

CRUZ NEWS

May 2026

The Official Newsletter of the
Southern Cruzers



APRIL SHOWERS BRING MAY FLOWERS



AND THAT DARNED OLD HAYFEVER!
"ACHOO"



Cruzer Merchandise

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

Club Window Stickers
Jim Neher 952-435-3180

2026 Officers

Duane Barclay	President	952-894-3165
Steve Brehm	V. President	952-457-1333
Rose Barclay	Secretary	952-894-3165
Anne Thoresen	Treasurer	612-619-5700
Jim Neher	Membership	952-435-3180

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

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, May 7, 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, May 14, 7:00 p.m., at the Apple Valley Legion Post, 14521 Grenada Drive

CLUB MINI-SHOWS SCHEDULED FOR 2026

7/15/26, **Augustana Regent**, 14500 Regent Lane, Burnsville, 3:30 - 6:00 p.m.

7/17/26, **Apple Valley Village Health Care**, 14650 Garrett Ave., Apple Valley, 1 p.m.

8/07/26, **Ebenezer Ridges Burnsville**, 13820 Community Drive, Burnsville, 10:30 - Noon

8/18/26, **Presbyterian Homes**, 9889 Penn Ave, So., Bloomington, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

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

OTHER SHOWS AND EVENTS

SPRING EXTRAVAGANZA CAR SHOW/SWAP MEET: Sun., May 3, 8 - 3 p.m., MN St. Frgrnds. 651-770-8096

SHALOM HOME CAR SHOW: Wed., May 13, 9 - 11:30 a.m., 740 Kaye, St. Paul, MN, Dennis @ 612-751-5107

HOLY EMMANUEL CAR SHOW: Sat., May 16, 10 - 2 p.m., 201 E. 104th St., Bloomington, MN, 651-343-4181

MEMORIAL DAY CAR SHOW: Mon., May 25, 9 - 3 p.m., Blacksmith Lounge, Hugo, MN, Bob@ 612-839-2490

CRUISE IN/SWAP MEET: Sat., May 30, 9 - 3 p.m., Dratts Park, Owatonna, MN, Pat @ 507-676-0075

MORRISTOWN DAM DAYS CAR SHOW: Sat., May 30, 10 - 2 p.m., Morristown, MN, Steve @ 507-339-0157

ALL GM SHOW/SWAP: Sun., May 31, 8 - 2 p.m., MN St. Frgrnds., St. Paul, MN, Mike @ 920-915-7397

MIDWEST FORD F100 CAR SHOW: June 12 & 13, Lakeview Community Ctr., Clear Lake, Iowa, 651-303-1537

MODEL T FORD REUNION: Sun., June 14, 7 - 3 p.m., Dakota Co. Frgrnds, Farmington, MN, 651-455-2516

BACK TO THE 50'S WEEKEND: June 19 - 21, MN State Fairgrounds, St. Paul, MN

FREEDOM DAYS CAR SHOW: Fri., June 26, 5 - 9 p.m., Legion Post 1776, 14521 Grenada, Apple Valley, MN

FREEDOM FEST CAR SHOW: Sat., June 27, 9 - 3 p.m., Glen Cary Lutheran, 15531 Central Ave., Ham Lake, MN

ACME CAR SHOW: Fri., July 3, 9 - 2 p.m., Christ the King Church, 8600 Fremont S., Bloomington, MN

PAN-O-PROG CRUISE: Fri., July 10, 3 - 6:30 p.m., Lakeville So. H.S., 21135 Jacquard Ave., Lakeville, MN

PAN-O-PROG CAR SHOW: Sat., July 11, 11 - 3 p.m., Upper 206th & Holyoke, Lakeville, MN

STEELE WHEELS CAR SHOW: Sat., July 11, 8 - 12 p.m., Steele Co. Frgrnds, Owatonna, MN, 507-456-8015

KOLACKY DAYS CAR SHOW: Sat., July 25, 9 - 3 p.m., Along 1st Ave., Montgomery, MN, 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 IN MINNESOTA

HISTORIC HASTINGS: Sun., 5/17, 6/21, 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, June 2 - September 22, 5 - 8 p.m., (No roll-in, June 23 & September 8)

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

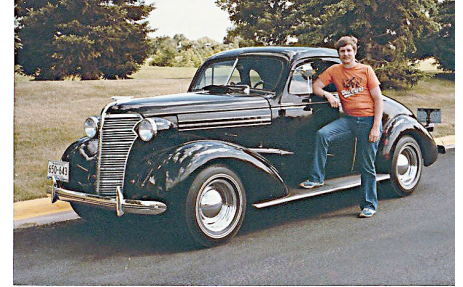
BUCK HILL: Every Wednesday May 13 - Sept. 2, 5 - 8 p.m.

