

CRUZ NEWS

MAY 2025

The Official Newsletter of the
Southern Cruzers



MAKE SURE YOUR RIDE IS TUNED AND RUNNING WELL.
THESE ARE SOME OF THE FUN THINGS STARTING THIS
MONTH!

HISTORIC HASTINGS, MAY 18

EAGAN APPLEBEES, ALREADY STARTED

CULVER'S SAVAGE, MAY 6

HENDERSON ROLL-IN, MAY 27

BUCK HILL WEDNESDAYS, MAY 14

BELLE PLAIN WEDNESDAYS, MAY 28

MOSQUITOS, TBA

(SEE PAGE THREE FOR MORE DETAILS)



Cruzer Merchandise

License Plate Plaques - \$30.00
Ron Willson 952-892-6081

Club Window Stickers
Jim Neher 952-435-3180

2025 Officers

Duane Barclay	President	952-894-3165
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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
March (No meeting)	September 11
April 10	October 9
May 1	November 13
June 12	December (No meeting)



CRUZ NEWS INFO

The Cruz News is published monthly by the Southern Cruzers Car Club of Minnesota for the distribution to its members. The views expressed are those of the editor & members supplying articles & do not necessarily reflect the official position of the Southern Cruzers Car Club as a whole.

Deadline: The Cruz News is usually published on the website during the last week of the month for the next month. Items to be published should be received no later than the 20th of the month. Photographs may be color or black and white and must be accompanied with a description and photographer's name. Every effort will be made to return submitted photos. Photos and/or articles can be e-mailed. Note: not all articles and pictures may be used due to space limitations.

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



Apple Autos

It's different here.

***** 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

CLUB MEETING: Thursday, May 1, 7:00 p.m., at the Apple Valley Legion Post 1776, 14521 Grenada Drive (Please note the date change for this month. Otherwise, we're back to the 2nd Thursday of the month).

LADIES' LUNCH OUT: Thursday, May 8, 12:30 p.m., at the Steak & Ale in Burnsville. If you have questions, contact Karen Keenan @ 952-758-9754.

Watch this space for a complete list of Club mini shows starting in June.

OTHER SHOWS AND EVENTS

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

HOLY EMMANUEL CAR SHOW: Sat., May 17, 10 - 2 p.m., Holy Emmanuel Church, 201 E. 104th St., Bloomington, MN

SEDAN DELIVERIES CAR SHOW: Sun., May 18, 10 - 2 p.m., Little Log House Pioneer Village, Hastings, MN

HUGO MEMORIAL DAY CAR SHOW: Mon., May 26, 9 - 3 p.m., Blacksmith Lounge, Hugo, MN, 612-839-2490

MORRISTOWN DAM DAYS SHOW: Sat., May 31, 8 - 2 p.m., Morristown, MN, Steve @507-339-0157

ALL GM CAR SHOW/SWAP MEET: Sun., June 1, 8 - 2 p.m., MN St. Fairgrounds, St. Paul, MN, 952-240-0295

ALL FORD SHOW & SWAP: Sun., June 1, 9 - 2 p.m., Apple Valley Ford, Apple Valley, MN, 612-850-9134

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

EDDIE COCHRAN CAR SHOW/MUSIC FESTIVAL: June 13 - 14, Albert Lea, MN, Stephanie @ 507-303-8003

MODEL T REUNION: Sun., June 15, 8 - 3 p.m., Dakota Co. Frgrnds, Farmington, MN, Ken @651-455-2516

MSRA BACK TO THE 50S WEEKEND: June 20 - 22, MN State Fairgrounds

FREEDOM DAYS CAR SHOW: Fri., June 27, 5 - 9 p.m., Legion Post 1776, 14521 Grenada Dr., Apple Valley, MN

KAPOSIA DAYS CAR SHOW: Sat., June 28, 9 - 3 p.m., High School, 6th Ave. N & 3rd St. N, South St. Paul, MN

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

PONTIAC HAPPENING XIII: Sat., Aug. 9, 9 - noon, Chanhassen Auto Plex, 8200 Audubon Rd.

LE SUER CO. FAIR CAR SHOW: Sun., Aug. 17, 10 - 3 p.m., Le Suer Co. Frgrnds, Jim @ 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., 5/18, 6/15, 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., **5/6**, 6/17, 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, May 14 - Sept. 10, 5 - 8 p.m.

