

Nov. 1, 2023

The November WACO meeting was held in Mike's garage with 25 members present. Kevin introduced John Ballmer (not sure how to spell his last name) who was the one that got us to sell the raffle tickets for the Chevelle provided by the Kansas Masonic Foundation. He told us that the Kansas Masonic Foundation has put 3 million dollars back into our Kansas communities. On the raffle tickets that we sell only \$5 goes back to the Masonic Foundation and the other \$15 on the tickets is split between the Lodges and the people selling them. He said the lodges use the majority of the money in the upcoming holiday season. He mentioned that the Kansas Foundation has lots of scholarships that they fund. He presented a check to our club for \$337.50 as our portion of the raffle tickets that we have sold. He also thanked the club for our participation. John also mentioned that if we wanted to have the Chevelle at an event to help sell tickets that there were some open weekends that he could check out for us. Bob asked how the Foundation comes up the cars that they raffle off but John didn't know the answer to that. Gerald, who is also part of the Masons, mentioned that the day after the Chevelle is raffled off they will have the next car ready! John also mentioned that the Kansas Masonic is having a gun raffle for the next year. They will raffle off 2 guns every week for the next year. He thought the tickets for the gun raffle are \$20 each or 6 tickets for \$100.

David Gohring was not present to give the treasurer's report but had given the information to Kevin Clark. Kevin shared that the Hutch Swap meet had been successful. The club sold \$385 worth of goods. It cost us \$160 for our booth space so we netted \$225 for our club. Kevin also thanked John Sutter for all his work at the swap meet. Then Kevin shared that we have sold 527 tickets for our BBQ grill so far. He asked us to keep pushing the selling of the tickets. Then Kevin shared our bank balance is \$6,000.

Kevin asked for an update on Richard & Robin Bartel. Steve shared that they are both in good spirits and are healing. Richard is able to get in and out of the house by himself now. He still can't drive although Robin has started driving some. Robin has started to work from home now but her hand problems still persist. She is waiting for care on her hand still. Richard is getting OT and PT at his house. He has also replaced his truck that was totaled in the accident. **Becky passed around a thank you note that Richard & Robin had written to the car club.**

Kevin shared that the last meeting that was held at Don Hatten was a success and that Don Hatten has invited us back whenever we need to use the facility. The only drawback is that there is not an elevator to get to the 2nd floor where we held the meeting. Kevin shared that Don Hatten had contacted him about having some people participate in their Trunk or Treat event on Halloween evening. The dealership had room for 4 cars to participate. Kevin called some of the club members and easily got 4 people to participate. They took some of their own candy and Don Hatten also gave them candy to distribute. The dealership said to plan for 1000 children to come through. Kevin was pleased that our club had prime spots in bays 1-4 to showcase our cars. The event was from 6-8 PM and they gave out a lot of candy to a LOT of kids. Bob thinks they had more 1000 children come through.

Jack shared information about the upcoming Toys for Tots. It will take place Sunday Nov. 19, 2023. It is a cruise in event where you drop off toys at Star Lumber at 325 S. West Street.

Matt gave an update on his coozies. He said he has made 174 of them in 3 different colors. He also mentioned that if you ordered a tag from him that he had them to pass out tonight.

Bob gave an update on the Regional T-shirts. He said he is still working on the design and is looking for a person to help get it from paper to a format that they can use to print the t-shirts. Larry mentioned that there is an artist at his work place that could design the artwork for us. Bob mentioned that U.S. Logo could do it but their design team charges \$85 per hour to design. Gerald also mentioned that he had a connection to Allen's printing and that she is an artist and could possibly do the design for us cheaper. Kevin had another place called Adeas that might be able to design it for us. So now Bob has some more names and places to get with to see if they can help with the t-shirt design. Gerald also mentioned that we could get buttons made at PTR at a reasonable price.

Kevin then shared what he has been working on for the Regional. He said he has been checking on trash, and port-a-potty and the music for the event. He said the company that he talked to thought we would only need one port-a-potty. But Kevin was questioning that. Gerald said he had a contact through the city of Wichita that we might get help on the trash and the port-a-potty. Becky shared that David G. probably had the information on the company that we used the last time we held the Regional.

