

Cape Fear Cruisers
Monthly Club Meeting
Oak Island VFW
Thursday, September 11, 2025

The meeting began at 6:04 p.m. President Peggy Lilly welcomed everyone. There were 35 members signed in. All rose for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Member Updates:

- Dale Tolbert: Peggy said that Dale is doing well and wants to thank everyone for the cards and visits. He is going for physical therapy at the Little River facility three times weekly. Help is needed to drive him there as this is too much for Star. He still has the feeding tube in. Still waiting on the speech therapist. He and Star planned to attend tonight's meeting, but Dale fell today. Fortunately, he is not hurt.
- After Saturday's car show, Landa's Camero had to be towed. The alternator had to be replaced.

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

Treasurer's Report:

- **Account Balances:** Kim Gardner, Treasurer, reported the balance of both the General and Charity Funds as of September 11th.
- **Membership:** 122 households are members, which yields 219 members. In 2025, we gained 41 new members and 24 households.
- **Purchases:** Today, two flat carts were purchased for use in the Club's trailer to hold chairs and to be used to move items during the show.

New Sponsors:

- Joe & Jean Castagnola brought in a Silver Sponsor—Family Chiropractic
- 3D Home Care became a Diamond Sponsor and their logo will be on the shirt.

Club Merchandise: There was no merchandise available for sale tonight.

Miscellaneous:

- **Brunswick Community College Appreciation Luncheon:** Our Club has donated toward a scholarship for the College. Peggy recently received four thank you cards from the students who received funds from this scholarship. The College is holding an appreciation luncheon for its sponsors. Jim & Helen Hunt will be representing our Club at this luncheon and will be seated with those students who received scholarships from our Club's donation.

- **Lion's Club Show:**
 - The Club won the Car Participation Award at the Lion's Car Show. We had about 24 Club cars there.
 - Tim Bridges won the car club challenge at the Lion's show. This included a fan belt toss and corn hole. Tim received a trophy and two gift cards.
 - The Club received a bucket of car supplies at the Lion's Show. These items will be used as prizes for the Trivia Question at our meetings.
- **Cars in the Park Show – Sun Coast Cruisers:**
 - This show was moved from Ft. Fisher to Belville River Park. This was because the fees increased at Ft. Fisher and some participants complained that the location was too out of the way. Also, there was too much ground to cover for the Sun Coast Cruisers Members.
 - At the Belville River Park, they were able to run the show with about 10 members. Their membership is aging out and they are trying to recruit new members.
 - There were approximately 150 cars.
- **Western North Carolina** – Vickie Heape will be making a trip to Western North Carolina to take supplies.

Updates from Nisey Sebak – Three items:

1. **Ladies Lunch:**
 - a. 402 women have attended the ladies' luncheon since its start on September 20, 2022.
 - b. The September 17th luncheon will be at Wing & Fish in Shallotte.
 - c. The October luncheon will be at the Southport Community Center to support the Empty Bowls program.
 - d. Everyone thanked Nisey and Patty Quilliam for the wonderful job they do organizing these lunches.
2. **Toy Run, December 13, 2025:**
 - a. There are a lot of jobs to be done at and for the Toy Run. Nisey encouraged everyone to sign up for the December 13th shopping day at WalMart in Shallotte.
 - b. Help is needed prior to the Toy Run to:
 - i. Hand out Toy Run Flyers at the various car shows and events.
 - ii. Work an information booth at five different events. Two people are needed for each event. Dates of the events are: 10/5—Shallotte Rebellion Ride event; 10/11—Bolivia event; 10/25—Cruisers' Car Show; 11/8—TriBeach Cruisers' Car Show; and 11/22—Little River event. There is no golf cart being raffled off this year.
 - c. Help is needed at the Poker Run – Celebration of the Toy Run that has been going on since 1992. This is held at a church in Holden Beach prior to going over to WalMart for shopping. Help is needed with:
 - i. Registration
 - ii. Auction

- iii. 50/50
 - d. Toy Run Shopping help needed:
 - i. Volunteer Coordinator—Need to be available the day of and prior to the event. Handles Shoppers and Registration.
 - ii. WalMart Coordinator – Stage Manager
 - iii. Parent/Child Coordinator at WalMart
- 3. **Brunswick County Board of Elections:** Nisey is looking for help working the election polls in Brunswick County. Anyone who will be 17 years old by November 4th and lives in Brunswick County can work the polls. Training is provided and this is a paid position.

Planning for the Future: Updates on the restructuring of the Club's organization:

- **Show Planning Team Update:**
 - **Volunteer Coordinator:** Laura Clark is taking on this job. She will be sending out emails to the membership about help needed for car show tasks and instructions. She will also coordinate information provided on the sign-up sheets that are on the front table at each meeting.
 - **Trophy Selection and Management:** Gary Quilliam and Stu Laidlaw are working together on this. Peggy have provided them with guidelines and they will be meeting with Matt Hinson, Wilmington Engraving.
 - **Parking Team Leader:** Jim Hunt is the lead and Lenny Winters will be Co-Lead.
 - **Show Set-Up Team Leader:** Ray & June Beasley have organized the Club's Trailer. Ray will be the Lead for set-up and tear-down at the show; however, he does need help.
 - **Registration and Judging Sheets:** Ginny Largent is the Lead and Shelia Swanson is the Co-Lead.
 - **Head Judge:** Rich Largent is the Lead. Twelve judges are needed. Training will be provided.
 - **Sponsors:** Jackie Winters is the Lead.
- **More Show Updates:**
 - **Sign-up Sheet** – On the front table at every meeting. Need volunteers to:
 - Help with Set-up. This will start at 6 a.m.
 - Help with Tear-down and clean up after the show is over.
 - Car parkers are needed. You will be trained.
 - Car Judges are needed. Training will be provided.
 - Golf Cart Drivers are needed. Peggy is talking with Botero about providing golf carts. Joyce Pennock will be bringing her cart and Robin Summers may have the use of her neighbor's cart.
 - 50/50 Sales and Ticket Tearers: Always need folks to sell and tear tickets. Because the trophy award time is being moved up, the time to end the sale of tickets will also be moved up.
 - Distribution of the Neighborhood Letters – These letters make the businesses and the residents aware that we are holding a car show and what streets will be blocked off.

