CRUZ NEWS

NOVEMBER 2026

The Official Newsletter of the

Southern Cruzers Car Club

SOUTHERN CRUZERS TWIN CITIES

IT'S NOVEMBER

WE HONOR OUR VETERANS ON THE 11TH!

WE EAT TURKEY ON THE 26TH!

Cruzer Merchandise

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

Club Window Stickers
Jim Neher 952-435-3180

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Duane Barclay	President	952-894-3165
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Anne Thoresen	Treasurer	612-619-5700
Jim Neher	Membership	952-435-3180

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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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:
Duane Barclay
c/o Southern Cruzers
13018 Girard Ave. So.
Burnsville, MN 55337

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*** 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, November 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: Thursday, November 12, 7:00 p.m., at the Apple Valley Legion Post, 14521 Grenada Drive

SOUTHERN CRUZER CHRISTMAS PARTY: Friday, December 4 (See page 3 for details.)

OTHER SHOWS AND EVENTS

MSRA FALL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING: Sat., Nov. 14, doors open at 5 p.m., North Heights Lutheran Church, (Great Hall) 1700 West Highway 96, Arden Hills, MN

MSRA WINTER AWARDS BANQUET: Sat., Jan. 23, Inwood Oaks Event Center, Oakdale, MN (See your latest Linechaser for details.)

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

Sorry folks, I think that ship has sailed!

EAGAN APPLEBEE'S: Every Monday till the snow flies, 5 - 8 p.m., 1335 Town Centre Drive, Eagan, MN

(As far as I know, Eagan Applebee's is still going.)

SOUTHERN CRUZER CHRISTMAS PARTY

DATE: Friday, December 4, 2026

TIME: 4:00 Social Hour and Photos by Ray Valdovinos

5:00 Video Presentation by Tim Gardner

5:30 Buffet Dinner

There will be a cash bar. Free pop and coffee will be provided. Bring an unwrapped white elephant gift.

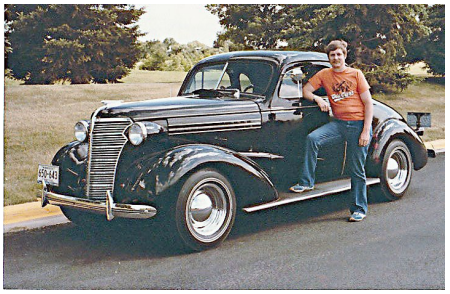
For nonrefundable reservations bring $15.00 to the November Ladies Lunch or to the November Club Meeting. You can mail a check, made out to Southern Cruzers, by November 30 to:

Anne Thoresen

25666 Zachary Ave.

Elko, MN 55020

DUANE'S WORLD



October is almost done, and the weather is still very nice. What's up with that? No complaints! In fact, just this past Thursday, October 22, we held our last mini-show of the season at The Rosemount Senior Living, in Rosemount, and the weather was beautiful. Seventeen cars were counted, including a couple of non members. Cookies and hot cider were provided for us to partake, and the cider was so good that your editor chugged down 2 glasses. Normally I prefer my cider as cold as possible, but this time the hot stuff hit the spot! Looking ahead on the weather forecast, I think we may have turned the corner with the nice weather and are headed into a typical fall season. Maybe it will turn cold enough to get rid of them pesky box elder bugs that are hanging on our house!

