

**Cape Fear Cruisers**  
**Monthly Club Meeting**  
**Oak Island VFW**  
**Thursday, July 10, 2025**

The meeting began at 6:03 p.m. President Peggy Lilly welcomed everyone. There were 33 members signed in and two guests. All rose for the Pledge of Allegiance.

**New Members and Guests:**

- New Members Randy & Laura Clark, who Peggy met at the Rt. 17 Chevrolet Car Show, joined the Club this evening. They have a 1972 Nova.
- Guest Steve Coffman has a 2005 Mustang he wants to sell.
- Guest Dan Jasinski has a 1965 Nova SS.

**New Cars/Cars for Sale:**

- Joe & Jean Castagnola just purchased a 1972 Pontiac Grand Prix. This was a barn find that hadn't seen the light of day for 18 years. They are working on cleaning the dirt and dust off of it. Any suggestions for cleaning it up would be appreciated.
- Curt Mason asked if anyone knows who the owner is of the 1947 Maroon Pickup Truck that was sitting on the parking lot by Cook Out. Someone suggested he talk to Eric Wilson.
- Gary Quilliam said he got his Duster back finally. He is changing the radio in the car and no longer needs the booster he has, which he will leave on the front table for anyone who wants it.
- Recommendations were made for Doran's Transmission and Performance Collision both in Shallotte.

**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 July 10<sup>th</sup>.
- **Membership:** 116 households are members, which yields 209 members and 147 vehicles.

**Donations and Miscellaneous:**

- A \$500 donation was made to Sarah Whitmer's scholarship fund. The money is paid directly to the college, not the student. We have not as yet heard from the scholarship recipient to know where to send the funds.

- Two new sponsors are Foster Insurance and Brookelynn Premium Cigars. Brookelynn Premium Cigars, which is located at River and Bethel Roads, wants to vend at our October car show.

#### **Cruise-ins Changes:**

- **Coastal Pointe Assisted Living, Shallotte, Rt. 17:** Being rescheduled for September.
- **Brunswick Cove Living Center:** Being rescheduled for September. 1478 River Rd., Winnabow
- **Drive-by for Jiraiya's 4<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party:** Sunday, July 20<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 p.m. (off Long Beach Rd. near the church)

**Club Merchandise:** New hats - \$20. Judy Stevens has.

**October Show Vendors:** Peggy is receiving requests through the Club's Facebook's Messenger from businesses who would like to vend at the Club's October Show. Because we do not want vendors who will be competing with the local Southport businesses, Peggy turned down the following requests: Lemonade Stand, Salt & Sand Mobile Coffee and some Food Trucks. Other vendors who were denied are Growatpip (t-shirts, hats, hoodies, air fresheners, custom floor mats, etc.) and Rhimi Creations (do on-the-spot custom tumblers). Rhimi did not want to give the required \$100 sponsorship.

#### **Planning for the Future – Show Planning:**

- At the June Club Membership meeting, the following was discussed:
  - The difference between “Show Planning” vs. “Show Day Support”. We are looking for planners.
  - How our success has created a lot of extra work for the members/volunteers.
  - How we need to work together to decide what kind of show(s) we are able to support in 2026. We need more volunteers.
  - What is currently being offered to attract sponsors and how much work that entails. Jackie Winters is thinking on this.
  - Should we cut back to one show rather than two. It is okay to have fewer cars attend and have less money in the charity fund.
  - The need to get sufficient volunteers to support the shows in the future.
- **Team Needed for Show Planning** – This is a draft organization chart. Tasks can be changed or merged with another area. This team will hopefully help in the recruitment of a new President. We need to look for volunteers now. Peggy is willing to answer questions, be more specific with the tasks and walk the volunteers through the tasks. There is a sign-up sheet on the front table for members to sign up for the following lead roles. Jackie Winters suggested that multiple people may be willing to sign up for a specific lead role (Buddy System). The Lead Roles are as follows:
  - **2 Volunteers – Show Leader and Co-Leader:** Probably will also be a Board Member. (NOTE: Peggy may agree to do this if other volunteers step forward for the other positions.)

