darlin' ready for another season, and forget about playing in the snow!

If you were at the last meeting, you probably noticed that both Rose and I were absent. It turns out that both of us, somewhere, picked up the Covid-19 bug and tested positive for it. In the four years since Covid started, we got all the shots and managed to stay healthy, so I guess it was time for it to catch up with us. Last week we both tested negative but still do not have the energy we had before this started. I'm glad we kept up with the Covid shots over the years. We could have had it a lot worse than we did, if we hadn't had the shots.

When you look at the Club calendar on page 8, you will notice that I mention two days in which we have a chance to celebrate. One day is dedicated to the Irish and St. Patrick who chased all the snakes out of Ireland. The other day, which is much less known, is for the country of Finland and their St. Urho who is known for chasing all the grasshoppers out of Finland. Since Rose & I are both half Finnish, which may answer some of the questions of why we are what we are, we tend to put more importance on March 16. Whichever day you decide to celebrate, have fun, but be safe! See you out there, somewhere. DB

### APPLE FORD GROUP ON BOARD AS OUR PLATINUM SPONSOR FOR 2025!



During a recent visit to Apple Ford, Steve Brehm & Craig Duntley presented them with an appreciation plaque for being our platinum sponsor. The dealership will be back this year as a sponsor. Steve & Craig are shown awarding our plaque to Kimberly Compton from Apple Ford.

If you are at any of the Apple Group dealerships, mention that you are a Southern Cruzer and thank them for their support of our Club.

Photo submitted by Steve & Craig

### BEATS ME!

Since I didn't receive any irate phone calls or emails saying "Enough, already with this "Beats Me" stuff, I decided to try it again.

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

Last month I picked on Gilligan's Island. This month I'll talk about "Hogan's Heroes."

In Colonel Klink's office there is a chart showing all the P.O.W. barracks in Stalag 13, but when they fall out for muster, there is just a small group from one of the barracks. Where are all the other prisoners?

There should be hundreds of them! Also, you often see Colonel Hogan wearing his dress uniform with all his medals. Since he is a P.O.W., how did he get that uniform? He wasn't shot down with it!

Beats me!

**MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES – Thursday, February 13, 2025 - Submitted by Sheryl Gardner**

Vice President: Steve Brehm called the membership meeting of the Southern Cruizers to order at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was observed.

Secretary's Report: A motion was made by Tim Gardner and seconded by Ron Willson to accept the minutes of the January 2, 2025, meeting as printed in the February 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. Craig Duntley made a motion to approve the report. The motion was seconded by Mark, and the motion passed. A call for bills was made. Judy Kemper submitted a bill for Sunshine. Ron Willson made a motion to pay the bill. It was seconded by Dave, and the motion passed.

Membership Chairperson: Jim Neher reported Club membership is 74 (125 total). New members are: Matt and Kate Dinslage of Bloomington, MN, with a 1967 Chevy Chevelle; and Lee and Sue Folta of St. Louis Park, MN, with a 2023 Tesla model Y. Jim had up to date Club rosters.

Activities: Nothing to report at this time

Events: The Ladies' Get Together is scheduled for Thursday, March 6, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. at Olive Garden in Burnsville.

Announcements: Ron Willson has ordered 10 more Southern Cruzer plaques. JT Taylor will paint the plaques. Apple Valley Ford again will sponsor our Club. Judy Kemper read a thank you note. Jack Keenan is home; Terry Dahlen has passed away; Noel Johnson, who has dementia, is in a care facility.

Old : Dave has \$12 orange tee shirts to be embroidered with the Club logo. Craig Duntley will coordinate.

New Business: None

TSS Business: A \$500 down payment has made to the DJ. To reserve Buck Hill, a \$500 deposit needs to be made.

The next meeting will be at the Apple Valley American Legion Post 1776, on Thursday, April 10, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. Mark made a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Pat Gansmoe, and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned.

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

**President & Secretary note: Thank you to Steve Brehm & Sheryl Gardner for stepping in to run the meeting in our absence.**



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



Nothing reported to me at this time. Glad to hear it. Our list for last month was plenty long, and all on that list are reported to be doing well!

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



March 1, Sue Justen  
 March 5, Jerry Forness  
 March 8, Steve Sullivan  
 March 9, Kim Clemens  
 March 17, Tom Moore  
 March 19, Ron Anderson  
 March 19, Mike Erickson  
 March 19, James Sexe  
 March 21, Lynn Peterson  
 March 22, Jim McMillan  
 March 22, David Ritchie

March 26, Connie Donely

March 26, Rick Delmonico

March 28, Donna Larsen



### ANNIVERSARIES



Tom & Kelley Roszak, March 1, 1986, 39 years

Norton & Mary Jo Permuth, March 8, 1962, 63 years

Lynn & Linda Peterson, March 9, 1974, 51 years

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

## WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Lee & Sue Folta, St. Louis Park, MN, with a 2023 Tesla Model Y

There are 74 (125) paid members so far this year.

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

This month the ladies tried out the Pizza Ranch in Lakeville, and frankly, I was in envy of them. I love that place!

The ladies event is next scheduled for Thursday, March 6, 1:00 p.m., at the Olive Garden in Burnsville.

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

Photos submitted by Fran Stade





## SOUTHERN CRUZERS DO GOOD FOR THE COMMUNITY

After another successful Summer Spectacular, it was voted by the membership to take \$6,000.00 from the profits of the show to give to selected charities sponsored by our members. A vote was made to split this up 3 ways, and \$2,000.00 would be given to each of the 3 charities that were submitted at the January meeting. The 3 recipients for this year were: The Rosemount Beyond The Yellow Ribbon, The Eagan Open Door Pantry, and the Dakota County Technical College. The \$2,000.00 awarded to DCTC was to be split by the auto mechanics and auto body programs.



### THE EAGAN OPEN DOOR PANTRY

Ron Willson, who also volunteers at the pantry, submitted his request to award the Eagan Open Door Pantry, \$2,000.00. Ron is shown handing over the check to Deanna Baisch and two other Open Door employees.

Incidentally, if any of our members are interested in taking a tour of the facility, they should contact Ron, and I'm sure he would be happy to make arrangements for you to do so.

Photo submitted by Ron Willson



### ROSEMOUNT BEYOND THE YELLOW RIBBON

The Rosemount Beyond the Yellow Ribbon is a fine charity that helps local veterans, many who are on active duty somewhere in the world. When a problem arises, the Yellow Ribbon program steps in to help in any way possible. Club member, Marv Jansma, (on left) is shown giving the check to Tom Newmann, Yellow Ribbon President, and Jake Rylander, Vice President.

Photo submitted by Marv Jansma



### DAKOTA COUNTY TECHNICAL COLLEGE

For several years, our membership chairman, Jim Neher has sponsored DCTC, and this year was no exception. Jim took time off from work to go with Duane Barclay over to the school to present a check to a very appreciative group of instructors and school staff. Duane & Jim are in the center holding up the gigantic check for \$2,000.00. Photo 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, March, 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5	6 LADIES' LUNCH OUT (See page 3 for details.)	7	8
9 DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS (Lose that hour of sleep you gained last fall)	10	11 MSRA BOARD MEETING 7 p.m. Hampton Inn I-694 & Lexington Shoreview, MN	12	13 NO MEETING IN MARCH See you in April	14	15
16 ST. URHO'S DAY (FINLAND)	17 ST. PATRICK'S DAY (IRELAND)	18	19	20 SPRING BEGINS (START TUNING UP YOUR LAWNMOWER)	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31 START PLANNING YOUR APRIL FOOL'S PRANKS					

### 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