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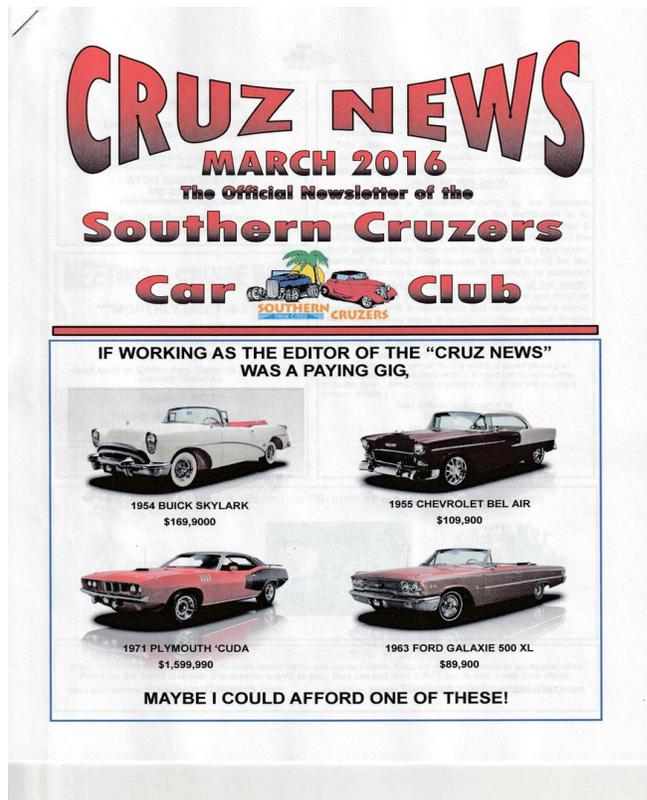
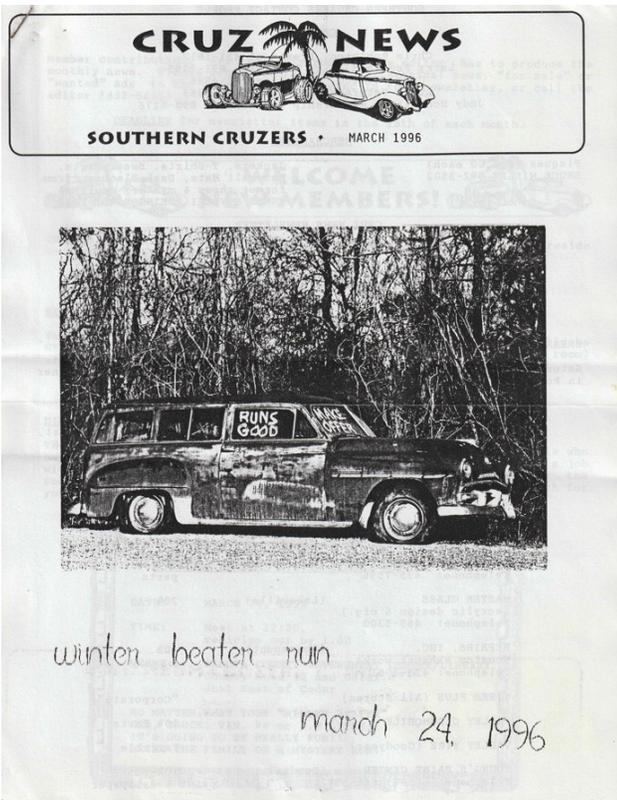
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The Official Newsletter of the
Southern Cruzers



TIME MARCHES ON

THE DIFFERENCE IN THREE DECADES OF THE CRUZ NEWS



I'M PROUD TO ANNOUNCE THIS IS MY 200TH ISSUE OF THE CRUZ NEWS SINCE
TAKING OVER AS EDITOR IN 2009!



Cruzer Merchandise

License Plate Plaques - \$30.00
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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)



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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, March 5, 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: Please note that because of the lack of things to talk about, we will be taking our annual March hiatus. We will see you back at the Legion Club, Thursday, April 9, at 7 p.m.

OTHER SHOWS AND EVENTS

TOPPERS CAR SHOW: Mar. 28 - 29, Veterans Arena, West Fargo, ND, Kevin @ 701-367-7762

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

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

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

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

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. Please don't go to any of these in March expecting to hang out with your friends. (Insert a smile emoji here)

LADIES' LUNCH OUT - THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2026

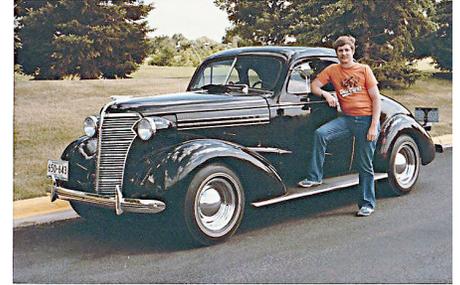


After taking a month off because New Year's Day fell on the same day the ladies usually meet for lunch, they got together at the Apple Valley Legion Club to catch up and to enjoy a selection from the Legion Club menu. Their next event is scheduled for Thursday, March 5, at 11:30 a.m.

