

CRUZ NEWS

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The Official Newsletter of the
Southern Cruzers

Car  **Club**
SOUTHERN
TWIN CITIES CRUZERS





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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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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)



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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, June 5, 12:30 PM., Willy McCoy's, 107th & France Ave., Bloomington, MN. If you have questions, contact Karen Keenan @ 952-758-9754.

CLUB MEETING: Thursday, June 12, 7:00 p.m., at the Apple Valley Legion Post 1776, 14521 Grenada Drive

See page 4 for a complete listing of club mini shows scheduled so far

OTHER SHOWS AND EVENTS

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

FATHER'S DAY, SALUTE TO VETS CAR SHOW: Sun., June 15, 8:30 - 3 p.m., Downtown Red Wing, MN

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

PAN-O-PROG CRUISE: Fri., July 11, departs at 6:30 p.m., Holyoke Ave. & 210th St., Lakeville, MN

PAN-O-PROG CAR SHOW: Sat., July 12, 11 - 3:30 p.m., Upper 206th W. and Holyoke Ave., Lakeville, 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

SCAVENGERS CAR SHOW: Sun., July 27, 9 - 2 p.m., 2200 Hwy.10, Mounds View, MN, Rick @ 612-840-1308

CANNON FALLS COUNTRY CRUISE: Fri., Aug. 1, 5 - 10 p.m., Cannon Falls H.S., Dennis @ 507-263-2775

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, Le Center, MN 507-262-0829

IGH DAYS CAR SHOW: Sun., Sept. 7, 9 - 3 p.m., 65th St. & Kahill, Inver Grove Hgts.,MN, Rich @ 651-398-6302

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., 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., 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

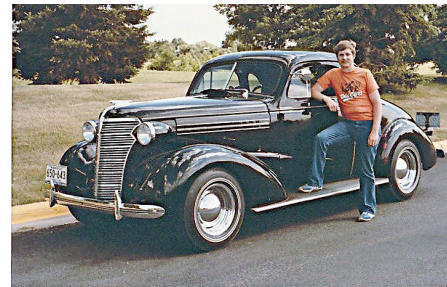
STREET ROD, MUSCLE CAR ROLL IN: Every other Thur. (starting May 22), Rack's Sports Bar, 2400 Cliff Rd. East, Burnsville, MN

THE LITTLE MARKET THAT COULD ROLL-IN: Weekly Thur., 3:53 - 7:19 p.m., Hwy.13 So., Prior Lake, MN

FARIBAULT FRIDAY CRUISE NIGHTS: 6 - 9 p.m., 6/20, 7/18, 8/15, 9/19. Downtown Faribault, MN



DUANE'S WORLD



Just for the record, I did put my snow blower away for the season, and the mower has been getting a workout already. I started this article on May 22, and it has finally cleared up after a couple days of rain. At last check, my rain gauge registered well over two inches, and I'm not complaining! Remember last month when I was bemoaning all the little problems we were going through, including all new brake lines for my truck, Little Darlin' running rough, and our furnace not wanting to run? Anyway, our furnace was repaired a couple of weeks ago, or so we thought. Last weekend when I got up to go to breakfast with the Saturday guys, I thought the house was feeling quite cool, and sure enough. It was down to 66 degrees! (We are older and prefer to keep it at 71 degrees.) Of course, it was the weekend, and I didn't get a call back from the furnace company until Monday a.m. To make a long story short, we had a new furnace put in yesterday, and it's comfortable in the house again! Little Darlin' was still running rough last week, so I decided to give the carburetor a good bath. Today or tomorrow, I hope to get the carb put back in, and it will remain to be seen if that helped. I'm running out of my bag of tricks and may have to start getting more ideas from you, my car friends, on what to do next.

One of my jobs as editor of the Cruz News is to come up with a new front page every month. This gives me a chance to get a little creative on what I put on that page. For several years, June has been my favorite month to have some fun. I have collected quite a few old car photos taken from the internet, and because June is the month for "Back to the Fifties," I use these photos in a hopefully humorous way, using my warped sense of humor. I hope I succeeded with this month's submission! (I still have several old photos left, so it's not over yet, folks!)

