

**Cape Fear Cruisers**  
**Monthly Club Meeting**  
**Oak Island Elks Lodge**  
**Tuesday, March 17, 2026**

The meeting began at 6 p.m. President Jackie Winters welcomed everyone. There were 54 members and guests signed in. All rose for the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Membership and Car Update:**

- **Moment of Silence:** Jackie asked for a moment of silence for two founding Club members, Dave Fleenor and Bob Plassman, who recently passed away. The Club was well represented at the services for Dave and Bob and 16 Club cars did a drive down to Whittlers Bench at the end of Dave's service.
- **Joyce Pennock:** Bob stated that Joyce is doing well since her heart stent surgery.
- **New Members:** Everyone welcomed our newest members:
  - Michael Eller: 1976 Maroon TR6
  - Carl Schnepf: 2000 Red on Red Corvette
  - Frank Eberhardt: 1970 AMX and a 1994 Mustang GT Convertible
  - John Solek: 1948 Packard, 16,000 Original Miles

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

**Financials:**

- **Vote for New Treasurer:** Laura Clark was appointed by the Board for the position of Treasurer to complete the term of this position that was vacated by Kim Gardner on March 1<sup>st</sup>. The membership vote was unanimous to put Laura Clark in the position of Treasurer until December 31, 2026.
- **Treasurer's Report:**
  - **Account Balances:** Jackie reported the balances of both the General and Charity Funds as of March 16<sup>th</sup>.
  - **Membership:** As of tonight, 104 households, 184 members. There are 15 new members. Twenty-eight 2025 members did not renew.
- **Dues Renewal:** Jackie sent numerous reminders to those who had not as yet paid their dues. As of March 1<sup>st</sup>, anyone who had not paid dues was removed from the Club's roster and the Club's email list.
- **Banking:**
  - Jackie Winters and Laura Clark have been placed on the First Bank account. Kim Gardner was removed.
  - Jackie and Laura will be issued Debit Cards for use for Club expenses.
  - The Club credit card was cancelled.

**Facebook:** Susan Muldoon has begun working on the Club's Facebook account by putting out a St. Patrick's Day post. Jackie thanked Susan for taking on this task.

#### **Web Site:**

- Karl Adlon is keeping the site updated; however, Karl will be giving up this responsibility the end of April.
- Bob Wyski and Jackie will be taking over this responsibility.
- Bob and Jackie met with Karl on March 10<sup>th</sup> to discuss the future of the web site. The use of newer and more updated technology was discussed.
- Bob, with some assistance from his son, is exploring the use of AI to simplify tasks from hours of work to minutes/seconds.

**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:** Bob W. went through the upcoming Car Shows and Club activities as shown in the Club's calendar. He discussed the Club's calendar that is on the Club's web site ([www.capefearcruisers.com](http://www.capefearcruisers.com)). The postings on the calendar include the car show flyers and registration forms and can be easily accessed. Bob encouraged everyone to use the calendar to get this information as it is more efficient. Bob will continue to bring a few copies of flyers to the meetings, but will refer members to the web site in an effort to eliminate having to make unneeded copies of these flyers and wasting paper.
- **Mardi Gras Parade, February 21<sup>st</sup>:** Jackie thanked Jim & Helen Hunt for doing a great job coordinating this event. The rain held off and everyone had a great time. There was one war story as the Bridges decorations bled into the wrap Tim had on his truck and resulted in Tim having to have the truck painted. Jackie encouraged everyone to think about taking part in this parade next year.
- **Wendy's Cruise-Ins, Friday, 4-6 p.m. (weather permitting):**
  - Note the time change as a result of daylight savings time.
  - These events are often well attended and the old cars bring in a lot of people who are passing by. Jackie hoped to recruit a 19-year-old, Nolan, to join our Club as we need some young blood.
  - March 20<sup>th</sup> looks like the weather will be good. Jackie encouraged everyone to stop by.
- **Club's Annual Picnic, Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, Dorsett Pole Barn, Airport Road:**
  - The committee will be meeting on Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup> at Crosswinds.
  - The committee consists of: Lenny & Jackie Winters, Susan Muldoon, Scott & Rose Greathouse, Gary & Patti Quilliam, Laura Kropp and Vicki Heape.
  - The theme for the picnic will be announced at the April 21<sup>st</sup> Membership Meeting.