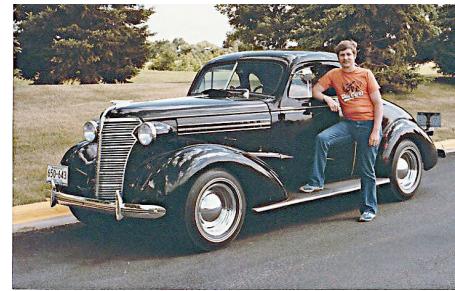
ALL WHEEL WEDNESDAYS: 5 - 8 p.m., May 28 - Aug. 27, Belle Plaine, MN, Kevin @ 612-282-3514

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



DUANE'S WORLD



Do you think it's safe to put the snow blower away for this season? At this point in the game, if we should get any more snow, I'll leave it to the girls to handle. (May & June). With the rain we have had, our grass is greening up quite nicely, so I think it's time to drag the mower out of the shed and get it ready for another summer.

We hope that your Easter celebration was a good one. We originally had plans to have 15 people at our house for Easter dinner, but one of our guests ended up in the hospital a couple of days before, and his family decided to be with him which brought our numbers down to nine. One of the remaining nine included our 3 year old granddaughter who is old enough to really get into the spirit of the day! She made quick work of finding the dozen eggs we had hidden about the house. One thing we learned from watching our daughter grow up is that the years being excited about the Easter Bunny and Santa don't last very long, and it's important to savor every minute of his/her childhood as it's not long before they are asking for the keys to the car!

Do you ever reach phases in your life where everything seems to be falling apart all at once? I am currently going through one of those phases. Nothing major, mind you, but just minor things. For example, last week I discovered a wet spot on my garage floor and found a leaking brake line on my '98 Ford F150. Twenty years ago I would have tackled that little project on my own but decided to take it to my local shop. The brake lines in the back were pretty rusty, so we decided to replace both rear lines. When the job was done, I got ready to take it back home, and when I tested the brakes, the pedal went right to the floor. On the way back into the shop I noticed that the front tire was all wet. Come to find out, the front brake line had failed. The truck stayed there and is getting new brake lines all around. Last week, the flapper valve chain in our bathroom toilet broke, and last night the switch went out in a lamp in our family room. As I said, nothing major, and nothing I can't handle, thank goodness. Rose has said more than once that the reason for these problems is that just about everything we have in the house is old! My feeling is that if something still works well, why throw it away!

An update on my car, Lil Darlin'. Last month I told you about my starter problems. The new starter I put in works great, but now I'm having problems with the car running a little rough. After it warms up to regular temperature, it seems to smooth out. I have fiddled with different settings on the electric choke, put in new spark plugs, reset the timing, and it's still the same. The plug wires are pretty old and I'm thinking of the possibility of a vacuum leak somewhere in the system. When I'm not fixing all those pesky little things around the house, I'll be out trying to track down this latest problem. As I have said before, "Having fun with old cars!"

Sadly, you will see another memorial to one of our Club members on page 7. Hopefully, I can do a good job telling about Dick Peterson as he was a valuable member! Otherwise, it's all systems go for another fun cruising season. See you out there, somewhere. DB

BEATS ME!

Okay, I lied when I said that last month would be my last "Beats Me" article for the season. Space allows me to get one more trivial matter off my chest concerning the old days of TV and movies.

I'll keep this short. How come two of our western heroes, Roy Rogers and the "Lone Ranger" always looked like they just stepped out of a fashion magazine being perfectly shaved and their cowboy outfits perfectly cleaned & pressed even after rolling around in the tumbleweeds and cactus with some bad guy they were trying to catch?

Beats me!

**MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES – Thursday, April 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 Pat Gansmoe and seconded by Rick Delmonico to accept the minutes of the February 13, 2025, meeting as printed in the March 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: Duane Barclay read the Treasurer's report from Chell/Karen Craigie. Craig Duntley made a motion to approve the report. The motion was seconded by Ron Anderson, and the motion passed. A call for bills was made. Ron Willson submitted a bill for Club car plaques. Jim Neher submitted a bill for TSS flyers. Dave Ritchie made a motion to pay the bills. It was seconded by Bruce Lyke, and the motion passed. Given to Duane was new income: from Ron Willson for the sale of a Club plaque; from Jim Neher for new membership and a TSS preregistration.

Membership Chairperson: Jim Neher reported Club membership is 76 (129 total). The Club's newest members are Steve/Colleen Westerlund of Lakeville, MN. They have a '56 Ford Fairlane and a 2003 Ford Mustang.

Activities: Ron Willson reported that the following events are scheduled: May 21 at Culver's in Savage (Note: The date has been changed to May 6.); June 11 at Regents in Burnsville; July 18 at Apple Valley Village; August 8 at Ebeneezer Ridges; August 22 at The Rivers.

