

# CRUZ NEWS

## APRIL 2024

The Official Newsletter of the  
**Southern Cruzers**



**SORRY, EASTER BUNNY.  
YOU'RE A LITTLE TOO LATE.**



**EASTER WAS IN MARCH THIS YEAR.  
YOU MISSED IT BY JUST A HARE!**



**Cruzer Merchandise**

**License Plate Plaques - \$31.00**  
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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:  
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Burnsville, MN 55337

**MEETING INFO**

**\*\*\*2024 MONTHLY MEETING SCHEDULE \*\*\***

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



**COVER IMAGE 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](http://www.SouthernCruzers.com)

Event Site: [www.TheSummerSpectacular.com](http://www.TheSummerSpectacular.com)

## UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

**LADIES' LUNCH OUT:** Thursday, April 4, 2024, 1:00 pm., Olive Garden, 1451 County Rd. 42 W. Burnsville, MN. If you have questions, contact Karen Keenan @ 952-758-9754.

**CLUB MEETING:** Thurs., April 11, 2024, 7:00 p.m., Apple Valley Legion Post 1776, 14521 Grenada Drive  
(Come a little earlier to enjoy a burger basket or some other yummy item from the 1776 menu.)

### CLUB MINI SHOWS, 2024

The Timbers, Apple Valley, Wed., May 29 (More details to follow)  
Wednesday, June 12, at the Legacy in Farmington, MN (More details to follow)  
Nine Mile Creek, Bloomington, time & date TBD

## OTHER SHOWS AND EVENTS

**GSTA CAR SHOW:** Apr. 6 & 7, 9 - 8 pm., MN State Fairgrounds, Warner Coliseum, St. Paul, MN

**TOPPERS ROD & CUSTOM CAR SHOW:** Apr. 6 - 7, Sat. 9 - 7 pm., Sun. 9 - 5 pm., West Fargo, ND

**PRIME STEEL CAR SHOW:** Apr. 13 - 14, Grand Forks, ND, Leah @ 701-741-0220

**GOPHER STATE BUICK CAR SHOW:** Sun., May 5, 8 - 3 pm., Machinery Hill, MN State Frgrnds, St. Paul, MN

**MSRA RUN TO THE HILL:** Tue., May 7 (More information to follow)

**RUSS PETERSON MEMORIAL CAR SHOW:** Sun., May 19, 10 - 2 pm., Little Log House Village, Hastings, MN

**NORM'S TIRE CAR SHOW:** Sun., May 19, 9 - 2:30 pm., Norm's Tire, 2767 Long Lake Rd., Roseville, MN

**MORRISTOWN DAM DAYS CAR SHOW:** Sat., June 1, 10 - 2 pm., 109 2nd St SW, Morristown, MN

**WOLF MOTORS CAR SHOW:** Sun., June 9, 9 - 2 pm., 600 West 2nd St., Jordan, MN

**50TH ANNUAL BACK TO THE FIFTIES WEEKEND:** June 21 - 23, 2024. (It's never too early to start planning for this big event! It will also be the 40th annual trip for Lil Darlin' and me to this show!)