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



Still sitting here waiting to see if it will ever warm up for more than one day. But I should be careful for what I'm hoping for as it could go into 90 degree weather and stay there! It's hard for me to believe that even with our cooler weather, the trees are budding out quite rapidly, and my lawn is getting to the point where I have to drag the mower out of the shed. We hope your Easter went fine. Last Sunday, April 12, we put our family on the plane after they spent over a week with us. Our daughter and son-in-law were able to do some of their work from our house leaving our granddaughter, Ida, all to ourselves! Now we are going through Ida withdrawals.

Good news! I'm hoping that Lil Darlin' is all set to go for this season! After getting the new crate motor in January, she came back home to make room in Charlie's shop for other projects. They didn't want me to put too many miles on before they had a chance to fine tune the carburetor and set the final timing which they did this past week. Also, after they did some front end work on the car, I noticed it seemed to be bottoming out when I went over bumps or manhole covers. They discovered that the shocks were bottoming out because whoever installed the Mustang II suspension, years ago (me), didn't put enough preload on the springs and the control arms were not at the right angle. They torqued on that big nut above the springs and got the control arms level to the road. Now I think the ride is better than it ever was! Fingers crossed that we will now have a summer of problem free driving, but since I wasn't born yesterday, I know there is no guarantee of that happening. I'm hoping I don't have to wince as much when I go over a manhole cover or railroad tracks!

At an earlier meeting, we voted to have 2 banners, advertising our Club, to be made up to put on display in the automotive area of Dakota County Technical College. Craig Duntley had them made up. They look great, and I'll make arrangements to present them to the school. On a sadder note, Ron Willson reported that at this time, we will not be having our monthly gatherings at the Savage Culvers'. They weren't able to come up with a week night that would work for us. Weekends were suggested, but it was decided that weekends are too busy to add another event to the schedule. But fear not, I think we will have plenty of Club events to keep us busy. So, I hope to see you out there, somewhere. DB (I'm headed out to look for another railroad track to drive over.)

LADIES' LUNCH OUT - THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 2026



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

Since the room where the ladies usually go was in use for another event, they had to be in the main bar area.

If you are interested in finding out first-hand what they talk about, you are welcome to join them. Their next event will be, Thursday, May 7, 11:30 p.m.

Photo submitted by Rose Barclay



MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES – Thursday, April 9, 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 Pat Gansmoe and seconded by Ron Willson to accept the minutes of the February 12, 2026, meeting as printed in the March 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. Rick Delmonico made a motion to approve the report, and it was seconded by Mark Baumann. The motion passed. A call for bills was made. Jim Neher submitted a bill for the printing of the TSS flyers. Judy Kemper submitted a bill for Club memorials. Ed Sanders made a motion to pay the bills. It was seconded by Ray Valdovinos, and the motion passed. New income was given to Anne from Jim Neher for new membership.

Membership Chairperson: Jim Neher reported Club membership is 76 (131 total). He reported that the Club has new members: Rod & Janelle Shearer of Lakeville, MN. They have a 1986 Dodge 100 pickup. Jim had up to date Club rosters.

Activities: Ron Willson reported that 4 Club mini shows have been scheduled. (See the last Cruz News or the Club's web site for a listing.) Some members shared their experiences from last Wednesday's DCTC cruise in.

Events: Rose Barclay reported that the next Ladies Get Together is Thursday, May 7, 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. He gave the information for Lois Peterson's Celebration of Life on April 25. Duane read 2 thank you notes from DCTC students who were scholarship recipients of the money the Club donated to the automotive department. (2) Judy Kemper read a thank you note from Fran Stade. Judy reported that Jack Keenan would be going home on Friday. Tom Moore's funeral will be in Prior Lake. (3) Jerry Forness reported that the Club Facebook page has had 1049 followers and that there have been some problems with the page since it is linked to his Facebook page. Mike Opp made a motion to remove the FB site from Jerry's account. Jerry Forness seconded the motion, and it passed. Steve Westerlund volunteered to look into the cost of a new FB account for the Club. (4) Steve Brehm had Club hats for sale.

Old Business: Web Master Mark Peterson reported that both of the Club's web sites have had increases in visitors.

New Business: Craig Duntley sent information on the cost of Club banners to be hung in the automotive department at DCTC. Jerry Forness made a motion to have two Club banners (3' x 5') made at the cost of \$63 each. Ron Willson seconded the motion, and it passed. There was discussion about giving a first year free Club membership to a DCTC automotive student and having DCTC students do our Facebook page.

TSS (The Summer Spectacular) Business: Ray Valdovinos said that Apple Auto donated \$5000. The EMT's and Safety Inspectors have been scheduled for the show.

The next meeting will be at the Apple Valley American Legion Post 1776, on Thursday, May 14, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. Jerry Forness made a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Ron Willson, and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned.



