

Jan. 11, 2023

The January 2023 meeting of WACO was held Jan. 11 in Mike's garage with 15 members present.

David H. started the meeting by saying the Christmas Party had been a big success. He thanked Mike & Cindy for all their work in hosting the party in their garage. He also thanked all the people who volunteered to help with the party. Mike & Cindy also thanked all the people who helped them get the party up and running and helped clean up and so on. Everyone had a really good time at the party!

The Cars for Charity Car Show is this weekend and the car club wants to attend together. Traditionally the club meets for lunch before attending the show. Several area restaurants were mentioned as possible places to meet for lunch. After some discussion it was narrowed down to two places: B & C BBQ or Margarita's. A vote was taken by the members at the meeting and the majority voted for the B & C BBQ restaurant. The club will meet there at 1:00 PM on Friday Jan. 13 for lunch together. Afterwards the club will attend the Cars for Charity Car Show at Century Two. Ticket prices for the show are \$14 for Adults. We think that you get \$2 off if you buy your ticket ahead of time at Quik-Trip but we aren't sure on that price.

David H. mentioned that he had received a copy of the flyer for the Springfield Regionals in June. He said that registration is \$45 and it costs \$35 for the 1,000 point judging. Each registration will receive a free BBQ meal ticket for Friday night and any additional tickets will cost \$30. The Regionals are June 30-July 1 in Springfield, MO at the Oasis Hotel & Convention Center at 2945 Glenstone Ave. Springfield, MO.

David mentioned that we need to be working on the Regionals for 2024 as we are listed as the group to host it then. David H. said it would be nice to be able to pass out a flyer for the 2024 Regionals at the Regionals in Springfield but several members didn't think that was possible. David H. & David G. want to talk to Darren at the Alley and see if that would work out. The problem now is that hotels are having small parking lots and don't have enough parking spots to host such an event. It was mentioned that if we could use several parking lots that maybe we could make the LaQuinta and Busters and the Sports Complex area off of K-96 work for a Regional event. The Hyatt downtown is still a possibility also. Anyone who wants to help with planning this event would be greatly appreciated. Contact David H. or David G. if you want to help.

Gary gave an update on John's condition. John had been in the hospital to have a defibrillator and pacemaker installed. He had COVID and it messed up his heart and arteries creating this need. The other day the defibrillator messed up and shocked him even though he didn't need it. It was discovered that the wires were shorting out and

they had to go back in and fix the wires. However he was able to go home on Wednesday. They sent him home with a walker but it doesn't appear that he really needs it. They will also have a monitor there so that the doctor can check on his heart whenever he wants to. There was a mix up on this monitor though and it may be a week or so before it is working like they want it to. But overall John is doing well.

Then we had our Show and Tell portion of the meeting.

Mike showed an example of why you don't leave a battery unattended while it is charging. He had an old battery charger from his father-in-law that he was using and apparently it didn't shut off automatically and instead overcharged the battery. The battery blew out the sides and top and sprayed battery acid everywhere. The club was quite interested to see how this battery looked now.

Russell brought an old crossbow type wooden thing that he asked the club members to try and date. He had purchased it several years ago at an old junk shop and just wondered how old everyone thought it was. One guess was that it was at least from World War 2. But then after they looked at it longer the guess became that it had to be at least a hundred years old. Some even wondered if it was the 16th or 17th century. Was a cool thing to see!

Larry brought a tool that he had purchased to crimp Air conditioner hoses. He demonstrated how to use it and said he saved quite a bit of time and money by doing this. The club really enjoyed the tool. Larry indicated that if a club member needed to use it he would let them use the tool.

Meeting ended with a lot of visiting and checking out the progress on Mike's car!