

Cape Fear Cruisers
Monthly Club Meeting
Oak Island VFW
Thursday, June 12, 2025

The meeting began at 6 p.m. President Peggy Lilly welcomed everyone. There were 30 members signed in and no guests. All rose for the Pledge of Allegiance.

New Cars/Cars for Sale:

- Bob & Peggy Lilly purchased another car – 1964 Studebaker Daytona Convertible. They bought the car from Stu Laidlaw. Stu brought this car down today from Connecticut along with five other cars. Stu has a building on Rt. 211 that he has been 2 years completing. Perhaps he will have an Open House at some point.

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

Board Meeting: There will be no Board meeting in July 2025.

Treasurer's Report:

- **Account Balances:** Kim Gardner, Treasurer, reported the balance of both the General and Charity Funds as of June 12th.
- **Membership:** 115 households have renewed their membership, which yields 202 members and 148 vehicles.

Donations and Miscellaneous:

- A \$100 donation was made to Ellen Dorsett for the use of her pole barn for our Chapter picnic. Ms. Dorsett used our donations to purchase new chairs. This was from the General Fund.
- A \$500 donation was made to Sarah Whitmer's scholarship fund. Seven students were given a scholarship for their college tuition. The money is paid directly to the college, not the student.

Annual Club Picnic: The Club picnic took place on Saturday, June 7th at the Dorsett Pole Barn. Jackie Winters and her team did a great job putting the event and the activities together. A good time was had by all who attended and the food was delicious. Thanks to Lenny and Gary for cooking. The Music Bingo was a big hit. Peggy thanked everyone for their donations to the tip jar for the ladies who conducted the Music Bingo. Thanks go to Jackie Winters, Gary & Pattie Quilliam, Lenny Winters, Kim Gardner and Laura Kropp for a great time.

Cruise-ins Changes:

- **June 26th, Thursday, Coastal Pointe Assisted Living, Shallotte, 1-3 p.m.:** Participants will be lunching at Smithfield's in Shallotte prior to going to the Assisted Living facility. A sign-up sheet is on the front table.

- **July 4th:** There will be no Cruise-in at the Wendy's on July 4th.

Planning for the Future – Show Planning:

- Currently our shows are being held in the City of Southport. There could be some changes in Southport that may impact having shows at this location; specifically, the city may be charging for their support and the city may have paid parking in the future.
- Peggy pointed out that there is a difference between “show planning” and “show day planning”.
- As our shows have increased in popularity and success, additional work is required to ensure safety of the participants.
- The Club members need to work together and decide what kind of show(s) we are able to support.
- Additional volunteers are needed. We have members who are aging out and those who have sold their cars and are not returning to the Club.
- Sponsorship has been a big part of the shows. This has resulted in additional work to acknowledge their support—two T-shirts, signage at the show, social media recognition, etc. We had over 50 sponsors for the April show.
- Betty Taccard is conducting a class to train Dave Lippincott, Karl Adlon and Mel & Liza Burns on administering the Club's website.
- We need someone to handle our Facebook page.
- We may need to determine if we want to do one show a year, or have two shows, one of which may be participant judged.
- In the past, the Club had two shows without all the extra work and did fine. We need to work smarter and share the workload. We don't need to have 200 cars participate. We don't need to donate \$27,000 to charity. Many years, we donated \$10,000 or less and had great shows.
- Our membership has each other, our social events are increasing and we still love the car hobby.
- Peggy provided a handout (see attached draft document) to the membership to help them understand what is involved in planning the car shows with the hope of getting additional volunteers who will take on the Lead and Co-Lead responsibilities. NOTE: This document is based on how our shows are currently run.
 - Peggy would like to use the October show as practice for implementing this show team plan. She will work with volunteers to let them know what needs to be done and to introduce them to her contacts for completing these tasks.
 - Even though team leaders may have numerous areas of responsibility, some tasks could be pulled out and handled by another volunteer.
 - Peggy identified some Leads hoping they would continue to handle these functions, but other tasks need volunteers.
 - Volunteers Needed:
 - Show Leader/Coordinator—Lead and Co-Lead
 - Show Planning—Lead and Co-Lead

