

CRUZ NEWS

AUGUST 2026

The Official Newsletter of the
Southern Cruzers



**HEY, MOTHER NATURE, HOW ABOUT ON AUGUST
23, YOU GIVE US ANOTHER DAY**



LIKE YOU DID LAST YEAR?



Cruzer Merchandise

License Plate Plaques - \$30.00

Ron Willson 952-892-6081

Club Window Stickers

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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
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**COVER IMAGE TAKEN
AT LAST YEAR'S TSS**

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, August 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, August 13, 7:00 p.m., at the Apple Valley Legion Post, 14521 Grenada Drive

SOUTHERN CRUZERS SUMMER SPECTACULAR: Sun., Aug. 23, 9 - 2 p.m., Buck Hill, Burnsville, MN

CLUB MINI-SHOWS SCHEDULED FOR 2026

Wed., Aug. 5, **Nine Mile Creek Sr. Living**, 2301 Village Lane, Bloomington, 10- 12, lunch @ noon

Thurs., Aug 6, **Apple Valley Village Health Care**, 14650 Garrett Ave., Apple Valley, 1 p.m.

Fri., Aug. 7, **Ebenezer Ridges Burnsville**, 13820 Community Drive, Burnsville, 10:30 - Noon

Wed., Aug. 12, **Valley Ridge Senior living**, 1921 Burnsville Parkway, Burnsville, 10 a.m.

Fri., Aug 14, **The Rivers**, 11111 River Hills Drive, Burnsville, 2 p.m.

Tue., Aug. 18, **Presbyterian Homes**, 9889 Penn Ave. So., Bloomington, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Tue., Sept. 15, **MN Masonic Home**, 11501 Masonic Drive, Bloomington, 2 p.m.

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

OTHER SHOWS AND EVENTS

COPS N RODDERS CAR SHOW: Tue., Aug. 4, 5 - 8:30 p.m., Joseph's Grille, 140 Wabasha, St. Paul, MN

CANNON FALLS CRUISE: Fri., Aug. 7, Stage at 5 p.m., Cannon Falls H.S., 820 MN St. E., 507-263-2775

ZUMBROTA DRIVETRAIN CAR SHOW: Sat., Aug. 8, 9 - 12 p.m., 622 W. 1st. St., Jeff @ 507-732-7994 ext.106

COWBOY JACK'S CAR SHOW: Sun., Aug.16, 12 - 4 p.m., 2801 Southtown Dr., Bloomington, MN

CAR WARS CRUISE-IN: Sat., Aug. 22, 10 - 1 p.m., Don Ramon's, 1561 1st Ave. E., Shakopee, MN

KENYON ROSE FEST: Sat., Aug. 22, 8 - 2 p.m., Hwy 56 & 60, Kenyon, MN, Ron @ 507-202-7867

LE SUEUR CTY. FAIR SHOW: Sun., Aug. 23, 10 - 3 p.m., Le Sueur Cty. Frgrnds., Le Center, MN, 507-262-0829

JESSE JAMES DAY CAR SHOW: Sat., Sept. 12, 9 - 3 p.m., Riverside Pk, Northfield, MN, Jim @ 507-262-0829

SGT. PEPPERS GRILL SHOW: Sat., Sept. 12, 10- 3 p.m., 930 Helena Ave. No., Oakdale, MN, 612-716-1383

IGH DAYS: Sun., Sept. 13, gates open at 9 a.m., 65th & Cahill, Inver Grove Heights, MN, Ken @ 612-720-5046

NICKLE DICKLE DAYS CAR SHOW: Sat., Sept. 19, 8 - 3:30 p.m., Reg.@ Trinity Church, Waconia, MN

ST. PETER CAR SHOW/SWAP MEET: Sun., Sept. 20, 6 - 3 p.m., Nicollet Co. Frgrnds, Rod @ 507-720-8527

ST. PETER'S FALL FESTIVAL: Sun., Sept 20, 11:30 - 3 p.m., 1405 Sibley, Mendota, MN, 651-905-4308

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., 8/16, 9/20, 10/18; 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

HENDERSON ROLL-IN: Tuesdays, until September 22, 5 - 8 p.m., (No roll-in, September 8)

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

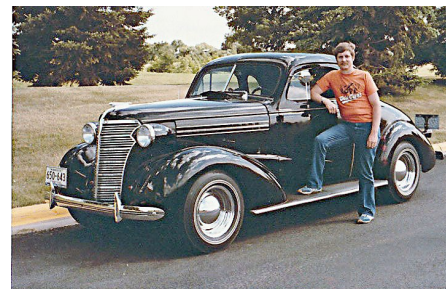
BUCK HILL: Every Wednesday until Sept. 2, 5 - 8 p.m.

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



DUANE'S WORLD



Glory be! A couple of days ago we got back from our trip to California & Nevada, and the Canadian smoke and the hot temperatures we had been hearing so much about had pretty much disappeared. We were sort of dreading coming back to the conditions we were hearing about, but, for the time being, it's been pretty nice! My only complaint is that the heat & drought did a number on our garden. Everything including the beans, green peppers, and tomatoes just dried up on the vines. Last evening, I gave the garden a good drink hoping to salvage what's left. We can't complain too much as it was very worthwhile spending time with our family in a beautiful spot of the country, Lake Tahoe.

