

Feb. 1, 2023

The monthly meeting of WACO was held Feb. 1 at Mike's garage with 17 members present.

Pres. David Hime opened the meeting by asking about the Chili Cook-off. Mike has agreed to host the Chili Cook-off in his garage again this year. He presented the dates that he was available and the club voted to do the cook-off on March 25 at 5 PM. We will give prizes for the 1st and 2nd choice of each of the following categories, Hot, Mild Chili, sides, and desserts. We will again use beans to vote for your favorites. If anyone has suggestions of what to do for the prizes this year, please contact David Gohring with your ideas.

David H. then asked about the idea of raising the amount of our club dues from \$20 to \$25. David H. asked for comments about this issue. David G. mentioned that we ended the year 2022 in the hole about \$600 because we spent more than we brought in over the course of the year. The big expenses for last year were going to Dairy Queen over the summer and the Christmas party. Realistically we have only 50 members really but if you raise the dues by only \$5 then we only get another \$250 for the club. Both Steve and Russell suggested that instead we should raise the dues by \$10 instead. David G. had forgotten to bring all of his figures from 2022 but promised that next month he would have all the data to be able to answer specific questions. Someone brought up the Swap meets and whether they were a financial drain or not. David G. said that the only reason that the club makes money or comes out even on the swap meets is because of the generosity of club members. Members donate parts to the club to sell or they sell enough parts that they share the money with the club. But that usually helps the club to make a little money at the swap meets. The bad part is that we are basically out of good parts for the club to sell and so unless we get some more "good" stuff to sell at the next swap meets then we may not make enough to cover the expenses of the swap meet. David H. suggested members go home and think about this and get back with the club the next month and we would decide at that time.

Then David H. asked for ideas on how to raise some funds for the club and possibly for a charity as well. David H. suggested that we could have a Bingo game at the Chili cook-off where we would charge \$1.00 for each bingo card. Players could purchase as many Bingo cards as they wanted. The winner of the round of bingo would win $\frac{1}{2}$ of the money that had been collected and the club would retain the other half of the money. Most of the club members were receptive to this idea.

Another money making idea was proposed by Mike and David G. They had talked about doing a car show that was not just a Chevelle show but would invite any car that wanted to come. The money collected from a car show like this could have $\frac{1}{2}$ of the money going to the club and the other half going to a good charity of our choice. Some possible

suggestions for the charities were Battle Buddies and Honor Flight. There was some talk about doing a concession stand at this car show if we did it. The only concern was if we would have to have a food handler's license to do this or not. Mike mentioned that this would be quite a bit of work unless the club members really stepped up to help with an event such as this. There was discussion about how to choose a date and not interfere with other car shows as well as possible locations. Again we as a club were asked to think about this option and to consider how we as club members could help with something like this.

Another suggestion from Doug was having a cake walk or dessert auction at our chili cook-off. Doug suggested that if some of the women made some special desserts that the club could auction them off to the highest bidder and the club would receive the funds.

The club was asked to think of more ideas that we could discuss in order to earn some funds not only to help us in 2023 but also because we may be doing the Regionals in 2024 and will need funds to do that.

David reminded the club of the Regionals in Springfield on June 30- July 1.

David asked how the club felt about hosting the Regionals in 2024. David G. mentioned that he had contacted the general manager, Alex, at The Alley and approached him about doing the Regionals there again. David had talked to Alex over the phone about this but Alex said it would have to be approved by corporate so Alex had asked David to send an email detailing what we were interested in doing. David sent the email to Alex but so far had not heard anything back yet. David is planning to wait until Monday and if he hasn't heard from Alex by then he will call and make sure that he had received the email with the details in it. David did indicate that Alex thought it was a good idea. Now we will wait and see what corporate thinks of it.

David H. asked where the club would like to hold a luncheon this month. David G. mentioned a good Mexican restaurant in Andover called Rio. He said that it had good food as well as 2 separate rooms that we could use if we wanted a more private atmosphere. The suggestion was to have the luncheon sometime after Feb. 10 so that Steve will be able to attend. Steve C. will be retiring on Feb. 10 and should be able to do more things with the club after that.

David H. reminded club member of upcoming swap meets:

Feb. 3-4 Oklahoma City (we do not have a booth there!)

March 11-12 Century 2 Sunflower Swap Meet

May 12-13 Hutchinson swap meet

David reminded members to go through their stuff to find things to sell at the booth for our club since we have already paid for the booth space.

David G. gave a treasurer's report. He said that we have collected \$210 since the first of the year, \$160 in dues and 2 donations totaling \$50. David spent \$47.25 on the registration of the club trailer. In a few days he will also have to spend \$350 for our car club insurance. David mentioned that the insurance will wipe out what we have collected already for dues this year. At that point Mick suggested that we quit messing around and just raise the club dues to \$30. Then the suggestion was made that we give people until April 1 to pay their dues at the old price of \$20 but that if they wait until April 1 the rate will increase to \$30. The club voted and decided this was a good idea. It was mentioned that a \$30 club dues was really pretty cheap in the scheme of club dues!

John Sutter asked if anyone had a bucket seat for a '69 Chevelle that his son-in-law needed. He would even consider a bench seat but would prefer the bucket seats.

Then the club moved into the Show and Tell portion of the meeting.

Bob brought a chrome alternator to show. He said that he had bought it at a swap meet but has since learned that you must be careful with chrome because chrome holds heat in instead of letting it dissipate. He had learned that the chrome alternator, although really pretty to look at, could be a problem if you drive your car a lot as it could get too hot and burn up the alternator. Bob mentioned that he is still planning to install it in his car as he doesn't drive it that much and feels safe in doing this.

Doug showed a picture of a semi-truck and the safety bar at the bottom of the doors. He told us it is called a Mansfield bar, named after Jayne Mansfield who was killed when her car was under a semi-truck trailer. Then Doug showed a couple of tools that he had brought. One was a set of tools for tie rod and ball joint spreaders. He also had a hand tool that he passed around to see if anyone could guess what it was. It was a hand drill that he demonstrated.

David G. showed some valve covers and how to tell the difference between the 2 of them. One is for 350 HP and up engines and the other is for 300 HP and less engines. He also told how to tell if the valve cover was an original or an after-market one. He then showed 2 types of wiper arms that work for different Chevelles. Too much technical stuff for me to tell about it. You should have been there and learned about them!

Mike then showed a new tool he received at Christmas that can locate what appliance or lamp or whatever is causing you to blow fuses. It helps to locate the culprit. Pretty cool thing!!!

Meeting adjourned!