

Cape Fear Cruisers
Monthly Club Meeting
Oak Island VFW
Thursday, November 13, 2025

The meeting began at 6 p.m. President Peggy Lilly welcomed everyone. There were 56 members signed in. All rose for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Membership Update:

- New member Rich Cramer said he has a 1972 Red Corvette T-Top.
- Peggy welcomed back three members:
 - Dieter Cardwell—Dieter just purchased a 2025 White Corvette.
 - Frank Decker—He and his wife have been traveling in their RV.
 - Mickey Stenger—Her first meeting since her back surgery.

Name Tags: Peggy mentioned that name tags for members are up on the table.

Club Merchandise: Judi Stevens is selling the shirts and hats at tonight's meeting. Hats are \$20 and show shirts are \$15. We have limited sizes for the shirts.

Tri-Beach Sea Trail Show – November 8th

- The weather was perfect. There were about 130 cars present.
- Peggy gave out trophies to two recipients who left early:
 - Dennis Faver won 1970s 1st Place Domestic
 - Steve Pardue won a Top 10 trophy

Vicki Heape – WNC Collection: Vicki thanked everyone who brought items.

Christmas Party, December 11th:

- Kim Gardner stated that 40 people have signed up. There are 20 openings left.
- Wallace Catering will be catering the event. Members should bring appetizers and desserts.
- Coffee will be available.
- If you want to participate in the gift exchange, bring a wrapped gift. New is fine, but white elephant items are welcomed.
- Help will be needed at the end of the evening to clean up the room.

Nominations to Fill the President Vacancy:

- The President of the Executive Board is a 2-year term position. Peggy previously sent out the qualifications and duties of this position to the membership. This position is effective January 1, 2026.

- Peggy opened the floor for nominations for the Office of President
 - Lenny Winters nominated Jackie Winters for the position of President.
 - Jackie Winters accepted the nomination.
 - Peggy solicited the floor for other nominations.
 - No other nominations were made.
 - Peggy closed the nomination process.
- The Club elections will take place at the next meeting on December 11th.
- Peggy stated that Jackie has been a member since 2017. She has a lot of leadership experience. Peggy believes this will be a great transition.
- Jackie spoke:
 - She said the Club was blessed to have Peggy for being President and Bob as Peggy's right-hand person.
 - Jackie was a Physical Education teacher for 40 years.
 - She stated there is no "i" in Team. She looks forward to working with the volunteers.
 - She stated that our Club is the best Car Club in North and South Carolinas.

Financials:

- **Budget Changes and Ledger Updates:**
 - The Club has one bank account. The ledger reflects the balances for the General and the Charity Funds for audit purposes.
 - The General Fund income comes from dues and occasional donations. Also, those winnings from Club Participation Awards received go into the General Fund. This year, we received two such awards. Peggy referred to these as Blue Birds.
 - The Club voted in March 2025 for a budget for 2025. This was approved.
 - At that time, it was stated that by December 2025, the Club's General Fund was projected to have a negative balance. This was partially due to the fact that the dues collection was changed from October-December to January-March.
 - The beginning balance for 2025 was quite low and the Board planned to correct this for 2026.
 - In March, the Board authorized the movement of money from the Charity Fund to the General Fund to ensure there was sufficient funds available to cover the Club's expenses and cover the costs of the April show.
 - Several Club expenses increased in 2025: Insurance, our Mailbox and the Chamber of Commerce fee.
 - Peggy discussed the projected expenses for 2026 and the shortfall in funds in the General Fund to cover these expenses.
 - The Board authorized the transfer of sufficient funds from the Charity Fund to cover these expenses and expenses for the April show.
 - If there is any excess money in the General Fund at the end of 2026, the Board will take action to move this excess to the Charity Fund.

- **Treasurer’s Report:**
 - **Account Balances:** Kim Gardner, Treasurer, reported the balance of both the General and Charity Funds as of November 11th.
 - **Membership:** 126 households are members and 159 vehicles. There are 48 new members (26 households) in 2025.
- **Charity Fund:**
 - Peggy discussed the Charity payments that have been made to date. These Charities received donations from the Club:
 - Civil Air Patrol (CAP) for presenting the colors at our shows
 - Hospice in memory of Bill Mentel
 - Sarah Whitmer Scholarship for South Brunswick High School Students
 - Southport Cares
 - Peggy stated that the Club has \$20,000 left to donate for 2025. She presented the suggested donations, which the Club membership present will vote on.

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| ▪ Southport Police Department | \$ 1,000 (Shop with a Cop) |
| ▪ Southport Fireman’s Fund | \$ 1,000 |
| ▪ VFW Post 10226, Oak Island | \$ 500 |
| ▪ Brunswick County Toy Run | \$10,000 |
| ▪ Foundation of Brunswick Community College, Cape Fear Car Club Scholarship | <u>\$ 7,500</u> |
| TOTAL: | \$20,000 |

MOTION: Tim Bridges made a motion to approve a charity disbursement in the amount of \$20,000 to the five nonprofits as presented. Patti Quilliam seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion was carried by a unanimous vote.
 - Jim & Helen Hunt mentioned that they attended a luncheon at the Brunswick Community College to honor scholarship donors. They met the three students who received our Car Club’s scholarship. Two were studying to be Registered Nurses and one was studying to be a Paramedic. Jim did mention that there was no banner for the Club present. Peggy said she would work on that.

October Car Show Wrap-Up:

- Peggy stated that we had a wonderful show and the volunteers did an incredible job.
- Set-Up: Ray Beasley said that overall, things went well. We are still in a learning process, but problems were solved. Most volunteers arrived at 5:30-6 a.m. and this helped get things in place in time. Tear-down also went smoothly. Ray will be seeking volunteers to help with:
 - Building shelves in the trailer and
 - Getting uniform crates for the supplies. Jackie Winters suggested we get the crates from Lowes Hardware as their 2026 donation. Lowes starts donations on February 1, 2026.

