

CRUZ NEWS

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The Official Newsletter of the
Southern Cruzers



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License Plate Plaques - \$30.00
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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:
Duane Barclay
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Burnsville, MN 55337

MEETING INFO

*****2026 MONTHLY MEETING SCHEDULE *****

January 8	July 9
February 12	August 13
March (No meeting)	September 10
April 9	October 8
May 14	November 12
June 11	December (No meeting)



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

Event Site: www.TheSummerSpectacular.com

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

LADIES' LUNCH OUT: Thursday, July 2, 11:30 a.m. at the Apple Valley Legion Post, 14521 Grenada Drive. If you have questions, contact Karen Keenan @ 952-758-9754.

CLUB MEETING: Thursday, July 9, 7:00 p.m., at the Apple Valley Legion Post, 14521 Grenada Drive

CLUB MINI-SHOWS SCHEDULED FOR 2026

Fri., July 10, **The Waters Senior Living**, 3500 W. 50th St., Mpls., 11:30 - 1:00 p.m. (Lunch will be provided.)

Wed., July 15, **Augustana Regent**, 14500 Regent Lane, Burnsville, 3:30 - 6:00 p.m.

Thurs., July 16, **Hayden Grove**, 8715 Portland Ave. So., Bloomington, 3 - 4 p.m.

Fri., July 17, **Apple Valley Village Health Care**, 14650 Garrett Ave., Apple Valley, 1 p.m.

Fri., July 24, **The Timbers**, 14018 Pennock Ave., Apple Valley, 2 p.m.

Wed., Aug. 5, **Nine Mile Creek Sr. Living**, 2301 Village Lane, Bloomington, 10- 12, lunch @ noon

Fri., Aug. 7, **Ebenezer Ridges Burnsville**, 13820 Community Drive, Burnsville, 10:30 - Noon

Fri., Aug 14, **The Rivers**, 11111 River Hills Drive, Burnsville, 2 p.m.

Tue., Aug. 18, **Presbyterian Homes**, 9889 Penn Ave., So., Bloomington, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Tue., Sept. 15, **MN Masonic Home**, 11501 Masonic Drive, Bloomington, 2 p.m.

For information on any of these shows, call Ron Willson @ 952-892-6081 or 612-401-5242 (cell).

OTHER SHOWS AND EVENTS

STEELE WHEELS CAR SHOW: Sat., July 11, 9 - 12 p.m., Steele Co. Frgrnds, Owatonna, MN, 507-456-8015

KOLACKY DAYS CAR SHOW: Sat., July 25, 9 - 3 p.m., Along 1st. St., Montgomery, MN, Jim @ 507-262-0829

BELDENVILLE CAR SHOW: Sun., July 26, 8 a.m., Pierce Co. Frgrnds, Ellsworth, WI, John @ 715-273-5552

COPS N RODDERS CAR SHOW: Tue., Aug. 4, 5 - 8:30 p.m., Joseph's Grille, 140 Wabasha, St. Paul, MN

CANNON FALLS CRUISE: Fri., Aug 7, Stage at 5 p.m., Cannon Falls H.S., 820 MN St. E., 507-263-2775

CAR WARS CRUISE-IN: Sat., Aug 22, 10 - 1 p.m., Don Ramon's, 1561 1st. Ave. E., Shakopee, MN

SOUTHERN CRUZERS SUMMER SPECTACULAR: Sun., Aug. 23, 9 - 2 p.m., Buck Hill, Burnsville, MN

LE SUEUR CTY. FAIR SHOW: Sun., Aug. 23, 10 - 3 p.m., Le Sueur Cty. Frgrnds., Le Center, MN, 507-262-0829

JESSE JAMES DAY CAR SHOW: Sat., Sept. 12, 9 - 3 p.m., Riverside Pk, Northfield, MN, Jim @ 507-262-0829

NICKLE DICKLE DAYS CAR SHOW: Sat., Sept. 19, 8 - 3:30 p.m., Reg.@ Trinity Church, Waconia, MN

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 IN MINNESOTA

HISTORIC HASTINGS: Sun., 7/19, 8/16, 9/20, 10/18; 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

HENDERSON ROLL-IN: Tuesdays, until September 22, 5 - 8 p.m., (No roll-in, September 8)

HOLY EMMANUEL CRUISE-IN: Every Tuesday, 4 - 8 p.m., 201 E. 104th St., Bloomington, MN, 651-343-4181

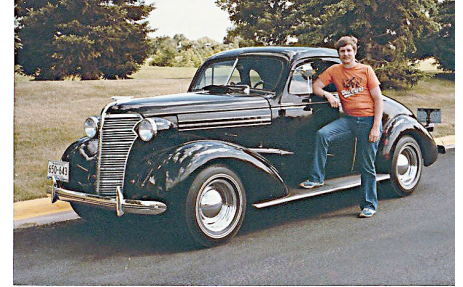
BUCK HILL: Every Wednesday until Sept. 2, 5 - 8 p.m.

