

May 6, 2026

The May meeting of WACO was held on May 6 at Spear's Restaurant and Pie Shop. After a meal the meeting was called to order by President Kevin. We had about 38 members in attendance to hear the final plans for the upcoming regional event.

David G. started the meeting off with the Treasurer's report. He said that after expenses for the regionals that we still have almost \$4,000 in our account. He felt like we were doing well in the finances and on par with where we were last time we hosted.

David said that we had 47 cars pre-registered and that last night we added another 6 registrations. Compared to the last time we hosted the regionals, we are about at the same amount of pre-registered cars for this time frame, one month from the show. The hope is that we will have more local cars come on Saturday to register for the show. We are expecting about 100 cars to be at the show.

Kevin shared a packet of different maps of where the regionals will be held. He went through the packet and showed everyone where things would be located. He walked us through it all. Someone asked about how many out of state people are coming. David G. responded that we have cars coming from Oklahoma, Illinois, Arizona, Nebraska, Iowa, Missouri and Kansas.

Kevin shared that the rooms that had been set aside at the Hotel for our show are almost all reserved. The hotel does still have some rooms available for us. Things are going smoother this time as far as the hotel is concerned.

Kevin has reserved two golf cars for us to use. One will be used as a shuttle between the hotel and the regional event. John has agreed to drive this shuttle. The 2<sup>nd</sup> golf cart will be used to help guide people to their show parking spots. Kevin was asking for a volunteer to help drive this 2<sup>nd</sup> golf cart. The hours would be from 8AM to 7 PM on Saturday. If you are interested, please contact Kevin. Russell said he could help in this capacity. Thank you, Russell!

The Friday night security will be provided by club member Mike Cathey, who is member of the WPD. He will watch the parking lot while most of the people are gone on the Friday night cruise to Gilley's. Pete & Stephanie will also be bringing their trailer and spending the night on Friday night to help with security. The two golf carts will be available for the Friday night security team. They are looking for

people willing to help with the security Friday night. If you can stay awake and help watch our stuff, please contact Kevin and let him know that you are willing to help. The question was asked about the golf carts, whether they had to be recharged or not. Kevin said they were supposed to be powered by gasoline and that they should have enough gas for all weekend. The company will deliver the carts and pick them up, so we don't have to go get them.

The tent set up crew discussed when to set up all the shelters. After lots of input from the group, Steve felt that the group would prefer to set up on Friday morning. Steve plans to be there at sun-up but he has asked the workers that are helping to set them up be there by 7 AM. There was discussion about how to anchor the shelters in case of the Kansas wind. There are some concrete blocks in storage at David G.'s house. We will need 2-3 guys to go and get the blocks on Thursday so that we have them ready to use on Friday. There was also some discussion on using sandbags for part of it. Steve is also planning to add some tarps to the back side of the shelters to help give sun protection for the workers as well as some wind protection. Kevin said that he had purchased tarps and zip ties for that purpose. If you are willing to help with the setting up of the shelters, please let Steve S. know and show up on Friday morning at 7 AM to help. Don't forget that we will also need help on Saturday after the awards program to take it all down and make sure that everything is cleaned up. The plan is to have it all taken care of on Saturday so that we don't have to return on Sunday to finish it all up!

Lori will be overseeing the raffle baskets. The items are scheduled to be given away at 3 PM on Saturday.

The business meeting will also be at 3 PM on Saturday.

The 50/50 pot will have the winner announced at 4 PM on Saturday.

The Award Ceremony will be held at 5 PM on Saturday.

Next, we discussed the Friday night cruise to Gilley's. Kevin plans to announce at 4 PM to the participants to get ready for the cruise. The plan is to leave at promptly 5 PM to head to WSU Metro-plex. When you arrive there, you will receive a ticket. From there we will head to Gilley's. The plan is to be at Gilley's by 6 PM. All the instructions for this cruise will be in the registration packet. The west side

of Gilley's will be designated parking for our cars. Bob & Larry will oversee the parking at Gilley's. The staff at Gilley's will provide security for our cars while we are inside enjoying the facilities. Gilley's is giving us a \$20 gif card for gaming purposes. They are also giving us a 10% discount on food purchases. If you purchase a meal ticket on your registration, the club is giving you a \$20 gift card for you to use at Gilley's. This only cost you \$15 to purchase and yet it is worth \$20. What a good deal! Gilley's will have a table for you to sign up for their players' club. Once you sign up is when you get \$20 for gaming. If you have already signed up, then you will receive a \$15 card for gaming. There are several food options available at Gilley's as well as the gaming machines and other forms of entertainment. All the information will be included in your registration packet. The plan is to eat and play there for a couple of hours and then at 8 PM to caravan back to WSU before the sun sets! Sometime on Saturday we will draw the winner for an undisclosed prize from the tickets that were passed out at the Hughes Metroplex.

Becky announced that we are short of things to put in the goody bags. Sandy has done a wonderful job of getting information and stuff for the goody bags, but we could still use more stuff. If you visit a business, ask if they have some small things they could donate for our goody bags. We would like to have at least 100 bags completed and ready to pass out to participants.

David said we don't have enough stuff to use for door prizes either. So, club members were asked to find some cool "guy" things that could be used for door prizes that Mike will be giving away all through the day on Saturday.

David H. talked about our T-shirts. He said we have 91 event shirts on pre-order. That is good. We needed 100 to get the price break. There will not be a lot of shirts to sell at the event, so if you want one you need to get it ordered NOW. As for the WACO t-shirts, we only have 14 orders. We need an order of 50 to get the price break. The WACO t-shirts can be ordered in practically any color and any kind of specific shirt that you want. But again, they need to be ordered immediately.

Kevin said the show starts at 9AM on Saturday but he is asking all workers to be there by 8AM. Kevin also reminded people that we will need lots of help to tear everything down after the awards ceremony on Saturday.

Bob had a show and tell for the club. He had recently attended the Mulvane Car Show and he won a prize. He showed us the really cool trophy and told us where they had ordered it from and that the local high school students welded the base onto it so it could stand up.

Meeting adjourned.