

Jan. 7, 2026

The January meeting of WACO was held in Mike's garage with snacks provided by the members of the club. We had about 30 members present.

Kevin opened the meeting by asking if anyone had any announcements. Then he asked if anyone had any information on David H. Margaret said she had talked to them the day before and that he is doing well. He is walking on his own and has had 2 PT sessions so far.

Becky gave a report on the Ladies game time that was held between Christmas and New Years. Becky said she had 8 ladies come and learn how to play Canasta. The ladies had a good time and wanted to make this a regular thing. So, Becky said that anyone who would be interested in hosting a game time in their home could pick the day and what kind of game that would be played and we would go from there. Doug asked how many club members had gotten their Chevelle's out to exercise them this week.

David G. gave a Treasurer's report. He reported that he has closed out the finances for 2025. We are starting to collect some money for the regional event that we are hosting. At this time, we have enough in our treasury to get us started. David did remind the members that it is time to think about paying your yearly dues again. Technically they are not due until March, but if you wanted to pay ahead of time that would be terrific.

Kevin gave a report on our Christmas party. He said that we only spent \$600 on our party this year, which was way less than last year. He thanked all the members that brought meat and other dishes. He also thanked those who bought gifts for the party. He asked for feedback concerning the location at WSU. It was given a thumbs up from the club. Kevin asked if he should go ahead and reserve the room for the first weekend in December for our next Christmas party. The members that were present agreed that it was a good idea. Kevin guessed that we had about 50-60 members come to the party. Everyone agreed that they had a good time!

Kevin told about the death of Joshua Blick who was killed in a car accident recently. He mentioned that he was very involved in the classic car scene. They have started a GoFundMe for his family. Kevin asked if we would like to contribute to this cause. Some members also said that his obituary asked for people to donate to the Kansas Car Fund instead of flowers for the funeral. The members agreed that they would prefer to donate to Kansas Car Fund instead of the GoFundMe account. Cherie volunteered to find out how to donate and where to send the money.

Kevin reminded the club that the Cars for Charity car show is coming up on January 17-18. Kevin asked if any members would be putting their cars in the show. There were at least 3 members that said they would be going: Richie P. and Bill W. and another one that I didn't catch who it was!

Kevin said the Kansas Sunflower Swap Meet is also coming up on March 6-7 at Century 2. We have 5 booth spaces again. So, look through all your car parts and see what you have to sell!

Kevin then said the next few months will be focused on the regional event that we will be hosting June 5-6 at WSU. Kevin turned the discussion over to Richard who is the promoter for

our regional event. Richard said that now Christmas is over with he will be hitting it hard to promote our event. He has worked on his letters and on Sunday will hit all the social media to do a blast to give us some exposure. He tries to visit different places after he gets off work each day. He leaves a packet of information with the company that includes his letter, the sponsor levels, our official flyer, and sponsorship donation receipt. He is also keeping track of all the places he visits and what response he gets from the companies. He is planning to visit Chance Transmission and Sandlian Salvage. He also plans to attend the Cars for Charities event to pass out information. Mike mentioned that he talked to his brother and that he is committed to sponsoring us with his bar, Mortdecai's Tavern and Eatery. Ritchie is working with local O'Reilly's to see if they will donate. Bob suggested Napa auto parts, but Richard wanted to wait and see if we get some O'Reilly's money first. Russell suggested Gillette transmissions also. David G. said that if you plan on contacting a company to let Richard know as he is keeping track of all the companies so that we don't approach them twice and so we don't have competing companies. Julie suggested that we should put up a sign or banner or something large at the Swap Meet to advertise for the regional event. Matt passed around the plaque that he has been working on for the trophies at the regional.

Kevin then asked a trivia question to give out a free 2026 calendar. Richie won the calendar! 😊

Someone mentioned that the Tulsa car show might be a good place to advertise our regional event as well. This car show takes place sometime in February.

Becky mentioned that we need to start working on the raffle baskets for the regional. She asked to meet briefly with the ladies after the meeting to discuss the raffle baskets.

Kevin mentioned that he had picked up a chevy emblem and was wondering if anyone had any ideas of what he could do with it to make a nice prize or raffle item for the regional. He said to be watching for anything that would catch people's eyes and make them want to spend \$20 on raffle tickets!

Kevin pointed out that Gary has been approaching businesses that he frequents and asking if they have any items they could donate to the regional. He has gotten a 5-gallon bucket filled with stuff from a Napa Parts store. He got another 5-gallon bucket filled with items from O'Reilly's also. Tomorrow he will be picking up a truck box donated by Tractor Supply. All club members should try to approach businesses that they frequent and see if they would be willing to donate either money or items to our regional event.

Show and Tell was next. Chester gave a fascinating and detailed talk about replacing the windows in his 300 Deluxe that he bought from Dan Dreiling about 6 years ago. He told how Steve S. had been helping him with the windows. It sounds like they have fixed it up now. Chester told us about some of the issues they had but were able to overcome them and make the glass good in the car again. Now, Chester is looking for a 1966 steering column that isn't rusty.

Gary mentioned that he has a bunch of Novolog Flex Pens for diabetes that he will not be able to use before they expire. Therefore, he is offering them to any club member that could use them. Contact Gary O. if you can use some!

Kevin mentioned that he has found out the downtown public library has a 3D printing class that you can take and then you can use the 3D printer at the library. He said the class is free, but the printing does have a fee depending on the size of the item that you are printing. He said the prices are very reasonable.

David J. said that he is looking for a part. (He mentioned what it was, but sadly, I didn't get it written down.) Steve said he thought that he could help with that part.

Bob mentioned his latest experience with DMV. It was a good experience and if you have any questions, you can contact Bob about this!

Meeting adjourned.

After the meeting, Becky met with the WACO ladies to discuss the raffle baskets. The ladies are asked to watch for things that would make a good raffle basket and to purchase items. Cindy volunteered to make a gardening basket. Cherie volunteered to do a girl's and a boy's basket. Julie volunteered to make a mahjong basket. Julie also volunteered to provide a couple of T-shirts. (I think she said they were a sublimated design on the t-shirt.)

Lori volunteered to make a baking basket. Stephanie volunteered to make a BBQ basket. Please contact Becky if you find anything that you want to donate to these baskets or if you have one that you would like to make. Sometime in May, we will get together to assemble the baskets.

While the ladies were talking, Julie volunteered to host a game time at her house to play mahjong. She will let us know the date soon. Becky mentioned that we should have a ladies luncheon soon as well. She asked the ladies to suggest a place to eat. Thank you, ladies, for all your help!!!