SOUTHERN CRUZERS CURRENTLY IN THE HOSPITAL, OR CONVALESCING AT HOME



Jack 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 14, Jeff Dagen
- May 15, Tami Neher
- May 16, Steven Brehm
- May 16, Carol Sexe
- May 17, Steve Westerlund



ANNIVERSARIES



- David & Kim Ritchie, May 7, 1977, 49 years
- Ed & Laurie Sanders, May 12, 1984, 42 years
- Tim & Sheryl Gardner, May 19, 1979, 47 years
- Mike & Sharrell Nagle, May 23, 1960, 66 years
- Jerry & Donna Larsen, May 29, 1964, 62 years

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL ON YOUR SPECIAL DAY!

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Denise & Bryan Farnsworth, Lakeville, MN, with '66, '75, 2001, 2017, and 2021 Corvettes

There are 77 (134) paid members so far this year.

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

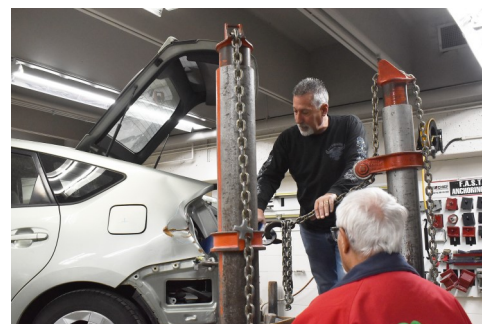
TOM MOORE TAKES HIS LAST CRUISE

In March, the Southern Cruzers lost another long time member. Tom Moore passed away in Lake Havasu, Arizona. Besides being a Club member, Tom was also a "Yoooper" such as I. For those of you not familiar with that name, a "Yoooper" is someone who was born & raised, or still lives, in the U.P. of Michigan. We often compared notes on our lives up in the north country. This winter, Club members, Steve Brehm & Larry Aus, spent some time in Lake Havasu. This photo taken by Larry shows Tom driving his Model "A" coupe to a car event with Steve as a passenger. This all happened just days before Tom's unexpected passing. For you who are not familiar with Tom, he is shown with his wife, Joan, at our holiday brunch in 2014. Joan passed away several years ago, and they are, once again, back together. Our condolences go out to the Moore family. **Note:** His funeral is scheduled for Wednesday, May 27, 10:30 a.m. at St. Michaels Catholic Church, 16400 Duluth Ave. S.E., Prior Lake, MN.



OUR VISIT TO DAKOTA COUNTY TECHNICAL COLLEGE - APRIL 8, 2026

On a slightly cool, but mostly sunny Wednesday, a group left the Perkins' Lakeville parking lot and motored over to the DCTC campus in Rosemount. The DCTC folks were prepared for us and had the complete auto bay cleared out. About a dozen of our cars just drove in and filled up the area. Since it was still a little cool, when we all got in, they closed the doors and the show was on! The area was packed with students and instructors, and they seemed quite impressed with our rides. In turn, this was a first visit for many of our group to the facility, and I think most came away with a whole new impression of what the automotive department is about and the quality of education the students are receiving. On a side note, one of the photos shows Gerry Rainford who is the Auto-body Collision Technology instructor. Gerry is retiring at the end of this school year, and we wish him well. Gerry is proud of his school and program, and was always very happy to show us around the shop whenever we visited the school. **Editor's note:** I learned that a couple of members tried to find us at the show, but because of the closed doors, were not able to. This was our first try at this event, and if we do it again, we'll try to have better communication on what shop doors to go into. Photos by Larry Aus and the editor



AUTOMOTIVE INSTRUCTORS

GERRY RAINFORD

**INSTRUCTOR MATT BOUDINOT
AND RON WILLSON**



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, 2026



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4 EAGAN APPLEBEES 5 - 8 P.M.	5	6	7 LADIES' LUNCH OUT 11:30 A.M. (SEE PAGE 3 FOR DETAILS)	8	9
10 MOTHER'S DAY	11 EAGAN APPLEBEES 5 - 8 P.M.	12 MSRA BOARD MEETING 7 p.m. Hampton Inn I-694 & Lexington Shoreview, MN	13 BUCK HILL FIRST EVENT 5 - 8 P.M.	14 CLUB MEETING 7 p.m. Apple Valley Legion Post 1776	15	16 ARMED FORCES DAY
17 HISTORIC HASTINGS 11 - 4 p.m.	18 EAGAN APPLEBEES 5 - 8 P.M.	19	20 BUCK HILL 5 - 8 p.m.	21	22	23
24	25 MEMORIAL DAY EAGAN APPLEBEES 5 - 8 P.M.	26	27 BUCK HILL 5 - 8 p.m.	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**