

CRUZ NEWS

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The Official Newsletter of the
Southern Cruzers



TUESDAY, NOV. 11, THANK YOU FOR SERVING!



THURSDAY, NOV. 27, THANK YOU FOR BEING SERVED!



Cruzer Merchandise

License Plate Plaques - \$30.00

Ron Willson 952-892-6081

Club Window Stickers

Jim Neher 952-435-3180

2025 Officers

Duane Barclay	President	952-894-3165
Steve Brehm	V. President	952-457-1333
Rose Barclay	Secretary	952-894-3165
Chell & Karen Craigie	Treasurer	952-447-4919
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

***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)



**COVER IMAGES 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: Thurs., Nov. 6, 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, Nov. 13, 7:00 p.m., at the Apple Valley Legion Post 1776, 14521 Grenada Drive

Editor's note: A number of members start arriving after 5 p.m. to enjoy something off the Legion Club menu, and have a chance to do some visiting before the meeting starts.

UPCOMING CLUB MINI-SHOWS

I'm sad to report that the ship has sailed for the 2025 mini-show season.

OTHER SHOWS AND EVENTS

(Watch this area next spring. It will fill up fast!)

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

EAGAN APPLEBEE'S: Every Monday till the snow flies. 5 - 8 p.m., 1335 Town Centre Drive, Eagan, MN
(If the snow isn't flying, I would think you would find some guys hanging around. They're a hardy lot!)

**SOUTHERN CRUZER
CHRISTMAS PARTY**

Friday, December 5, 2025 at the Apple Valley American Legion
Social hour begins 4:00; Club video introduced at 5:00; Buffet dinner at 5:30 p.m.

Cash bar with free pop provided

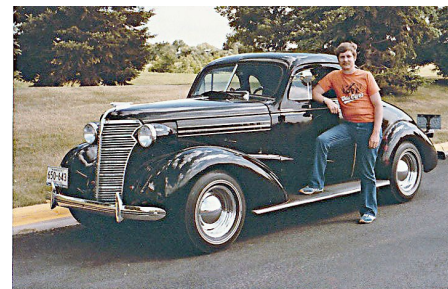
Bring an unwrapped white elephant gift.

For reservations bring \$15.00 per person to the November meeting or mail a non-refundable check (made to Southern Cruzers) by December 1st to:

**Karen Keenan
24275 East Cedar Lake Drive
New Prague, MN 56071**



DUANE'S WORLD



Well, it's finally looking more like fall. The trees have started to change color, and the leaves have started to fall. Now, the next month will be spent putting my mower mulching blade to good use. I am a firm believer in mulching all my leaves and using them to add nutrients back to my lawn rather than filling up a landfill with loads of leaves. We are also just a short time away from our annual trip to Branson to hang out with a bunch of geezers celebrating Veteran's Week. On our way, we will stop off at a peculiar place, and go to Pete & Jakes to see if they got our Club plaque that we sent last winter. The reason I say peculiar is because that's the name of the town where they're located, Peculiar, Missouri, (south of Kansas City on Hwy. 49). When we get to Springfield, MO, we will make a stop at GrizzlyTools, so I can wander around fondling all the cool drill presses, lathes, compressors, and hundreds of other products they have in their showroom. On the way out, I'll grab a copy of their catalog which weighs about 5 pounds! While all this is going on, Rose is quietly out in the car reading a book with no interest in drill presses, lathes, compressors, and hundreds of other products!

Over the past months, if you have been reading these pages, you will remember that Lil Darlin' has had a rough year. I finally threw in the towel and brought the car over to our local car gurus, Charlie & Tom at Innovative Rod & Custom. After redoing some of my problem solving, they determined there is an internal problem in the engine, possibly involving the cam. I had two choices, either have someone go through the engine to find the problem, or go the crate motor route. As I have been thinking about it for several years, I opted to go with the crate motor. I know that's the more expensive way to go, but I wanted to start fresh with 21st century technology and get rid of the motor I built back in 1985. It served me well! The motor has been ordered, and Lil Darlin' goes in for a transplant when we get back from Branson. Hopefully, I'll get some photos of the project.

Be careful trick or treating on Halloween, and I'll see you out there, somewhere. DB

RESULTS OF THE ANNUAL MEETING THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2025

At our annual meeting in October, the positions of Membership Coordinator, Vice President, Secretary, and President were filled by a white ballot vote. Since there is more than one person running for Treasurer, nominations and a paper ballot vote will be taken at the meeting in November. Also, a discussion will be held at the November meeting on how much of the profits from the 2025 TSS will be donated to charities and whether the profits will be split into segments as in past years or given to just one charity, (See the meeting minutes on page 5 under new business which explain this subject.)

CHRISTMAS PARTY PHOTOS DISPLAY

We decided that it would be fun to have a digital photo display running continuously on the TV screens at our Christmas party at the Legion Club on December 5.

Tim & Sheryl Gardner had volunteered to collect and put the photos on a running display.

Tim & Sheryl have now reported that they have a collection of photos to make a display that will last about 22 minutes, and are not taking any more submissions.

Thanks to all who submitted photos for this fun project, and thanks to Tim & Sheryl for putting it together!

I think this is a cool idea!



MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES – Thursday, October 9, 2025 - 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 September 11, 2025, meeting as printed in the October Cruz News. The motion passed.

