July 10, 2024

The July 10 meeting for WACO was held in Mike's garage and we had approximately 42 members in attendance. (They kept moving around, so not sure I have an accurate count!) The members were treated to shaved ice from Snow Aces before the meeting. (courtesy of Kevin)

Kevin started the meeting and welcomed all the members to the meeting. There were no visitors in attendance.

Kevin asked if Becky had anything from last month to share. Becky showed an insulated cup that was left after the regionals. It was found near where the trailer that we used for registration was parked. Becky took it home and washed it and showed it to the club members to try and return it to its owner. No one claimed the cup. If you are missing an insulated cup, see Becky about this one!

David G. gave a treasurer's report! He said we made \$5,435 at the regionals. This is the most money we have ever made on a regional event. He reported our bank balance to the club. He also reported that we donated \$750 each to the following organizations: Battle Buddies, Harry Hynes Hospice, Honor Flight. We also donated \$150 to the Lions Club. Harry Hynes sent us a Thank you for the donation.

David G. suggested that the club members start thinking about our annual Christmas party. Because we have a healthy bank balance, and because our party has outgrown Mike's garage, we need to figure out a different venue to hold our Christmas party. Contact Kevin or David G. with any suggestions that you have!

Doug S. then shared some memories of his soap box derby days. He built his first soap box derby car 56 years ago. He credits that experience with his lifelong love of cars. He had several mementos that he passed around for everyone to see. The club also had a chance to ask him questions. After sharing, Doug suggested that this could be a new feature for future meetings. Participants could bring a special trophy that they have won and share why it is special to them. John Sutter shared that he bought his first 3-wheel vehicle in 1966. (That was his special memory!)

Steve Castaneda brought some pictures from the O'Reilly's Open House that the club had attended in March. If there was a picture of your car, then you were free to take the picture with you.

Kevin reported that we are finished with regional stuff until it is our turn to host it again!

Kevin informed the club that the Mulvane Marauders are putting together a list of car shows across the state for car people to know about. You can find this list at mulvanemarauders.com/ events. This will be the new way to find out about car shows since the book is no longer being published.

Rich asked what club members knew about the Ottawa Car Show. Members shared what they knew about it.

Kevin asked the club members to consider taking on a new task. He asked if people would be willing to be a road captain. You could be a road captain if you have a particular car show that you like to attend. You would report to the club that you would be going to this show and then you would be available to lead more members to the car show. This is to encourage more members to attend shows together and represent WACO while at these car shows, instead of just one member attending the show. If you would be interested in being a road captain, let Kevin or David H. know about your car show that you will be attending.

Automobilia car show was discussed. It will be held on the same day as the Augusta show. I think the date was Aug. 3. Automobilia will be on Douglas Street from Washington to Grove.

Doug passed around a newspaper article about the history of the Haysville Vickers Station.

Kevin said that Don Hatten had contacted him for help with a 1931 Fire Truck that they have in their shop. Don Hatten put brakes on it and it is able to roll now but the engine won't stay running. Hatten is asking for our car club to help get the engine running. This Saturday, July 13, at 10 AM, anyone who is interested in looking at this engine and trying to identify the engine & carburetor and trying to figure out how to get it running is welcome to come and join us. The plan is to look it over and see if there is anything that our car club could do to get it running. Kevin believes that it belongs to a museum or other non-profit organization. David G. suggested that since it is supposed to be hot on Saturday that we look it over, see if we can help, decide and then leave before it gets too hot. If we don't think we can help them, we will just tell Don Hatten that!

Last year, Don Hatten contacted Kevin about helping with the trunk or treat at their shop. Kevin thinks they may ask us to help again this year. He said they gave out LOTS of candy last year. He said that Don Hatten gave them candy in addition to what they had purchased and brought to the event. This event is held inside so the weather does not affect it. Be thinking about how you could participate if we are asked to help this year!

Kevin asked club members to be thinking about new topics to discuss at future meetings since regionals are no longer a major topic to cover. He also asked club members to be thinking about other locations beside Mike's garage where we could hold our club meetings. That would give Mike a break from always hosting them in his garage. Two examples of other places to meet include: Let it Roll. They have offered to let us have a meeting at their place of business. Wichita Burner has also offered to let us look at their building facilities and see if that might work for a future meeting.

Kevin also asked club members to be thinking about locations for our Christmas party. We have outgrown Mike's garage and need to find another location. Kevin is checking with WSU to see if they have something that would work. Cherie suggested Eberly Farms might work. Kevin suggested starting a Christmas committee that would plan the Christmas Party. Let Kevin know if you are interested in being on this committee.

Kyle reported that his friend that had started the Cars and Coffee in Wichita has shifted the focus and is now doing a cars & cockpit event. It is held at Benton airport and is by invitation only so as to control who can come. Technically the event is full but there are always cancellations, so if you are interested in participating contact cars&cockpits@gmail.com.

It was reported that 12 people showed up in Cheney to thank Lubber's for their regional donation. We gave them a trophy, ate pizza, and cruised down Main Street. Everyone that went said they had a good time! Lubbers enjoyed our cars!

Don't forget the Wichita Burner is holding another Open House on Sept 18. David G. encouraged people who have contacts with other car clubs to invite them to this event as well.

Show and Tell:

Larry gave a wonderful demonstration on how to fix broken plastic tabs on a bucket seat. He also shared a leak proof device that he had made to hold an oil pump. It was very informative on how to work with plastics and how to put them together. He even told how to weld plastic parts together!

Karl K. brought a trophy that he had won at the Newton Car Show in the park.

Jack presented a birthday cake to Dan D.

David H. told about the WACO shirts that he will be ordering next Monday or Tuesday. He said you could get a short sleeve shirt, a long sleeve shirt, a shirt with a pocket, a polo shirt, whatever one you would like to have. You can also get it in almost any color, depending on what type of shirt you are ordering. Please call or email David H. if you would like to order another WACO car club shirt!

Doug wished all the July people Happy Birthday that have a birthday this month. The club sang Happy Birthday to them.

Steve Steigerwald asked if anyone had a 65-67 12 bolt housing that they would be willing to sell to him.

Meeting dismissed to enjoy cake and ice cream!