ALL WHEEL WEDNESDAYS: 5 - 8 p.m., downtown Belle Plaine, MN, Kevin @ 612-282-3514

LITTLE MARKET THAT COULD ROLL-IN: Every Thurs., 4 - 7 p.m., 16907 Hwy. 13 So., Prior Lake, MN



DUANE'S WORLD



Whew! That's over for another year! I am writing this article after spending another "Back to the Fifties" weekend. This was my 41st trip driving Lil Darlin', and we made it with no problems. Well, maybe I shouldn't say no problems. I discovered a missing idle adjusting screw on the carburetor, and I can't figure out how that happened! I couldn't find any replacements, locally, so I ordered a new set on the internet, and it's on the way. I guess the only problem is that it would be running richer at idle. In 60 plus years of fooling with cars, this is a new one on me.

Otherwise, it was another good time especially since I spent less time at the model car show and more time hanging out with my friends. (Thanks, Renae Borowski, for that zesty Bloody Mary, Friday morning, which left me quite happy all morning!) Rose & I kept a close watch on the weather and we made it out of there before the hail storm swept through late Friday afternoon, and we got home with just a few raindrops on the car. Saturday was as nice as it can get, and I spent the day parked next to Craig Duntley & Steve (Pops) Brehm. It was a great way to celebrate my 80th trip around the sun!



post, we brought good chocolate attending to enjoy. We had some with a scoop of vanilla ice cream have a face and shirt full of choco-

Editor's Note: Forget what I said was not missing at all. It was just on the other side of the float bowl where it belongs! Our Club mini shows start up in July (See page 3.), and we hope to see you at as many events as you can get to. They are a lot of fun! Otherwise, summer is here, and we will see you out there, somewhere. DB

LADIES' LUNCH OUT - THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 2026



The ladies were back at the Apple Valley Legion post #1776 to enjoy another early afternoon of visiting and ordering something from the tasty Legion Post menu.

Sorry, ladies, you were at the Post too early to join in on the bingo game.

If you are interested in finding out for yourself what they talk about, you are welcome to join them. (Dudes not invited!) Their next event will be, Thursday, July 2, 11:30 a.m.

Photo submitted by Rose Barclay



MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES – Thursday, June 11, 2026 - 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 Dave Ritchie and seconded by Craig Duntley to accept the minutes of the May 14, 2026, meeting as printed in the June Cruz News. The motion passed.

Vice President's Report: Steve Brehm reported that he sent out 2 hard copies of the last Cruz News.

Treasurer's Report: Anne Thoreson read the Treasurer's report. Ray Valdovinos made a motion to approve the report, and it was seconded by Ron Willson. The motion passed. A call for bills was made. Judy Kemper submitted a bill for a memorial. Mark Baumann made a motion to pay the bill. It was seconded by Lynn Peterson, and the motion passed. New income was given to Anne from Jim Neher for TSS preregistration.

Membership Chairperson: Jim Neher reported Club membership is 76 (131 total). Jim had up to date Club rosters.

Activities: Ron Willson reported that there are 10 Club mini shows scheduled. Dates are in the Cruz News and on the Club web site.

Events: Rose Barclay reported that the next Ladies Get Together is Thursday, July 2, at 11:30 a.m. at the Apple Valley American Legion.

Announcements: (1)Duane Barclay reminded members that Club plaques are available from Ron Willson for \$30. (2)Judy Kemper (Sunshine Lady) reported that the Donelys are in Rochester. (3)Steve Brehm had Club caps for \$20. (4)Rose Barclay reported that Denny Borowski is dealing with some medical issues.

Old Business: (1)Web Master, Mark Peterson, reported about an abnormal trend in the Club's two web sites. The number of visits has gone down. (2)Steve Westerlund reported on the Club Facebook page. He is testing as he goes along with the development. (3)Rose Barclay talked about offering free student memberships to automotive students at DCTC. Before we offer these memberships, the Club needs to identify, in the Club's Bylaws, a definition of what a student membership means. Rose will work with others to develop the wording. The Club's Bylaws come up for reviewal, and a vote, in October. (4)Friday, June 26, there is a car show here at the American Legion in Apple Valley. (5)Ray Valdovinos talked about the Club calendar. Those who would like to have their car in the calendar can still submit their name to Ray.