Fast forward a week, and we are back in nature's furnace. While we were gone, some Club mini shows were held, including one that was cancelled because of the heat. That event has been rescheduled for August and can be seen on the updated mini show schedule on page 3. Looking at the schedule, it looks like seven shows are left for the year, but that could change. Ron Willson will send out one more notice to the facilities who have hosted us in the past and not decided on this year, yet. Let's hope it cools off enough to get the rest of the schedule in. I can understand why the residents would not want to leave the comfort of their AC to join us in a blistering hot parking lot. Last week, when it was still very nice, we went to the Timbers on Pennock Ave. in Apple Valley. Sixteen cars rolled in to spend a couple of enjoyable hours, and there were many residents & staff enjoying the show! Thanks to all our members who took time out from their busy schedule to attend this event! (And the hot dogs weren't bad, as well!)

It has been a much better summer for Lil Darlin' and us. Our car has run on 8 cylinders all year and not missed a beat! Much better than the ordeal of last year. My only complaint, besides the heat, is the price of gas, and from what I've been hearing, \$4.00 a gallon will become the new norm. I sure hope not! A few days ago I put in \$20 worth of gas and the gas gauge hardly moved! Oh, well, it is what it is.

Remember, Sunday, August 23 is our Summer Spectacular at Buck Hill. We will again have a special area for Club cars. Even if you don't have a show assignment, bring your ride over to join us and don't forget your lawn chair. At the gate mention you are a Club member. See you out there, somewhere. DB

LADIES' LUNCH OUT - THURSDAY, JULY 2, 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.

Sorry, ladies, you were at the Post too early to join in on the bingo game.

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, Aug. 6, 11:30 a.m.

Photo submitted by Rose Barclay



MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES – Thursday, July 9, 2026 - 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 Loren Bahls and seconded by Craig Duntley to accept the minutes of the June 11, 2026, meeting as printed in the July Cruz News. The motion passed.

Vice President's Report: Steve Brehm reported that he sent out 2 hard copies of the last Cruz News.

Treasurer's Report: Anne Thoreson read the Treasurer's report. Pat Gansmoe made a motion to approve the report, and it was seconded by Ron Willson. The motion passed. A call for bills was made. There were no new bills presented. New income was given to Anne from: Jim Neher for TSS preregistration; from Ron Willson for a Club plaque; from Dave Ritchie for Burnsville Toyota sponsorship.

Membership Chairperson: Jim Neher reported Club membership is 76 (131 total). Jim had up to date Club rosters.

Activities: Ron Willson reported that Club mini shows begin July 10. The Elko event, 6:00-6:30 arrival time, is on July 25. It was suggested that it would be a good idea to stage at the Kwik Trip before hand. Next week there are 3 Club mini shows. (Dates are in the Cruz News and on the Club web site.)

Events: Rose Barclay reported that the next Ladies Get Together is Thursday, August 6, 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) reported that Carrie Mitchell is hospitalized. (Carrie has since passed away.)

Old Business: (1)Web Master, Mark Peterson, reported that from March-June site visits are down. (2)Steve Westerlund reported on the Club Facebook page. It has been activated. There are links to the 2 Southern Cruzer web sites. There will be 2 different pages, one for the public and one for Club members. (3)Pat Gansmoe thanked Club members for helping with the Apple Valley Freedom car show. There were 108 registered cars.

TSS(The Summer Spectacular): Dave Ritchie said that the meeting with the trophy lady has been rescheduled. The August Linechaser should have our TSS show listed.

The next meeting will be at the Apple Valley American Legion Post 1776, on Thursday, August 13, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. Jerry Forness made a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Paul Thoreson, and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned.

MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2027

It's not too early to start planning ahead for next year. It's the second Thursday of the month.

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SOUTHERN CRUZERS CURRENTLY IN THE HOSPITAL, OR CONVALESCING AT HOME



Jack Keenan and Paul Justin are receiving medical care.

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



August 3, Michael Korzan

August 4, William Larson

August 5, Steve Panchyshyn

August 8, Mike Opp

August 13, Karl Swanson

August 15, Bill Nelson



ANNIVERSARIES



Bill & Carrie Mitchell, August 1, 1981, 45 years

Matt & Katie Dinslage, August 8, 1998, 28 years

Mark & Deb Peterson, August 18, 1979, 47 years

Dale & Jen Roberts, August 25, 2001, 25 years

Howard & LeAnne Schmitt, August 30, 1974, 52 years

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

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

There are 76 (131) paid members so far this year.

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

TOO MANY T'SHIRTS? A CHANCE TO CLEAN OUT YOUR CLOSET



If you're like me, you probably have an overabundance of car event tee shirts that you have collected over the years. As a matter of fact, I came home with 4 volunteer shirts from Back to the Fifties! They add up! Last year a collection of gently used shirts sold at our Summer Spectacular show, and I think all sold, except one. This was a trial run. If you have some extra (gently used, no stains) shirts, bring them to the TSS show on Sunday, August 23, and I'm sure they will go. The money from the sales will go into the Club entertainment fund and/or charity fund.

