

April 5, 2023

The April WACO meeting was held in Mike's garage with 22 members present. David H. started the meeting by introducing our newest member, Richie Profizer. (Not sure on the last name spelling but my best guess at this point in time!) Richie has a 1965 Chevelle that he is working on and hopes to be driving it by the end of the year. The club then introduced themselves to Richie and told what kind of car they have.

The Sunflower Swap Meet that was held at Century 2 was a successful event for the club. We cleared \$337.00 for the club after paying for the booths for next year.

The Chili Cook-off was a big success as well. The fundraisers that we did at the party gave us \$259.00 for the club. The winners of the various categories are as follows:

- 1st place Hot Chili- Doug Stukey
- 1st place Mild Chili- Connie Hime
- 2nd place Mild Chili- Teresa Jackson
- 3rd place Mild Chili- Lori Steigerwald
- 1st place Sides- Bob Cox (Cornbread)
- 2nd place Sides- Phil (David G's father-in-law) Deviled Eggs
- 1st place Dessert- Cheri Wisdom- Cherry Cheesecake
- 2nd place Dessert- Becky Stukey- Coconut Pecan Pie

David H. reported that Steve Steigerwald had a good fundraising idea for the club and passed it on to David. The Ks. Masonic Lodges are giving away a car, specifically a 1966 Chevelle Convertible. It is badged as an SS. It is red with a black top and a red interior. It has a big block 454 engine and Chevy rally wheels. It is a 350 automatic with power steering. It has a unique red metallic paint. John Balmer, a member of the Falcon club, is also a mason. We will be selling chances to win this car for \$20 each. The Masonic organization gets \$15 of the \$20 cost. By helping to sell these tickets the Masonic Lodge will earn \$7.50 and we will earn \$7.50 for each ticket sold. The drawing for this car will be on March 14, 2024. Twice a year we will get our share of the money for the tickets that we have sold, once about October and once just before the drawing. David Hime had 7 brochures to pass out with 6 tickets each to sell. See David after the meeting to get your chance to sell just 6 tickets and earn some more money for our car club! David H. explained that the Masonic Lodge does lots of scholarships; such as a teacher scholarships, college scholarships, and High School scholarships. The College scholarship is worth \$1,000.00 and the High School scholarship is worth \$500.00.

We have an upcoming Swap Meet on May 19-20 at the Hutchinson Fairgrounds. David then explained how we do the swap meets to our new member.

April 13 will be the Mid-America Drag Strip Swap Meet @ Ark. City. However we do not have booth space for the club there!

David reminded the club of the upcoming Chevelle Regionals on June 30-July 1 at Springfield, MO. He encouraged everyone that wants to go to send in their reservations ASAP and book their hotel room at the Oasis also.

Kevin Clark then shared what he is working on for our 2024 Chevelle Regionals. He has been in contact with the Doubletree Hotel @ the airport. In fact he has a meeting with them tomorrow to get their proposal. He has also been talking to the Sports Forum and getting good response from them as well. The LaQuinta Hotel is not being much help there by the Sports Forum. Kevin is also talking to the Hyatt Downtown and getting good response from them. But he is having trouble with the city owned lots close to the Hyatt. He is looking for a large parking lot close to a hotel to

accommodate 100-125 cars as well as a place to park trailers! He will keep us updated as he gets more information.

David Gohring said he has not heard back from The Alley. He feels like the no contact is the answer of No but doesn't know that for sure. Mike then shared that the Alley is getting rid of AJ Sports bar and turning it all into bowling alley. That sounds like having our Regional there wouldn't work then!

David G. then gave a treasurer's report. Between the cash on hand and the money in the bank we have over \$5500 dollars. David pointed out that we are moving into the time of the year when we do fun things for the club and will be using some of that money. An example would be the Dairy Queen nights and things like that. But we have a good start for the money we would need to host the Regional event in 2024. Becky asked how much money we needed to do the Regionals. Mike said that in 2018 we spent about \$9,000.00. This does not mean that we have to have that amount of money up front, in the bank, because we do get money from O'Reilly's before the show for their sponsorship They give us \$2500.00 to use as we need it. The other car clubs also send us seed money to get us started. David H. pointed out that in 2018 we gave over \$2400.00 to the different Veteran's organizations that we chose to support. So after some discussion David G. said that we had a good start on the money that we need to host a Regional event and that we don't need to worry about trying to do a major fund raising event to get ready for the Regionals.