New Business: Elaine Anderson said that there is a car show at Paul Krause's on Saturday, June 13.

TSS(The Summer Spectacular): Ray Valdovinos has spoken to the trophy lady.

The next meeting will be at the Apple Valley American Legion Post 1776, on Thursday, July 9, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. Marv Jansma made a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Paul Thoreson, and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned.





SOUTHERN CRUZERS CURRENTLY IN THE HOSPITAL, OR CONVALESCING AT HOME



Good news, nothing reported to me at this time!

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 8, Kim Ritchie
- July 16, Fran Stade
- July 23, LeAnne Schmitt
- July 24, Katie Dinslage
- July 24, Carrie Mitchell
- July 25, Mike Nagle
- July 25, Dale Roberts
- July 31, Chell Craigie



ANNIVERSARIES



Steve & Marie Sullivan, July 14, 2018, 8 years

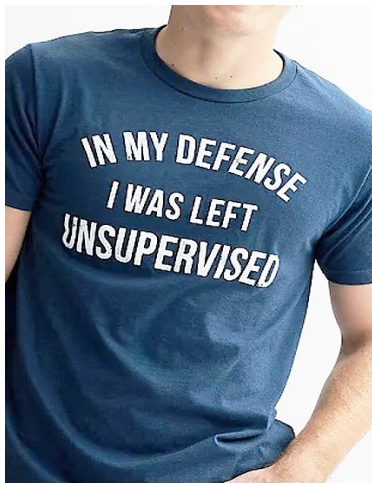
**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL
ON YOUR SPECIAL DAY!**

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

There are 76 (131) paid members so far this year.

Just a reminder that Jim Neher has up to date rosters and Club window stickers.

TOO MANY T'SHIRTS? A CHANCE TO CLEAN OUT YOUR CLOSET



If you're like me, you probably have an overabundance of car event tee shirts that you have collected over the years. As a matter of fact, I just came home, last week, with 4 volunteer shirts from Back to the Fifties! They add up! Last year a collection of gently used shirts sold at our Summer Spectacular show, and I think all sold, except one. This was a trial run. If you have some extra (gently used, no stains) shirts, bring them to the TSS show on Sunday, August 23, and I'm sure they will go. The money from the sales will go into the Club entertainment fund and/or charity fund.

Photo taken from the internet and not from my closet.



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, 2026



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 BUCK HILL 5 - 8 p.m.	2 LADIES' LUNCH OUT 11:30 A.M. (SEE PAGE 3 FOR DETAILS)	3 MAKE SURE YOUR INSURANCE IS UP TO DATE BEFORE LIGHTING ALL THOSE FIREWORKS TOMORROW	4 INDEPENDENCE DAY
5	6 EAGAN APPLEBEES 5 - 8 P.M.	7 HENDERSON ROLL-IN 5 - 8 P.M.	8 BUCK HILL 5 - 8 p.m.	9 CLUB MEETING 7 p.m. Apple Valley Legion Post 1776	10 THE WATERS MINI SHOW (SEE PAGE 3)	11
12	13 EAGAN APPLEBEES 5 - 8 P.M.	14 HENDERSON ROLL-IN 5 - 8 P.M.	15 AUGUSTANA REGENT MINI SHOW 3:30 - 6 P.M. (SEE PAGE 3)	16 HAYDEN GROVE MINI SHOW 3 P.M. (SEE PAGE 3)	17 APPLE VALLEY VIL-LAGE MINI SHOW 1 P.M. (SEE PAGE 3)	18
19 HISTORIC HASTINGS 11 - 4 p.m.	20 EAGAN APPLEBEES 5 - 8 P.M.	21 HENDERSON ROLL-IN 5 - 8 P.M.	22 BUCK HILL 5 - 8 p.m.	23	24 THE TIMBERS MINI SHOW 2 P.M. (SEE PAGE 3)	25
26	27 EAGAN APPLEBEES 5 - 8 P.M.	28 HENDERSON ROLL-IN 5 - 8 P.M.	29 BUCK HILL 5 - 8 p.m.	30	31	

CLUB EVENTS

CONTACT PEOPLE

Karen Keenan (Ladies' Night Out) 952-758-9754
 Judy Kemper (Sunshine Lady) 952-322-5819

OTHER EVENTS

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