Photo taken from the internet and not from my closet.

OUR VISIT TO THE NATIONAL AUTOMOBILE MUSEUM IN RENO, NEVADA

We ended our California trip by spending a couple of days in Reno. I have never been much of a fan of visiting car museums, thinking that the best collection of cars to look at is the "Back to the 50's" weekend. We decided to check out the National Car Museum which was, before his death, filled with the car collection of casino owner, Bill Harrah. We had been there before back in the early 80's, and at that time it was in a large warehouse. It has since moved to a much bigger and nicer facility, and we recommend it as a place to go if you are in Reno.



THANK YOU UPS LADY FOR THE PHOTO



GALLERY #1 OF 5



NASCAR LEGENDS



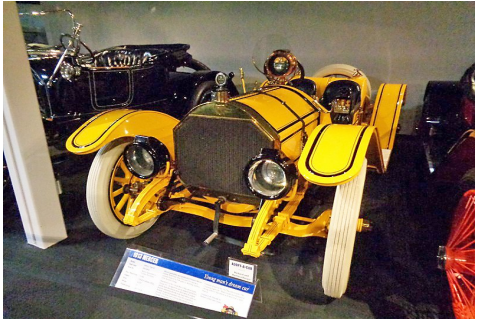
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BEATNIK BANDIT 1 & 2



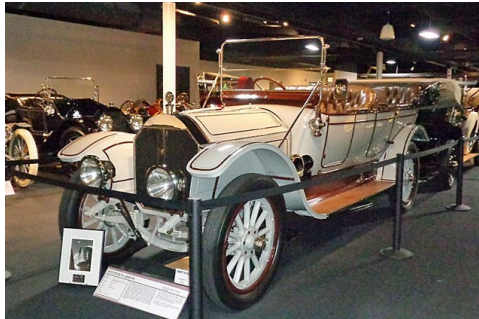
DR. NATHAN OSTICH'S SALT FLATS
CAR, THE "FLYING CADUCEUS"



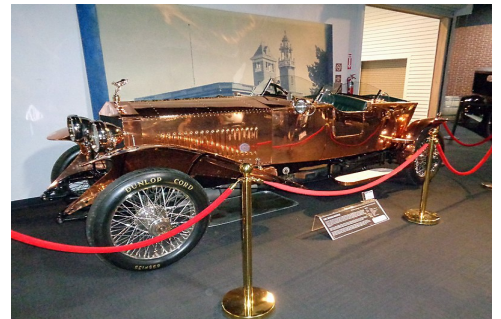
1907 THOMAS FLYER
NEW YORK TO PARIS RACE WINNER



1913 MERCER



1923 PIERCE ARROW



1921 ROLLS ROYCE
COPPER PLATED

SOME MUSEUM TIDBITS

Bill Harrah owned a casino & hotel in Reno. He was married 7 times to 6 women, including 4 months with singer Bobbie Gentry ("Ode to Billie Joe"). Remember her? He owned 1400 cars. Bill died in 1978 at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN. He left an estate of 138 million.

The NASCARS and Ed Roth's cars are the real thing. (No replicas).

Dr. Nathan Ostich went over 330 mph at the Bonneville salt flats in 1962 with his 1st jet powered race car. It was powered by a GE J47 engine which also powered the North American F-86 Sabre Jet fighter.

Full sheets of copper were required to do the body panels on the 1921 Rolls Royce.

Three of 6 cars entered finished the 1908 New York to Paris race covering 22,000 miles in 169 days.



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, August, 2026



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 EAGAN APPLEBEES 5 - 8 P.M.	4 HENDERSON ROLL-IN 5 - 8 P.M.	5 9 MILE CREEK MINI-SHOW (See page 3) BUCK HILL	6 LADIES' LUNCH OUT 11:30 A.M. APPLE VALLEY VIL- LAGE MINI SHOW (See page 3)	7 EBENEZER RIDGES MINI-SHOW (See page 3)	8
9	10 EAGAN APPLEBEES 5 - 8 P.M.	11 HENDERSON ROLL-IN 5 - 8 P.M.	12 VALLEY RIDGE SENIOR LIVING (See page 3) BUCK HILL	13 CLUB MEETING 7 p.m. Apple Valley Legion Post 1776	14 THE RIVERS MINI-SHOW (See page 3)	15
16 HISTORIC HASTINGS 11 - 4 p.m.	17 EAGAN APPLEBEES 5 - 8 P.M.	18 PRESBYTERIAN HOMES MINI-SHOW (See page 3)	19 BUCK HILL 5 - 8 p.m.	20	21	22 PACK YOUR LAWN CHAIR FOR TOMORROW
23 SUMMER SPECTACULAR 9 - 2 P.M.	24 EAGAN APPLEBEES 5 - 8 P.M.	25 HENDERSON ROLL-IN 5 - 8 P.M.	26 BUCK HILL 5 - 8 p.m.	27	28	29
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CLUB EVENTS

CONTACT PEOPLE

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Judy Kemper (Sunshine Lady) 952-322-5819

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