

CRUZ NEWS

SEPTEMBER 2026

The Official Newsletter of the
Southern Cruzers



**HEY, MOTHER NATURE, THANKS FOR LISTENING
TO OUR PLEAS.**



**AUGUST 23 WAS A BEAUTIFUL DAY TO HAVE A
CAR SHOW, AND I TAKE BACK ALL THE BAD
THINGS I SAID ABOUT YOU IN THE PAST!**



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:

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
BY
RAY VALDOVINOS**

Southern Cruzers platinum "Summer Spectacular" sponsor



Apple Autos

It's different here.

***** 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, September 3, 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, September 10, 7:00 p.m., at the Apple Valley Legion Post, 14521 Grenada Drive

REMAINING CLUB MINI-SHOWS SCHEDULED FOR 2026

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

Thursday, Sept. 17, 1:30 - 3:30 p.m., **The Glenn Hopkins**, 1011 Felti Ct., Hopkins, MN

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

OTHER SHOWS AND EVENTS

LABOR DAY CAR SHOW: Mon., Sept. 7, 9 - 3 p.m., Blacksmith Lounge, Hugo, MN, Bob @ 612-839-2490

ST. BONI'S FALL FESTIVAL/CAR SHOW: Sat., Sept. 12, 7 - 2 p.m., 92nd & Chicago, Bloomington, MN

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

DOZINKY CAR CRUISE: Fri., Sept. 18, 6:30 p.m., New Prague H.S., Brooke @ 952-758-4360

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

ST. JEROME CAR SHOW: Sat., Sept. 19, 9 - 2 p.m., St. Jerome Church, 380 E. Roselawn Ave., Maplewood, MN

NORTHERN LIGHTS CAR SHOW: Sun., Sept. 20, 9 - 3 p.m., Blacksmith Lounge, Hugo, MN, 612-916-9768

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

ON THE ROAD AGAIN CAR SHOW: Sat., Oct. 3, 8 - 3 p.m., 12th. Ave & Southview Blvd., So. St. Paul, MN

T.C. ROADSTERS SWAPMEET: Sun., Oct. 4, 6 a.m., MN State Frgrnds north end, St. Paul, MN, 612-860-4833

CRUISE TO THE WOODS: Sun., Oct. 4, 8 - 3 p.m., Lizard Creek Ranch, 1762 Johnson Ave., Ft. Dodge, Iowa

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., 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)**

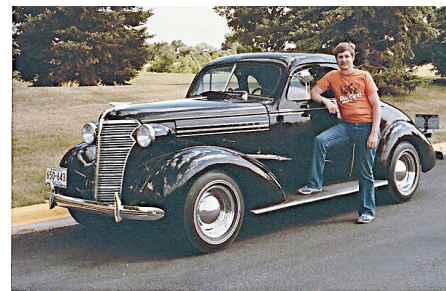
HOLY EMMANUEL CRUISE-IN: Every Tuesday, 4 - 8 p.m., 201 E. 104th St., Bloomington, MN, 651-343-4181

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

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



DUANE'S WORLD



It's September already? I remember, many years ago, some older folks told me that the older you get, the faster time goes by. At the time, it pretty much went in one ear and out the other, and now I realize they were spot on! Somehow, the summer has frittered away and half the stuff that I said would get done over the summer didn't get done! I realize that a couple of weeks were spent out west with our granddaughter and the nice people she lives with, and we wouldn't trade that experience for the thought of getting more items checked off a to do list. That list will still be there tomorrow.

As I sit here in front of my computer screen, the Summer Spectacular has come and gone. In my opinion, the show was a big success with beautiful weather and the Buck Hill parking lot filled with 180 cars, including a very nice display of Cruiser cars. You can find a small recap of the show on page six of this edition. As the show has been put in the history books for this year, it's time to reflect on how the show went and if there is anything we can do in the future to make it even better. Our Club can be proud of this endeavor!

Looking at the Club schedule on page 3, I see that there are two mini-shows left for the season, and it's kind of sad to see that part of our season coming to an end. A thank you to Ron Willson for lining up at least a dozen shows this summer. Out of that lineup, I can only remember one event being rained out and not being re-scheduled. Unofficially, I think the Rivers car show in Burnsville won the prize for the most attendees, (25 cars). We thank all of you for taking time from your busy schedules to spend a couple of hours at each of these events. At the shows I was able to be at, I took photos with my trusty Box Brownie camera and plan to do a mini-show article in the near future. If you happened to take any of your own photos, please send them to me, and I'll see about getting them published. Maybe at the last 2 shows of the season, we can break that 25 mark!

