



2025 Year in Review

The Terry Benjey Bicycling Foundation (TBBF) was founded in honor of a long-time bicyclist and cycling advocate in the Cape Fear region. Terry was one of the cyclists that formed the Cape Fear Cyclists club in 1972. In the ensuing years he promoted cycling, cycling events and cycling facilities. Unfortunately, Terry was killed in a cycling accident in 2013, and the Foundation was formed to perpetuate his vision and goals for cycling in our region. It is through the Foundation that Terry's legacy and vision lives on.

Partners with Cape Fear Cyclists

TBBF works in partnership with Cape Fear Cyclists (CFC) to enhance safe riding opportunities in the region. CFC's primary goal is the creation and implementation of safe rides in southeastern North Carolina. By providing cue sheets, ride leaders and comradery, CFC welcomes bicyclists who want to join club rides several times each week.

CFC board members work closely with TBBF members to report unsafe road conditions or concerns in high traffic areas and more. TBBF is often invited to participate in regional studies of bike lane development, and in turn we inform CFC board members of work on these initiatives.

Proceeds from the annual Tour de Blueberry are shared with TBBF, which provides grants to local non-profit organizations that are focused on bicycle safety in the area.

TBBF Board and Committees

TBBF board has three committees. Each committee reports to the board's monthly meetings, and all board members work together to achieve the board's goals.

Advocacy & Outreach – works with NCDOT, WMPO, municipalities and other partners to bring awareness of unsafe riding conditions or opportunities to improve cycling. Created a brochure with QR code to bring people to our website.

Funding/Research – provides information to TBBF and other partners on funding and support that is available for local projects.

Safety/Education – provides Bicycle Rodeos, Traffic Safety Gardens and Safe Cycling classes throughout the region. This committee welcomes volunteers to assist at community events. To learn more or get involved, email Tammy Swanson at pack219@hotmail.com

TBBF Provides Grant Funds

The annual Tour de Blueberry raises money for area non-profit organizations. CFC disburses a portion of the proceeds to TBBF, who provide grants to non-profit organizations to further their work in our area. Below is a list of organizations that received grant money from TBBF in 2025.

New Bike Racks – Ft. Fisher Historical Museum requested funding for two double-sided bike racks to support the many bicyclists who visit the museum. TBBF provided a \$1,000 grant for 2 large bike racks, with a sign acknowledging TBBF as the donor.

Carolina Beach Bicycle Patrol – Carolina Beach Police Department is upgrading their bicycle patrol division. TBBF awarded a \$2,000 grant to purchase a second new bicycle and supplies. The second bike is smaller than the one purchased in 2024, allowing female officers an opportunity to serve on the bicycle patrol.

Special Pedals – Received \$650 to repair the glass in the main door and upgrade their security system following a break-in. Also received \$200 for their bike safety and maintenance class giveaways.

If you know of a bicycle-based organization in need of a small grant, generally \$2,500 or less, please complete the [TBBF Grant Application](#). The board will consider the request at its next monthly meeting.

TBBF Receives Grants & Support

In November 2024, TBBF received a \$6,950 grant from the **Landfall Foundation**. This grant was used in 2025 to provide bicycle safety classes for all students at Carolina Beach Elementary School and Edwin A. Anderson Elementary School. Anderson Elementary school celebrated their week of learning with a family-night bike rodeo. TBBF provided volunteers for the bike rodeo so students could show their parents what they learned. Pizza was supplied for 100 attendees.

Let's Go! NC curriculum is approved by the NC Department of Public Instruction, with written and hands-on learning modules for students. The Safety/Education committee will work with PE teachers to provide safe bicycling instruction for one week, so all students have a chance to learn the rules of the road.

TBBF also received 100 helmets from **NCDOT**. Their program provides helmets to organizations across the state. The helmets are to be given to any youngster in need of one. During *Let's Go! NC* training, helmets were made available to the PE teachers, so every student owned a helmet at the end of training.

Thanks to **Jimmy's Bike Drive** in Wrightsville Beach, TBBF received four free, new bicycles. These bicycles are now part of the inventory of bicycles in TBBF's safety education trailer, allowing us to have bicycles for children to ride during bike rodeos and classes.

