

March 1, 2023

The March meeting was well attended with 31 members at Mike's garage for our monthly meeting.

David Hime opened the meeting by reminding members of the Swap Meet the next weekend at Century 2. Move in day will be on Thursday and then the swap meet will be open on Friday and Saturday. We have not received confirmation of our move in time yet but assume it should be similar to last year which was around 9 AM. The club has 4 booth spots available so there is plenty of room for the stuff you would like to sell. The exact amount to have to pay to come inside the swap meet was not known but they think it is about \$5. The dates for the Sunflower Swap Meet are March 10-11, 2023.

Our annual Chili Cook-off is scheduled for March 25 in Mike's garage at 5 PM. We will have top 2 prizes for each category, Hot chili, Mild chili, desserts and or sides. We are also planning on playing Bingo that night. Doug presented the idea of auctioning off desserts as a fund raiser for the club. The club agreed this was a good idea. So anyone who wants to make a special dessert and let it be auctioned off is encouraged to do that. This is separate from the desserts that we will be voting on for the prizes. Bring some money to buy a special dessert! David G. said he has the trophies and that they are "really great!" and "interesting". David G. will get the tables to Mike's garage and Jack will bring some folding chairs. Club members are encouraged to bring folding chairs in case we would need extra. Set up will probably occur about an hour prior to the event.

The club has decided to raise our club dues from \$20 per year to \$30 per year effective April 1, 2023. Therefore David H. had asked David G. to list what our dues are used for and how much it costs per person to do the things that the club does. So David G. gave us a quick run-down on our club expenses that our dues pay for:

These figures are based on 50 paid members per year

1. Seed Money \$150. (given to the host club for Chevelle Regionals)	\$3/ person
2. Not for profit fee for the club	\$1/person
3. Liability club insurance	\$7/person
4. Dairy Queen \$165 in 2022	\$3-4/person
5. Party Food	\$204
6. Web-site Maintenance	\$100
7. Christmas Party	\$566
8. Trailer maintenance, Tags, Taxes	\$47
9. Swap Meets	\$520
2022 we brought in \$965 in dues	brought in \$1078 in donations from club members
	Amount spent
	\$33/ person

As you can see we have been spending more than we bring in with the yearly dues so by raising the dues we can come closer to being solvent with our club money every year.

David G. also pointed out that for the year 2022 we finished out the year -\$355.00 in the hole. We are lucky that we do have money in the bank to cover this deficit. Regionals do help us make some money. But if it wasn't for the O'Reilly donation of \$2500 that we receive when we sponsor the regionals then we would not have enough to cover the event. David G. says our club goal is to break even on the regionals. Therefore in 2024 we will be cutting back some of the events that cost more but didn't seem as popular. But we as a club will be looking at all of this over the next few months.

David G. then told us for 2023 he has already paid the trailer fees, the insurance, and the trophies for the chili cook-off, and the seed money for Springfield. Counting the dues that we have received in 2023 we are already -\$85 for the year. David encouraged the club to pay their dues for the year as soon as possible.

David G. then shared that Ron Fleming had contacted him and proposed a cruise again to his place in Clearwater where the club would have pizza and drinks. Ron said the only Saturday's that he could do this in April would be April 1 or April 8. Becky proposed that we choose April 1 and then if the weather isn't conducive for the cruise that we figure out a different plan at that time. David H. proposed that we meet somewhere at 10 AM and maybe find a cool place to take some photos of our Chevelle's and then cruise to Ron's. Nothing specific was decided at the meeting. Therefore watch for an email to let you know where we will meet and where we will be taking pictures. There will probably be a tip jar at Ron's to help with the cost of the pizza and drinks too.

Russell proposed that since the Dairy Queen is a rather large expense but that the club really enjoys it, that maybe we charge members \$2 for each ticket and then the club would pay the difference on whatever treat they get. Nothing was decided for sure on this. It was just an idea to think about!

David G. announced that he has not heard from Alex at the Alley about our proposal of doing the Regional there in 2024. Greg Standifer mentioned that Cars & Coffee announced that they are moving their location from the Alley to Brae burn Center at the SW corner of 21<sup>st</sup> & Oliver by WSU. He suggested that this might be a possible location for the Regional event as they have a new hotel there and several restaurants in the area. So we need to check this location out!

Gerald announced that he had brought his daughter Raven with him to the meeting.

2023 Regionals are coming up June 30- July1 in Springfield, Missouri. David G. said he had forms for the event if anyone wanted one instead of printing it from the internet. So far the people that are going are:

David & Connie Hime

David & Sandy Gohring

Bob & Gretchen Cox

Kevin & Susan Clark

Doug & Becky Stukey

Becky pointed out that if you google the Oasis hotel and tries to put in the dates that it shows the hotel is fully booked. But if you call the hotel directly from the flyer and tell them that you are coming for the Regional event then you get the rooms for \$109 per night and they don't seem to be full either. Becky speculated that the hotel has blocked off the rooms specifically for the Regional event.

David H. asked for suggestions for a lunch place maybe on the west side of Wichita. Nothing specific was decided.

Becky announced that David G. had asked her if she would be willing to set up a WACO Ladies luncheon once a month. Becky agreed to do that and said she is planning to have

one in March. Look for an email with information about this to be coming as well from David!

Gary announced that he had a friend who had passed away and had a lot of cars, motorcycle, boat, tools, travel trailer, truck and other misc. stuff to sell. Gary is going to the place on Saturday March 4 to see about purchasing some of this stuff. Look for an email from David with the address and time to meet to go see this stuff. It is around the MacArthur & Hoover area. They talked about meeting at the Dollar General on that corner and then following Gary to the place but nothing was decided for sure. Watch for this email.

Then we started the Show and Tell portion of the meeting:

Steve shared a headlamp that he had purchased on eBay that is very helpful when working on his cars. It has a high setting, low setting, and even a spot light. He bought two of them for about \$15.

Bob then shared the difference between the original wind lacing for the cars and the aftermarket stuff that you can buy now. He said the original stuff has a puffy side on it that helps to seal the door better than the current stuff.

Jack showed some clocks that a buddy of his is making and selling for \$45 each.

Matt brought some old parts ordering books for the club to check out.

Meeting adjourned!