

April 1, 2026

The April meeting of WACO was held at Mortdecai's with about 21 members present.

Kevin started the meeting by asking if anyone had any news they needed to share. No one had any, so he asked Becky if she had something to share on the raffle baskets for the regionals. Becky announced that she and Lori will be assembling the raffle baskets on Saturday May 2 at Lori's house. The time has not been chosen yet but will be decided later and let everyone know. Becky invited anyone who is putting together a raffle basket to come and help assemble them and get them ready for regionals. If you cannot come and help assemble, please have your things delivered to either Becky or Lori by then so they can be put together. (Becky forgot to tell the ladies that if they have any ribbon or anything that could help to dress up the raffle baskets to bring that with them also. It would also be very helpful if you could bring an inventory of everything that is in your raffle basket so that we can make nice cards to show people what they could potentially win!)

David G. then gave the treasurer's report. We have a nice healthy amount ready to use for regionals. (If you want to know the exact amount, you should attend the meeting!) We are starting to use some of the money to pay bills for the regional event.

David G. shared that we have 30 cars pre-registered for regionals. If memory serves, that is about par for this time the last time we hosted the regionals. David also contacted Craig Garrett with the Springfield group, and they think some of their club will come. They will have a meeting this Saturday, so maybe we can get some of their group to pre-register. David G. has also been sending emails to anyone who has attended a regional event since 2014. He has saved all the email addresses and is going through his list and sending them information. He estimates that he has sent close to 2000 emails. Once he is finished with the list, then he will go back and do it all again.

Bob said that he handed out over 25 flyers when he was at the Tulsa Car Show and that several people responded favorably to coming.

David G. announced that all our donations have been received except M & M Insurance Company and that should be coming in at any time now.

Kevin asked for a report on the Chili Cook-Off. Becky read the list of winners to the group:

Mild Chili:
1st: David G.

2nd: Lori S.
3rd Lee Ann D.

Hot Chili:

1st Mike H.
2nd Connie H.
3rd Karl K.

Side Dishes:

1st Sherry M.
2nd Gretchen C.
3rd Pete N.

Desserts:

1st Brad W.
2nd Lori S.
3rd Becky S.

Hottest Chili

Doug S.

Bob gave a report on the Sunflower Swap Meet at Century 2. He said that the rumors that it will not be held again are wrong. The club that hosts it has signed a five-year deal to continue. Our club made some good money from our booths. Bob also alleviated the anxiety about parking downtown. He said the machine was easy to use and once you got past the 5-hour timeframe then it only cost you \$5 to park. David G. reported that the club made \$416 and then renewed our booth spaces for next year for \$300. Another member spoke up and said that the host club believes that Century 2 will not be here for the full five years and so they are looking for another place to hold the swap meet.

Kevin reminded the club about our cruise on Saturday April 4 to the NSRA Car Show and then to Ron Flemings. David G. gave more details. We will meet at the Harbor Freight on South Seneca at 9 AM. Plan to cruise by the Haysville Vickers station for pictures and then on to the NSRA Car Show. Will leave the car show between 11 and 12 and head to Ron Fleming's house on the edge of Clearwater. Ron said that if his yard is muddy that we can park our cars across the street in the big parking lot there. Ron will order pizzas from Casey's. There will be a jar for donations to help cover the cost of the pizza. If it is cold, Ron's shop is heated. Ron will have water for people to drink but if you want something else you will need to bring it or go to Casey's and buy it. Ron will also have several friends from the car community in Clearwater that will be coming by at 1 PM. Ron has said the NSRA show will go on, rain or shine. But Ron will watch the weather and let us know if he will have his part!

Kevin mentioned that the 100th anniversary of Route 66 is June 27th & 28th. He said it was a 400 mile cruise and celebration at the Sagnet Center in Tulsa. He thought that might be fun since it would be after our regional event. However, Bob thinks that it will be held at the end of May just before our regional event. I tried to look this up but couldn't find anything that matched either of those two dates. So, I am not sure when this is going to happen. Will need to do some more research to figure this out. Watch for more information to come!

The last item to be discussed was regionals.

Dan D. gave an update on the Friday night cruise. We will travel through WSU to Oliver and follow Oliver to 101st and then head to Gilley's Casino. We are still trying to decide if the cruise should stop at the WSU Metroplex or Chisholm Creek Park or both of them. Right now, they are leaning at just stopping at the Metroplex as it might be hard to get cars in and out at the park. But if they make a stop, everyone will get a ticket good for winning something the next day at the regionals. We will have a couple of hours to play at Gilley's and then the participants will have a map to help them get back to the WSU. The plan is to leave Gilley's at 8 PM.

Mike reported on the parking and tents. Mike's committee will be the most busy on Saturday from 7 AM to noon, but once we are passed that, the parking part should all be finished. Mike & his committee would like to meet with all volunteers that are helping with regionals on Wednesday May 13 at 11 AM in our parking area. He would like to go over all the logistics of the parking and the tents to be sure that all volunteers are familiar with the plan that is in place. If you are helping with anything at regionals, we ask that you attend this meeting!

David H. gave a report on the t-shirts. He said we have 66 shirts pre-ordered at this time. We really need to sell at least 100 shirts to get a price break. David has a meeting with the t-shirt company, Thursday, to finalize the final look of the t-shirt and get prices for them nailed down.

Matt has finished all the metal plaques for the trophies. David showed an example of what they will look like. Doug announced that the specialty trophies are finished! Matt is also working on some coffee cups that we can sell at the regionals. They will have all the logos from all the different car clubs that participate in our regionals. They also presented a special coffee cup to Richie with his company design on it. They also presented a special coffee cup to Kevin with his name on it.

Kevin then asked for people to keep looking for items to be used in the raffle area. He said that we need more items to raffle off.

Kevin announced that the security for the regional event is basically worked out. But he is asking for a volunteer to help Pete N. on Thursday or Friday night. Pete

will have his trailer there on the parking lot and will keep an eye on the cars. But Kevin would like to have another set of eyes helping him with this. It would need to be someone who isn't doing things during the day on Friday so they could stay up all night with Pete to keep an eye on the cars. Contact Kevin if you are interested in doing this job!!!!

Kevin announced that this was our last meeting with Matt as he is moving to Oklahoma. The club thanks Matt & Jeri for all the hard work they have put in to help us get ready for the regionals. They have been a great asset for our club, and we can't thank them enough!

Show and Tell:

Bob passed around a tool that was given to him at the swap meet. It supposedly came from the 1930's.

Sandy announced that their son-in-law, Kyle, had sent her some information on an El Camino that is for sale on Facebook market place for \$9,500. It is a 1964 and is located in McPherson, KS. Sandy said she would show you the pictures if anyone was interested.

Meeting adjourned.