

Oct. 1, 2025

The October WACO meeting was held at the Fire Fighter's Museum with about 28 members present.

Kevin introduced our newest member, Mike Caffey (not sure on the spelling of last name) who has a '72 Chevelle' that he is beginning a frame-off restoration. Kevin also welcomed Leo Delperdang from the state House of Representatives.

Doug passed out some information on Hobo Happenings Car Show in November.

Bob talked about the work that he and Doug have been doing on the design for the T-shirts for the 2026 Regional. Bob said they would be meeting with Prairie Print on Thursday to discuss the T-shirts.

Kevin thanked the volunteers from the Museum for allowing us to have our meeting in the museum. Kevin encouraged all the members to look around the museum once our meeting is over!

Kevin asked for reports on the last 2 car shows:

David G. gave a report on the Midwest Regional that was held in Kansas City last month. Gave a lot of information about the event and what he liked and didn't like about the show. (You should have come to hear the discussion!)

Kevin reported on the Wichita Burner Open House that was on Sept. 17. David reported that we earned \$451 from the sale of the raffle tickets at this event.

Kevin expressed a huge thank you to Mick & Margaret for hosting the get-together at their home. He also thanked Mike for cooking all the meat for that event.

Kevin then moved to discussion of the 2026 Regional that we are going to host next spring. We have set a date for this regional event for June 5-6 at the WSU campus again this year. We will have a 1 ½ day show. On Friday there will be registration and a cruise to a park and then we will feed those that are here on Friday. The actual car show will take place on Saturday. We have a different parking lot than we used last time. This parking lot will be next to the baseball field. This parking lot has electricity. It is in the shape of a crescent moon and borders on 21st street so it will have good visibility. There will not be any WSU baseball during that time, so we don't need to worry about baseballs coming out and hitting the cars. Kevin has the parking lot already secured with WSU and has also secured 20 rooms at the Hyatt Hotel. These rooms will cost \$178.00 per night and must be reserved online only. Kevin was very pleased with the number of people who have volunteered to help get ready for the Regional. He will be sending out the list of volunteers that

are heading up committees. Please be thinking about how you can help with this event. It takes all of us to make it a success!

Bob then did a drawing for a new fire extinguisher. John S. won the prize!
Congratulations John!

Kevin said that Don Hatten had approached our club again this year to help with the Trunk or Treat on Oct. 31. He asked for 5 volunteers. He had already spoken to some club members that had agreed to help and so he only needed one more vehicle. Jack & Teresa agreed to help. The list of helpers are Bob, Doug, Kevin, Karl and Jack & Teresa.

Kevin then gave a report of the cruise last Friday to Latham, KS. The people who went really enjoyed it and had good reviews.

Kevin reported that Tractor Supply on E. Kellogg had approached him about participating in their open house on Sat. Nov. 1 from 10-2. They were wanting to have a car show. They plan on having food trucks there. Kevin asked if we had any members who were interested. After some discussion it was concluded that it will depend on the weather! But it was suggested that if we participated that maybe we could ask for a donation from Tractor Supply to help with our Regional Event!

Kevin told us that our Christmas Party will be on Sat. Dec. 6 at the WSU Metroplex just like last year. This year the meat will be provided by select members of the club and the rest of us will provide sides and desserts. Dan will be calling Bingo again this year. There may be other games as well but all of that has not been decided yet. Be watching for more information, but you can at least put it on your calendar!

Bob had another drawing for a Fire House Sub gift card. Gary O. won that one.

Kevin then shared some photos of the restoration work that our club did on the Fire Engine that the museum has. It was a very good presentation, and you would have enjoyed the pictures! Gary (a volunteer from the museum) then thanked us for all the help we gave them. He encouraged us to visit the museum whenever possible. Kevin presented gift cards for the Fire House Sub Place to Bob and Larry who were consistently working on the fire truck.

Bob drew another ticket for another fire extinguisher and the newest member; Mike Caffey won the prize.

Meeting adjourned to look over the museum!