David H. shared the upcoming car shows:

April 29- Oxford Car Show

This is a free show with prizes that is held in the park.

April 8- Twisted Oz in August has a car show from 10-5

Belle Plain has one from 10-3

Osage City has one from 10-4

April 15- Ness City

April 22- Cook Field in Derby

Inman from 8-3

North High School from 10-3

Riverlawn Christian Church from 9-1

Ks. Star Casino (I think this is hosted by the Mulvane Marauders)

April 23- Peabody Cruise

April 29- Oxford from 10-3

Benton Downtown from 9-4

If you need more information on these cruises please check the WACO web-site or KEYN web-site.

David H. then announced that this was his last meeting as President as he was resigning after the meeting. He said that anyone who was interested in being President please see David Gohring! Becky then asked the club to show their appreciation for all the hard work that David H. has done for the last few years as President. (I think it was 2 years, but maybe 2 ½ years.)

Then David H. shared how much fun we had on our cruise to Ron's on April 1. We started in downtown Wichita at the railroad station then drove to Haysville to the Vicker's station. Then we went to a NSRA event on 103rd Street and then on to Ron's in Clearwater. David asked how many people noticed the WACO township sign as we were cruising.

Bob then shared that he has a friend who had been working on his '70 Chevelle and has a bunch of parts to sell. He is asking for \$500 for the parts for the front end. Bob said he had pictures of the parts if anyone is interested in seeing them. He said these parts would fit anything from a '68-'72. Bob will try to pass this information to David G. so that he can put it in an email to the club members.

Mick then shared that Todd Patterson from Patterson Racing might be willing to let us tour his shop. Mick asked for a show of hands on how many people would be interested if he could set something up for us. There were several hands that went up. Watch for more information if Mick can get this worked out for the club!

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

David Jamis showed some old Pontiac ads that he had collected. He also has some special books that he had and shared some interesting information about the artists that made the Pontiac ads for GM. David also had some original brochures from the 1969 Chevelle. The club asked how long he had owned his Chevelle. He said he has owned it since he was 16 years old and that the car will be 50 this May. David shared that he bought the car in 1973 from the original owner, so this car has only had 2 owners!

Mick then shared that the McPherson College will be taking a car to the Pebble Beach, CA car show. This car show is by invitation only and is a very prestigious show so we should be proud of what the McPherson College is accomplishing!

Ron Fleming will have his 1972 Pick-up Truck in the Salina Museum, The Garage, starting the end of May. Some club members suggested we do a cruise to the museum again so that we can see Ron's truck in the museum!

Doug shared a defect that he found in his '66 Chevelle when he was rebuilding it. It had to do with the striker pin that was buried in the door and was all chewed up. Doug said that if it wasn't for David G. and his parts stuff out in the field then he would still have that defective part on his car!

Mick then shared the trouble he had with his El Camino. He said he was installing new locks and was testing it when the driver's side door locked and then would not unlock. He said it was a real nightmare getting it unlocked. Luckily he had a good helper in his wife Margaret and between the two of them working together they were able to get it unlocked. You should have heard the story it was quite compelling and I can't do it justice in this note.

Becky shared about her disastrous blue cookies that she had made for the Chili Cook-off. Upon some google searching she said that baking powder can react in baked good and cause them to turn blue. However, Becky did not use baking powder. Her only guess is that the baking soda she used reacted with the artificial sugars that she was using and caused the cookies to turn blue. Becky apologized for the cookies and said she would try harder the next time!

Larry Adams demonstrated an ultrasonic leak detector that was made by Superior Accutrack. It detects leaks from the sounds. He bought it to use in finding leaks in A/C refrigeration. He said that if there is more pressure behind the leaks then it sounds louder in the headphones. He passed them around for the club members to test them.

Meeting adjourned to enjoy birthday cake from Kevin Clark and Margaret Lafferty.