Vice President's Report: There was none.

Treasurer's Report: Chell Craigie read the Treasurer's report. Mark Baumann made a motion to approve the report, and it was seconded by Ed Sanders. The motion passed. A call for bills was made. Mark Peterson had submitted a bill for 2 years of web sites domain. Tim Gardner made a motion to pay the bill. It was seconded by Steve Westerlund, and the motion passed. Ron Willson reminded Club members that bills need to be submitted at Club meetings and voted on by the membership. There was no new income.

Membership Chairperson: Jim Neher reported Club membership is 80 (136 total). He had up to date Club rosters.

Activities: Ron Willson reported that there were 13 Club mini shows in 2025.

Events: Rose Barclay reported that the next Ladies Get Together is Thursday, November 6, at 11:30 a.m. at the Apple Valley American Legion.

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 976 followers.

Old Business: Mark Peterson reported that the web sites' visits have had very little change from the previous month.

New Business: (1) Duane Barclay read a thank you letter from a DCTC student who received one of the scholarships from the Southern Cruzers. (2) Rose Barclay spoke about the planning for the 2025 Christmas Party. Ron Willson made a motion for the Club to give \$1000 towards the party. Anne Thoreson seconded the motion, and it passed. Anne, Ellen Heitzman, and Elaine Anderson have volunteered to decorate the tables for the party. (3) Chell Craigie spoke about giving whatever money the Club decides to donate to the automotive department at DCTC, since we are a car Club. Ed Sanders made a motion to table the decision, until November, on how much money the Club will donate to charities. Marv Jansma seconded the motion, and it passed. (4) Steve Westerlund made a motion to accept the names of the current Club President, Vice President, Secretary, and Membership Coordinator for another 2 year term. Rick Delmonico seconded the motion, and it passed. Anyone interested in the position of Club Treasurer should let Duane Barclay know. The election for that position will be held at the November meeting.

TSS Business: Ray Valdovinos said that he and Dave Ritchie will start with planning the date first.

The next meeting will be at the Apple Valley American Legion Post 1776, on Thursday, November 13, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. Roger Gilb made a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Jerry Forness, and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned.



SOUTHERN CRUZERS CURRENTLY IN THE HOSPITAL, OR CONVALESCING AT HOME



Terry Stade was recently hospitalized.

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



November 2, Gary Lyons
 November 3, Norton Permuth
 November 5, Diann Townsend
 November 12, Dave Edwinson
 November 12, Rose Barclay
 November 12, Sharrell Nagle
 November 20, David Mahlstedt
 November 22, Ellen Heitzman
 November 23, Bruce Lyke
 November 24, Roger Gilb



ANNIVERSARIES



Paul & Anne Thoresen, November 22, 1969, 56 years
 Ed Mueller/Kerri Lockwood. November 26, 2005, 20 years
 Denny & Renae Borowski, November 27, 1965, 60 years

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

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

No new members for this month

There are 80 (136) paid members so far this year.

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

LADIES' LUNCH OUT, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2025



On Thursday, October 2, the ladies were back at the Legion Club for their monthly gathering. The next Ladies' Lunch Out will be, Thursday, November 6, 11:30 a.m., at the Legion Club in Apple Valley. If you are interested in joining this fun group and have any questions about this event, contact: Karen Keenan @ 952-758-9754. They would love to have you!

Photo submitted by Rose Barclay

OUR GOODBYE TO JIM KEMPER

On Wednesday, October 8, 2025, the Southern Cruiser Car Club lost another valued member. At Jim's funeral service at the Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church in Apple Valley a large gathering of friends & family said their final good byes. There were many from our car community, including several who drove their old cars in the rain to honor Jim, and in my mind, that was something special. As Club president, Judy Kemper asked if I could say a few words at the service, and I was honored to do so. The words I am putting on this page are basically the same words I said on that day.

Jim was a long time member of the Club, and I can't remember when he wasn't around. Jim was very active in Club activities, and in my collection of photos, Jim (and Judy) can be seen at our outings to the Old Log Theater, our Christmas brunches at the Wild's golf club, many club mini-shows, Culver's, wrapping Christmas presents, and being at our Summer Spectacular car shows at oh-dark-thirty helping set up. If you have an old car, sooner or later you will run into some problems, and Jim wasn't exempt from that. One photo shows Jim's 1929 Sedan Delivery which had broken down at a show in St. Paul. Jim was a Wednesday breakfast guy at Perkins, and his spot at the table will be missed! Our Club condolences & thoughts go out to Judy and family. In the first photo, we can see another friend we lost this year, Bill Kantos, inspecting Jim's '36 Ford. Photos by the editor.





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, November, 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 LOOK FOR INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO TURN YOUR DIGITAL CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR TONIGHT
2 TURN YOUR CLOCKS BACK 1 HOUR AND GO BACK TO SLEEP	3	4	5	6 LADIES' LUNCH OUT (See pg. 3 for info.)	7	8
9	10	11 VETERAN'S DAY	12	13 CLUB MEETING 7 p.m. Apple Valley Legion Post 1776	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27 HAPPY THANKSGIVING!	28 WAKE UP FROM YOUR TRYPTOPHAN NAP AND HAVE ANOTHER DRUMSTICK	29
30						

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