Fast forward a few days and the carburetor is back in, but the same old problem persists! When I start the car it runs and idles well, but if I shut it off and restart it right away, it starts running rough. Alright you motor head geniuses, what could be causing this? Distributor or coil? Vacuum leak in the intake manifold? As I said before, my bag of tricks is running out, and I would like to have a well running car for "Back to the Fifties" which is rapidly approaching. If we can make it, this will be the 40th year for Lil Darlin' and me. (It should be our 41st, but because of Covid-19, we lost a year!)

Below you will see the new list for upcoming Club mini shows. Ron Willson is busy trying to get more facilities to add to the list. Our mini shows are a lot of fun, and you get a chance to hang out with fellow members for awhile. The cruising season has begun, and there is no turning back now. See you out there, somewhere! DB

2025 SOUTHERN CRUZER Mini Shows

Wed., June 11, 3:30 - 6 p.m., Augustana Regent, 14500 Regent Lane, Burnsville, MN

Tue., June 17, 11 a.m., The Timbers, 14018 Pennock Ave., Apple Valley, MN

Mon., July 7, 2:30 p.m., Boden Senior Living, 5399 155th. Street West, Apple Valley, MN

Fri., July 18, 2 p.m., Apple Valley Village Health Care, 14650 Garrett Ave., Apple Valley, MN

Fri., Aug. 8, 10:30 - 12 p.m., Ebenezer Ridges Burnsville, 13820 Community Drive, Burnsville, MN

Fri., Aug. 22, 2 p.m., The Rivers, 11111 River Hills Drive, Burnsville, MN

Mark these events on your calendar, and plan to attend as many as you can. Last year we had a good turnout, and saw a lot of happy faces on the residents & staff of these facilities. We were happy as well!



MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES – Thursday, May 1, 2025 - Submitted by Sheryl Gardner

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 Denny Borowski and seconded by Dave Ritchie to accept the minutes of the April 10, 2025, meeting as printed in the May 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: There was no new report. A call for bills was made. There were no bills to be submitted. Given to Duane Barclay was new income from Jim Neher for a new membership.

Membership Chairperson: Jim Neher reported Club membership is 77 (131 total). The Club's newest members are Dale and Jen Roberts of New Prague, MN. They have a 1938 Ford Pickup.

Activities: Ron Willson reminded members that Culver's starts Tuesday, May 6. He has added a Club mini show at the Timbers on June 17.

Events: The Ladies Get Together is Thursday, May 8, 12:30, at Steak & Ale in Burnsville.

Announcements: Duane Barclay reminded members that Club plaques are available from Ron Willson for \$30. Jerry Forness reported that the Club Facebook page has had 918 followers.

Old Business: Mark Peterson reported that the Club website visits are going up. The Summer Spectacular visits are slightly down.

New Business: Duane Barclay announced that Club elections are this fall. Judy Kemper reported that Terry Dahlen's wife sent a thank you note to the Club.

TSS Business: Trophies will be ordered soon.

The next meeting will be at the Apple Valley American Legion Post 1776, on Thursday, June 12, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. Jerry Forness made a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Craig Duntley, and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned.

WE SAY GOODBYE TO OUR CAR GURU, BILL KANTOS

Another sorrowful event to report on these pages. Last weekend, Bill Kantos passed away after fighting an illness for several years. For those of you not familiar with the name, Bill was once a member of the Southern Cruzers, and who I considered to be the ultimate car guy. If you belong to MSRA, Bill was the chief of the inspection teams for quite a few years. Before his illness slowed him down, Bill had the skill of putting out some fine street rods in his two car garage in Apple Valley, almost yearly! Several times over the years I remember going over to Bill's garage along with some other guys to help him take a Model A body off the frame. Then, after a length of time, go back to help him put it back on. Incidentally, Bill did it all. He built his own frames, did his own fabricating, his own paint jobs, etc. He was also our go to guy when we had a problem nagging us because he probably had the same problem sometime in the past. He was a good friend to many of us and will be greatly missed. Our condolences to wife, Kathy, and the Kantos family!



A celebration of life for Bill will be Wednesday, June 4, 11:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M. at the Eagan Community Center, Oaks Ballroom, 1501 Central Parkway, Eagan, MN.

Photo taken from the internet



SOUTHERN CRUZERS CURRENTLY IN THE HOSPITAL, OR CONVALESCING AT HOME



Nothing reported to me at this time. Keep up the good work, folks!

