

Cape Fear Cruisers
Monthly Club Meeting
Oak Island Elks Lodge
Tuesday, February 17, 2026

The meeting began at 6 p.m. President Jackie Winters welcomed everyone. There were 53 members and guests signed in. All rose for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Membership and Car Update:

- **Joe Castagnola:** Jackie asked for a moment of silence for Club Member Joe Castagnola who unexpectedly passed away. Joe and his wife Jean had a Studebaker truck, which he sold, and last year, he purchased a Pontiac Grand Prix, which was a barn find. Services for Joe will be held at Peacock-Newnam on February 24th at 11 a.m.. There will also be a Memorial Service held at the St. James Reserve Club on May 26th. Our Club will make a donation to the St. James Fire Department in honor of Joe.
- **Guests:** A couple of folks came to check out our Club:
 - Richard Callahan who has a 1974 Corvette and
 - Michael Fowler who has a 1969 MGB.
- **For Sale:** Dave Pittman said he has a friend who has a 1966 Oldsmobile 88 for sale. The car has 24,000 original miles on it. He is asking \$3,500 or best offer for it. (NOTE: The amount was questioned and it was confirmed at \$3,500.) You can see the car at the Yaupon Service Center.

Name Tags: Jackie reminded everyone 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 February 13th.
 - **Membership:** As of tonight, 81 households have renewed out of 129 from 2025.
- **2026 Projected Budget:** Jackie discussed the projected budget for the Club for 2026. She and Peggy Lilly worked on this budget and it was presented to the Board of Directors at the February Board meeting. Because the budget is in excess of \$500, it requires membership approval.
 - **MOTION:** Tim Bridges made a motion to approve the projected 2026 Club budget as presented. Christopher Bolen seconded this motion. The motion was carried by a unanimous vote of the membership present at the meeting.
- **Dues Renewal:**
 - Members who have not paid their dues by February 28th will be dropped from the roster and the email distribution list.

- Dues can be paid in the following ways:
 - Cash.
 - Check made payable to Cape Fear Cruisers, Inc.
 - Credit Card from our web site using Zeffy. There is no charge for using the credit card. You will receive a receipt when paying using Zeffy.

Director Vacancy – 1-year term:

- The Board needs to have an odd number of members. One additional Director is needed.
- Landa Bridges was nominated for the position of Director for 2026. A vote was taken of the members present at the meeting to approve Landa as a Director. A unanimous vote approved Landa as a Director for 2026.

Treasurer: Kim Gardner is resigning as Treasurer as she is moving out of the area. A new Treasurer is needed. Jackie solicited the membership for a replacement. Let her know if you think you are interested. Kim is available to help with training. Peggy stated that Kim has done an excellent job organizing the Club's financial records. The By-Laws state that the Board will appoint someone as Treasurer if no one steps forward. A member asked if the By-Laws allow for there to be Co-Treasurers? Peggy said she would look into this.

Volunteers Needed: The following volunteers are needed:

- New Member Processing Coordinator,
- Outside Event Coordinator (Landa Bridges may take on this responsibility) and
- Publicity Coordinator.

Facebook:

- Susan Muldoon has agreed to be the Administrator for the Club's Facebook page. Jackie and Peggy will be meeting with Susan to review her responsibilities.
- Currently, the Club has 1,400 followers on our main page and 935 followers on our group page.

Pay the Rent Jar: Located on the front table

- The Club is asking for voluntary donations to offset the \$50 charge for the use of the room at the Elks for our meetings.
- At the January meeting \$86 was collected. The higher amount was a result of high attendance at the meeting; however, during the summer months, attendance is less. These excesses will help to cover those months with lesser attendance.

April 25th Club Car Show: Peggy Lilly provided the following updates:

- A band has been found—Vintage Voltage. They play 60s, 70s and 80s music. Peggy plans to go listen to them in March.
- Two trailers will be needed for the band.
- Team Leaders are needed. Peggy will be sending out emails about these positions.

- Flyers will be ready this week. Even if these are not ready, Peggy has Save-The-Date flyers for our car show to give out at the Saturday car show.