Safety & Education

The Safety & Education Committee chair serves on the TBBF board and as CFC Safety & Education liaison. Tammy Swanson is a League Certified Instructor and leads a committee with representatives from NHC Safe Kids, WMPO/Go Coast, Wilmington PD, Carolina Beach PD and NHC Sheriff's Department, as well as two members with LCI designations.

This committee works with municipalities, churches, and organizations to host safety events, such as Bike Rodeos or Traffic Gardens. These events are situated in a large parking area, where the committee has put road signs, and road "hazards." Children ride the course, learning how to stop and look both ways, how to use correct hand signals, how to react to a barking dog and more.

In 2025, the Safety & Education Committee hosted or participated in 15 events:

- 6 bike rodeos, attended by 691 children
- 1 glow ride with 54 cyclists
- 1 National Night Out with 60 families connected.
- 1 Ride of Silence with 26 cyclists
- Let's Go! NC at Carolina Beach and Anderson Elementary Schools, reaching a total of 837 students
- 1 Jingle Ride for families
- 1 BikeWalk NC summit, attended by members of TBBF and CFC

If your group would like to request a bike rodeo or a safety education event, please complete this form.

[Bike Rodeo Event Request](#)

Advocacy & Outreach

This Committee continuously advocates for additional Multiple Use Paths (MUPs), bike lanes and sidewalks. As a result of its efforts the Gordon Road widening project will include more bike/ped facilities and the new bike lanes on Wilmington's 5th Ave are marked with green paint making them more visible.

Committee members worked with Division 3, NCDOT to make the mandatory installation of Rumble Strips more bike friendly. They also provided NCDOT information on all area roads that are frequently used by bicycles to ensure that the least intrusive rumble strips are used on those roads.

The Advocacy Committee worked with the City of Wilmington over several years, ensuring that the new bike lanes on 5th Avenue in Wilmington would have well-marked green and white crosswalks. The dedication of this new bike avenue was attended by many Cape Fear Cyclists in December 2025. It was rewarding for all to see the culmination of this project, with better safety for all bicyclists.

Donations Received, Benches Purchased

Two members of the CFC and TBBF boards passed away in 2025, Sam Spicer and John Absi. The families suggested that people make donations to TBBF in their honor. These donations were used to purchase park benches on two multi-use paths. Sam Spicer's bench is located on the MUP on Masonboro Loop. John Absi's bench is located on the Gary Shell Cross City Trail.

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TBBF Board of Directors

Sam Burgess – President. Member of WMPO Bike Ped Advisory Committee.

Michael Brown, CPA– Treasurer. Advocacy & Outreach Committee

Eileen Clute – Secretary. Kure Beach Bike/Ped Committee.

Jim Bailey, LCI – Safety/Education Committee member

Mo Linqvist – WMPO Bike/Ped Advisory Committee, BikeWalk NC Board of Directors

Eileen McConville – Past President, TBBF & CFC. CFC Board member since 2008, Advocacy & Outreach Committee

Al Schroetel – Advocacy/Outreach Co-Chair. Past President, TBBF.& CFC. CFC Board Member since 2004.

Tammy Swanson, LCI – Safety & Education chair, TBBF and CFC board member

Marcy Waters - Pender County Long Range Planner.

Steve Zinder – Funding/Grants Committee. WMPO Bike/Ped Advisory Committee Chair.

To communicate with us at any time, please send an email:

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Volunteers Needed

The Terry Benjey Bicycling Foundation is 100% volunteer run. If you would like to get involved, here are some areas that may interest you:

Safety & Education Committee – attend and help at 1-2 bike rodeos each year. Volunteers receive training in helmet fits and bike rodeo procedures. To learn more, send an email to bikesafeilm@gmail.com

Board of Directors – We are always looking for new board members and would love to speak with anyone interested in working with us. Send an email to terrybenjeybicyclingfoundation@gmail.com. Visit our website to learn more about our work:
www.terrybenjeybicyclingfoundation.com