

March 4, 2026

The March WACO meeting was held with 35 members present in Mike's garage. Kevin opened the meeting by asking if anyone had any announcements. Sandy announced that she had brought some Lavender Lemonade for everyone to try. Connie announced that she had brought a cake for her birthday to share with the club. Becky reported on the club members that have been ill or had surgeries recently and gave updates on the ones that she knew about. Becky passed around a get-well card that Kevin had gotten for Margaret and asked the club members to sign their names. Some of the people that Becky reported on were Margaret, Dan, Joanne, and Bonnie. Steve then gave a health update for Mitch. If you need more information, then please contact one of the members that was at the meeting or contact Becky for more information.

David G. gave the treasurer's report. We have a nice healthy dollar amount to help fund the Regional event that we are planning. If you want to know the exact amount we have, please contact David. The club members were reminded that March is when they owe their yearly dues as well.

Kevin reminded the club that March is when we have election of new officers. He asked if we had any volunteers to take on any of the positions. Kevin said each of the officers had said they would continue in their current positions if no one volunteered to take their place. Of course, no one volunteered to take a job! 😊 Therefore, all the officers will continue for another year. Mike made a motion to have election of officers next March. The motion was seconded and we will have our next election of officers in March 2027!

The Sunflower Swap Meet is going to be held this weekend at Century 2. Our club has purchased 6 booth spaces. If you bring anything to be sold, please have a list of all your items that you are selling and the bottom dollar amount that you are willing to accept for your items. Bob will be taking the club trailer down at 9 AM on Thursday and anyone is welcome to come and help set up. There have been rumors circulating that this will be the last year for this swap meet. Some have heard that they are looking for a new location while others have heard that the sponsoring club is going to no longer have this swap meet. We will have to wait and see what happens! It costs between \$12 and \$15 to go to the swap meet and it will also cost to park. If you would like to help at our booth, call Bob, and he can get you in with an armband and then you don't have to pay to get in. The swap meet ends at 5 PM on Saturday but usually the traffic slows quite a bit before that, and they close our booth before 5 usually. David asked anyone who attends the swap meet to pay attention to the traffic that is there and help us as a club to decide if we want to participate in this swap meet in the future. It cost us \$300 for our booth space for this year.

Kevin then explained how to use the Park Mobile app to park downtown at Century 2. He explained what the app looked like and said that all you had to do was answer two questions, your car tag and your credit card information. Once you have answered those 2 questions, you can use the app to park. If you do not wish to use the app, then the other option is using the kiosks that are located around the parking lot. Those kiosks will ask what parking space you are in and then you can either pay with cash or with credit card. Kevin thought it would cost about \$5 for the day to park. There was some debate about whether free parking is still available under Kellogg by the former Gander Mountain. Some thought it was still available while the map showed that it was not available.

Kevin announced that the chili cook-off was coming on March 21 at Mike's garage. But then Mike announced that he had sold his Chevelle to someone in St. Louis and so his garage would no longer be available. After some good-natured ribbing he admitted that car was gone but that the chili cook-off would continue as planned. The event will be on Saturday March 21 from 5-9 pm. If you would like to come early and help set up the tables and chairs, Mike asked you to come about 4 PM but not any earlier than that. Becky explained how the chili cook-off works for the new people that haven't attended before. We have both hot and mild chili for everyone to try. Please bring your choice of chili and we will give sample cups for everyone to taste and then vote for their favorite hot and mild chili. Another option will be the sides and the desserts. You can bring any of those 3 items and they will be voted on. The top three winners of each category will get a prize: hot chili, mild chili, sides, and dessert. Each person will be given 4 beans and after you have tasted all the options you will drop your bean into the numbered cups with each item. The beans will be counted and the winners announced that evening and prizes awarded accordingly. Becky suggested that it might be wise if people brought folding chairs just in case, we needed more chairs. But then Troy volunteered his tables and chairs from The Wichita Burner. We decided that we had enough tables in the club trailer but that the chairs might be helpful. So, Troy will bring a load of chairs for us to use for our chili cook-off. Thank you, Troy!

Ron Fleming is also arranging a cruise and lunch at his house in Clearwater for April 4. This will be in conjunction with the NSRA show that will be taking place on 103<sup>rd</sup> Street. In previous years we had cruised to the NSRA show and hung around till about noon and then headed to Ron's house for pizza. However, the Clearwater Pizza Hut has closed so Ron is not sure what he will do for food. One suggestion was to let people eat at the NSRA show as they have free popcorn and hot dogs. Another suggestion was to use Clearwater Casey's pizza. Watch for more information as we get closer to the April 4 date.

