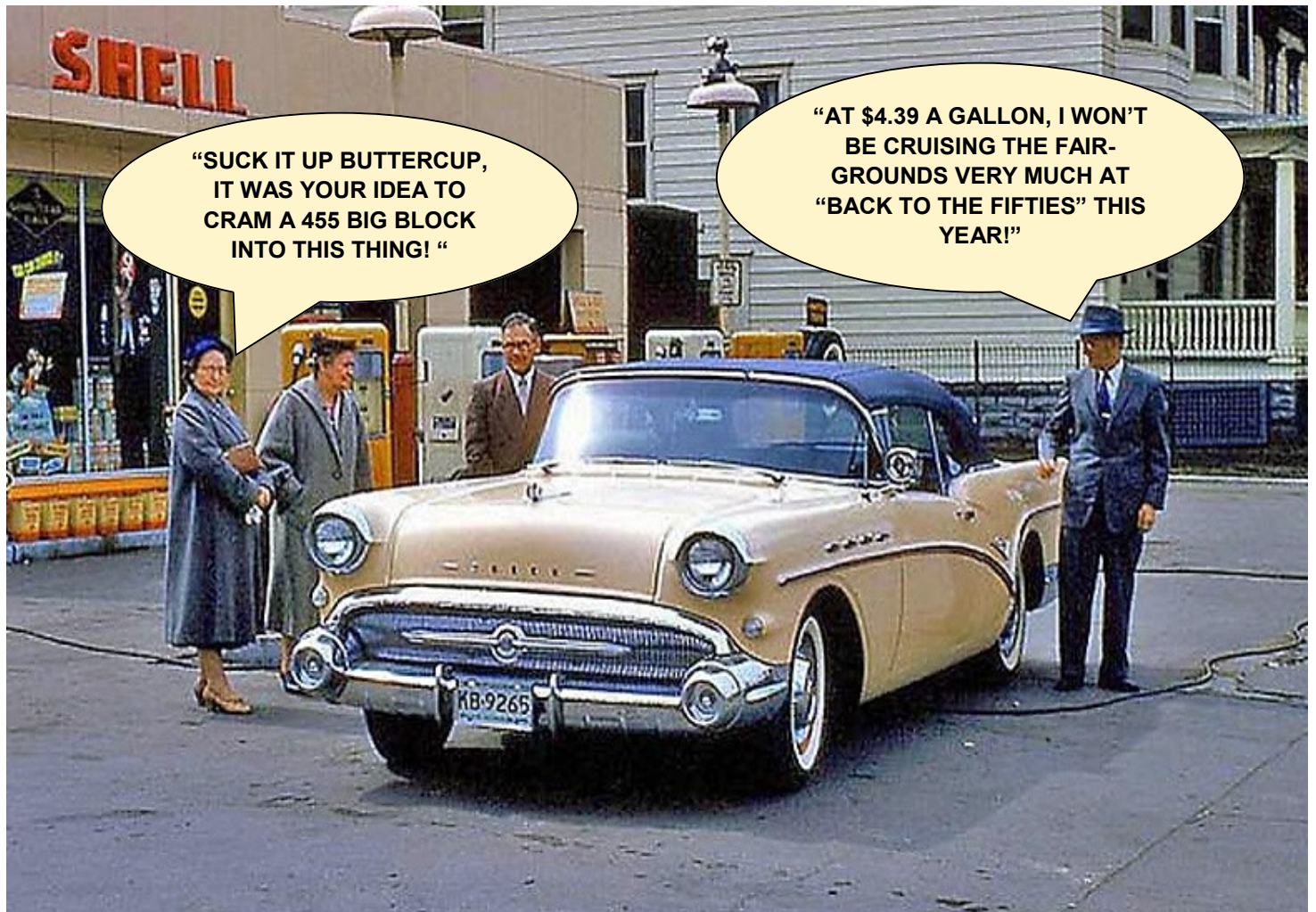


CRUZ NEWS

June 2026

The Official Newsletter of the
Southern Cruzers

Car  **Club**
SOUTHERN
TWIN CITIES CRUZERS





Cruzer Merchandise

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

Club Window Stickers
Jim Neher 952-435-3180

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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:
Duane Barclay
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13018 Girard Ave. So.
Burnsville, MN 55337

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 EDITOR'S COLLECTION**

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 4, 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, June 11, 7:00 p.m., at the Apple Valley Legion Post, 14521 Grenada Drive

CLUB MINI-SHOWS SCHEDULED FOR 2026

7/10/26, **The Waters Senior Living**, 3500 W. 50th St., Mpls. 11:30 - 1:00 p.m. (Lunch will be provided.)

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

8/14/26, **The Rivers**, 11111 River Hills Drive, Burnsville, 2 p.m.