- **CLLEO (Car Loving Ladies Eating Out):**
  - Eleven ladies met at Paul's on Oak Island for the March gathering. Lots of conversation and good food was had.
  - Patti Quilliam and Nisey Sebak are open to suggestions for new places to dine.
- **Social Committee:**
  - **Cape Fear Winery Trip:** Jackie thanked Gary Quilliam and Stu Laidlaw for planning this outing. There were 31 folks in attendance and everyone had a wonderful time. The food and service were great and the venue was unique with all the artwork and memorabilia. There was also a gift store.
  - **Burgaw Drive and Dine, Thursday, March 26th:** Stu Laidlaw and Jackie spoke about the event:
    - Meet up is Bojangles. Leaving at 10 a.m.
    - Scenic 70-mile route along country roads to Burgaw with only two turns.
    - Burgaw has two huge antique shops and three or four good restaurants.
    - We can travel together to Burgaw and you can leave on your own once in Burgaw.
    - The sign-up sheet is on the table. Please sign-up so Stu knows how many maps to make.
- **Request for Participation:** Men's Night at the First Baptist Church of Oak Island
  - Club Member Steve Pardue connected Jackie with Pastor Jeff Atkinson.
  - The First Baptist Church has a Men's Night on the last Thursday of the month, 6-8 p.m.
  - For the April 30<sup>th</sup> 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:** Jackie and Peggy Lilly talked about merchandise:

- Judi Stevens has been handling the sales of our shirts and hats at the shows and the meetings.
- All merchandise on hand has been marked down.
- On March 16<sup>th</sup>, Peggy and Jackie met with a representative from Print Life Apparel, which is an online shirt/hat store located in Boiling Spring Lakes. They learned of this company from a Networking gathering through the Southport/Oak Island Chamber of Commerce. During the Networking session, they won a raffle for 24 free shirts from Print Life Apparel.
- This online store did not charge the Club anything for the set-up of our logo and artwork for the shirts.

- A variety of shirts, hats and jackets in a variety of colors can be purchased online using the QR scan code that Jackie hung up on the wall. Jackie demonstrated how easy it is to make a purchase.
- Payments are made through Apple Pay.
- Shirts can be shipped directly to the purchaser or picked up at the Grape & Ale on Oak Island. Orders greater than \$50 are shipped for free.
- Individuals purchase the merchandise directly using the QR scan code. If you have problems doing this, Peggy and Jackie will lend a hand.
- The online purchasing eliminates the need for the Club to carry an inventory of merchandise.
- No embroidery is done, but this company has a new process, which they believe we will like.
- In 5 minutes, Peggy designed the artwork for our Show Shirts using AI. The same shirt design will be used for both shows. These can be purchased via the QR scan code.
- There will be samples of the shirts and hats at the next membership meeting.

### **Sponsorship:**

- Jackie gave a detailed presentation as to the cash amount of sponsorship received to date and the non-cash donations received from businesses in town.
- We are a little behind where we were last year at this time, but Jackie expects this will change.
- Jackie stated that she is willing to go with you to a vendor you believe may want to provide sponsorship funds.

**April 25<sup>th</sup> Club Car Show:** Peggy Lilly provided the following updates about our April show that is celebrating the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the U.S. and the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our Club:

- **Volunteers:**
  - **Sign-up Sheet on Front Table:** Please check to see if your name is on the list. If not, please sign up for the task of your choosing
  - The show is 5 ½ weeks away and volunteers are still needed. If you don't know what you can do, talk with Peggy about where you will fit in.
- **Team Leaders:** Peggy hasn't met with Team Leaders about any changes.
- **Attendance:** Bob Lilly has sent out over 220 emails inviting past attendees to our April show. Many have Replied that they are coming. We know that three Adam 12 Police cars will be there.
- **Flyers:** Are on the front table. Please take some and place these in different businesses around town. Peggy and Bob will be taking flyers to the Run to the Sun show in Myrtle Beach and are looking for others who may be attending that show to give out flyers to those cars they think may attend our show.
- **Pre-registration Forms:** Are on the front table. \$20 to pre-register/\$25 the day of show.
- **Show Set-Up:** Ray Beasley will be the Lead and Lenny Winters the Co-Lead. Ray will be bringing the Club's trailer to the event at 5:30 a.m. and parking it in the Whitler's Bench area.

