

Cape Fear Cruisers
Monthly Club Meeting
Oak Island Elks Lodge
Tuesday, April 21, 2026

The meeting began at 6 p.m. President Jackie Winters welcomed everyone. There were 53 members and guests signed in. All rose for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Membership and Car Update:

- **New Members:** Everyone welcomed our newest member:
 - Rod Swenson – 1979 Corvette his father acquired, 17,000 miles – needs help but runs great, rims need work; going to buy 1958 Chevy Pickup
- **Cars for Sale:**
 - Rob Kropp’s neighbor has a 1995 GMC Sierra, 125000 miles – If interested contact Rob.
 - Rich & Mary Jones are selling their 1960 Thunderbird.
 - Jackie Winters’ friend has a 1973 VW Window Bus for sale for \$35,000. She is bringing it to the April 25th show.

Name Tags: Jackie reminded everyone that name tags for members are up on the table.

Financials:

- **Treasurer’s Report:**
 - **Account Balances:** Jackie reported the balances of both the General and Charity Funds as of April 21st.
 - **Membership:** As of tonight, 125 households, 222 members. There are 23 new members in 2026.
- **Banking:**
 - Jackie and Laura have been issued Debit Cards for use for Club expenses.
 - The Club credit card was cancelled.
 - Jackie thanked Laura for doing a great job.

Facebook: Jackie thanked Susan Muldoon for posting our sponsors on our Facebook page.

Web Site:

- Karl Adlon is keeping the site updated; however, Karl will be giving up this responsibility the end of April. Jackie thanked him for doing a good job.
- Bob Wyski and Jackie will be taking over this responsibility after the April 25th car show.

Pay the Rent Jar: Jackie reminded everyone about the “Pay the Rent” jar located on the front table. Donations are voluntary. This money will be used to offset the monthly rent the Elks charge for the use of the room.

2026 Club Activities & Car Shows:

- **Club Calendar:** Jackie and Bob Wyski encouraged the members to check out the Club’s calendar that is on the Club’s web site (www.capefearcruisers.com). The postings on the calendar include the car show flyers and registration forms and can be easily accessed. Bob is doing a great job updating the calendar and sending out weekly emails to the membership.
- **Wendy’s Cruise-Ins, Friday, 5-7 p.m. (weather permitting):**
 - Note the time change as a result of daylight savings time.
 - April 24th looks like the weather will be good. Jackie encouraged everyone to stop by even though it is the day prior to our car show.
- **Club’s Annual Picnic, Saturday, June 6th, Dorsett Pole Barn, Airport Road:**
 - The planning committee has met a couple of times and made the following decisions:
 - Theme: “Celebrating 250 years as a Nation and 20 years as a Club. In addition, it is the Centennial (100th) Anniversary of Route 66. This will be infused into the picnic celebration as well.
 - Members are encouraged to dress to the theme – Uncle Sam; Betsy Ross; Statue of Liberty; Route 66; CFC 20 Anniversary T-shirt or any Red, White and Blue attire. Jackie thanked Peggy for spearheading the Show shirt.
 - There will be a prize for the Best-Dressed member that will be voted on by the attendees via a paper ballot.
 - The committee has some fun games planned and prizes will be awarded.
 - Menu: The Club will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, marinated grilled chicken breasts, water and sweet and unsweet tea. Our grillers will be: Gary Quilliam, Lenny Winters and Scott Greathouse.
 - Members are being asked to bring a side dish, appetizer or dessert. There is a sign-up sheet on the front table where you can select what type of dish you would like to bring. Please sign-up before you leave. This sheet will also be available at the May meeting.
 - The next and final planning meeting will be on Thursday, May 21st at noon at Crossroads on Oak Island.
- **CLLEO (Car Loving Ladies Eating Out):** On Wednesday, May 13th, the ladies will be eating at the Bridgewater Wines & Dines, 48 Waterford Business Center Way, Belville, NC at 11:45 a.m. Please RSVP to Nisey (614-557-7069) or Patti (PAQ203@aol.com or 910-253-9041) if you are interested in attending. Jackie thanked Nisey and Patti for planning these outings.
- **Social Committee:**
 - **Burgaw Drive and Dine, Thursday, March 26th:** Jackie thanked Stu Laidlaw for a fun event. Just over 20 members drove the scenic route Stu had mapped out.

Also, thanks went to Stu's wife Nancy who had baked and bagged cookies for the all the participants. Jackie said these were delicious. The group lunched at two places – Patty's and Burgaw Brewing. There were shops and antique shops visited by the group. Everyone enjoyed the fellowship.

- Jackie encouraged everyone to join in on one of our future outings.
- **Request for Participation:** Thursday, April 30th, 5 p.m.—Men's Night at the First Baptist Church, 4608 Oak Island Drive, Oak Island (opposite Town Hall)
 - The First Baptist Church has a Men's Night on the last Thursday of the month, 6-8 p.m.
 - For the April 30th Men's Night, Pastor Atkinson requested the CFC men to bring their cars at 5 p.m. There will be plenty of parking in a roped-off section for the Cruisers.
 - They will be doing a complimentary meal—Country Boil, including shrimp, sausage, potatoes, corn and dessert.
 - The evening includes a shared meal and dessert, worship, a biblical message and table discussion.
 - The sign-up sheet is on the front table. Jackie needs to give Pastor Atkinson a heads-up as to the number of men attending.

