

CRUZ NEWS

OCTOBER 2026

The Official Newsletter of the
Southern Cruzers



HAPPY HALLOWEEN!



BE CAREFUL OUT THERE!



Cruzer Merchandise

License Plate Plaques - \$30.00

Ron Willson 952-892-6081

Club Window Stickers

Jim Neher 952-435-3180

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Duane Barclay	President	952-894-3165
Loren Bahls	V. President	952-461-2171
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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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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



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

LADIES' LUNCH OUT: Thursday, October 1, 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, October 8, 7:00 p.m., at the Apple Valley Legion Post, 14521 Grenada Drive

REMAINING CLUB MINI-SHOWS SCHEDULED FOR 2026

Friday, 10/9/26, St. Francis 3 Links Appts. 1:30 P.M., 805 Forest Ave., Northfield, MN 55057 [507-664-8850](tel:507-664-8850)

Thursday, 10/15/26, The Rosemount, 1:00 P.M., 14344 Cameo Ave., Rosemount, MN 55068 [651-760-5005](tel:651-760-5005) x1007

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

OTHER SHOWS AND EVENTS

ON THE ROAD AGAIN CAR SHOW: Sat., Oct. 3, 8 - 3 p.m., 12th. Ave & Southview Blvd., So. St. Paul, MN

T.C. ROADSTERS SWAPMEET: Sun., Oct. 4, 6 a.m., MN State Frgrnds north end, St. Paul, MN, 612-860-4833

WOODY'S CAR SHOW: Sun., Oct. 4, 2 - 5 p.m., 4251 Independence Ave., Webster, MN

CRUISE TO THE WOODS: Sun., Oct. 4, 8 - 3 p.m., Lizard Creek Ranch, 1762 Johnson Ave., Ft. Dodge, Iowa

10,000 LAKES CONCOURS D'ELEGANCE: Sun., Oct. 4, 10 - 4 p.m., 1740 Motorplex Ct., Chanhassen, MN

MSRA FALL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING: Sat., Nov. 14, doors open at 5 p.m., North Heights Lutheran Church, (Great Hall) 1700 West Highway 96, Arden Hills, MN

MSRA HALLOWEEN PARTY: Sat., Oct 24, doors open @ 5 p.m., Banquets of Minnesota, 6310 Hwy 65 NE, Fridley, MN, Loren @ 763-360-6482

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., October 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

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

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

AFTER 14 YEARS, RON & LAURIE ANDERSON'S '52 CHEVY IS ON THE ROAD!

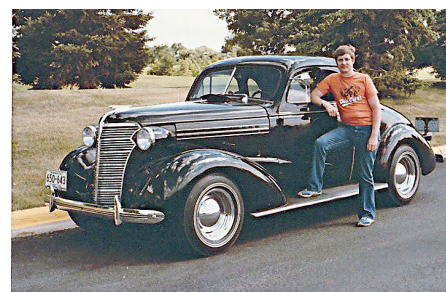


We have heard over the years that this will be Laurie's car, but no matter, after persevering for many years, Ron has debuted this beautiful car. I looked back in my old Cruz News editions and found an article I had written about this project way back in 2014. It looks a lot different now than it did then. Ron is currently ironing out some of the inevitable kinks that happen with a project like this. I will plan a follow-up article on this for sometime in the future, with the Anderson's permission.

Photo submitted by Ron Willson



DUANE'S WORLD



Mother Nature, what did we do to finally get on your good side? You gave us a very nice day to hold our Summer Spectacular in August. Now, I just emptied my rain gauges to find two inches of rain had fallen while we were away in Duluth and my hometown, Marquette, in the U.P. So, whatever we did, thank you, and keep up the good work! Fast forward a week or so, and it's still raining. (I can hear my yard sucking it up!)

If you will look at the Club activities on page 3, you will see that there are 2 remaining Club mini-shows scheduled for the month of October. I hope the weather cooperates for us to get these in. All in all, I think it was a successful season with car numbers running anywhere from six to twenty five. Thanks all for coming, and thank you to Ron Willson for making arrangements with the folks from the senior facilities to make this possible! Also, thanks to the senior facilities for their root beer floats, and to Nine Mile Creek for their excellent sit down lunch!

On page seven, I did a recap, including some photos of some of the shows we went to this year. We were out of town for several shows and no photos are available for them. If it meets the Club approval, I'm sure Ron will volunteer to do this again in 2027.