- Peggy stated that we need to purchase the following as part of the 2026 budget:
 - Six radios,
 - Replace the rechargeable batteries for the radios and
 - Six Safety Vests.
- Parking:
 - Jim Hunt thanked all of the Parkers.
 - He said that there will be a Pre-Meeting for the next car show.
 - Additional parking help is needed on Bay Street.
 - It was difficult for those cars that needed to leave early to turn around on Bay Street. It did work out. Fortunately, there were only seven who left early.
- The CAP will need to park their trailer on Davis Street at future shows.
- There were a couple of large vehicles that attended: The Hearse and one car towing a boat. The Hearse also had a friend who came to sell merchandise. Peggy stated that nothing was said to these people; however, in the future the vendor will be told that he must make a \$100 donation in order to sell merchandise.
- Trophy for Best Decorated: Because the Hearse always wins the Best Decorated trophy, it was suggested that perhaps we have a first, second and third trophy for this category.
- Barricades: Jim said these were a blessing and a curse. Lenny Winters talked with the Fire Department personnel who were filling and emptying these barricades with water. As a result, the water was not a problem.
- Band Trailers: These trailers must be removed immediately at the end of the show. As we don't have a band for our next show, this may not be an issue.
- Peggy is talking to a suggested band.
- Bees: They were particularly bad this time, especially around our hospitality tables. Covers for the sweet items are needed.
- Health Episode: Landa Bridges assisted a person, who was having a health issue, get to his car where he had what was needed to solve the issue. He was fine. We are to call 911 for emergencies and help will be there quickly.
- Botero Golf Carts: We could have used one additional golf cart.
- Judging: Rich Largent thanked everyone who helped judge the cars. There were fourteen judges, seven teams of two. The scoring was uniform, which was great. Rich said the new judges were paired with a veteran judge and the teams work well together.
- Registration: Ginny stated that there were no problems. Four cars were registered by 6:30 a.m. and the team was ready. This team works well together.
- Shirts: Fifteen shirts were for sponsor, 40 were sold prior to the show and 36 shirts were sold at the show. There are 18 left; however, a few sold tonight.
- Safety When Leaving: There was an issue when leaving the car show at Davis and Moore Streets. Peggy will be talking with the Police Department about having an officer there to direct traffic.
- Cars Years 2000-2025: The 2026 Show Team will be looking at these years of cars to determine if there needs to be a change in the trophy groupings, especially with the Top 40.

- Peggy expressed her thanks to the 50/50 team.
- Income and Expenses: Peggy discussed the income from the pre-registered cars, the car show gate, the 50/50, merchandise sales and a new membership. She provided the profit number after expenses were deducted.
- The Back Porch Rockers donated the money they collected to the Brunswick County Toy Run.
- Peggy plans to lead the Show Team in 2026.
- Honoring the Back Porch Rockers: Jackie said that the speech Peggy gave when she awarded the Rockers the plaques for all they have done for our Club was moving. The crowd was really into it as well.

EAA's Veterans Day Pancake Breakfast: Rich Largent thanked all of the Club members who came out to the airport for the Veterans Day breakfast sponsored by Duke Energy. There were twenty-three Club members present. Money collected from this breakfast will go to a local charity.

Toy Run Update, December 13th:

- Flyers are available.
- Nisey brought her laptop to register volunteers to shop at WalMart.
- Peggy has twelve volunteers who will be on her team at the church.
- The church activities begin at 10 a.m.
- Activities at the church:
 - Auction
 - 50/50 sales
 - Poker run sales
 - Shirt sales
 - Lunch provided by Smithfields (buffet)
- All activities at the church will be supported by Peggy's team of volunteers.
- Appropriate auction items are needed. Contact Peggy if you have something to donate.
- There will be about 100 attendees (bikers, car clubs, friends and sponsors of the Toy Run).
- The cost is \$25, which includes lunch, a long-sleeve shirt, and a poker hand.
- Shirts will be available at the church for sale.
- Everyone will be leaving the church at 1:30 p.m. and driving to WalMart.
- Protected parking for classic cars and motorcycles will be provided at WalMart. Karl Adlon will be monitoring the parking area.
- Registration at WalMart will begin at 2 p.m. and the shopping will begin.

Social Committee: Peggy thanked Gary Quilliam for arranging the dinner at the Sea Biscuit Café. It was nice. Ten members attended.

Holiday Parades:

- Christmas By the Sea Parade on Oak Island, Saturday, December 6th – Jim Hunt is the point of contact.
- Light Up the Night Parade in Southport, Friday, December 12th – Peggy is the point of contact. We will be meeting at Wendy's and driving down together. Please have lights on/in your car. The police are talking to the Fire Engine folks about the use of the sirens. This was an issue last year.

Ladies Lunch: Thursday, November 20th at Fish Factory.

Next Meeting: Thursday, December 11th, Oak Island VFW, 6 p.m. Elections will take place and our Christmas Party.

Chili: Peggy thanked Landa Bridges for the great Chili she brought tonight.

Celebrations:

- Patti Quilliam's birthday is today.
- Star Tolbert's birthday was 11/1.
- Dale Tolbert's birthday is 11/29.
- Mel & Eliza Burns' are celebrating their anniversary.

Bob Pennock is looking for a portable sewing machine to purchase. Someone offered to fix Bob's broken machine.

Peggy asked the membership keep our club members who are struggling with health issues in their prayers.

A motion was made by Mel Burns to adjourn the meeting. Dave Lippincott seconded this motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

Minutes recorded and reported by Ginny Largent, Secretary