

March 6, 2024

The WACO March 6, 2024, meeting was held in Mike's garage with 35 members present. Kevin started the meeting by letting a couple of new faces reintroduce themselves to the club. These people were Gene League and Don Overstake. It was good to hear from both.

David Gohring presented the Treasurer's report. We have close to \$xxx dollars available to us to help host the Chevelle Regionals. David mentioned that we are in really good shape for our Regional Event.

A report was given on the Swap Meet last weekend. We sold \$98 worth of tickets for our Grill that will be given away at the Regional Event. It was reported that Friday was a very good day with lots of people, but that Saturday was slower, but we were still able to sell lots of good stuff. David G. gave a financial report from the swap meet. He said that the club sold \$98 worth of grill tickets. The car club sold \$184 of stuff and received a \$40 donation as well. David also collected \$210 worth of club dues. He also renewed our booth spaces for next year which cost us \$300. The club thanked Bob Cox for taking the club trailer to the swap meet. The club also thanked everyone who helped work at the swap meet!

It was reported that Richie has asked to display the grill at his business Automotive Diagnostics Center and will try to sell more tickets for it. Thank you!

The next report was about the T-shirts for the Regionals. David H. showed a flyer that let everyone see what the Fluorescent yellow shirts look like for the Regional event. WSU has a requirement that anyone working in the parking lot should be wearing fluorescent yellow, so they are highly visible. The club decided to order some shirts and make them available to club members that might be helping at the Regional event. These shirts will be offered to club members at less than cost, with the club picking up part of the cost. If you choose not to order one of these shirts, then you will have the opportunity to borrow a fluorescent yellow vest to wear instead. Then David G. passed around an order form with the fluorescent yellow shirts on it, as well as the new WACO shirts that we are going to get, and the Regional Event T-shirts. Everyone was encouraged to fill out the order form even if they couldn't pay at this time. This gives the T-shirt committee an idea of how many shirts they should order. The T-shirt order will be going in soon!!! There were examples of what each shirt would look like at the meeting.

Matt then presented what he and his wife have been working on for the trophies and dash plaques for the Regional Event. There was some discussion on how many dash plaques to order at this time. After some discussion it was decided to start with 100 dash plaques and then maybe order another 25 down the road if it looks like we will need them. Matt also showed the club what the 1000-point judging plaques would look like. Steve Casteneda will be taking pictures of the cars in the 1000-point judging and those pictures will be added to the trophy that these people receive.

David Gohring then reminded everyone that the 1000-point judging is based on quality of work and not on what class that you are entered. Doesn't have to be numbers matching and all of that. The judges will look at the quality of the restoration on the car and how well it was done. Each car is judged on its own merit and not compared to another car.

Matt then showed the club some other items that he is making for the club. He has some coffee cups that he is putting either the WACO logo on them or the Regional artwork. He said he would offer them for sale to club members. See Matt if you would like to order any coffee cups. The cups will cost \$7 each.

Kevin then talked about what is going on at Braeburn Square, which is where we are hosting the Regionals. He said he checks in with his contacts every couple of weeks to be sure things are going smoothly. One of his contacts has changed but so far things seem to be moving forward smoothly. They have shifted where we will be having the cars to more of the middle of the square. Kevin is pleased with this shift as it will give us more visibility and gets us away from the sprinkler system. He said the WSU lawn people were not willing to turn off the sprinkler system while our event was taking place, so we compromised and moved where we are located. There will be a slight division down the middle, but it also increased the number of spaces for cars up to 140 possible places. He said the merchants in the square are excited to have us come there. Two important things that we are asked to obey for WSU include: No walking on the grass, and no burn-outs in the parking lot. It was mentioned that Cars and Coffee have been allowing burnouts to occur and consequently WSU is thinking about ending that partnership.

David G. reported that he has 24 pre-registered cars so far and more came in the mail today, but he didn't have time to open them yet.

Kevin mentioned that he is working with The Social Tap to provide us a pizza buffet on Friday night for the Regional participants. While the event is going on we will have several places to get food ranging from hot dogs, Mexican food, and sub sandwiches. Kevin is also in talks with Fuzzy's Taco about doing something special for the participants on Saturday evening after the awards ceremony. In addition, all of the merchants have agreed to provide discount coupons to be placed in our goody bags.

Kevin then talked about the security for the Event. He said that WSU will be patrolling the parking lot once every hour. But Kevin said he felt that we needed someone there during the overnight hours to watch over the cars. He mentioned asking club members to volunteer to work a split shift of maybe 3 hours during the night just to be sure there is always someone there. We even talked about trying to hire some off duty police officers to patrol the parking lot. Be watching for a sign-up sheet if you would like to help with this opportunity. Mick then volunteered to loan the club his side by side, which is a 4-seater. Bill said he could loan a 2-seater as well. That would give the club some wheels to be able to get around quickly if needed. The suggestion was also made that we have some walkie-talkies available, which David G. said the club does have. This will be investigated more.

Tammy addressed the club about putting together some gift baskets. These baskets will then be raffled off at the regional event. Tammy asked the ladies to help get these baskets ready. Look for more information on this to come!

Kevin said we are trying to get the Car Show information out to as many people as possible since we have so much space to put the cars. Kevin told everyone that he has plenty of flyers that can be passed out to car owners. Kevin also suggested that if you live near an O'Reilly's location that you take some flyers to the store and leave them on the counter for

people to pick up. Because O'Reilly's is one of our sponsors, they are quite willing to let us place the flyers in their business.

Brad and Mike then shared the special trophy that they are working on for a survivor trophy. It sounds really nice, but I won't spoil the surprise. You should have been there so you could see what they have planned!

Kevin said that he has enough matchbox cars for now. There is a possibility that if we have enough extra matchbox cars left over that they could be passed out to any children that come with the participants at our Regional event.

Cherie brought us some cloth goody bags that we can fill for the participants. Mike reminded club members to ask local businesses for things that could be put into the goody bags.

David H. told us that all the Chevelle Raffle tickets have been turned in and that the club earned \$520 for selling 70 tickets.

Mike asked the club if we wanted to have a Chili Cook-off in March. The club members said they did. Mike suggested two dates that worked for his garage. They were either March 23 or March 30. After some short discussion, it was decided that March 23 would be the better date. Saturday March 23 will be our Chili Cook-off in Mike's garage. We will give prizes for Mild, and Hot Chile, as well as Desserts, and sides. There will be a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd prize for each category. This event will start at 5 PM. If anyone would like to help set up for the Chili Cook-off, come to Mike's at 10 AM to help set up on Sat. March 23.

Next, we had our Show and Tell time. Dan, Tammy, David J., Larry and Bob all had something to show. You should have come so you could see the neat stuff these people brought and heard the great stories that went with the items.

Just before ending the meeting, Gene League mentioned that the antique dealer on E. Kellogg out by Augusta is closing in April. He said there are some good deals there if you are into antiques!

Meeting adjourned.