- Marketing & Publicity—Lead and Co-Lead This includes Facebook, Club’s website and photography. This could be three people.
 - Dave Lippincott, Karl Adlon and Mel & Liza Burns are being trained on administering the Club’s website.
 - Mel Burns stated that at the April show, there were numerous photographers taking the same pictures, which resulted in redundancy. In the future, photographers need to be assigned specific areas.
 - Sponsorship: Jackie Winters is the Leader, but a Co-Leader is needed.
 - Volunteer Coordinator: Lead and Co-Lead The footprint document is done for all the volunteer tasks, but someone needs to handle recruitment and management.
 - Show Logistics & Equipment: Lead and Co-Lead
 - Registration & Financials: Currently Ginny Largent and Kim Gardner are handling these tasks.
 - Presidential Duties
 - Peggy asked for comments.
 - Bob Pennock asked if these tasks could be broken down into specific responsibilities. Peggy stated that these could and if someone wants to only handle one or two of the responsibilities under a specific task, this is negotiable.
 - Tom Kelly relayed that when a volunteer group he belonged to in Maryland had difficulty getting volunteers because they had gotten too big, they paid someone to handle some of the responsibilities.
 - Peggy stated that currently we have a core group of about 30 volunteers with a smaller group to run the Club. More members need to step up and help.
- Peggy thanked Ray Beasley for taking on the tasks of printing the flyers for the meetings, answering the messages left on the Club’s phone and answering the requests received on our website.

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.
- **Southport Fire Department Poker Run, Saturday, June 14th, 10 a.m.:** This is a fundraiser for the EMS program.
- **Ladies of the Club Luncheon (Nisey or Pattie Quilliam), Wednesday, June 18th, 11:30 a.m.:** Frying Pan in Southport at the Yacht Basin
- **Wheels By The Sea Cruise-In, Wednesday, June 18th, 6-8 p.m.:** Southport Crossing at Tractor Supply (Note new times)
- **Blueberry Festival, Saturday, June 21st:** \$25, Registration is 8-11 a.m. Let Peggy know if you are going to this show. She will get flyers to you for our October show to hand out.
- **Hot Rods Cruise-In at Smithfield’s in Shallotte, Sunday, June 22nd, 5-8 p.m.**

- **Cruise-In at Coastal Pointe Assisted Living in Shallotte, Thursday, June 26th, 1-3 p.m.:** Lunch at Smithfield's prior to going to the Assisted Living facility.
- **The Landing Car Show, Saturday, July 12th, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.:** \$25 Admission, The Landings of Oak Island, 2910 Pine Plantation Parkway, Bolivia This is a fundraiser for dropoffs—those who are under Medicaid.
- **Tri-Beach Cruisers and Planet Fund Drive-In, Sunday, July 13th, 8:30 p.m.:** Movie, Gone in 60 Seconds, \$10 per car, Planet Fun, 349 Whiteville Rd, NW, Shallotte
- **Sun Coast Cruisers Cars in the Park Car Show, September 6th, 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
- **All Ford Car & Truck Show, October 11th, Registration 8 a.m.-noon:** Lifepoint Church, 3600 S. College Road, Wilmington, Pre-registration--\$25, Day of Show Registration--\$30

Social Committee:

- **September 25th, Ingram Planetarium, \$8-\$12:** Time will be 1 or 2 p.m., Lunch location TBD, afterward—Spilt Milk for ice cream/Gelato

Trivia Question: Charles Farley provided the question: What American car in 1942 had a feature we did not see again until 1963? Answer: Hidden headlamps There was no winner.

Next Meeting: Thursday, July 10th, OKI VFW:

- There will be no food at the July and August membership meetings. Everyone will be on their own. You may bring food to the meeting.
- Peggy is looking for a speaker for the meeting. Let her know if you have any suggestions.

Celebrations: Peggy asked who was celebrating a birthday or anniversary. There were a lot of birthdays: Rob Kropp 6/12 (Laura brought cake to celebrate.), Landa Bridges on Tuesday, Robin Summers 6/1, Lani Faver this past Tuesday, Kathy Snyder, and Tom Kelly 6/29. Starr & Dale Tolbert celebrated their anniversary on 6/6.

A motion was made by Tim Bridges to adjourn the meeting. Bill Stenger seconded this motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Minutes recorded and reported by Ginny Largent, Secretary.