Merchandise:

- Print Life Apparel:
 - Jackie and Peggy attended an Open House at the Print Life Apparel store in Boiling Spring Lakes.
 - They make shirts, hats, banners, koozies, etc.
 - Merchandise can be purchased online and shipped to the buyer or the buyer can pick up their purchase at their store or at the Grape and Ale on Oak Island to avoid shipping fees.
 - The Club will share in the profit with the store. A percentage is being discussed.
 - A variety of merchandise will be available.
 - Print Life Apparel does not do embroidery, but does “heat transfer”, which they believe we will like.
- Shirt for the shows: One shirt will be designed and purchased for both of our car shows.

Activities: Bob Wyszczelski (Wyski) maintains the Club’s calendar with all the Club’s activities and car shows in the area and periodically emails these to the membership. This can also be accessed on our web site. Bob brings flyers for the car shows to the meetings. These can be found on the front table. Upcoming activities/events include:

- **February 20th, Wendy’s Cruise-In, 3-5 p.m. (occurs every Friday evening weather permitting):** It looks like this week will be above 65 degrees. Come down and enjoy the cruise-in.
- **February 21st, Mardi Gras Parade, Oak Island:** Jim Hunt is coordinating this event. It is a rain or shine event. Participants will be meeting at Jungle Golf, 6321 East Oak Island Drive, no earlier than 9 a.m.. Roll call will take place at 10:30 a.m. and the parade will kick off at 11 a.m.. Portable restrooms will be available (Thank you Peggy!). Candy and beads can be thrown out; however, please be sure to throw these a distance from the cars. You can rev your engines, but you cannot do burn-outs. The sign-up sheet for this event is on the front table.
- **February 21st, New Hanover High School Car Show, Wilmington, 9 a.m.**
- **February 26th, Cape Fear Winery Trip:** Social Committee Event: Gary Quilliam is coordinating a luncheon at the Cape Fear Winery in Elizabethtown. Gary said this is about a 1-hour drive. There is a \$10 lunch and \$15 samplings of wine and their distillery items. There are only four spots left out of 30. Participants are to meet there at noon. Gary will be sending out an email about caravanning to the winery.
- **March 7th, AACA Car Show, Legions Stadium, Wilmington, 8-10:30 a.m.**
Registration
- **March 26, Burgaw Drive and Dine, 10:30 a.m.:** Social Committee Event: Stu Laidlaw spoke about a drive to the town of Burgaw. This will be a 73-mile drive. Those interested are leaving from the McDonald’s at Rts. 17 and 211 at 10:30 a.m. The route taken there will only involve two turns. Maps will be provided. Stu encouraged

everyone to come and to bring friends. Anyone is welcomed. There is no cost. There are restaurants and shops in the town. You can leave on your own.

- **March CLLEO Luncheon:** Nisey Sibak was not present to talk about March's luncheon. The February luncheon at the Dry Street restaurant drew a large crowd.
- **June 6th, Annual Picnic:** We will be having our annual picnic at the Dorsett Pole Barn on Airport Road. A sign-up sheet is on the front table if you are interested in being on the Committee to help with the planning of the event. The following folks have signed up to date: Jackie & Lenny Winters, Susan Muldoon, Rose Greathouse, and Patti & Gary Quilliam.

Trivia Question: Bill Stenger provided tonight's trivia question:

- What was the first car to have the radio antenna in the windshield?
 - Answer: 1969 Pontiac Grand Prix
 - Winner: Bob Lilly – Given a car care product

Food Drive: Rob & Laura Kropp will have a basket available for nonperishable food items that they will deliver to the local food pantry. This basket will be present at every meeting.

Celebrations:

- **Birthdays:**
 - Rose Greathouse celebrated her 62nd birthday on 2/8.
 - Tim Bridges will be celebrating his 59th birthday on 2/28.
- **Anniversaries:**
 - Richard Gorman and his wife celebrated 38 years of marriage on 2/12.

Reminders:

- **Parking at the Elks:** If you park on the street, be sure to get all of your tires off the street, otherwise, you may be ticketed.
- Place a donation in the "Pay the Rent" jar if you want to help in offsetting the cost of the meeting room.
- Rob Kropp stated that the restaurant in the Elks Lodge is open from 5-8 p.m. If meetings end at 7 p.m., there should be no problem getting dinner.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 17th, 6 p.m. at the Oak Island Elks Lodge. Rob Kropp said he will let us know if there is going to be a problem with parking as this is St. Patrick's Day and additional folks may be at the Elks celebrating.

A motion was made by Bill Stenger to adjourn the meeting. Gary Quilliam seconded this motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Minutes recorded and reported by Ginny Largent, Secretary