

Cape Fear Cruisers
Monthly Club Meeting
Oak Island VFW
Thursday, October 9, 2025

The meeting began at 6 p.m. President Peggy Lilly welcomed everyone. There were 45 members signed in. All rose for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Member/Sponsor Updates:

- Dale Tolbert: Peggy said that Dale & Starr attended the Smithfield Cruise-In on Saturday. He is still on the feeding tube and getting physical therapy. Peggy read the thank you card from Dale & Starr. They are grateful for all the Chapter has done for them. Dale & Starr are planning to attend our car show on the 25th.
- Ray DiGuseppe, who is a sponsor, bought a 2017 Corvette C-7 Grand Sport Collector's Edition, #75 in a limited series.

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

Financials:

- **Treasurer's Report:**
 - **Account Balances:** Kim Gardner, Treasurer, reported the balance of both the General and Charity Funds as of October 9th.
 - **Membership:** 122 households are members, which yields 219 members and 153 vehicles. In 2025, we gained 41 new members and 24 households.
- **Deposits:** Our Club won the Club Car Participation Award at the North Chamber of Commerce's Leland Under the Lights show. This is a monetary award. The check is in the mail.
- **Club Budget Transactions Needing the Membership Vote:**
 - **Club Donation to Southport Cares:** In light of the tragedy that occurred in Southport on September 27th, Peggy asked the membership if they wanted to make a donation to "Southport Cares" to help those impacted by this tragic event. Southport Cares is a 501(c)(3) organization whose goal and focus is to unite the people of Southport under one purpose—that no member of our community goes through a crisis alone. They help people get back on their feet and begin their journey to recovery.
 - **MOTION:** Cape Fear Cruisers members approve a Charity Fund disbursement in the amount of \$500 to Southport Cares. Tim Bridges proposed this motion and Bob Pennock seconded it. A vote was taken of the membership present at the meeting and the motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

- **Budgeting for Insurance Coverage for the Club and its Directors and Officers (D&O):** Peggy presented that the Board is working with two insurance companies to get quotes for insurance for our Club Liability Insurance, D&O Liability Insurance and Terrorism Insurance. Based on current information gathered, the cost will be approximately \$1,100 (\$350 Club Liability + \$650 D&O Liability + \$100 Terrorism). Peggy thanked Rob Kropp for contacting insurance companies to get the quotes and Kim Gardner for helping complete the paperwork. We are currently working with two insurance companies and are waiting on bids. The goal is to have this insurance in place by our October 25th car show. We do currently have Club Liability insurance in place at up to \$3 million. Our 2025 budget needs to be revised to cover these insurance costs and membership approval is needed. Peggy was originally looking for \$1,200 to cover these costs, but after a discussion with the members present it was suggested to raise the amount to \$1,500.
 - **MOTION:** Cape Fear Cruisers members approve a budget up to \$1,500 for 2025 for disbursement from the General Fund to cover the cost of Club Liability Insurance, Officers & Directors Liability Insurance and Terrorism Insurance. The motion was proposed by Gary Quilliam and seconded by Joe Castagnola. A vote was taken of the members present at the meeting and the motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

Club Merchandise: The show shirts arrived. Judi Stevens is selling the shirts and hats at tonight's meeting and at the show. Hats are \$20 and show shirts are \$25. We have sizes small through 3X. The show shirts are in support of our Diamond sponsors. We have 85 shirts to sell.

Miscellaneous:

- **Brunswick Community College:** Jim & Helen Hunt will be representing the Club at the Scholarship Donor Luncheon on Friday, October 10th. Typically, they seat you with the recipient(s) of our scholarship.

October 25th Show Updates:

- **Walk Through** – Will be on Wednesday, October 22nd at 10 a.m. at the pavilion near Whittler's Bench.
- **Pre-Walk Through** – Peggy will be having a pre-walk through with parkers to discuss the placement of the vendors and where to park those participants who want to leave the show early.
- **Meeting with Tom Stanley, Lt. Moore, Chief Corning and Doshier Hospital 5K Run** – Peggy will be attending this meeting on October 22nd prior to the Club's walk through meeting. She has a list of questions for them.
- **Barricades:**
 - The State of North Carolina is under a Level 3 Security Alert, which means concrete barriers or equivalent must be used to close off streets.