Photo submitted by Rose Barclay



DUANE'S WORLD



It won't be long now. Pretty soon it will be time to fire up your ride for another season of cruising and hanging out with the members of our fun Club. Every year we have a loosely run competition of who will get their car out first to win the "Early Bird" award. This year I am selflessly granting the award to myself. Why, Duane, you ask, are you doing this? Well, since Lil Darlin' came back home with her new motor on January 29 and I drove her from the street back to her cozy abode in the backyard (all of 200 feet), I will claim that coveted award. But, if you think I over stepped my bounds (There's a lot of that going around!), I will forfeit the award to someone else who may have driven his/her car around the block or down the road a mile or two. To clarify, if you are a snowbird in Arizona, Florida, or any other sun belt locale, you do not qualify because you took your car to Dairy Queen in freezing 60 degree weather. It's not the same!

Even though it's only the first of March, I can already sense interest in the upcoming season. We have received a couple of inquiries from folks planning to hold car shows, and asking for our input. Ron Willson will be sending out a letter to all the sites that hosted our Club mini shows, last year, to see if they would be interested in doing it again. At our visit to Dakota County Technical College, (See below) it was suggested that it would be nice if we could get a bunch of our cars over to the school to display to the students during class time. This would be in late April or early May. I am working with the school to make this happen. To quote the words of instructor, Gerry Rainford, "It would blow their minds!" Also, at our Club meeting, it was discussed to put up a Club banner in the auto shop area, and I am working with them on that. We may end up putting up two banners, one for the auto-body area, and one in the auto mechanics area. Now, it's just the question of who can do the banners for us. We are starting the season off on a good note! Too early for spring fever, but I'll see you out there, somewhere. DB

\$6,000.00 FROM TSS GOES TO THE DAKOTA COUNTY TECHNICAL COLLEGE

Back in the fall, the Club voted to give \$6,000.00 from the Summer Spectacular profits, and our treasury, for our annual donation to local charities. After the amount was decided, a motion was made and passed that since we are a car Club, it would be nice to give the total amount to the Dakota County Technical College for their auto programs. On Tuesday, February 10, I had the pleasure of taking the check to the school! Club members, Chell Craigie and Mike Opp volunteered to be there with me to make the presentation. Instructor, Gerry Rainford (who is retiring at the end of this school year) took us on a grand tour of the area which included a stop at the heavy equipment and semi tractor shops. In the photo taken with the auto program instructors, Chell is 2nd from the left, yours truly is next, and Mike is 4th from the left. Gerry is 5th from the right. For years, Mike Opp was affiliated with DCTC, and this was like old home week for him.



Photo taken with the editor's camera



MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES – Thursday, February 12, 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 Pat Gansmoe and seconded by Keith Biers to accept the minutes of the January 8, 2026, meeting as printed in the February Cruz News. The motion passed.

Vice President's Report: Jan Pederson reported, for Steve Brehm, that she sent out 2 hard copies of the last Cruz News.

Treasurer's Report: Anne Thoreson read the Treasurer's report. Dave Ritchie made a motion to approve the report, and it was seconded by Craig Duntley. The motion passed. A call for bills was made. Ray Valdovinos submitted a bill for a plaque for Apple Valley Ford. Anne Thoreson submitted a bill for the filing of a tax form. Jan Pederson made a motion to pay the bills. It was seconded by Steve Westerlund, and the motion passed. New income was given to Anne from Jim Neher for membership renewals.

Membership Chairperson: Jim Neher reported Club membership is 75 (130 total). He had up to date Club rosters.

Activities: Nothing reported

Events: Rose Barclay reported that the next Ladies Get Together is Thursday, March 5, 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. Judy Kemper reported that Lois Peterson had passed. Jerry Forness reported that the Club Facebook page has had 1025 likes.

Old Business: Mark Peterson reported on the number of visits to the Club's two web sites. Rose Barclay reported on the amount of money the Club paid for the Christmas party. Duane Barclay said that the \$6000 check for DCTC (Dakota County Technical College) had been delivered to the Automotive Department.

New Business: Duane Barclay reported that DCTC said the Club could hang two Club banners, one for each of the automotive departments. Duane will contact DCTC to see if they have a graphic arts department and would be able to do the printing.

TSS (The Summer Spectacular) Business: Ray Valdovinos said that a plaque will be brought to Apple Valley Ford to thank them for their sponsorship.