**FREEDOM DAYS CAR SHOW:** Fri., June 28, 5 - 9 pm., Legion Post 1776, 14521 Granada Ave., Apple Valley

**KAPOSIA DAYS CAR SHOW:** Sat., June 29, 9 - 3 pm., 6th Ave. N. & Marie Ave., South St. Paul, MN

**ACME SPEEDSHOP CAR SHOW:** Wed., July 3, 10 - 3 pm., 66th St. @ Columbus Ave., Richfield, MN

**KOLACKY DAYS CAR SHOW:** Sat., July 27, 9 - 3 pm., 1St., Montgomery, MN Jim @ 507-364-5659

**PONTIAC HAPPENING:** Sat., Aug 3, 9 - 12 pm, Auto Motor Plex, 8150 Audubon Rd. Chanhassen, MN

**NATIONAL NIGHT OUT:** Tues., Aug. 6, 5 - 8:30 pm. Joseph's Grill, 140 Wabasha St., St. Paul, 763-213-5674

**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

**HENDERSON ROLL-IN:** Every Tuesday, 5 - 8 pm., 5/28 - 9/17

**LITTLE MARKET THAT COULD ROLL-IN:** Every Thurs., 3:53 - 7:19 pm., 16907 Hwy 13 So., Prior Lake, MN

**RACKS SPORTS BAR ROLL-IN:** Every other Thurs. starting May 23, 5 - 8 pm., 2400 Cliff Rd. E., Burnsville, MN

**HISTORIC HASTINGS:** Sun., 5/19, 6/16, 7/21, 8/18, 9/15, 10/13; 11 - 4 pm., Hastings, MN, Jodi @ 651-246-3233

**I HAVE NEVER SEEN ANYONE JOGGING & SMILING.**

**THAT'S ALL I NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THAT!**



# DUANE'S WORLD



Here I am. It's Thursday, March 21, and I'm sitting here in front of my laptop waiting for the snow that they are predicting to start this afternoon. It looks like Lil Darlin' will be stuck in the garage for awhile until this passes. I'm estimating that she and I have logged in close to 50 miles already in 2024, a new personal record for so early in the year. My soundproofing program seems to be working quite well. As things go in a car guy's life, I decided not to put back in the ratty old carpet that I did a slipshod job on over 30 years ago. Of course this decision was made after I did all the work getting the seats back in and secured. Because my new plan will involve taking the seats back out and taking the time to make a new pattern for new carpet, I have made more work for myself, which is nothing new! Fortunately, I re-designed the way the seats are bolted to the floor, and I can take them out without having to get under the car, saving a lot of time and effort. Over the years since I retired, some folks have asked me, "Duane, now that you are no longer working, don't you get bored?" I can easily tell them that boredom is not in my vocabulary, especially when I have an old car that demands a lot of my attention! **Editor's note:** May I say with pleasure that my wife, family and two year old granddaughter take away any possibility of being bore., And, I got the seats back out in a half hour versus the half day it used to take!

Fast forward a few days, and it looks like winter again. The snow/slush combination we got yesterday was very heavy, so I just cleared the drive enough to get out if need be. This morning I cleared off a couple of inches and am hoping it will slow down enough so that I can let the girls take care of the rest of it. (April & May)

It's hard to believe that March has flown by. Easter is upon us, and I and the Cruz News staff wish you a happy holiday. I also think it is time to allow some spring fever into our lives! (I make it sound like we had a terrible winter). See you out there, somewhere. DB

## SOME FRIENDS WE MISS

When we have a loss of one of our members, I always ask Larry Aus to go through his enormous photo collection and see what he can find of that member. With the passing of Bill Corson, Larry sent me a very large set of photos to go through. After thanking Larry, I mentioned to him that there are several members in his photos who are no longer with us. I would like to show a few of them that I took out as a tribute to them. Thanks, fellows, for your memories & friendship. We miss you! Photos by Larry Aus



BILL CORSON & DICK HANSON



KEN INGRAM, BILL CORSON & "SWEET CAROLINE" AT AN MSRA INSPECTION



OF THIS GROUP, FIVE ARE NO LONGER WITH US INCLUDING THREE SOUTHERN CRUZERS

## MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES – No meeting in March

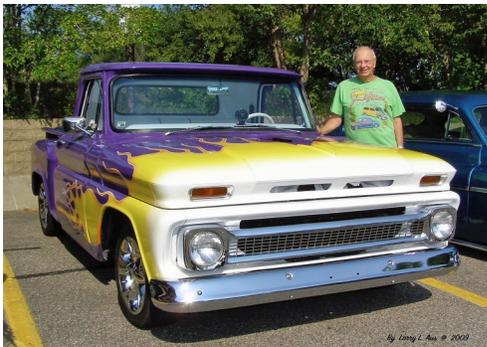
### A CLUB GOODBYE TO BILL CORSON

Sadly, I have to announce the passing of another of our Club members. Bill Corson passed away on March 15, 2024. Bill was a long time member of the Southern Cruzers, and also belonged to the Wanderers Car Club & MSRA. I first met Bill in the early 90s when he, along with Greg Smith, Don Williams, and myself ran the Burnsville Fire Muster Car Show. Bill, Greg & Don are all gone, and I miss their friendship! Bill is also remembered for starting the popular website, "Autoswalk.com" which was the go-to place to find out where all the action was.