8/18/26, **Presbyterian Homes**, 9889 Penn Ave., So., Bloomington, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

9/15/26, **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

MODEL T FORD REUNION: Sun., June 14, 7 - 3 p.m., Dakota Co. Frgrnds, Farmington, MN, 651-455-2516

BACK TO THE 50S 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., Steele Co. Frgrnds, Owatonna, MN, 507-456-8015

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

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

CANNON FALLS CRUISE: Sun., July 26, staging @ 5 p.m., Cannon Falls H.S., 820 MN. St. E., 507-263-2775

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

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

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

HISTORIC HASTINGS: Sun., 6/21, 7/19, 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, June 23 & September 8)

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

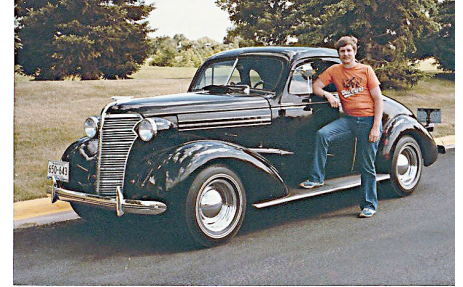
BUCK HILL: Every Wednesday until Sept. 2, 5 - 8 p.m.

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



I love designing the Cruz News cover for the month of June. It always gives me a chance to have fun with some of the old photographs in my collection. Maybe fun is not the word to use. Perhaps it means that I have an outlet for my warped sense of humor, and our sky high price of gas gave me a chance to do just that!

I have good news to report on the Lil Darlin' front. I think I have had the car out more this month than I did all last summer! So far so good with the car running fine with no problems detected, and I'm getting use to that healthy rumble coming out of the exhaust pipes. I thought about installing quieter mufflers, but maybe I'll stick with the rumble for the time being. The Wednesday breakfast guys say it sounds pretty good when I come into the parking lot at Perkins'. I guess my only complaint is that the new motor has quite a few more horses than the old one, and I have to burn higher octane gas to keep it happy. So I keep telling myself, "Suck it up, Buttercup. It is what it is!" (Jeepers, where have I seen that Buttercup line before?)

While working on page three of our newsletter, I see that our cruising season is now in full swing. Ron Willson has lined up seven Club mini-shows, so far, and I predict that more will be filtering in as time goes by. If you have the chance, try to get to some of these events to show off your ride to the residents and staff of the senior homes that have invited us to come for a visit. It's fun to see some of the residents recalling when they also were once young and had cars much like the ones on display. Sometimes when they share some of these memories, it can get a little racy, and even leave some of us veterans a little red faced. But, that's what it's all about, in my opinion! If you do decide to join us, remember to bring a lawn chair to relax and enjoy the company of all in attendance. It's a good chance to get to know your fellow members a little better, and as I often say, "We have a great group of guys & gals!"

In a few weeks when "Back to the Fifties" rolls around, it will be the 41st trip for Lil Darlin' and me! If it hadn't been for Covid, it would be the 42nd trip. Maybe I shouldn't say so, but I might have a "80" balloon attached to the car as I turn the "Big 80" on June 21. If you see us on the Fairgrounds, stop by to say hello. I'll try not to be napping at the time! Otherwise, enjoy the event and I'll see you out there, somewhere. DB

LADIES' LUNCH OUT - THURSDAY, MAY 7, 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.

I think the ladies 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, June 4, 11:30 p.m.

Photo submitted by Rose Barclay



MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES – Thursday, May14, 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 Mark Baumann and seconded by Chell Craigie to accept the minutes of the April 9, 2026, meeting as printed in the May 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 Steve Westerlund. The motion passed. A call for bills was made. Craig Duntley submitted a bill for 2 banners to be placed in the automotive department of DCTC. Ron Willson submitted a bill for liability insurance which covers all Club events. Dave Richards made a motion to pay the bills. It was seconded by Paul Thoreson, and the motion passed. New income was given to Anne from Jim Neher for new membership.

Membership Chairperson: Jim Neher reported Club membership is 77 (133 total). Jim had up to date Club rosters.

Activities: Ron Willson reported that 6 Club mini shows have been scheduled.

Events: Rose Barclay reported that the next Ladies Get Together is Thursday, June 4, 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. (2) Judy Kemper (Sunshine Lady) reported that Deb Streeter had knee surgery and is doing well. Laurie Anderson will be having gall bladder surgery.

