

July 12, 2023

The July meeting of the WACO car club was held in Mike's garage on July 12 at 6:30 PM. There were 26 members in attendance.

Doug started off the meeting by talking about the Regionals that had been held in Springfield, MO. Doug thanked all the members for their assistance with our car and its issues. Then Doug said that all the members that attended won some kind of award except for our car. David G. then showed what his trophy looked like. Doug announced that David H. and Larry had both been in the 1000 point judging class. David H. won a bronze award which he believes is between 850-900 points. Larry won the gold award which we believe is between 950-1000 points. Doug asked them to let us know what their judging sheet tells them when they receive it from Springfield.

Doug said that he noticed a new face in our circle and asked him to introduce himself. He said his name was Stu Demuth and had been a member previously but had just renewed his dues. He currently has a 1965 El Camino that he is working on and hopes to have it completed to show someday.

Doug then passed around some flyers for the upcoming car shows that he knew of:

July 15 is the Gary Carpenter Celebration of Life Car Show at Park Villa in Riverside Park from 11 AM to 3 PM. Gary Carpenter was the person who started automobilia in downtown Wichita several years ago.

July 27-30 Leadsled Spectacular in Salina, KS.

Sept. 23 Kansas City Chevelle Show

Sept. 22 Sunflower Lodge Car Show @ Davis Moore

Oct. 7 Passageways Car Show

Doug asked for a report of the Automobilia car show that had been the previous weekend. Steve and David H. both reported that they were frustrated at not getting into the show in a timely manner and so had turned around and went back home. Those that attended said there were a lot of cars there. Then the discussion turned to all the issues that the car club had noticed..

Doug reported that Kevin had done a good job of presenting our plan for the Regionals in 2024 at the business meeting in Springfield. Kevin said that he had taken some time off from the planning since Springfield but at the next meeting he would have more information for us as well as committees that we could sign up for. He encouraged members to return next month ready to sign up to help host the Regionals in Wichita next year.

Doug pointed out that Bob had won an award from the Oasis Hotel for his car. He felt quite honored that the hotel people chose his car.

David G. said that he couldn't give a Treasurer's report as he had forgotten his paperwork. He did pass around a sheet that we were all given in Springfield that listed where the Regionals had been hosted every year since the Regionals began. Next year will be the 37<sup>th</sup> annual Regional.

Doug reported that at the Regionals in Springfield that David H. had presented an appreciation award to Dale McIntosh for all the work he does for our web-site from our car club.

Doug reported that James Hinshaw of Hinshaw Chevrolet in N. Carolina has had a stroke. He mentioned that his wife Sylvia was still taking care of customers and getting their parts they need sent to them. Doug reported what a good resource they are for our old Chevelle's.

Doug pointed out that he had brought some zucchini for anyone that wanted to take some.

Mike thanked those who had helped with his Coupe recently. He said they spent about 3 hours putting the body onto the frame and Mike thanked those members who had come and helped with that process.

Becky asked the ladies of WACO about changing up the Luncheon this month to a breakfast on a Saturday so that some of the working ladies could attend. After some discussion it was decided that we meet Saturday July 22 at the Delano's Diner at 9 AM. All ladies of WACO are invited to attend. Be watching for an email about this event!

Bob said that he had spent some time talking to the KC people about their Regionals and they had told him that committees are how they get everything taken care of without a lot of hassle. Bob reported that the committees take care of their job and make sure it gets done and then the show runs smoothly. Bob suggested that we use the same approach.

Mick suggested that we need to shake the bushes to have more local Chevelle people attend our Regionals. David H. said that he had passed out information at every car show that he attended the last time we hosted a Chevelle Regional. Someone mentioned that they really liked when we had the business cards printed last time to pass out the information. They thought it was easier to keep track of and easier to hand out and less likely to be tossed. (Not sure who shared this so I can't give them credit for this. Sorry about that!!!)

Mike Howell then shared that his Chevelle has been in storage. He went to try and start it and the battery was dead. He bought a new battery, installed it, drove it around a bit and then 2 weeks later it was dead again. He purchased another new battery and put it on where the battery posts were backwards. Puffed out smoke. So he fixed it and tried to start it again. It did start but then later the battery was dead again. Something is draining his battery. He also mentioned how his paint job on his Chevelle is 14 years old and is starting to show its age. It has blistered paint on the roof. These are things that would keep him from wanting to take his Chevelle to a Regional and he speculated that other people may feel the same way about their cars. Mike also mentioned that the Regionals event used to be more glamorous. He said it used to feel very special to take your car to a Regional event because of the 1000 point judging competition. He also said it was the 1000 point judging that drew him to his first Regional event many years ago.

Larry asked if there could possibly be an unfinished class for the Regionals.

David G. then said that we try to put on the best Regional show possible and that in his mind we do have the best Regional event.

It was announced that next month we will have sign up sheets for the different committees to get ready for the Regionals. Someone jokingly said that next month's attendance may be way down because of that. Becky pointed out that if everyone committed to help in at least one area of the Regionals that things would go smoother for the club. That way not just one or two people would be doing a LOT of work.

Then Doug thanked Mike & Cindy for the use of their garage for our meeting again this month.

Show and Tell:

Doug brought his magic creeper that he had received for Father's Day and demonstrated how to use it.

David G. brought his plate that goes into a positree rear end that had a crack in it. Discussed all the possible ways that crack could have happened. David pointed out that Kevin is very knowledgeable about rear ends and that if someone needs help with that they should talk to Kevin.

Bob reminded the club that we still need a President. Mick nominated Kevin Clark. Russell seconded the nomination. Kevin agreed to do it for one year while we are getting ready for the Regionals.

David G. reminded us of how good a job David H. had done with the presidency over the last several years.

Meeting adjourned to enjoy the cupcakes that several people had brought to the meeting!