

May 7, 2025

The May meeting of WACO was held at The Social Tap with 46 members present. Kevin started the meeting by welcoming everyone to the meeting and letting them know that the club would be buying the pizza and each person was responsible for their own drinks. Then he announced that he would cover a few things while we waited for the pizzas to arrive. He said there would not be a secretary's report nor a treasurer's report this evening.

He started by asking about the various car shows that had occurred the previous weekend. There were shows at Cowtown, Newton, McPherson and the Kansas Star Casino. Several car club members went to the various car shows representing our club. Kevin suggested that if you wanted to attend a specific car show that you could invite other members to join you and therefore have a larger car club presence at that car show. He also reminded members to talk to other Chevelle owners and encourage them to join our club.

Kevin then asked if there was any interest in having a WACO car show in 2026. He said it was too late to try and do one in 2025 but that we could plan for one in 2026. No one responded at this time, but Kevin asked the members to consider it and get back with him with any feedback.

Kevin said he is working with the Wind Surge baseball team about having a Chevelle night at the baseball game. We would need at least 12 to 15 cars committed to this to have it happen. Our cars would be on display on McLean Blvd. The street would be closed to other traffic so that our cars could be on display there. We would also receive discount tickets to attend the game. There are three different choices of night that we could choose. We could have it on weenie Wednesday, or thirsty Thursday, or fireworks Friday. Kevin asked for feedback from the club on this idea. No one responded at the meeting.

Kevin reminded us about the open house at Wichita Burner on Sept. 17. He asked if members had any ideas of a raffle item that we could give away at that event. This would not only promote our car club but also earn us a bit of money for the club. No one responded during the meeting to this request.

Kevin gave an update on the antique fire engine that we are helping the Kansas Firefighters Museum. He said the members had met a couple of times and worked on the fire truck. They had polished the patina on it. With the help of Jessie from Stardust Upholstery and car club member Russell the seat was rebuilt and installed. Bob cleaned and painted the water pump and installed new hoses. The next item to be worked on is the radiator. A retired fire dept. mechanic will help with the removal and installation of the radiator. Look for more information about another workday for this fire engine.

Kevin asked if the club was interested in having another BBQ this summer like we had last year at Sedgwick County Park. Several members expressed interest in this activity. Kevin asked if someone would be willing to oversee this event. Mick offered to host it at his house in Viola. Watch for more information to come on this event.

Kevin asked for members to step up and plan some cruises for us to take our Chevelle's out and about. He said he had one planned for May and asked for a volunteer to take on the month of August. Kevin's cruise will be to go to Florence, KS and eat a meal at the Brandin Iron Restaurant. He had narrowed the dates to either Friday May 23rd or Saturday May 24th. The members of the club said Friday May 23rd would be best so that it didn't interfere with individual family's Memorial Weekend plans. Kevin will get us more details soon on this fun cruise!

Kevin reminded everyone that the KC club is hosting this year's Chevelle Regionals. They will be held Sept. 5-6 in the Nebraska Furniture Mart Parking Lot again this year. Kevin encouraged the club to try and attend this Regional event to support the KC club!

Steve mentioned a good car show this coming Friday night, May 9, called Erin is Hope. It is a fundraiser for a special needs school. All the money at this car show is going to help fund the school. Steve says they have raffle items to give away and food available to purchase. This car show is located at 4921 East 21st Street. Registration is from 5-7 PM. The show is from 5:30-8 PM. Trophies are given away at 8 PM. Steve asked as many car club members as possible to try and attend this show and help this worthwhile cause!

Meeting adjourned!

PS: Please give Kevin ideas on any of the topics that were discussed at this meeting. He is looking for feedback from the members!