As soon as I sent out the notice to club members about Bill's passing, I got a nice letter from Byron Nelson telling me a lot of what I didn't know about Bill, as he was an unassuming type of guy. Let me tell you a little of what I learned: Bill was a Duluth kid back in the mid 50s along with Byron Nelson and Larry Aus. Bill went to Denfield High School and belonged to a car club in the area. Bill was an avid Pontiac fan switching over to Oldsmobiles later on. Now, here's where it gets really interesting.

Bill had a 1960 Pontiac 2-door hardtop. He built a 360+ h.p. motor using all NASCAR parts that he had gathered. He ran this car at Minnesota Dragways for a number of years dominating his class. He started with an automatic transmission but was unhappy with the results. The automatic was pulled and replaced with a Borg-Warner Transmission, and as they say, "The rest is history!" After the conversion, the car ran really well and Bill held both the Automatic & Manual tranny records. Byron also said that Bill was a very good tuner, and he and Byron shared tech ideas.

In recent years, Bill was known for his beautiful 1953 Oldsmobile 88, "Sweet Caroline" named after his wife, Carolyn. We also remember his Chevy pickup, "Wild Thang," and his '56 Pontiac. Thank you, Byron, for the information sent on Bill. It gives us a greater understanding of who he was! Our condolences go out to Carolyn and the Corson family. He will be missed!



Photos from the collection of Larry Aus



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

Carol Oltmans is home recovering after surgery.

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**



- April 1, Renae Borowski
- April 8, Denny Borowski
- April 12, Jeanine Lindmeyer
- April 14, Chris Aden
- April 29, Mike Quinn
- April 30, Marcia Carroll



**ANNIVERSARIES**



- Jim & Tami Neher, April 3, 1982, 42 years
- Ron & Laurie Anderson, April 20, 1974, 50 years
- Dave & Tammy Edwinson, April 25, 1987, 37 years
- Chuck & Susan Sieleni, April 30, 1977, 47 years

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

**Editor's note: If you note that your birthday or anniversary is not being listed, and you would like it to be, please let me know, and I'll get it rectified.**

**WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS**

No new members this month

There are 78 (130) paid members so far this year.

Jim Neher has membership rosters: with names and addresses; another with the addition of cars; and an e-mail list of the ones that answer yes to list their e-mail address.

**LADIES' AFTERNOON OUT - MARCH 7, 2024**



On Thursday, March 7, a group of the Southern Cruiser ladies held their monthly gathering at the Olive Garden in Burnsville. The Olive Garden must have met with their approval as they plan to return for a second visit in April. If you are new to our Club, or wish to join this group, you are certainly welcome! See the Club events section on page three for information.

Photo submitted by Rose Barclay



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, April 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 <b>APRIL FOOLS' DAY</b>	2 <b>APOLOGIZE FOR ALL THE PRANKS YOU PULLED, YESTERDAY</b>	3	4 <b>LADIES' LUNCH OUT</b> 1:00 P.M. Olive Garden (See page 3 for details.)	5	6
7	8	9 <b>MSRA BOARD MEETING</b> 7 p.m. Hampton Inn I-694 & Lexington Shoreview, MN	10	11 <b>CLUB MEETING</b> 7 p.m. Apple Valley Legion Post 1776	12	13
14	15 <b>IRS TAX DAY</b>	16	17	18	19	20
21	22 <b>EARTH DAY</b>	23	24	25	26 <b>ARBOR DAY</b>	27
28	29	30 <b>THINK ABOUT PUTTING YOUR SNOWBLOWER AWAY</b>				

**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**