

CRUZ NEWS

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The Official Newsletter of the
Southern Cruzers



HAPPY EASTER!



BUT HAVE YOU TAKEN YOUR CHRISTMAS LIGHTS DOWN YET?



Cruzer Merchandise

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

Club Window Stickers
Jim Neher 952-435-3180

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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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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, April 2, 11:30 a.m. at the Apple Valley Legion Post, 14521 Grenada Drive. If you have questions, contact Karen Keenan @ 952-758-9754.

DAKOTA COUNTY TECHNICAL COLLEGE VISIT: Wed., April 8 (See page 6 For details.)

CLUB MEETING: Thursday, April 9, 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

GSTA CAR SHOW: Apr. 11 - 12, 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.; Canterbury Pk. Expo Center, Shakopee, MN, 763-245-4334

PRIME STEEL CAR SHOW: Apr. 11&12, 9 - 5 p.m., Purpur/Gambucci Arena, Grand Forks, ND, 701-741-0220

CHROME & CALIBER CAR & GUN SHOW: Sat., Apr. 25, 9 - 4 p.m., Hillspring Church, 200 East 280th Street, New Prague, MN. For information contact: DALE@CHROMEANDCALIBERCARSHOW.COM

MSRA RUN TO THE HILL: Wed., Apr. 29, Breakfast at Joseph's Grill, 140 Wabasha, St. Paul, 651-452-4528

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

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

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

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

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., Steel Co. Frgrnds, Owatonna, MN, 507-456-8015

KOLACKY DAYS CAR SHOW: Sat., July 25, 9 - 3 p.m., along 1st. St., Montgomery, MN, Jim @ 507-262-0829

SCAVENGERS CAR SHOW: Sun., July 26, 9 - 2 p.m., 2200 Mounds View Blvd., Moundsview, MN

LE SUEUR COUNTY FAIR CAR SHOW: Sun., Aug 23, 10 - 3 p.m., Le Sueur Co. Frgrnds., Le Center, MN

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

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

BUCK HILL: Every Wednesday (A start & close date hasn't been published.)

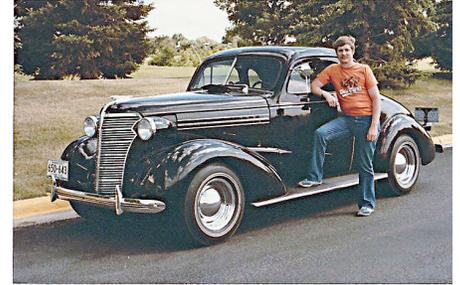
ALL WHEEL WEDNESDAYS: 5 - 8 p.m., downtown Belle Plaine, MN, Kevin @ 612-282-3514

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

Editor's note: As I find out the official start and end dates for these events, I will add them to this page.



DUANE'S WORLD



Well, summer came & went on Saturday, March 21 when the temp went up to a whopping 78 degrees! Any snow that was still left, after our 13" storm of the week before, didn't stand a chance. But to show you that Mother Nature has a sense of humor, it didn't even reach 40 degrees the next day. I did make use of the nice day by firing up Lil Darlin' for a short drive out to get some very expensive gas. This was our first time out after the new motor was put in, and I found some issues that I'll put on a punch list for Charlie and his crew to work out.

By the time you get this issue, it will be just a few days before Easter, and I'm wondering where the time went since we got back home after spending Christmas & New Years with our family in California. I had to get my 35 year old snow blower out a few times, but all in all, it was a another pretty easy winter. A couple of weeks ago when we got our 13" of snow, my home town of Marquette, Michigan, was getting hammered with anywhere from 30 to 40 inches of snow. The last time I checked, their season snowfall was 256" and other parts of the U.P. got well over 300". Since this was pretty much a normal winter for them, they didn't get too excited and dealt with it. If you have had a chance to look at the "Events Page" on the preceding page, you will see that it is already filling up with plenty of opportunities to get your ride out for some windshield time. So far, Ron Willson has lined up 4 club mini-shows, and he is working to add several more to the list. If you look at the bottom of page 6 you will see we have lined up a chance to show off our cars to the students at Dakota County Technical College, and who knows, maybe have a chance to attract some of the younger crowd to our Club. Someone has to be in line to take over when we have decided to hang it up to start doing the Tiddily-Winks & basket weaving I mention on page five. Hopefully, the bugs will have been worked out on Lil Darlin' and we'll be able to join you on April 8. Hope your ride starts okay this spring, and we will see you out there, somewhere! DB

LADIES' LUNCH OUT - THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 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. When Rose gets back home, I usually ask her what they talked about at their gathering, and her answer is always the same: "We talk on a number of different topics but never about cars and the antics of the drivers of these cars."

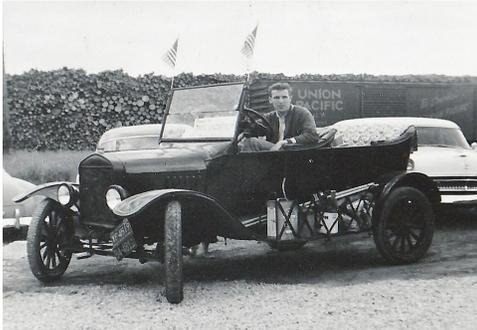
If you are interested in finding out first-hand on what they talk about, you are welcome to join them. Their next event will be, Thursday, April 2, 11:30 p.m.

