

Sept. 4, 2024

The September 4, 2024, the WACO meeting was held at Sedgwick County Park with somewhere between 50-60 members present. (I forgot to count how many were there!!!)

After a fabulous meal and a pop-up car show, Kevin introduced our guest speaker for the evening. Scharee' Anderson from the Sedgwick County Zoo addressed our group. She shared the history of the Sedgwick County Zoo and then went on to share some very special animal stories with us. She told us how the zoo acquired our newest baby black bear cubs. Then she shared with us about our acquisition of the African Elephants several years ago. Finally, she shared an inspirational story about the Guam Kingfisher bird. She was very informative and shared a lot of fun stories with our group!

Kevin thanked the Grill Masters that cooked our hamburgers and hot dogs for us tonight. These were Stu, Doug, Jack and Kevin. He also thanked Gary for supplying the beef for the hamburgers.

Kevin asked if we had any visitors that needed to be introduced. Ritchie had his wife wave at us before she had to leave with the kids. Margaret introduced her sister, Nancy, that is visiting from Lawrence. James introduced Kim Ignowski who was visiting our car club to get information on finishing her 1969 Chevelle.

David H. said he had all the T-shirts that had been ordered. He instructed members to see David Gohring to pay for their shirts.

Doug had everyone give Kevin a big Thank you for setting up this fun event for our club.

Kevin gave an update on the 1931 Firetruck that we are helping Don Hattan with. The carburetor has been rebuilt by John Sutter & Bob Cox. The fuel pump has been rebuilt by Steve Steigerwald. The spark plug wires have been replaced by Larry Adams. We are waiting for the go ahead from Don Hattan to install these parts.

Kevin reminded us that Sept. 18 is the Wichita Burner Open House and Car Show. It will be from 11AM to 2 PM. He encouraged club members to drive their cars and come have some free food. There will also be a raffle prize that will be awarded that afternoon. Wichita Burner is located at 319 S. Lulu at the corner of Lulu and Waterman. Come and have some fun with us!!

Sept. 15 is a Show and Shine at WSU for Make-A-Wish. The show is from 12-4.

Sept. 28 is the Mid-America Chevelle Show in Kansas City. This is a one-day annual show that Kansas City has. Kevin encouraged club members to sign up and attend this one-day show.

Sept. 28 is also the Haulin' Oz show at the Kansas Aviation Museum. Don Hattan is a promoter of this show. This is when Don Hattan is hoping to present the fire truck to the museum.

Don Hattan has invited us to participate in their trunk or treat for Halloween again this year. Last year the club was allotted 4 spaces for this event. They had about 2000 kids come and get candy. We were not prepared for this many kids. Luckily, Don Hattan furnished most of the candy that was passed out. This year, Kevin would like to be able to help out more with the candy. He has asked each member to bring a bag of treats to our October meeting so that we have some for this event.

Someone asked about the Hutch Swap Meet that usually happens this time of year. David Gohring said to watch your email as he has the information to share on this event!

Meeting adjourned.