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



- June 3, Maggie Bennett
- June 3, Linda Peterson
- June 4, Mark Baumann
- June 4, Sheryl Gardner
- June 9, Eloda Hansen
- June 11, Susan Biers
- June 20, Nancy (Anderson) Casadoro
- June 21, Duane Barclay
- June 22, Paul Justen
- June 22, Judy Kemper
- June 22, Colleen Westerlund
- June 24, Howard Schmitt
- June 27, Chuck Sieleni



ANNIVERSARIES



- Mike & Susan Opp, June 4, 1995, 30 years
- Gilbert & Karen Acevedo, June 13, 1982, 43 years
- Larry & Maggie Bennett, June 13, 1969, 56 years
- Karl & Diane Swanson, June 15, 1991, 34 years
- Chell & Karen Craigie, June 26, 1965, 60 years
- Ron & Nancy Anderson, June 27, 1994, 31 years
- Duane & Rose Barclay, June 30, 1973, 52 years

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL ON YOUR SPECIAL DAY!

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Dale & Jen Roberts, New Prague, MN, with a 1938 Ford Pickup

There are 77 (131) paid members so far this year.

LADIES' LUNCH OUT, THURSDAY, MAY 1, 2025

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

The ladies event is next scheduled for Thursday, June 5, 12:30 p.m., at Willy McCoy's in Bloomington.

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



SPRING HAS SPRUNG, TIME TO USE UP SOME GAS!

Well, it's been some time since the snow banks melted, and there's not a trace of snow left on Buck Hill, so I think we can officially start the cruising season! Some of the events that we attend throughout the season have already started, including the Culver's monthly event in Savage. Buck Hill, Eagan Appleby's, and a few others. If you attend any of these events and have your trusty Box Brownie camera, send me some photos!

SAVAGE CULVER'S, TUESDAY, MAY 6, 2025

Normally, the Savage Culver's event is the third Tuesday of the month, but due to scheduling conflicts, our first outing of the year was on May 6. Even at this earlier time, the weather cooperated making for an enjoyable evening. Ron Willson reported that 8 cars were on display. Photos by Jerry Forness



JERRY FORNESS



RON DONELY



PAUL THORESEN



RAY VALDOVINOS



J.T. TAYLOR



CHOW TIME

FIRST BUCK HILL CRUISE NIGHT, WEDNESDAY, MAY 21, 2025

It was another nice late afternoon to start the season at Buck Hill, and the place was packed despite their new rule requiring all entrants to have a season pass to hang on their mirrors. It was reported that many cars were turned away, but we didn't notice any difference in the numbers. Photos by the editor



JERRY FORNESS, SCOTT FRANK, J.T.TAYLOR, ELLEN HEITZMAN, RON DONELY & CHELL CRAIGIE



RAY VALDOVINOS HAD ENOUGH FUN AND HEADED HOME



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, June, 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 EAGAN APPLEBEES 5 - 8 P.M.	3 HENDERSON ROLL-IN 5 - 8 P.M.	4 BUCK HILL 5 - 8 p.m.	5 LADIES' LUNCH OUT (See p.3 for info.)	6	7
8	9 EAGAN APPLEBEES 5 - 8 P.M.	10 HENDERSON MSRA BOARD MEETING 7 p.m. Hampton Inn I-694 & Lexington Shoreview, MN	11 AUGUSTANA RE- GENT MINI SHOW 3:30 - 6 PM. BUCK HILL 5 - 8 p.m.	12 CLUB MEETING 7 p.m. Apple Valley Legion Post 1776	13	14 FLAG DAY
15 FATHER'S DAY HISTORIC HASTINGS 11 - 4 p.m.	16 EAGAN APPLEBEES 5 - 8 P.M.	17 THE TIMBERS MINI SHOW, 11 AM. CULVER'S SAVAGE 5 - 8 pm.	18 BUCK HILL 5 - 8 p.m.	19	20 "BACK TO THE FIFTIES" WEEKEND	21 "BACK TO THE FIFTIES" WEEKEND
22 "BACK TO THE FIFTIES" WEEKEND	23 EAGAN APPLEBEES 5 - 8 P.M.	24 HENDERSON ROLL-IN 5 - 8 P.M.	25 BUCK HILL 5 - 8 p.m.	26	27 APPLE VALLEY FREEDOM DAYS CAR SHOW, 4 - 9 P.M. (SEE PAGE 3)	28
29	30 EAGAN APPLEBEES 5 - 8 P.M.	Go to Wisconsin for your fireworks.				

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

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