James then shared that he was able to get a new sponsor for our Regional event. He had taken his car to Let's Roll Coatings to get a ceramic coating put on his car. He told them about our Regional event and asked if they would like to be a sponsor. They said they would. James mentioned how easy it was to ask. Someone suggested that maybe they might want to have a vendor's booth at the Regional event also to showcase their product and services. Bob suggested that maybe we could have a club meeting there sometime. James said he brought a stack of business cards to pass out. He mentioned that it took them 2 days to do his car but that he was pleased with the results.

Then Kevin showed us a new raffle prize that he had found for the Regional event. He found a '70 Chevelle die cast model that was in excellent shape and was able to purchase it for a good price. He said it would make a good prize to give away at the Regional. He encouraged all club members to be on the lookout for such good finds!

Kevin pointed out the donation jar for the Morrison County Fire Department. We have been getting donations for them for helping to rescue Richard & Robin and get them to the hospital. Steve was planning to get the money and take it to the bank and get a cashier's check to take to the Fire Department. He asked if we had a card that everyone had signed and if so he would take the money and the card to the department. Larry suggested that we give them the cash instead of a cashier's check. Steve thought that sounded good. He mentioned that it is a volunteer fire department and that they need donations to keep working. Steve said if the weather is good he is planning to take his motorcycle and deliver it in person to them.

Mick mentioned that he and Larry had gone to the Cars & Coffee event recently. He said he was pleased with the location and impressed at how they got between 500-600 cars in and out. He said he thought this was an excellent location for our Regional event.

Kevin shared that our upcoming Christmas Party would be held at Mike's. Mike's garage is available on Dec. 16 so the club voted to use that date. **Dec. 16, 2023 at 5 PM will be our Christmas Party at Mike's garage.** WACO will furnish the meat and club members will provide the sides. Jack said he would do a ham and a turkey. Kevin will do another type of meat. We will also have our traditional gift exchange and our Bingo game and some other games. Kevin asked if anyone was willing to run the Bingo game. Several club members gave Doug a hard time about not doing it this year but Doug said he had done it the last 2 or 3 years and wondered if someone else would like to do it. Kevin also asked if anyone would be willing to come up with another game for that evening. He also mentioned that Becky, Jack and Teresa had volunteered to purchase gifts for the games and also the kid's gifts. Becky volunteered to look through her file folder and find an appropriate game for the club. Doug then consented to running the Bingo game again this year. So those two things are taken care of. Kevin then suggested that if you receive a gift that you don't really need that maybe you could donate it back to the club to be used for our Regional. But if you get a gift that you need then of course keep it. It was also suggested that we keep a running list of who is bringing what sides so that we end up with a good variety. Mike suggested it would be helpful if we had an accurate head count so he knew how to set up the room. It would also be helpful for Becky, Jack, and Teresa to know how many kids are coming and what ages will be here. It was suggested that we have an RSVP deadline of 1 week before the event. Mike will also need help in getting the garage set up and decorated for the event. Anyone willing to help with any of these things should contact Kevin or Mike.

Doug mentioned that Hobo Happening is coming soon. It will be on Sat. Nov. 18 in Douglass, KS. The Cars for Charity event is coming Jan. 20-21, 2024 at Century 2. Doug said if you are interested look for the registration on their web-site.

Show and Tell:

Larry told how he had taken his El Camino to Target to go shopping and when he came out he found a 1968 Model El Camino beside the front tire of his vehicle. There was a young man who had seen his car and put the model by it just because they are both 1968 El Camino's. Larry said you could tell it gave the man a lot of pleasure to give him the model. Everyone enjoyed Larry's rendering of this tale!!!

Bob mentioned that Gretchen had had knee surgery a couple of weeks ago. She wanted to know if there were any ladies interested in getting together to play cards or bunko or etc. If you are interested please reach out to Gretchen or Bob!

No regular meeting in December. Just the Christmas party Dec. 16!

Meeting adjourned.