- **1 Volunteer – Show Planning:** Trophies, dash plaques, t-shirts, entertainment
- **1 Volunteer – Show Execution:** In charge of coordination the day of the show
- **Marketing and Publicity:** Facebook, Web Site, Flyer, Articles for newspaper (Peggy has been using AI to write some of these articles.)
- **Sponsorships:** Jackie Winters and her Team
- **1 Volunteer – Volunteer Coordinator:** Get volunteers signed up, email volunteers necessary instructions (35-50 Volunteers)
- **1 Volunteer – Show Logistics and Equipment:** Toilets, golf carts, signs (New vendor – SeaWay Printers on Long Beach Rd. was used for the April Show)
- **Registration and Financials:** Ginny Largent and Kim Gardner handle
- **New President:** May change things. This Show Planning Team may help to attract a new President

### **2025 Club Activities and Car Shows:**

- **Cape Fear Cruisers Friday Night Cruise-In, 5-7 p.m., Next to Wendy's on 211:**  
These are weather dependent.
- **The Landings Car Show, Saturday, July 12<sup>th</sup>, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.:** \$25 – Fundraiser for those residents who have no support. Can accommodate 80 cars. 2910 Pine Plantation Parkway, Bolivia, NC 28422 (Off of Rt. 211).
- **Wheels By The Sea Cruise-In, Wednesday, July 16<sup>th</sup>, 6-8 p.m.:** Southport Crossing at Tractor Supply
- **Tri-Beach Cruisers and Planet Fund Drive-In, Sunday, July 13<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 p.m.:** Movie, Gone in 60 Seconds, \$10 per car, Planet Fun, 349 Whiteville Rd, NW, Shallotte
- **(Nisey) Ladies of the Club Luncheon, Thursday, July 17<sup>th</sup>, 11:30 a.m.:** St. James at the Mangiare at Players Club. Limited to 14 attendees. Non-St. James residents will have to have permission granted to enter through the gate.
- **Hot Rods Cruise-In at Smithfield's in Shallotte:** No Cruise-Ins in July and August. Next Cruise-In will be September 7<sup>th</sup>.
- **Sun Coast Cruisers Cars in the Park Car Show, September 6<sup>th</sup>, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.:** Pre-registration--\$20, Day of Show Registration--\$25, Registration 9-11 a.m., Belville Riverwalk Park, 580 River Rd, Belville
- **Leland Under the Lights:** The North Brunswick Chamber of Commerce is getting the needed approvals to change the date to September 20<sup>th</sup>.
- **Ingram Planetarium, Ocean Isle Beach, September 25<sup>th</sup>**
- **All Ford Car & Truck Show, October 11<sup>th</sup>, Registration 8 a.m.-noon:** Lifepoint Church, 3600 S. College Road, Wilmington, Pre-registration--\$25, Day of Show Registration--\$30
- **Oysters & Octane at Shuckin's Shack, Leland, November 8<sup>th</sup>**
- **Tri-Beach Sea Trail Car Show, November 8<sup>th</sup>:** No flyer yet

**Trivia Question:** None this evening. Let Peggy know if you have a trivia question for a future meeting.

**Next Meeting: Thursday, August 14<sup>th</sup>, OKI VFW:** There will be no food at the August membership meeting. Everyone will be on their own. You may bring food to the meeting.

**Celebrations:** Peggy asked who was celebrating a birthday or anniversary. There were a lot of birthdays: Dave Gallo 7/13, Kim Gardner 7/31, Curt Mason 7/16, Karl Adlon 7/14 and Karl mentioned that Helen Hunt will also be celebrating a birthday this month. Lots of anniversaries as well: Dan Jasinski 7/14 36 years, Joe & Jean Castagnola 53 years, Rich & Ginny Largent 7/14 35 years and Bob & Joyce Pennock 7/29 58 years.

**Looking for Used Car Dolly for Camper:** Mel Burns is looking for a used car dolly to attach to back of his camper trailer. Wants to spend around \$800.

A motion was made by Mel Burns to adjourn the meeting. Dale Tolbert seconded this motion. The meeting adjourned at 7 p.m.

Minutes recorded and reported by Ginny Largent, Secretary.