- **Trophies** – If ready, we plan to give the trophies out at 2 p.m. The award time has been moved up to accommodate the Doshier Hospital 5K Run/Walk that will begin at 4 p.m. They will be running down Bay Street.
- **Events Going on During the Car Show:**
 - Bowser Bash, Ft. Johnston, 10 a.m.-Noon – This event will be going on during the car show.
 - Pirates event at the Yacht Basin
 - Witches event throughout the city
- **Barricades:** Our event requires Level 3 Security (concrete/water filled barricades).
 - New barricades (water filled) will be put in place at 6 a.m. and will be removed at 2 p.m.:
 - Howe and Moore Streets
 - Howe and Bay Streets (Oliver’s) – The Back Porch Rockers have been made aware of how to access their area.
 - Atlantic and Bay Streets
 - There will be a forklift kept near Oliver’s to move these barricades and a driver will be made available.
 - Peggy met with the Southport Police Department to discuss car show accommodations. These guidelines have been shared with the Board and the Parking Team.
 - All cars must enter and leave using Davis Street during the car show.
- **Radios** – Dave Lippincott has requested someone to work with him on the Club’s radios (distribution, retrieval, charging and clean-up).
- **Walkthru, Wednesday, October 22nd, 10 a.m.** – All leads should attend and any interested volunteers. The City of Southport staff will also be in attendance.

Social Committee:

- **September 25th, Ingram Planetarium, 11:30 a.m.** – Meeting at the Planetarium lobby at 11:30 a.m. to purchase tickets (\$8-\$12). Lunch is being planned at Maria’s Pizza in Ocean Isle Beach at 1:30 p.m. Text or email Joan Yaros if you are interested in attending. (703-927-3458, jmyaros@gmail.com)

Brunswick County Agricultural Fair & Expo – Jackie Winters wanted to make everyone aware of the first Brunswick County Agricultural Fair & Expo to be held on October 15-19, 2025, Sump Hill Farms, 2030 Ash Little River Road, N.W., Ash, NC 28420. General admission is \$7-cash/\$8-card and the ticket for rides is \$25.

Social Media:

- Several publications in the area have carried articles about our Club’s activities:
 - Brunswick Market Place had an unsolicited article on our show. Peggy sent them a thank you card and has included them on our publications list.

- South Brunswick Magazine had an article and a picture of the Club's presentation of the donation to the Brunswick Community College.
- **Volunteer Needed for Publicity:** The articles have been written. We need someone to notify the different publications in the area.

2025 Club Activities and Car Shows:

- **Cape Fear Cruisers Friday Night Cruise-In, 4-6 p.m., Next to Wendy's on 211:**
These are weather dependent.
- **September 13th - Hot Rods Cruise-In at Smithfield's in Shallotte, 4-7 p.m.**
- **September 13th - Demolition Derby, Haw Hill in Winnabow (off Rt. 17),** Gates open at 3 p.m.; event starts at 5 p.m. \$25 Come early.
- **September 17th, Wednesday - (Nisey) CLLEO – Ladies of the Club Luncheon –** Wing & Fish in Shallotte at 11:30 a.m.
- **September 17th, Wednesday - Wheels By The Sea Cruise-In, 5-7 p.m.:** Southport Crossing at Tractor Supply
- **September 20th, Leland Under the Lights:** 3-8 p.m., Registration \$25 (North Brunswick Chamber of Commerce)
- **September 28th, Sunday – Smithfield's Hot Rod Cruise-In, Shallotte, 3:30-6:30 p.m.**
- **October 4th, Saturday – Black's Tire in Loris, SC – 9th Annual Eddie Pierce Charity Car Show:** Must be registered by 10 a.m. Free food.
- **October 4th, Saturday – Wilmington's Riverfest, 9 a.m.**
- **October 11th - All Ford Car & Truck Show, Registration 8 a.m.-noon:** Lifepoint Church, 3600 S. College Road, Wilmington, Pre-registration--\$25, Day of Show Registration--\$30
- **October 16-18 – Cruisin' the Beach Car Show & Swap Meet:** Broadway at the Beach, Myrtle Beach, SC
- **October 18th, Saturday – Cape Fear Optimist Club “Fill Up the Outfield”, Wilmington**
- **October 25th, Saturday - CFC Classic Cars ‘n Rock ‘n Roll Car & Truck Show**
- **November 8th - Oysters & Octane at Shuckin's Shack, Leland**
- **November 8th - Tri-Beach Cruisers Fall Classic Car Show, Sea Trail Resort, Sunset Beach.** \$15 Registration from 9-11 a.m.; Fan participation voting

Trivia Question: None this evening.

Next Meeting: Thursday, October 9th, OKI VFW: There will be no food. Everyone will be on their own. You may bring food to the meeting.

Celebrations: Peggy asked who was celebrating a birthday or anniversary.

- **Birthdays:** 9/5 – Bob Pennock (80th), 9/19 – Lenny Winters and 9/22 – Nisey Sebak
- **Anniversaries:** 9/8 – Karl & Mary Jean Adlon (46 years) and 9/14 – Dave & Gail Lippincott (55 years)

A motion was made by Tim Bridges to adjourn the meeting. Helen Hunt seconded this motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Minutes recorded and reported by Ginny Largent, Secretary.