

March 5, 2025

The March 5 meeting of WACO was opened by V. President Doug Stukey. There were 21 members present. Kevin was out of town and unable to be present.

Doug started the meeting by letting the members know about some free beanie babies. David G. had received a lot of beanie babies from his father-in-law. Members could take whatever they wanted for their children, grandchildren or whoever would like them. Any that were left over would be taken to the swap meet and passed out to any children that walk past our booth spaces.

The next item that was discussed was the annual Chili Cook-off. Mike volunteered to host this event in his garage again this year. Several dates were proposed and Mike consulted his calendar and said that Saturday March 22 would be best for him. We will start the evening activities at 5 PM. Be looking for an email about set-up prior to the event. If you can help with setting up the garage the time will be just before the cook-off! If you have any extra chairs, it would be good to bring them! Becky gave some information to the newer members who weren't familiar with the chili cook-off. Becky said you could make a chili, either mild or hot, and bring it in a crock-pot to keep it warm. There will be tasting cups that members can try all of the chili's and vote on their favorite. We will also be voting for your favorite side dish and favorite dessert as well. Members are encouraged to bring something for at least one of these categories. Members can choose to make something for each category if they want! Becky announced that Matt is making our prizes for evening. There will be a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place for the hot chili and the same for the mild chili. There will be 1st and 2nd place for the sides and 1st and 2nd prize for the best desserts. Come with an appetite and be ready to vote for your favorite.

The next item that was discussed was the cruise to Ron Flemings on April 5. It was decided to meet at the Harbor Freight store on South Seneca, at Seneca & Pawnee at 9 AM. We will leave the parking lot at 9:30 and cruise to the historic Vicker's gas station in Haysville for a photo opportunity for your cars. Then we will cruise to the NSRA meet to look at the cars there. From there we will cruise to Ron Fleming's house in Clearwater. We will eat lunch at Ron's house. There is plenty of parking for cars and it should be a good time to just visit together. Watch for a reminder email about this event.

Bob Cox gave the treasurer's report since David G. couldn't attend. Bob reminded people that it is time to pay their member's dues which are \$30 for the year. We had at least 5 people that paid their dues at this time. Bob reported that before the meeting we had received \$840 in membership fees. Therefore, we are in the black for the year 2025. More specific numbers can be learned from David G. or else you

can come to our monthly meeting and find out how much money we have in our accounts.

Bob reminded members that the Sunflower Swap Meet was this weekend. Bob will be taking the club trailer down for the set-up at 9AM on Thursday March 6. Bob, Russell and Larry will be able to work the booth spaces in the morning, but Bob was asking for volunteers to help work our booth in the afternoon and evening hours. The show hours will be 8AM- 5PM on both Friday and Saturday. David has asked Bob to determine if we have enough public participation to keep the current 5 booth spaces that we are renting. If there isn't enough foot traffic Bob may choose to tell David to back it off to just 3 booth spaces.

Richie suggested that another place that we could hold our monthly meeting would be at the Shift Club at Market & Waterman. He has a friend from the GTO club that told him they are meeting there. Ritchie didn't know a lot of details about the building but suggested that we could do some follow-up and have this as a possible alternate location from Mike's garage.

It was announced to the club that Rocky Burris passed away at the end of last week. It was also announced that Gene Hughes, owner of Hall's Speed Shop, had passed away as well. The son is going to close the Speed shop and sell everything.

Show and Tell:

Doug reported the progress that he has made on the new rear end for his car.

James shared a slide show from Muscle Car/ Corvette National Car Show that was held in Chicago the weekend before Thanksgiving. He said they had over 500 cars at the show and that they were all inside. It cost him \$40 entrance fee but was well worth it. He had some very good pictures and information on the cars that he saw while there.

Larry shared how he used some left-over parts and did some rewiring courtesy of battery cables usa. (It may all be one word! Not sure) This company provides the highest purity copper wire that is used for wiring.

Reuben shared a quilt that his sister-in-law had made for him. She used his old car T-shirts and made a really nice quilt.

Richie shared some information that he had recently learned about exhausters. These are behind the back bumpers and prevent exhaust from going back into the vehicles. He told about working on his Jeep and how long it took to figure this out.

Mike shared that he has a 2024 Old Car Pricing Guide. It gives you a good idea of how much your car is worth and helps you know how much you should insure your

car. It also gives us some ideas of what our cars are worth. Mike offered the club the use of the book to determine their own car value. He shared how they determined the prices by different levels.

Meeting adjourned!