The next meeting will be at the Apple Valley American Legion Post 1776, on Thursday, April 9, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. Ron Anderson 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



Nothing reported to me lately. 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



- March 1, Sue Justen
- March 5, Jerry Forness
- March 8, Steve Sullivan
- March 9, Kim Clemens
- March 19, Ron Anderson
- March 19, Mike Erickson
- March 19, James Sexe
- March 21, Lynn Peterson
- March 22, David Ritchie
- March 26, Connie Donely

March 26, Rick Delmonico

March 28, Donna Larsen

March 30, Trudy Hegge



ANNIVERSARIES



Tom & Kelley Roszak, March 1, 1986, 40 years

Norton & Mary Jo Permuth, March 8, 1962, 64 years

Lynn & Linda Peterson, March 9, 1974, 52 years

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

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

There are 75 (130) paid members so far this year.

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

GARAGE SCENE ARTICLES NEEDED

Still some time left for me to an article on a car project you may have in the works. If you do, let me know and we can do something that would be of interest to our readers. If you are unsure of your photography skills, I would gladly come over with my camera to get some photos and a story. Speaking of cameras, I finally decided to trade in my old Box Brownie camera that I have bragged about for so many years and replaced it with a Kodak Instamatic camera with a rotating flash cube that will take 4 shots before reloading. It's a beauty! I'll be waiting to hear from you!

Editor's note: Since I wrote this article for last month's issue, I have since burned my fingers on one of the flash cubes, They get very hot!

**Apparently exercise
helps you with
decision making.
It's true. I went for
a run this morning
and decided I'm
never going again.**

WE SAY GOODBYE TO TERRY STADE AND LOIS PETERSON

February was a sad month for the Southern Cruiser Car Club. We lost two of our members within a short time of each other. Terry Stade passed away on Sunday, February 1, and Lois Peterson passed away on Wednesday, February 4. Since they were both long time members, I will try to honor them on this page. Speaking for both, I can't remember when they weren't around bringing loyalty & friendship to our Club.

Terry Stade had been a member of the Southern Cruzers since 1994. He & Fran joined after Vern Peterson, a former Cruiser, who retired and moved to Arizona, introduced them to the Club. Although I only remember Terry & Fran's '40 Ford convertible, he had as many as 5 cars which included a '19 Model "T" his father-in-law had, a '55 Merc., and two '50 Fords. In high school he had a '50 Olds with the famous Oldsmobile Rocket engine. So you can say, like a lot of us, he got an early start in his interest of cars.

Many years ago, Terry & Fran were co-membership directors of our Club. In 2013 they were awarded the Club "Cruzer of the Year" Award. Terry also served as a board member of MSRA, and one year, their '40 Ford won MSRA's "Street Rod of the Year" award. Our condolences go out to Fran and Terry's family. He will be missed!



Lois Peterson, along with husband Dick, who passed away in 2025, joined the Club in 1993. She rode "shotgun" with Dick all these years in their '32 Ford 5-window coupe with the distinctive "Dreamsicle" 2-tone paint job of cream & pastel orange. Over the years, there weren't many Club activities that Dick & Lois missed, including the photo taken at one of our winter brunch events. In later years, we were invited to show our cars at the complex in Burnsville where Dick & Lois lived. In one photo, Lois can be seen hanging out with her friends which was taken after Covid-19 started fading away. Before she retired, Lois drove a school bus. Knowing she was pretty much a no nonsense person, I can imagine not many shenanigans from her young passengers were allowed on her watch. Our condolences go out to daughter Kim, son-in-law Rick Clemens, and all of the Peterson family.



Editors Note: Years ago, Ron Willson used to do a monthly article in the Cruz News about a different member each month. Jim Neher, who is in charge of membership, scoured through his collection of the news and found Ron's articles on Terry & Lois. Those articles were very helpful. If you would be interested in reading them, I have them on a PDF, and would happily email them to you. Also, thank you to Larry Aus for sending me many photos.



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, March, 2026



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5 LADIES' LUNCH OUT 11:30 A.M. (SEE PAGE 3 FOR DETAILS)	6	7 TURN YOUR CLOCKS AHEAD ONE HOUR AT BED TIME
8 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS	9 Take a nap to make up for the hour of sleep you lost, yesterday	10 MSRA BOARD MEETING 7 p.m. Hampton Inn I-694 & Lexington Shoreview, MN	11	12 NO MEETING IN MARCH See you in April	13	14
15	16 ST. URHO'S DAY (FINLAND)	17 ST. PATRICK'S DAY (IRELAND)	18	19	20 SPRING BEGINS	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31 Plan your tricks to pull on April Fool's Day, Tomorrow				

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**