At breakfast this morning, I overheard some guys saying that they were putting their cars into storage. It seems like the season just started, and now it is coming to an end. This reminded me of a conversation I had several years ago with my old friend, Bob, who had a '69 Pontiac GTO that he bought new. Bob was sort of, how do I put it, anal? He was explaining how he put his "Goat" away for the winter. The process involved putting the car up on jack stands to get the tires off the floor, changing the oil, wax job, moth balls, and the pre-requisite car cover. After going on for some time about this yearly ritual, Bob asked me what I did with my car, and it just took me a few moments to say, "I back the car into the garage, turn off the motor, take the keys out of the ignition, and go up to the house for a cup of coffee!" I suppose his opinion of me as a serious car guy went down a few pegs, but that's the way it is. Bob and I were roommates at an apartment in Richfield and we both bought new cars at the same time. Bob got his GTO, and I got my '69 Chevelle SS396. Both were painted dark green and looked like twins parked together out in the apartment lot. Bob was the smart one. He kept his GTO right up until his death a couple of years ago, and now his grandson is the coolest guy in school with his grandpa's GTO. After I met Rose, got married, and bought a house, the Chevelle went down the road, literally, and was replaced with a Chevy pickup which could haul drywall, lumber, fertilizer, etc. I still miss that car! The truck, not so much.

If you look on page 3, you will find information on our Club Christmas party on Friday, December 4. If you have never been to one of our parties, I would highly recommend it! It's a good time. Hmm, I wonder if I should look for a new funny Christmas tie? See you out there, somewhere. DB

LADIES' LUNCH OUT - THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1, 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.

Hmm, 10,000 lakes, one whiskey, interesting!

If you are interested in finding out for yourself what they talk about, you are welcome to join them. (Dudes not invited, smart move!) Their next event will be, Thursday, November 5, 11:30 a.m.

Photo submitted by Rose Barclay

MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES – Thursday, October 8, 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 Ron Anderson and seconded by Pat Gansmoe to accept the minutes of the September 10, 2026, meeting as printed in the October Cruz News. The motion passed.

Vice President's Report: Loren Bahls reported that two hard copies of the last Cruz News were sent.

Treasurer's Report: Anne Thoresen read the Treasurer's report. Ray Valdovinos made a motion to approve the report, and it was seconded by Steve Brehm. The motion passed. A call for bills was made. Judy Kemper submitted a bill for a memorial. Ron Willson made a motion to pay the bill. It was seconded by Craig Duntley, and the motion passed. New income was given to Anne, from Ron Willson for a Club plaque.

Membership Chairperson: Jim Neher reported Club membership is 78 (134 total). Jim had up to date Club rosters.

Activities: Ron Willson reported that there are two remaining Club mini shows.

Events: Rose Barclay reported that the next Ladies Get Together is Thursday, November 5, 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 Taylor will paint the plaque. (2) Judy Kemper (Sunshine Lady) gave an update. (3) Duane read a thank you card and note from Bill Mitchell. (4) Craig Duntley has 4 Club coolers left. If you are interested, talk to Craig. (5) Club hats are $20.

Old Business: (1)Duane Barclay read reports from Webmaster Mark Peterson and Facebook Manager Steve Westerlund. (2) Rose Barclay asked if there were questions or suggestions for other changes to the Club By Laws. Ed Sanders made a motion to accept the proposed changes as printed in the October Cruz News. Ray Valdovinos seconded the motion, and it passed,

New Business: (1)Rose Barclay reported that in October of 2025 the Club members voted to give up to $1000 for the 2025 Christmas party. The actual expense was $313. Because of an increase in costs, Lynn Peterson made a motion for the Club to give up to $1500 for this year's Christmas party. Rick Delmonico seconded the motion, and it passed. (2) Diann Townsend presented a proposal for the annual internal Club audit procedure. Craig Duntley made a motion to accept the proposal. Steve Brehm seconded the motion, and it passed.

TSS (The Summer Spectacular): Nothing to report

The next meeting will be at the Apple Valley American Legion Post 1776, on Thursday, November 12, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. Ron Anderson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Keith Biers, and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned.

SOUTHERN CRUZERS CURRENTLY IN THE HOSPITAL, OR CONVALESCING AT HOME

Nothing reported to us at this time. Keep up the good work, Club!