Events: Rose Barclay reported the Ladies Get Together is Thursday, May 8, at 12:30 at Steak & Ale in Burnsville.

Announcements: Duane Barclay reminded members that Club plaques are available from Ron Willson for \$30. JT Taylor will paint them. Steve Brehm had 2 free tickets to the Auto Show. Duane Barclay read a thank you note from Noel Johnson's daughter and a letter from a student at DCTC who received a scholarship from the Club. Ron Willson made a motion to bring a painted Club plaque to Veit's Museum in August. Rick Delmonico seconded the motion, and it passed. Ron Willson read a letter from the Open Door Pantry thanking us for the Club donation.

Old Business: None

New Business: Pat Gansmoe talked about the AV Freedom Days Car Show at the Legion. He asked for volunteers for car parking. Tim Gardner's car will be on display at the GSTA Car Show at Canterbury. Tim and Sheryl Gardner have volunteered to put together a video presentation of Club events and members for 2025. It will be shared at the Christmas party. Members should send photos to them at: heman8184@mchsi.com

TSS Business: Dave Ritchie had no updates.

The next meeting will be at the Apple Valley American Legion Post 1776, on Thursday, May 1, 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



Karen Keenan is recovering at home.

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



May 15, Tami Neher
 May 16, Steven Brehm
 May 16, Carol Sexe
 May 17, Steve Westerlund



David & Kim Ritchie, May 7, 1977, 48 years
 Terry & Fran Stade, May 11, 1996, 29 years
 Ed & Laurie Sanders, May 12, 1984, 41 years
 Tim & Sheryl Gardner, May 19, 1979, 46 years
 Mike & Sharrell Nagle, May 23, 1960, 65 years
 Jerry & Donna Larsen, May 29, 1964, 61 years

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

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Steve & Colleen Westerlund, Lakeville, with a '56 Ford Sunliner Convertible & a 2003 Ford Mustang Mach 1.

There are 76 (129) paid members so far this year.

LADIES' LUNCH OUT, THURSDAY, APRIL 3, 2025



This month the ladies went back to the Steak & Ale in Burnsville.

The ladies event is next scheduled for Thursday, May 8, 12:30 p.m., back at the Steak & Ale in Burnsville.

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 Rose Barclay

A CLUB FAREWELL TO DICK PETERSON

Our Club has lost another fine member. Richard "Dick" Peterson passed away earlier on April 1. Dick & his wife, Lois, have been members of the Southern Cruzers for many years, and as I have said before of other passed members, I can't remember when Dick wasn't around. We all remember Dick as having that beautiful '32 (Deuce Coupe) that he had for many years before finally getting it finished. I can put myself in Dick's shoes as he had that coupe for many years and didn't seem to be interested in getting another car! Dick was the original Larry Aus of our Club. I explain this by saying in past years, Dick always had his trusty camera in hand at all the car events, preserving memories just like Larry does today. Despite being an unassuming guy, Dick was a pretty good salesman. Dick took on the job of hitting the bricks to get sponsors for the Summer Spectacular, something a lot of us find uncomfortable doing. In some of the photos shown, Dick can be seen with other Club members who have passed before him. We miss them all and their stories!

Our condolences go out to Lois and Dick's family. Dick's daughter, Kim, said there will be a celebration of life in late May or early June.



Editor's note: In one of the photos, Dick can be seen hanging out with one of his grandsons, Brandon. How cool is that to be at the "Back to the Fifties" weekend with your grandfather!

Photos by Larry Aus & 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, May, 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 CLUB MEETING 7 p.m. Apple Valley Legion Post 1776	2	3
4	5 EAGAN APPLEBEES 5 - 8 P.M.	6 CULVER'S SAVAGE 5 - 8 P.M. Ron @ 952-892-6081	7	8 LADIES' LUNCH OUT 12:30 P.M. (See page 3 for details.)	9	10
11 MOTHER'S DAY	12 EAGAN APPLEBEES 5 - 8 P.M.	13	14 BUCK HILL 5 - 8 p.m.	15	16	17 ARMED FORCES DAY
18	19 EAGAN APPLEBEES 5 - 8 P.M.	20	21 BUCK HILL 5 - 8 p.m.	22	23	24
25	26 MEMORIAL DAY	27	28 BUCK HILL 5 - 8 p.m.	29	30	31 THINK ABOUT PUT- TING YOUR SNOW- BLOWER AWAY

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