Photo submitted by Rose Barclay

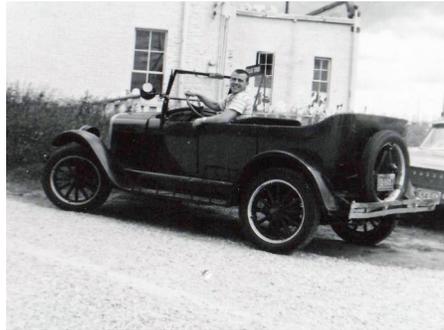
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES – No meeting in March

SORRY, BUT I HAVE TO BLAME SOMEONE!

Have you ever asked yourself, "How did I ever decide to become a car guy, and why didn't I just get into Tiddly-winks or basket weaving?" Often times when I am having car problems like I had last summer, I ask myself the same question. In my case, though, the answer is pretty simple. I fell in with the wrong crowd and glad I did! Let me tell you about some of the guys who, as a young kid, let me hang around to share their interest in cars. My buddy, Dave Lindstrom, whom I have known for 75 years, had an older brother Greg who had a '24 Model T Touring that he bought for \$30.00 with his graduation money in 1955. We went with him on many car adventures. Greg's best friend, Dick Lutey, was also a big car guy (and still is!) who had quite a collection (and still does). The 3rd on my list is my boss and neighbor from down the street, Len Bur, from the Sinclair station where I worked. He had several old cars at home. There were several others who traveled in the same circle and who drew me into this car hobby, but Greg, Dick, and Len were the biggest culprits! My friends were not hot rodders, and kept with the antique stuff and the problems associated with having antique cars. They loved to take their cars on long trips and relished telling the stories about the repairs they had to make along the road to get back home. Greg & Len have passed, but Dick is still out there in his 90s carrying on the tradition.



Greg Lindstrom with his 1924 Model T touring car



Dick Lutey with his 1923 Chevrolet Touring car



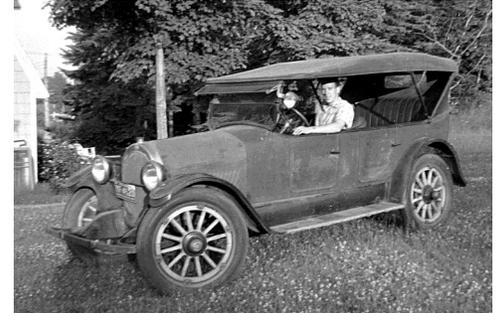
Dave Lindstrom with his 1936 Ford 5 window coupe



Len Bur with his 1931 Ford Model A Roadster



Dick Hendra with Dick Lutey's Tall "T"



Greg Lindstrom driving Dick Lutey's 1921 Oldsmobile Touring car

If I were to show all the cars these guys collectively had it would take several more pages! Thanks, guys, for letting me into your circle and sharing your friendship which started a life time of fun (Well, mostly fun!) experiences! Photos from the editor's collection.



SOUTHERN CRUZERS CURRENTLY IN THE HOSPITAL, OR CONVALESCING AT HOME



Nothing reported to me lately. Still keeping our fingers crossed!

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 3, Steven Hegge
- April 7, Ray Valdovinos
- April 8, Denny Borowski
- April 13, Matt Dinslage
- April 14, Chris Aden
- April 26, Ed Mueller
- April 29, Mike Quinn



ANNIVERSARIES



- Jim & Tami Neher, April 3, 1982, 44 years
- Steve & Colleen Westerlund, April 10, 1981, 45 years
- Ron & Laurie Anderson, April 20, 1974, 52 years
- Dave & Tammy Edwinson, April 25, 1987, 39 years
- Chuck & Susan Sieleni, April 30, 1977, 49 years

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL ON YOUR SPECIAL DAY!

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Rod & Janelle Shearer, Lakeville, MN, with a 1986 Dodge 100 pickup

There are 76 (132) paid members so far this year.

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

HOW MANY GRANDPAS & GRANDSONS DOES IT TAKE TO CHANGE A LIGHTBULB?



Answer: Three. Member, Scott Frank, sent me this photo of himself along with his grandsons, Bryson & Weston, changing a turn signal bulb in his '69 Chevelle. **Editor's note:** Back when I had my '69

Chevelle, that I bought new, I didn't have any grandsons and had to do it all by myself! Of course, I was only 23 at the time.

A VISIT TO DCTC IN ROSEMOUNT

The automotive folks at the Dakota County Technical College expressed an interest in having some of our Club members come to the school to show off their cars to the students. If you would like to participate in this event, it will be Wednesday, April 8. We will plan to depart the Perkins' Lakeville parking lot at 9 a.m. to drive as a group to the school. (Or, you could meet us there.) This will be a very informal event with no program planned. . Since the auto classes at the school end the middle of April, this will be our only chance for this spring. If it snows or rains, the folks at DCTC will understand, and we will reschedule for next fall.



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, 2026



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 APRIL FOOL'S DAY	2 LADIES' LUNCH OUT 11:30 A.M. (SEE PAGE 3 FOR DETAILS)	3 GOOD FRIDAY	4
5 EASTER SUNDAY	6 SEARCH FOR THE EGGS YOU COULDN'T FIND YESTERDAY	7 MSRA BOARD MEETING 7 p.m. Hampton Inn I-694 & Lexington Shoreview, MN	8 DCTC CRUISE (SEE PAGE 6 FOR DETAILS)	9 CLUB MEETING 7 p.m. Apple Valley Legion Post 1776	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24 ARBOR DAY	25
26	27	28	29	30 THINK ABOUT PUTTING YOUR SNOWBLOWER AWAY		

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