

November 3, 2021

V. Pres. Doug opened the November WACO meeting with 20 members present. Doug asked Richard if he would like to give a report on The Chill. Richard first told the club how much he appreciated all the help that the car club gave him for this event. Richard was disappointed in the numbers. His total attendance for all three days was only 1,321. That was the lowest attendance that he has ever had for one of his events. Saturday was his best attended day. He is not sure what happened that made the numbers of attendees down so much. He knows there were several events going on around the community and that the weather was nice outside for outdoor activities as well. It might have had something to do with having to postpone the event at least twice before he was able to get it in. Doug pointed out that Jack went home and brought his motorcycles up to the show when it was apparent that the show was going to have some empty places because 41 pre-registered motorcycles weren't going to come. Steve got on the phone Thursday afternoon and evening and called all the people who hadn't shown up yet to remind them that they had pre-registered for the show and to encourage them to come. Richard also had several vendors who had notified him that they wouldn't be coming and then had some that never showed up either. The band that was supposed to play on Saturday night had overbooked themselves and weren't going to be here so the Friday night band went ahead and played again on Saturday night. Half of the pro-invitational motorcycles didn't show up, partly for COVID reason and some other reasons. So Larry was pulling motorcycles from the regular show to fill up his pro-invitational area. Krispy Kreme was the bright spot in the event as they came through with the free doughnuts for the staff and the pro-invitational people. Richard said he will be looking at the numbers and "licking his wounds" for a time.

Mike reported that the club shirts have been ordered. He passed around proofs of the 4 colors that were chosen for the shirts. The club had paid 50% down on the shirts and is waiting for them to arrive from the warehouse in Cincinnati before they can do the screen printing on them. Mike thinks the shirts will be ready in a week to 10 days. The members that were at the meeting were asked to check with Mike and his master list to make sure the appropriate size and color were ordered for those that wanted one. The club also asked people to pay for the shirt if possible at the meeting as well.

The club voted to have a WACO Luncheon at Margarita's on E. Douglas on Wednesday Nov. 10 at 1 PM.

Mike is constructing a restroom in his garage in preparation for the upcoming WACO Christmas party that he will be hosting in his garage. He reported that the plumber had been there an entire day and gotten all the plumbing stuff taken care of. Now there will be just some finish type work to be done. Mike may contact people the next couple of weekends to help with this task.

Hobo Happenings is taking place on Nov. 20 in Douglas. Some flyers were passed around for members to take if they wanted to attend the last car show of the year. The town provides free ham and beans to everyone that attends. The trophies consist of a bottle of wine. They also have lots of great door prizes that they give out all day long. They also have a craft show and bake sale going on at the same time. They also have several places inside where you can escape the cold weather. One notable place is the museum that is on the main street. It has lots of interesting stuff in it and you can go there and get warmed up or dried off depending on the weather.

Cars for Charities is coming up Jan 14-16, 2022 at Century II. This is a good indoor show where you can be inside and can detail your car. If you register your car, you will receive two passes that are good for the weekend. These weekend passes are a great deal and get you in and out all weekend. There is also a price break for pre-registration but you want to register as early as possible as it will fill up quickly. If

you do register be sure and put that you are with WACO so that we can all be parked together in one area.

David G. reported that Midwest Chevelle Regionals are back on track for next year. He didn't have his paper for sure, but he believes that KC will do it in 2022, followed by Nebraska in 2023, Springfield in 2024, and Wichita in 2025. O'Reilly's has committed to sponsoring the show again and will provide \$2,500 to help the club that is doing the show. David reminded the club that it takes a lot of people to put this show together. As we get closer we will form committee's to plan the different events that go on. David is thinking that because the club members are getting older that we should try to simplify the show.

November 6-7 is Military Gun Show at Cessna Activity Center from 9-5 if anyone is interested in that kind of thing.

David gave the Treasurer's report. He said the club has spent \$700 on the shirts and will owe another \$700 for the completion of the shirts. After that the club is basically at the same amount this month as we were last month.

David reported that Dale our webmaster has been having issues with Go-Daddy. Without all the technical details David said there may be some changes coming for our web-site.

The Christmas Party was the next discussion. The club voted to have the party on Dec. 18 at Mike's garage. The club will pay for the meat that members will fix. Gerald volunteered to fix a brisket and potato salad. Mike volunteered to do the turkey. Club members are asked to bring sides and desserts. Gift exchange ideas were discussed. The vote was to have a regular gift exchange if you are interested, with the price limit being \$20. If you bring one of these gifts then you will get a gift. The members also voted to do the gag gift or white elephant gift exchange as well. Try to make your gag gift something funny or amusing so that it will be fun to watch people opening those gifts. The club will need to get a count of how many children will be there so that we can have children's gifts also. Club members that come might want to bring card table type chairs but leave them in your cars until we see if we need them for sure or not. Mike thinks he might have enough chairs but thinks it wouldn't hurt to have them just in case. They think we will have enough tables between the car club tables and Mike's tables. If you have any ideas for decorating please be ready to help with that. The club voted to come at 4 PM to do the decorating and then the party could start at 5 PM. If you want adult beverages you are asked to bring them for yourself. David H. has said he will have a fire on the driveway for those who want to hang out around a campfire.

The Annual Chili Cook-off will probably be in February or March. David H. has said that he would like to have it at the motorcycle Museum in Augusta but will need to work out the details for that.

John Sutter brought a chocolate cake to share with the club to celebrate his birthday.

Next we had Show and Tell:

John Sutter brought a birthday pillow that his sister had given him that has a picture of him as a child. Then he also had another device that he passed around to see if anyone knew what it was. Mark Ellsworth said it was a brake lock. John confirmed that was correct and said it had come from his Dad's inventory of stuff.

David G- showed a transfer case from a 4 wheel drive 2003 Chevy Silverado. These are made from magnesium instead of aluminum and the problem is that after a while of the gears throwing oil then it causes a pin hole in the magnesium transfer case and leaves you with a leak that you can't figure out where it is coming from. These transfer cases were standard from about the mid 90's to the mid 2000's. If you notice a bluish fluid leak halfway down your truck you might want to get this checked. If you catch it early, it can save you a lot of money! See David G. if you need more information about this!

Bob- showed a valve cover that he is converting to a race car and demonstrated its ability.

Meeting adjourned to enjoy birthday cake and other snacks!