My car, Lil Darlin', has about 700 miles on the new motor, and so far, so good! She goes back to the shop on Monday to get rid of the break-in oil. The only down side to this whole thing is putting 700 miles on with gas close to \$5.00 a gallon for 91 octane. My old engine that I rebuilt in 1985 ran on 87 octane all day. Oh, well, as I said before, "It is what it is!" and "Suck it up, Buttercup." Okay, Duane, that's enough with the clichés. Enjoy the rest of this fleeting summer, and we will see you out there, somewhere. DB

LADIES' LUNCH OUT - THURSDAY, AUGUST 6, 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, Sept. 3, 11:30 a.m.

Photo submitted by Rose Barclay



MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES – Thursday, August 13, 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 Steve Brehm to accept the minutes of the July 9, 2026, meeting as printed in the August Cruz News. The motion passed.

Vice President's Report: Two hard copies of the last Cruz News were sent. Nominations for this position were opened. Loren Bahls was elected as the new Vice President.

Treasurer's Report: Anne Thoreson read the Treasurer's report. Tim Gardner made a motion to approve the report, and it was seconded by Craig Duntley. The motion passed. A call for bills was made. Jim Neher submitted a bill for card stock; and Ray Valdovinos, for trophies. Ray Valdovinos made a motion to pay the bills. It was seconded by Rick Delmonico, and the motion passed. New income was given to Anne from Jim Neher for TSS pre-registration and a new member.

Membership Chairperson: Jim Neher reported Club membership is 77 (132 total). Jim had up to date Club rosters. He reported that the Club has a new member, Bob Rutledge of Eagan, MN. He has a 1949 Willys Jeepster and a 1938 Bantam Roadster.

Activities: Ron Willson reported that he added a new Club mini show in Prior Lake. (Dates are in the Cruz News and on the Club web site.)

Events: Rose Barclay reported that the next Ladies Get Together is Thursday, September 3, 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) gave an update on Paul Justen and Jack Keenan. Carrie Mitchell's Celebration of Life is September 9.

Old Business: (1) Web Master, Mark Peterson, reported that activity on both of our Club web sites has increased significantly. (2) Duane Barclay shared information from Steve Westerlund on the Club Facebook page. From June to July there was a significant increase in visits to the page and the same for the number of engagements.

New Business: Ron Donely talked about a car show. The date hasn't been set yet. For more information, contact Ron.

TSS(The Summer Spectacular): Ray Valdovinos had volunteer sign up sheets. Apple Autos will bring some vehicles to the show. One of the TSS sponsors, Don Ramon's, is having a car show on August 22. Gently used tee shirts will sell for \$1.00.

The next meeting will be at the Apple Valley American Legion Post 1776, on Thursday, September 10, 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.



SOUTHERN CRUZERS CURRENTLY IN THE HOSPITAL, OR CONVALESCING AT HOME



Paul Justin is 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



September 1, Jan Duntley
 September 1, Loren Bahls
 September 2, Mary Jo Permuth
 September 3, Karen Craigie
 September 3, Sandra Weiberg
 September 5, Kari Ann Forness/Moen
 September 10, Dave Richards
 September 11, Deb Streeter
 September 14, Dottie Hanson
 September 15, Denise Farnsworth

September 18, Ron Donely
 September 19, David Heeren
 September 20, Jim Neher
 September 25, J.T. Taylor
 September 27, Bill Mitchell



ANNIVERSARIES



Paul & Sue Justen, September 12, 1975, 51 years
 Craig & Jan Duntley, September 15, 1973, 53 years
 Steven & Patti Brehm, September 19, 1981, 45 years
 Ron & Connie Donely, September 28, 1968, 58 years

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

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Bob Rutledge, Eagan with a 1949 Willys Jeepster, and a 1938 Bantam Roadster

David & Tammie Heeren, Lakeville - '78 Mercury Cougar XR7, '79 Lincoln Mark V, and '89 Lincoln Mark V11

There are 77 (132) paid members so far this year.