- Southport uses folding barriers that are filled with 250 gallons of water. These are moved with a forklift, which will be kept outside of the barriers so as to not take parking spaces.
- Barricades will go in place starting at 6 a.m. and will be removed beginning at 2 p.m. Barricades will be placed at Howe and Moore Streets, Howe and Bay Streets (Olivers) and Atlantic and Bay Streets.
- Portable barricades are going to be used when the barricades are removed to ensure that the public doesn't start driving into the area until the show cars have left. This may also necessitate volunteers being with these barricades.
- Davis Street will be the only way in and out of the show during the actual show.
- There will be more of a police presence during the show.
- Letters will be distributed to the residents and businesses 2 weeks prior to the show. Thank you Tim & Landa Bridges for doing this.
- The Back Porch Rockers will be playing from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. This will be one of their last shows as the group is retiring.
- Radios will be in the trailer so these will be available when set-up begins.
- Powered lights will be available as well because it will be dark when we start.
- Judges Meeting – All judges will be meeting at the Registration pavilion at 9:30 a.m.
- The Awards Presentations will begin at 2 p.m. to enable a 4 p.m. start of the Doshier Hospital 5K Run/Walk.
- Please bring snacks for our hospitality table.
- Spikes will be providing 60 hot dogs around 11:30 a.m. Jackie Winters worked this out with them.
- Water will be available to anyone who needs it at no cost. There will also be a church setting up a tent to distribute water.
- Laura Clark will be sending out emails to volunteers and to recruit volunteers. The sign-up sheet is on the table. Volunteers are needed for:
 - Set-up – This task begins at 6 a.m.
 - Car Parkers – Jim Hunt, Tommy Poole, Bill Stenger and Lenny Winters will be running this operation, but more parkers are needed. Make sure you have on a vest.
 - Judges – A couple more are needed. Inexperienced judges will be paired with experienced ones.
 - Golf Cart Drivers – There is a need for a couple of drivers in the afternoon. There are four golf carts. One is dedicated to transporting people around the grounds as needed, one is dedicated to Jim Hunt, one is brought by Joyce Pennock and she provides transportation as needed and Robin Summers will have one for the 50/50 raffle sales.
 - 50/50 Raffle Sales and Ticket Tearers – The 50/50 raffle will lose an hour of sales time because the awards presentation has been moved up. Helpers are needed to get the tickets torn and in the basket.
 - Selling Shirts and Hats – Help is needed for this task.

- For those who want to park in the Oliver's parking lot and not be judged, there is a sign-up sheet on the table.
- The Bowser Bash will be going on from 10 a.m. to noon at Fort Johnston. Participants of this event will have to park outside of the car show area.
- The Doshier Hospital 5K Run/Walk begins at 4 p.m.

2026 Cape Fear Cruisers Car Shows:

- Peggy has identified dates for the 2026 Club car shows: April 25, 2026 and October 31, 2026.
- Peggy has already begun the applications for permits process.

Updates from Nisey Sebak – Two items:

1. **Ladies Lunch:** The October 14th luncheon will be at the Trinity United Methodist Church in Southport to support the Empty Bowls program. You need to arrive at 11 a.m. so they can seat us at an arranged table. Don't worry if you can't find your ticket as your name is on a list.
2. **Toy Run, December 13, 2025: We Need You!!**
 - a. Volunteers are needed to shop at the Shallotte WalMart with children and their families. Volunteers can be you, your friends, family, neighbors, etc.
 - b. Volunteers must sign up and be vetted. Nisey had the code to scan passed around for sign-up and vetting.
 - c. They are expecting 300 children and need 225 volunteers.
 - d. There is new plan for the volunteer area.
 - e. Spanish speaking volunteers will be available.

Toy Run – Peggy Lilly Update:

- Peggy is working to gather volunteers for the Church fund raiser prior to the shopping at WalMart. She has recruited Bob & Peggy Lilly, Jackie & Lenny Winters, Kim Gardner and Rich & Ginny Largent. More are needed.
- The Church activities include an auction, a poker run sales, 50/50 sales and shirt sales.
- Items are needed for the auction. Randy Lewis said he has some signs that we can have.
- A buffet lunch will be provided by Jerome's Steak & Seafood.
- Peggy is expecting about 100 attendees (biker and car clubs, friends and sponsors of the Toy Run).
- If you want to make a donation to the Toy Run, make your check to: Brunswick County Toy Run.
- Peggy reiterated that shoppers are needed at the Shallotte WalMart and these volunteers must sign-up and be vetted.

Social Committee:

- **November 6th, 4 p.m., Thursday – The Tides at Brick Landing:** No money will be collected in advance. This is an all-you-can-eat prime rib buffet costing \$29.95. There is

a sign-up sheet on the table. This is near Ocean Isle Beach. We can have a meet-up spot and drive down together.

November Meeting – November 13th at the VFW

- Nominations will be taken for the position of President. This is the only Executive Board position that is up for election this year.
- Talk with Peggy if you have questions or may be interested in a Board position.
- Voting for the President position will occur at the December 11th meeting.
- Director positions will be open in January 2026.

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. NOTE: The times will change to 3:30-5:30 p.m. when the time changes to Eastern Standard Time.
- **October 14th – CLLEO Ladies Luncheon** at the Empty Bowl Fundraiser at Trinity United Methodist Church in Southport, \$30. Contact Nisey Sebak for additional information, 614-557-7069.
- **October 15th – Wednesday, 5-7 p.m., Wheels By The Sea Cruise-In** – Tractor Supply
This is a Costume Contest!
- **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**
- **October 25th - 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
- **November 1st, Saturday, Pecan Festival in Whiteville**
- **November 6th, Thursday, 4 p.m. – The Tides at Brick Landing Prime Rib Buffet**
- **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

Next Meeting: Thursday, November 13th, 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:** 10/16 – Joyce Pennock and 10/25 – Jackie Winters (Be sure to wish her a happy birthday at our car show!)
- **Anniversaries:** 10/1 – Rich Otto and his wife celebrated 37 years together.

A motion was made by Bill Stenger to adjourn the meeting. Rob Kropp seconded this motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

Minutes recorded and reported by Ginny Largent, Secretary