Old Business: (1) Duane Barclay said that Mark Peterson sent him information that indicated the number of visits to our two web sites was down a little in April from March. (2) Duane reported that the Club Facebook page has been removed. Steve Westerlund, who has an interest, and experience, in technology, reported on how to set up a Facebook page. Ron Willson made a motion to have Steve proceed in setting up a Club Facebook page. It was seconded by Ron Anderson, and the motion passed. At the June meeting, Steve will give an update. Then, the Club can give input to Steve for the FB page. (3) Ron Willson brought up a DCTC student membership to the Club. There was much discussion. Ron Willson made a motion to table any action until the June meeting. It was seconded by Anne Thoreson, and the motion passed.

New Business: Duane Barclay talked about the car show at Shalom Home in St. Paul. Twelve members were there. Ray Valdovinos is still looking for calendar ideas. Pat Gansmoe spoke about the Apple Valley Car Show on Friday, June 26. Talk to Pat if you'd like to volunteer.

TSS (The Summer Spectacular) Business: Dave Ritchie said to take flyers to pass out at other car events.

The next meeting will be at the Apple Valley American Legion Post 1776, on Thursday, June 11, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. Mark Baumann made a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Paul Thoreson, and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned.



SOUTHERN CRUZERS CURRENTLY IN THE HOSPITAL, OR CONVALESCING AT HOME



Deb Streeter and Laurie Anderson are both recovering at home.

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, 31 years
- Gilbert & Karen Acevedo, June 13, 1982, 44 years
- Larry & Maggie Bennett, June 13, 1969, 57 years
- Karl & Diane Swanson, June 15, 1991, 35 years
- Chell & Karen Craigie, June 26, 1965, 61 years
- Ron & Nancy Anderson, June 27, 1994, 32 years
- Duane & Rose Barclay, June 30, 1973, 53 years

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL ON YOUR SPECIAL DAY!

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

There are 77 (133) paid members so far this year.

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

IT WAS A BANNER DAY AT DCTC!

A few days ago, several Southern Cruzers joined me in presenting 2 new Club banners to be hung in the automotive area of Dakota County Technical College. The banners look very nice, and we thank Craig Duntley for getting them done. In the left photo, instructors Crist and Scott are taking possession of the banners from me.

Photos by Ray Valdovinos and Rose Barclay



SHALOM HOME EAST CAR SHOW & BUCK HILL, WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 2026

On a nice Wednesday morning, about a dozen car guys trusted Duane & Lil Darlin' to get them over to St. Paul for the Shalom Home Car Show. We almost ended up going to Albert Lea, but I won't get in to that now! As in years past, it was a nice laid back event with coffee, juice & donuts. The MSRA safety team was on hand to inspect cars, and a number of Southern Cruzers, including me, took advantage of the service. If my memory is correct, 4 of us including: Ron (Eagan) Anderson, Ron Willson, Steve Westerlund, and Lil Darlin' all came away with their "23" window stickers! Photos by Larry Aus & the editor.



RON (EAGAN) ANDERSON



RON WILLSON



STEVE WESTERLUND



DUANE BARCLAY



KARL SWANSON



SCOTT FRANK



TIM GARDNER



LARRY AUS



JERRY BALDWIN

After getting home from St. Paul, it was time to take an afternoon nap before heading down to Buck Hill for the first Wednesday event of the season. The lot was packed and the weather just right! The lions seemed to be enjoying their evening as well. (See photo on right.) 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, June, 2026



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 EAGAN APPLEBEES 5 - 8 P.M.	2	3 BUCK HILL 5 - 8 p.m.	4 LADIES' LUNCH OUT 11:30 A.M. (SEE PAGE 3 FOR DETAILS)	5	6
7	8 EAGAN APPLEBEES 5 - 8 P.M.	9 MSRA BOARD MEETING 7 p.m. Hampton Inn I-694 & Lexington Shoreview, MN HENDERSON ROLL-IN	10 BUCK HILL 5 - 8 p.m.	11 CLUB MEETING 7 p.m. Apple Valley Legion Post 1776	12	13
14 FLAG DAY	15 EAGAN APPLEBEES 5 - 8 P.M.	16 HENDERSON ROLL-IN 5 - 8 P.M.	17 BUCK HILL 5 - 8 p.m.	18	19 "BACK TO THE FIFTIES WEEKEND"	20 "BACK TO THE FIFTIES WEEKEND"
21 "BTT50S" HISTORIC HASTINGS 11 - 4 p.m. FATHER'S DAY	22 EAGAN APPLEBEES 5 - 8 P.M.	23 NO HENDERSON ROLL-IN TODAY	24 BUCK HILL 5 - 8 p.m.	25	26 APPLE VALLEY FREEDOM DAYS CAR SHOW, 4 - 9 P.M. (SEE PAGE 3)	27
28 START YOUR FIRE-WORKS SHOPPING LIST	29 EAGAN APPLEBEES 5 - 8 P.M.	30 HENDERSON ROLL-IN 5 - 8 P.M.				

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