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

SUMMER SPECTACULAR RECAP

As it says on the cover, "Hey Mother Nature, thanks for another beautiful day for a car show!" Early on, we figured our show would be a success as the entrants were lined up on Buck Hill Road waiting for the gates to open. It was time to get them off the street in case the Burnsville police happened to come by. When all was said and done, the parking lot was filled with 180 show cars, including 30 Cruiser member cars. The MSRA safety team was busy inspecting cars, and the MSRA EMTS were on hand in case of an emergency of which there were none, thankfully! The gently used tee shirt table was a success and 64 shirts were sold! A Club thank you to Ray Valdovinos & Dave Ritchie for their work in putting this show on, and a big thanks to all the volunteers who went about their duties to keep it running smoothly. Jim & Tammy Neher kept all the registrations in order and had all the voting ballots counted so we could hand out the trophies a little before the advertised 2 p.m. closing time. If we didn't have all you fine members pitching in, this show would not be possible! A lot of photos were taken, too many to put on these pages. You can find them on the Club website and the new Facebook page.

WE SAY GOODBYE TO CARRIE MITCHELL



On July 13, 2026, we lost another Southern Cruiser member, Carrie Mitchell. Carrie is the wife of Bill Mitchell, who has been a member for a couple of years. Since Carrie & Bill are relatively new to the Club, we didn't have that much of a chance to get to know her like we would have liked. Looking over the information in Carrie's obituary, we were very impressed with what we read. We learned that Carrie was very courageous in her fight against cancer, and many other words described her as well: resilience, grace, determination, strength, generosity, quiet kindness, and unconditional love. Apparently, we can add loyalty to that list as she worked 47 years with American Family Insurance. Needless to say, family was very important to Carrie, and she is survived by husband Bill, son Brian, daughter Laura, and grandson, Ayden. Our Club condolences go out to Bill and his family. Photo taken from Carrie's obituary

A celebration of life for Carrie will be:

Wednesday, September 9, 9 - 12 p.m. at the

Klecatsky & Sons, Eagan Chapel

1580 Century Point, Eagan, MN 55121

MEET OUR NEW VICE PRESIDENT

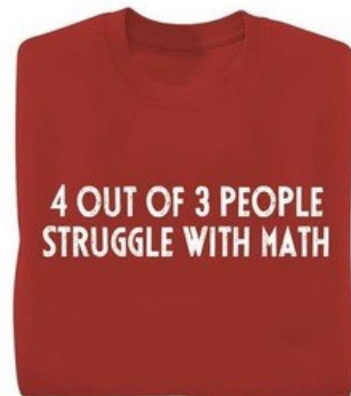


Recently, because of health concerns, Vice President Steve Brehm resigned his position. At the last Club meeting on August 13, Loren Bahls was nominated and voted in to be the next Vice President. Please join us in welcoming Loren to his new job, and we thank Steve for his years of service in that position!

Photo by Rose Barclay

I signed up for an exercise class and was told to wear loose fitting clothing...

If I HAD any loose fitting clothing, I wouldn't have signed up to begin with.



ONE OF THE SHIRTS NOT SNATCHED UP AT THE SUMMER SPECTACULR



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, September, 2026



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 HENDERSON ROLL-IN 5 - 8 P.M.	2 BUCK HILL 5 - 8 p.m. (LAST DAY)	3 LADIES' LUNCH OUT 11:30 A.M. (SEE PAGE 3 FOR DETAILS)	4	5
6	7 LABOR DAY EAGAN APPLEBEES 5 - 8 P.M.	8	9	10 CLUB MEETING 7 p.m. Apple Valley Legion Post 1776	11	12
13	14 EAGAN APPLEBEES 5 - 8 P.M.	15 MN MASONIC HOME MINI-SHOW (See page 3 for de- tails)	16	17 THE GLENN HOPKINS MINI-SHOW (See page 3 for de- tails)	18	19
20 HISTORIC HASTINGS 11 - 4 p.m.	21 EAGAN APPLEBEES 5 - 8 P.M.	22 AUTUMN BEGINS HENDERSON ROLL-IN	23	24	25	26
27	28 EAGAN APPLEBEES 5 - 8 P.M.	29 HENDERSON ROLL-IN 5 - 8 P.M.	30 Start planning your Halloween costume			

CLUB EVENTS

CONTACT PEOPLE

Karen Keenan (Ladies' Night Out) 952-758-9754
Judy Kemper (Sunshine Lady) 952-322-5819

OTHER EVENTS

CRUISE
NIGHTS