

Cape Fear Cruisers
Monthly Club Meeting
Oak Island Elks Lodge
Tuesday, May 19, 2026

The meeting began at 5:59 p.m. President Jackie Winters welcomed everyone. There were 49 members and guests signed in. All rose for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Membership and Car Update:

- **New Members:**
 - Jackie identified some new members who were not present at the meeting: Greg Elliott, Michael & Deehan Fegan, Jerry & Liz Swain and Michael & Andree Talmadge.
 - New members who were present:
 - Ross Graysill – Has a 1972 Chevy Nova
 - Chuck Cully – Has a 2015 Mustang—Roush convertible and a Bianco S from Brazil.
- **Visitor:** Nanette Kenyon, who works with the Elks, has a Porsche.
- **Cars for Sale:** None were identified.

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 today.
 - **Membership:** As of tonight, 109 households, 192 members. There are 31 new members in 2026. This includes the two new members from tonight.
- **Donation by the Club:** Once again, the Club became a “Sparkler Sponsor” for the Southport’s July 4th Festival. We have done this for several years. The Town of Southport has been good to us by allowing us to have our car shows at the waterfront.

Plaque Presentation: Kim Gardner was presented with a plaque recognizing and thanking her for being the Treasurer of the Club 2025-2026.

Facebook: Cape Fear Group

- Check out our Facebook page! Susan Muldoon updates the pages with cruise-ins, meetings, events, etc.

Web Site: www.capefearcruisers.com

- Karl Adlon is putting a link on page 1 for the online merchandise store.

- Bob Wyski and Jackie are meeting with Karl the beginning of June to transition the administration of the web site to them.
- Jackie thanked Karl for keeping the web site updated and in great shape through the April 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 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. Jackie thanked Bob Wyski for the great job he is doing updating the calendar and sending out weekly emails to the membership. Members have expressed their appreciation of the emails from Bob.
- **Wendy’s Cruise-Ins, Friday, 5-7 p.m. (weather permitting):**
 - Jackie encouraged everyone to attend.
- **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 be in theme-related attire – Uncle Sam; Betsy Ross; Statue of Liberty; Route 66; CFC 20 Anniversary T-shirt or any Red, White and Blue attire. 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.
 - You may bring beer and/or wine, but no hard liquor.
 - 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.
 - 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 ate at the Bridgewater Wines & Dines, 48 Waterford Business Center Way, Belville, NC at 11:45 a.m. Everyone agreed the food was good but it was pricey.

- June 11th, Thursday, 11:45 a.m., the ladies are having lunch at Nour, 1131 N. Atlantic Ave., Southport. This restaurant features French, Vietnamese and Thai cuisines. Please RSVP to Nisey (614-557-7069) or Patti (PAQ203@aol.com or 910-253-9041) if you are interested in attending by Monday, June 8th. Jackie thanked Nisey and Patti for planning these outings.
- **Car Display – Brunswick Medical Center, Ash, NC:** Jackie asked the membership to watch out for an email about a cruise-in at the Brunswick Medical Center. Jennifer requested a car display for the older residents sometime in June.
- **Men’s Night:** Thursday, April 30th, 5 p.m.—Men’s Night at the First Baptist Church, 4608 Oak Island Drive, Oak Island (opposite Town Hall)
 - Geoff Atkinson from the First Baptist Church contacted Jackie to thank everyone for making this evening a success.
 - There were 19 members and 31 classic cars in attendance. The food was good.
 - Jackie thanked Steve Pardue for bringing this event to the attention of the Club.

Special News – Stu Laidlaw, The Greenbrier Concourse:

- Stu was invited to bring his 1910 Rambler to the Greenbrier Concourse at the Greenbrier Inn in West Virginia the first weekend of May. This is an invitation-only event.
- Stu won First in his class. There were 12 classes. Everyone applauded for Stu.
- Scott Greathouse gave some history on the Greenbrier.

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.
- Additional items of merchandise are showing up on the link.
- The link for the online store will be on page 1 of the web site.

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.
- 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.
- Rob Kropp pointed out that Jackie is responsible for the majority of the sponsors. Everyone applauded for Jackie.