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 17, Bob Rutledge
November 20, David Mahlstedt
November 22, Ellen Heitzman
November 23, Bruce Lyke
November 24, Roger Gilb

ANNIVERSARIES

Paul & Anne Thoresen, November 22, 1969, 57 years
Ed Mueller & Kerri Lockwood, November 26, 2005, 21 years
Denny & Renae Borowski, November 27, 1965, 61 years

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL ON YOUR SPECIAL DAY!

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

No new members to report this month

There are 78 (134) paid members so far this year.

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

PHOTOS WANTED FOR OUR CHRISTMAS PARTY

If you took photos at any of the Club events this year and would like to share them with the Christmas party attendees, Tim & Sheryl Gardner still have room for more images in the video display they will be showing at the party. Send your photos to the Gardners at: gardnert832@gmail.com, or 763-257-7076 for more info

A CLUB THANK YOU FROM RON WILLSON

"Duane, would you please share with the membership my appreciation for the participation in our "mini-shows" by the membership this car season. We did 14 shows (a new record) and had great turnouts except for a few shows in July with very hot and smoky weather. I am glad to keep coordinating these shows as long as this level of support continues. Ron Willson"

Editor's note: Thanks, Ron, for making these events happen, and for all the Cruzers who came out for them!

A VISIT TO THE ROSEMOUNT SENIOR LIVING ENDS OUR MINI-SHOW SEASON

Thursday, October 22, turned out to be a very nice day, and several Southern Cruzers found their way to the Rosemount Senior home to hang out for an hour or two. This last time marked the end to what I would call a very successful mini-show season. Our visit was originally scheduled for the previous Thursday, but rain put a damper (pun intended) on that idea. Thankfully, they were able to reschedule, and our season ended on a high note. The cookies and hot cider provided was quite tasty! In one of the photos, J.T. Taylor is seen admiring Elaine Anderson's VW convertible, but Elaine insisted that the car would go back home with her! Sorry, J.T.

Photos taken from Jan Pederson's Facebook page, and by the editor

ANATOMY OF A POODLE SKIRT

If you have ever been to any of our Club mini-shows, have you ever noticed that some of the ladies from the senior facilities have gotten into the spirit of the event and are wearing Poodle Skirts? Thinking about this, I started wondering when and where the idea of Poodle Skirts began. After Googling "Poodle Skirts" (What would we do without Google?), I learned how the fad started. The skirt was created in **1947** by American singer and actress Juli Lynne Charlot (ever heard of her?). She cut a seamless, full circle skirt out of affordable, bright **felt** because she lacked the sewing skills, and money, for a holiday outfit. In the 1950s, teenage girls and young women wore the wide-swinging skirts paired with fitted sweaters or blouses, bobby socks, saddle shoes, and cat-eye glasses. How cool is that? In the early sixties, when I spent hours at the Waterfront dance in Marquette, Michigan, I can't remember many girls dressed in Poodle Skirts. Maybe the fad had pretty much run its course by then. Photo taken from the internet and not at the Waterfront.

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Cruzer Calendar, November, 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 TURN YOUR CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR AND GO BACK TO BED	2 DID YOU REMEMBER HOW TO TURN YOUR DIGITAL CLOCKS BACK, YESTERDAY?	3	4	5 LADIES' LUNCH OUT 11:30 A.M. (SEE PAGE 3 FOR DETAILS)	6	7
8	9	10 MSRA BOARD MEETING 7 p.m. Hampton Inn I-694 & Lexington Shoreview, MN	11 VETERAN'S DAY	12 CLUB MEETING 7 p.m. Apple Valley Legion Post 1776	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 HAPPY THANKSGIVING DAY!	27 WAKE UP FROM YOUR TRYPTOPHAN NAP AND MAKE A TURKEY SANDWICH	28
29	30					

CLUB EVENTS

CONTACT PEOPLE

Karen Keenan (Ladies' Night Out) 952-758-9754

Judy Kemper (Sunshine Lady) 952-322-5819

OTHER EVENTS

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