Merchandise – Print Life Apparel Online Store: Jackie talked about merchandise:

- Quite a few members have purchased shirts from the online store.
- The free pick-up at the Grape & Ale on Oak Island is working out well.
- You can have the shirts shipped for a fee.
- It was brought to Jackie's attention that the charge card statements were showing "Laurenborg Hooligans" as the vendor. Jackie spoke to the Print Life Apparel representative and this was changed to "NC Charities".
- The Club is getting a portion of the sales of the merchandise.
- After the April 25th Car Show, the Online Store will include Club logo merchandise in addition to the show shirt.

Sponsorship: Jackie encouraged the members to patronize those businesses that are sponsors, thank them and let them know you are a Cruiser member. She provided the following information about the sponsors.

- Total Business Sponsors: 52; Total Member Sponsors: 8; Grand Total: 60
- Jackie provided the dollar amount for the Business and Members sponsorship.
- To date, we have 10 Diamond Sponsors (\$1,000).
- We are still looking for sponsors. Those sponsors that join after the April show will be included on the October Car Show Sponsor Board and Banner for Gold and Diamond sponsors.

April 25th Club Car Show: Peggy Lilly discussed the upcoming car show and the need for volunteers. Specifically:

- Wednesday, April 22nd, 10 a.m.: Walk-through for the car show. Meeting at Whittler's Bench.
- Parkers for the show will need to arrive at 6 a.m.
- The Entrance Gate for the Car Show will be open from 7:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.
- A volunteer is needed for Publicity for the October 31st Car Show.
- Articles for the April show appeared in the Pilot Coast magazine and this week's State Port Pilot.
- Peggy thanked everyone who distributed flyers for the April show.
- Peggy thanked Tim Bridges for handing out the letters to the Southport businesses and neighbors about the April 25th car show.
- Peggy thanked Jackie, Susan Muldoon and Bob Wyski for their postings on the Club media pages.
- Peggy showed the group a dash plaque, a Class trophy and a Top 30/15 trophy.
- The band Vintage Voltage will be playing from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
- Dave Lippincott will be DJing when the band isn't playing. Dave will make the needed announcements during the day. Dave requested help at 9 a.m. to set up the remote speakers. Rob Kropp volunteered to help.
- Dale Boden provided a donation for a commemorative trophy in Dave Fleenor's name. This will be the Pre-War to 1941 group First Place trophy.
- Let Peggy know if anyone wants to provide a commemorative trophy for any reason for the October show.
- The Diamond/Gold Sponsor Banner and the Sponsor Board will be displayed at the front table and the Registration pavilion, respectively.
- 50/50 Sales:
 - Robin Summers will need help in the field selling the tickets.
 - Peggy thanked Gail Lippincott and Helen Hunt for getting tickets pre-cut and into bags for sale.
 - Volunteers are needed for tearing tickets.
- Dave Lippincott is charging the radios and will have these in the trailer prior to the show.
- Additional safety vests were purchased.
- 250th America Freedom Pins: Bob Lilly will be handing these out at the gate. Members can get one at tonight's meeting.
- Peggy showed the group the 250th Anniversary/20-Year Club Anniversary banner that will be displayed at the Car Show.
- Volunteers are still needed. Check out the sign-up sheet on the front table.
- The Port-A-Johns will again be provided by Triple AAA Portable Toilets. Their price could not be beat so Peggy is willing to work with them again.
- Peggy provided Chief Coring with our Safety Mitigation Plan.
- Peggy provided a list of vendors that will be present.

- Hospitality Shelter:
 - Peggy encouraged volunteers to bring snacks for the Hospitality Shelter.
 - Pam Blackman will be monitoring the shelter.
 - Hot dogs will be provided by Spikes Diary Bar.
 - Coffee, paper supplies and water will be provided at the shelter.
 - The Radio group will also be sitting in the Hospital Shelter.
- Pictures: Karl Adlon, who is the Lead for the Photography Group, talked about the pictures needed and requested a couple of volunteers to join the team.
- Brunswick Toy Run: Jackie stated that a volunteer or two are needed to man this booth at the car show.

Trivia Question: Karl Adlon provided some levity with a joke and then Bill Stenger asked tonight's trivia question:

- What was the first American auto to have an alternator?
 - Answer: 1960 Plymouth Valiant
 - Winner: Dave Lippincott

Food Drive: Rob & Laura Kropp will have a basket available for nonperishable food items that they will deliver to the local food pantry. This basket will be present at every meeting.

Celebrations:

- **Birthdays:**
 - Jim Hunt – 4/7
 - Rick Jones – 4/10
 - Gail Lippincott – 4/12
 - Bill Stenger – 4/26
- **Anniversaries:** None

Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 19th, 6 p.m. at the Oak Island Elks Lodge.

A motion was made by Dennis Faver to adjourn the meeting. Bill Stenger seconded this motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Minutes recorded and reported by Ginny Largent, Secretary