- **Club Car Parking and Judging:**
  - **Do Not Judge Cars (Club Cars):** Will park in Whittler's Bench area.
  - **Judged Cars (Club Cars):** Will park with all car show participants.
  - **Patriotically Painted or Wrapped Cars:** Will be parked together. If you know of someone who has such a car, please give them a flyer and invite them to the show. Parking for these cars will be discussed at the April Membership Meeting.
  - **Parking:** Peggy and Jim Hunt will be discussing the parking.
- **Barricades:** The water filled barricades will be in place during the show.
- **Band Update:** Vintage Voltage will be playing at both shows.
- **Band Trailers:** Two trailers are needed. Rich Largent will be bringing down his utility loaded with things for the show and to be used by the band. Kenny Doak has donated the use of his utility trailer, but someone has to pick it up and return it.
- **Show Photography:** Karl Adlon will be the Lead for photography. Ken Haubrich will be bringing his drone to take shots. A planning meeting will be held to discuss what pictures should be taken and by whom. A decision will be made how these pictures will be displayed on the web site. The final plan will be presented at the April membership meeting. Please sign-up if you want to be a part of the photography team.
- **Vendor Spaces:** Vendors must be at least \$300 sponsors to get a space at the show.
- **Radio Group:** George Fryer and his team have confirmed they will be helping at both of our 2026 shows. This group helps by patrolling our borders, assisting at the exists and providing their expertise in the event of an emergency.
- **Civil Air Patrol:** Will be providing a Color Guard at both shows.
- **Signage:** Phil Dudley will be setting out the signs on the road. If you think additional signs are needed inside the show, please let Peggy know.
- **Hospitality Shelter:** Water and hot dogs will be provided. Please bring breakfast and snack items to share with the volunteers.
- **Banner Logos:** This is coming along. A large banner, rather than the individual signs, will be used. There will be a Sponsor Board as well.
- **Important Dates:**
  - **Club Membership Meeting:** April 21<sup>st</sup>.
  - **Walkthrough for Show (at Whittler's Bench):** Wednesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 10 a.m. Everyone is encouraged to attend.
  - **Car Show:** Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, set-up starting as early as 5:30 a.m.

#### **October 31<sup>st</sup> Car Show:**

- **Flyer:** Completed
- **Dash Plaques:** Being designed
- **Best Decorated Vehicle:** The Hearse (Marty) is moving from the area and will not be attending the show.

**Trivia Question:** Bill Stenger provided tonight's trivia question:

- How many Dodge Chargers were used in the Dukes of Hazard TV show?
  - Answer: 309
  - Winner: No one guessed the right number.

**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.

**Other Comments:**

- **April 4<sup>th</sup>, New Hanover High School Car Show:** This show has been rescheduled multiple times because of the weather. Club participation was encouraged.
- **April 11<sup>th</sup>, Wings & Wheels, Cape Fear Regional Jetport:** Rich Largent updated the membership on EAA's show and encouraged participation. There will be a pancake breakfast (starting at 8 a.m.) and lunch service (starting at 11:30 a.m.). Registration is from 8:30-11:30 a.m., \$20.
- **April 12<sup>th</sup>, Car Show at Jeff Gordon, Wilmington:** There will be a lot of Corvettes.
- **Elks Information:** Carl Schnepf stated that the Elks have raised \$33,000 since April 1, 2025. All this money is distributed locally. They are currently doing a raffle for a golf cart (or \$5,000 if you can't use the golf cart). There is a \$1,000 second prize. The drawing is on September 6<sup>th</sup> at an event held at the Elks that all are invited to attend. See Carl if you want a raffle ticket or you can purchase these online.

**Celebrations:**

- **Birthdays:**
  - Karen Pardue, 3/1
  - Jeff Snyder, 3/2
  - Rich Largent, 3/3
  - Ken Haubrich, 3/4
  - Rick Otto, 3/31
- **Baby:** John Solek's daughter had a girl today.

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, 6 p.m. at the Oak Island Elks Lodge.

A motion was made by Elaine Faver to adjourn the meeting. Dennis Faver seconded this motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Minutes recorded and reported by Ginny Largent, Secretary