Normally the Cruz News is 8 pages, but this month another page has been added explaining some changes we are recommending to the Club bylaws. Our Club secretary, Rose, went through the bylaws with a fine tooth comb and came up with some changes to be voted on by the Club at our October meeting. Along with this edition, you will find an attachment of the bylaws so you can understand what Rose is suggesting. If you should find any other areas that need tweaking, bring your suggestions to the meeting. Please note that any changes suggested are minor issues that don't affect the running of the Club.

As our cruising season draws to its conclusion, I am happy to report that Lil Darlin' adapted to her new motor transplant quite well, and unlike last year, she ran on eight cylinders all summer! My only complaint is the need for a co-signer every time I filled up the gas tank! It's a little daunting to think what next year will bring, but as I have said before, "It is what it is!"

Don't put your ride away quite yet. It's not over. See you out there, somewhere, DB

LADIES' LUNCH OUT - THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 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.

No report if anyone was lucky at Bingo or pull tabs. Too early in the day I guess.

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, October 1, 11:30 a.m.

Photo submitted by Rose Barclay

**MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES – Thursday, September 10, 2026 - Submitted by Rose Barclay**

President: Duane Barclay called the membership meeting of the Southern Cruisers to order at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was observed.

Secretary's Report: A motion was made by Lynn Peterson and seconded by Ray Valdovinos to accept the minutes of the August 13, 2026, meeting as printed in the September Cruz News. The motion passed.

Vice President's Report: Duane Barclay read the Vice President's report submitted by Loren Bahls. Two hard copies of the last Cruz News were sent.

Treasurer's Report: Duane Barclay read the Treasurer's report submitted by Anne Thoresen. Craig Duntley made a motion to approve the report, and it was seconded by Mark Peterson. The motion passed. A call for bills was made. Mark Peterson submitted a bill for the two web sites; Ray Valdovinos submitted a bill for a trophy for Apple Auto. Tim Gardner made a motion to pay the bills. It was seconded by Ed Sanders, and the motion passed. New income was given to Duane, to be given to Anne, from Jim Neher for a new member.

Membership Chairperson: Jim Neher reported Club membership is 78 (134 total). Jim had up to date Club rosters. He reported that the Club has new members, David and Tammie Heeren of Lakeville, MN. They have a 1978 Mercury Cougar XR7 (2X), 1979 Lincoln Mark V, and a 1989 Lincoln Mark VII.

Activities: Ron Willson reported that additional Club mini shows have been added. (Dates are in the Cruz News and on the Club web site.)

Events: Rose Barclay reported that the next Ladies Get Together is Thursday, October 1, 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. If the buyer wants, JT will paint the plaque. (2)Judy Kemper (Sunshine Lady) gave an update.

Old Business: (1)Web Master, Mark Peterson, reported that activity on both of our Club web sites has gone up and down. (2)Duane Barclay shared detailed information from Steve Westerlund on the Club Facebook page.

New Business: (1)Rose Barclay presented suggested changes to the Club Bylaws. The suggestions will be printed in the October Cruz News (See page 8.) and voted on at the Club's annual General Membership meeting on October 8. (2)Craig Duntley talked about Club coolers. We need 12 in order to place an order.

TSS(The Summer Spectacular): Duane Barclay read a thank you note from the MSRA safety team. It thanked the Club for including them at a very nicely done show. Ray Valdovinos thought that the TSS Show went well.

The next meeting will be at the Apple Valley American Legion Post 1776, on Thursday, October 8, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. Paul Thoresen 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



Paul Justin and Lynn Peterson are recuperating.

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



October 13, Deb Peterson
 October 13, Bryan Farnsworth
 October 14, Gilbert Acevedo
 October 15, Tom Flink
 October 20, Kelley Roszak
 October 24, Jack Keenan
 October 26, Marvin Jansma
 October 30, Ed Sanders
 October 31, Tammy Edwinson



ANNIVERSARIES



Roger Gilb & Jan Guerber, October 10, 2015, 11 years
 Jeff & Aimee Dagen, October 17, 1998, 28 years
 Bruce & Cheryl Lyke, October 25, 1975, 51 years

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

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

No new members to report this month

There are 78 (134) paid members so far this year.

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

EARL KALLESTAD

On Saturday, September 26, we received word that former Southern Cruiser and Wanderers member, Earl Kallestad passed away. Earl and wife, Linda, were long time Cruiser members, and Linda was secretary of our club back in the '90s. Earl was a very pleasant person to be around, and we will miss him!