Kevin announced that sometime soon we will also have a WACO luncheon at Mortdecai's Tavern & Eatery located at 330 S. Greenwich Rd. Mortdecai's donated some things for our regional event and so we thought going there to eat would be a

nice way to say thank you! It was also suggested that we might be able to have a club meeting there sometime. Be looking for more information on this event!

Then we moved on to talk about all the planning that is going on for the Regionals. Kevin said that good progress has been made in the last week. Our Friday cruise and meal is going to take place at Gilley's in Park City. We plan to leave WSU for our cruise around 5 PM. David & Dan are still working on the exact route, but we will end up at Gilley's in Park City. Gilley's will have a separate part of the parking lot marked off for our classic cars. Gilley's will also do some publicizing that we will have our cars there. Once there we will be able to get supper inside Gilley's. For each registration that paid \$15 for the supper, they will receive a \$20 card to buy their food. In addition, Gilley's will be offering our participants a 10% discount on our food. We have the option of getting BBQ on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor, Pizza on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, or Hamburgers on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor. When we arrive, Gilley's will also have a table set up where we can sign up to become a Gilley's member. They will then give you a \$20 card to use on the gambling machines or on any of the other arcade games that are there. David, Sandy, and Kevin told us about all the different kinds of things that you can do there. Lots of entertainment. We plan to stay a couple of hours and then around 8 PM, participants will need to decide if they want to head back to WSU, go home in their cars, or stay at Gilley's and play longer. Another nice part is that the entire building at Gilley's is smoke free. It is also family friendly. If there is carpet on the floor, that means it is for those 21 and older only. If there is no carpet on the floor, anyone is welcome!

Matt showed us the finished wood trophies that he and his wife had engraved on. Matt also showed us the specialty trophies that have been made. Doug demonstrated how they would look for the club. Matt also showed us the dash plaques that will be used with the trophies. The trophy committee met last week and finalized the available trophies. We will be giving out about 90 trophies in all!

Mike & Gary gave a report on the parking committee. They reminded members that we have moved from Braeburn square to the parking lot just east of the baseball field. Mike, Gary, Larry, John and Russell are the parking people. Mike asked if we could get at least 3-4 more people to volunteer to help with the parking. The plan is to fill the field; therefore, we will not be parking cars by the years. Instead, the plan is to look at the pre-registration lists and try to guess how many from each club will be there and set aside a place for the club to park all together. The 1000-point-judged cars will be in one location as well. They will start parking on the north end of the lot and work their way to the south and try to fill it up and not leave a lot of empty spaces. There will be one person at the gate and one person on a golf cart that will escort the cars to their parking spaces. They have counted 170 spaces that will be available so we should be able to park everyone in a space and a half to put some distance between the cars but still look full. They are looking for more people so that they have some relief people in case they are needed.

Jack volunteered to help! Thank you, Jack!!! They will have another parking lot committee meeting sometime soon, and it will be held on the actual parking lot so they can visually see where they want to put everything and make sure the electric cords will work and all that logistical stuff. If you would like to attend, watch for an email from David telling when they will be doing this!

Kevin reported that we have good coverage on the volunteer list but that there are some places that could use some volunteers. He asked members to check the list after the meeting and see if they can volunteer for something.

Kevin said that one of the places that we are lacking is collecting stuff for the goody bags. Gary said that he has a case of empty bags to be used for the goody bags but that we don't have anything to put into them yet. All members are asked to check with local businesses that you do business with and see if you can get any little items to put into the goody bags!

Kevin also asked if people could keep an eye out for things that would make good raffle items that they could donate. Becky asked if the ladies that are putting together the lady's raffle baskets would please turn them in on May 1. That gives us time to get them all ready to go. Lori has some baskets but if you have one or see one that could be used for your raffle items, that would be helpful.

David announced that he has about 20 pre-registrations turned in. He encouraged club members to get their paperwork filled out and turned in.

David H. announced that we need to turn in our orders for the t-shirts as soon as we can. We need to sell at least 100 T-shirts to break even. If we don't get enough orders for the WACO club shirts pre-ordered, then we won't get them made and your money will be refunded to you.

Show and Tell:

David Jamis shared a cool license plate that he found at an antique mall.

Larry showed how some after market parts are not good parts to use for our cars. He had several items that showed us how poorly they were put together or how cheaply they tried to fix a problem.

Mike showed us what some fractional currency looked like from 1874. He also passed around a civil war navy wallet from around 1869.

David G. then introduced his wife, Sandy, and announced that she is now retired and will be able to participate more! Then David gave us some good information on half dollars and what to look for when collecting them.

Kevin said he had received an email from a lady wanting to sell her 1969 2 door malibu. He will be going to see it and get some pictures. If you are interested, please let him know.

Steve S. then gave a lesson on how to interpret the vin numbers on Chevelle's.

Meeting adjourned.