April 25th Club Car Show: Peggy Lilly said it was a picture-perfect day and there were no bees in sight. She thanked all the volunteers for helping to make the show a success and was pleased at the number of new volunteers that we had at the show. Peggy provided some information about the show. Specifically:

- Finances: Peggy provided
 - A breakdown of the receipts from the pre-registration, the car gate, the 50/50 raffle, shirts sold and new members.
 - A breakdown of the expenses and
 - The profit realized.
- Some Car Show stats:
 - 237 Cars were registered (82 of these were pre-registered)
 - 42 Cape Fear Cruisers were registered
 - 17 Myrtle Beach Corvette Club members were present. They won the Club Participation award.
 - 25 Car Clubs were represented
 - 25 Cars requested not to be judged
 - 1900-2001 Classes: 160 cars or 67.5% of the cars on the field. This group won 70% of the trophies.
 - 2002-2026 Classes: 77 cars or 32.5% of the cars on the field. This group won 30% of the trophies.
 - 93 Trophies were given out.
 - Our Top 40 was changed to Top 50, but it was broken down as follows:
 - Top 35 for years 1900-2001
 - Top 15 for years 2002-2026
 - There were six vendors on the field.
- The 250th Anniversary pins were a big hit with the attendees. Bob Lilly gave these out at the gate.
- We were most appreciative of the band Vintage Voltage for playing. They had a good time. They prefer not to have the trailers at the October show, which will help because we won't need someone to pick up one of the trailers.
- Peggy identified each area of responsibility and thanked the volunteers for their part in making the show a success. Areas identified were:
 - Letter Distribution prior to the show
 - Signage
 - Set-up
 - Parkers
 - Registration
 - Car Gate
 - 50/50 Raffle – Sales and Ticket Tearers
 - Judging
 - Golf Cart Drivers
 - Hospitality Shelter – Peggy also thanked those who brought snacks.
 - Photography
 - Club Merchandise Sales
 - DJ and Announcements
 - Radio Club and Border Patrol Team
 - Clean-up

- Rich Largent thanked the 16 judges and said they did an “exemplary job”.
- Dave Lippincott provided two remote speakers. The one on Howe Street worked well, but the one at Bay and Davis Streets ended up being turned off because of static.
- Peggy was impressed that the set-up was almost completed at 6:30 a.m. when she arrived. She thanked those volunteers who showed up at 5:30 a.m. to do the set-up.
- Peggy said the Southport Police/Fire Department were very helpful and did an awesome job. They had the cones out before we arrived at 5:30 a.m., removed the barricades timely so there was no back-up at the close of the show and didn’t remove the water from the barricades until all the show cars were gone.
- Botero wants to give the group newer golf carts for the next show. Peggy is happy about this but wants to ensure that these are not too large so these don’t impede getting around the cars and crowd.
- Some issues that were noted:
 - Radios:
 - There was too much chatter on the radios causing problems in getting the needed communications through. Peggy is going to have a session on radio protocol before the October car show.
 - It was suggested to reduce the number of radios on the field.
 - Parking:
 - The field was full by 9 a.m.
 - We are always trying to find ways to improve parking. There were holes in the field that were not identified which resulted in a few cars being turned away. Peggy and Jim Hunt are going to work on better ways to communicate when a space becomes available and having volunteers stay in their assigned areas to ensure all the spaces are filled.
 - The parking on Bay Street was awesome, but one car did manage to park in the turn-around space. This was worked around.
 - Portable Toilets:
 - The toilets were put in the incorrect spot, but Chief Coring okayed it.
 - The wash station did not work. Vicki Heape went above and beyond by obtaining and pouring water over everyone’s hands at that station. The company did provide a credit for this.
 - Vendors: We need to work on getting the vendors in early, set-up and having their vehicles parked on Davis Street early. A 7:30 a.m. arrival time will be used for the October show.
- Peggy asked if anyone mistakenly went home with a vest or a radio to please bring this to the next meeting.

Trivia Question: Gary Quilliam provided tonight’s trivia question and prize:

- What was on the 1953 Corvette emblem that caused it to be changed?
 - Answer: American Flag (Only one car has this emblem. It was illegal to use the American flag on a commercial product.)
 - Winner: Joan Yaros

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:**
 - 5/13 – Bob Ryan
 - 5/29 – Dale Boden
- **Anniversaries:**
 - 5/5 – The Bridges (8 years)
 - 5/8 – The Cramers (44 years)
 - 5/19 – The Lillys (47 years)
 - 5/23 – The Kropps (34 years)
 - 5/24 – The Hoopers (52 years)

Other: Nisey Sebak works with the Brunswick County Elections Committee. She provided flyers for a Poll Worker Orientation if anyone is interested. Flyers are on the front table.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 16th, 6 p.m. at the Oak Island Elks Lodge.

A motion was made by Tim Bridges to adjourn the meeting. Bill Stenger seconded this motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Minutes recorded and reported by Ginny Largent, Secretary