Our Club condolences go out to Linda and the Kallestad family.

ANATOMY OF A SOUTHERN CRUZER MINI-CAR SHOW

As I write this article in the waning days of September, we have two Club mini-shows left on the schedule. I thought it would be fun to have a recap of the dozen, or so, shows held throughout the season. All in all, I would consider this to have been a good year to get our rides out to give the residents and staff of the senior homes a chance to see the plethora of cars & trucks driven by our members. Rain put the damper (pun intended) on only two shows that I know of, and I hope the weather cooperates for our remaining two shows in October. All the shows go pretty much the same: We drive in to be parked, get out the lawn chairs, and wait for the procession of folks coming outside and asking all kinds of questions like, "What year is your car, and what kind is it?" Some are quite savvy about cars and can get within a year or two of guessing the year & make. Some think the cars are as originally built, not realizing the majority of them are not the way they came from the factory. That's what makes it fun! Root beer floats seem to be the treat most popular, and they are appreciated by our members. Shown here is a random selection taken at some of the shows by the editor.



THE TIMBERS, JULY 24



LUNCH AT 9 MILE CREEK, AUGUST 5



9 MILE CREEK, AUGUST 5



APPLE VALLEY VILLAGE, AUGUST 6



VALLEY RIDGE, AUGUST 12



FLOATS AT VALLEY RIDGE, AUG. 12



THE RIVERS, AUGUST 14



**NEW MEMBER, BOB RUTLEDGE
THE RIVERS, AUGUST 14**



**HEY, CHELL CRAIGIE, WHERE'S
YOUR MOTOR?
THE RIVERS, AUGUST 14**

Thanks to all who came out for our mini-shows this season!

2026 PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE SOUTHERN CRUZER BYLAWS

- ** To be consistent, the word “Club” will be capitalized throughout the Bylaws.
- ** Article II, under Members and Voting Rights, add the following:
 - E. A student member is a nonvoting member and does not pay yearly dues, for the first year. He/She is entitled to receive the Cruz News, the Club’s official newsletter, and notices of Club activities.
- ** Article IV, Nomination and Election Procedures, #4
 - Eliminate everything after the first sentence.
- ** Article V, Officers, #5, Vice President
 - For the counting of ballots, change Secretary to Membership Coordinator.
 - Change “coming year” to “coming two years.”
- ** Article V, Officers, #6, Secretary
 - Eliminate the sentence about counting ballots.
- ** Article V, Officers, #7, Treasurer
 - Delete “in books belonging to the Club.” (Paper copies will be kept.)
 - For the counting of Event Funds, have it read as “... Treasurer and Event Coordinator and/or Board member.”
- ** Article V, Officers, #8, Membership Coordinator
 - Eliminate “door prize drawings.”
 - Add a sentence about counting ballots with the Vice President.
- ** Article VII, Committees, Events Chairperson
 - Eliminate last sentence about being present for the counting of income.
- ** Article VIII, Amendments to Bylaws, #2, Bylaw Amendments
 - Eliminate April meeting.
 - Eliminate voting by mail.



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, October, 2026



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 LADIES' LUNCH OUT 11:30 A.M. (SEE PAGE 3 FOR DETAILS)	2	3
4	5 EAGAN APPLEBEES 5 - 8 P.M.	6 MSRA BOARD MEETING 7 p.m. Hampton Inn 1.694 & Lexington Shoreview, MN	7	8 CLUB MEETING 7 p.m. Apple Valley Legion Post 1776	9 ST. FRANCIS APPTS MINI-SHOW, 1:30 P.M. (SEE PAGE 3 FOR DETAILS)	10
11	12 EAGAN APPLEBEES 5 - 8 P.M.	13	14	15 THE ROSEMOUNT MINI-SHOW, 1:00 PM. (SEE PAGE 3 FOR DETAILS)	16	17
18 HISTORIC HASTINGS 11 - 4 p.m.	19 EAGAN APPLEBEES 5 - 8 P.M.	20	21	22	23	24
25	26 EAGAN APPLEBEES 5 - 8 P.M.	27	28	29	30 FORGET THAT IDEA OF SOAPING YOUR NEIGHBOR'S WINDOWS	31 HAPPY HALLOWEEN!

CLUB EVENTS

CONTACT PEOPLE

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

OTHER EVENTS

CRUISE
NIGHTS