

July 1, 2026

The July meeting of WACO was held on July 1 in Mike's garage. Kevin arranged for the club to get free shaved ice from a food truck. Thank you, Kevin! It tasted very refreshing!

The meeting opened with about 28 members present. Kevin asked David H. if there were any car shows coming up. David H. said that on the 4th there were a couple of shows: Newton Cars in the Park and the Park City Car Show were a couple of them. Margaret mentioned that on July 11 the Wellington Wheat Festival Car Show would happen.

Kevin then went around the group and thanked all the members that helped with the regional event that we just finished early in June. Then Kevin gave an opportunity for feedback on the regional event. Kevin started by talking about a thank you note that he had received from the KC club, Mid America. Their note said they were generally pleased with our event; they liked the location but did have a couple of places that they thought could have been better. They mentioned that they would have liked to have the cars parked by years instead of scattered all around the parking lot. They also mentioned that we had too many registration classes. Kevin replied to them that we would keep this information in mind in case we do another regional event.

Kevin then reported how the business meeting at the regional went. He said that about 12 people attended the business meeting and KC agreed to host the regional event in 2027 with a day and a half show. Omaha was the only other car club represented, and they only had one member so they would not be able to host a regional event. Kevin then discussed the possibility of us having to host the event again in 2028. There was some discussion from the members and Kevin shared his opinion: He thinks we should maybe go to every 3 or 4 years instead of every 2 years because it is so much work and our club is getting older! The next question for us as a club is how to get some younger members involved! Steve had a suggestion: have an event where we take young people out for rides in our Chevelle's and get them interested in horsepower and classic cars. Bob also suggested that we need to be willing to help them with their cars so that we can get them involved in the club. Kevin asked some of our new members how they came to join the club and it was pointed out that most people don't know that we have a Chevelle club. Gary suggested that members carry membership forms as well as business cards for the club when they attend car shows so that we can present

both to potential members. Overall, the impression is that we need to advertise the existence of our club better in our community.

David G. mentioned that we got three new couples to register for our club at the regional event. They are: Brad & Kristine Klausmeyer from Viola, Jack & Heather Quinn from Wichita and John & Gail Nelson from Iowa (I think that was it?!) Kevin mentioned that he personally feels like we need to be more involved in the community, such as when we worked on the fire truck at the fire fighter's museum.

Kevin then reported that all the vendors we had at the regionals were successful and worked well.

David H. gave a report on the T-shirt sales. He said that he sold every shirt that he ordered except for the 2 or 3 that he gave away as door prizes. He said that we sold \$2870 worth of shirts and that they cost us \$2655.25 to buy them. So, we netted a profit of \$214.75 on the t-shirts. (Which is very good by the way!) David then went through his list for the WACO only t-shirts. He double checked with members on what shirt they wanted. He said that he will be ordering these shirts soon. Members can get any color they want and practically any kind of shirt, ex. long sleeve, short sleeve, hoodie, sweatshirt, zip up hoodie etc. Call David H. ASAP if you would like to order one of these WACO member shirts!

David H. then passed out some more trophies that hadn't been given out at the regional event. He took some of the left-over trophies and converted them to honorable mention trophies. He also passed out the trophies that hadn't been picked up at the awards ceremony as well. He passed out at least 14 trophies!

David G. then told us about a couple of people who could not attend the regional event that he had to mail their T-shirts to them. One of them told David that we could watch the background of his car on YouTube. Look for the Menards Chevy Show, Episode #1612, and at the beginning is the part about his Chevelle. He lives in Alma, KS.

Bonnie Washburn has been adding about 30 pictures per day to our Facebook page from the pictures that Steve C. took at the regionals. Kevin reminded us that the pictures were being played on the big screen in Mike's garage all evening as well.

Becky gave a report on the registration area. She said thank you to her team of ladies that did a wonderful job. Everything seemed to move smoothly and there didn't seem to be any complaints or big hiccups. Becky mentioned that we still need to refine our judging as it took a LONG time to get the points all added up! Becky mentioned that we have a couple of ideas on how to streamline the process! Becky also gave a brief report of the \$600 that we donated to Harbor House and how appreciative they were. David G. had received a thank you letter from them that Becky read to the club.

Lori then gave a report on the raffle baskets. She had a breakdown of how many tickets sold for each raffle item. The biggest collector of raffle tickets was the wide stool that had the chevy emblem on it. The second-best seller was the truck box that was donated by Tractor Supply. Lori said we collected \$1200 from the raffle items and that the club kept half of the money and the other half went to Harbor House.

Bob gave a report about the Guinness Book of World Records attempt for the number of cars on Route 66 in Tulsa the week before the regional. Bob said that over 5000 cars showed up and that it overwhelmed the hosts. He said they ended up turning away over 1500 cars. So, because they turned so many cars away, they refunded everyone's registration money to them. Bob said he had a lot of fun and even won an award. Said it was a good time!

Kevin then shared that the 50/50 pot from the regionals had been very successful, thanks to Bob's efforts. Kevin won the 50/50 pot which was \$250. Kevin said he split that in half and put \$125 in 3 different envelopes. When everyone arrived at the meeting, we were issued a ticket and now Bob had different members pull out the three winning tickets. David H. was the first winner. He got to choose which envelope he received. It had \$40 in it. Lee Ann was the second winner and she received \$65. David G. was the 3rd winner and he won \$20.

David G. gave the treasurer's report. He said these figures are year to date figures: This year we have spent \$12,450. We have collected \$1300 in dues from club members. Counting what we earned from the regional event and our dues we had a profit of \$17,809. So, we are ahead for the year at over \$5,000. David said we are doing very well and that we will be having a Thank you party for the members who helped with the regional! Be watching for details to come on this!

Kevin mentioned that we have some upcoming events to participate in:
September 16 is the Wichita Burner Customer Appreciation & Car show
October 3 is the KC yearly show
Sometime this fall will be the Inland Truck Customer Appreciation and Car Show.

Kevin also mentioned that Deedee from the Wichita Firefighter's Museum had contacted him and wanted to know if we would be interested in helping with another fire truck. Kevin said he believes this is a 1950's era fire truck and that it has a fuel problem. Kevin said that if you are interested in finding out more about this project to call him and let him know. Then everyone that is interested in helping can go and find out if it is something that we can do or not.

Show and Tell:

Dan said he finally added them all up and he has owned over 65 cars in his lifetime!

David G. shared a little WW2 bible that his mother had, that was given by a friend of the family when he was going into the Army. David gave us some interesting dates that went along with WW2 also.

Doug shared that there is an interesting docuseries on TUBI called the History of the Automobile. It has 3 episodes and so far, has been quite interesting.

Dan also told how the news had reported on a local Rosie the Riveter that was 101 years old, but Dan said his mom was also a Rosie the Riveter and she will soon be 104 years old!

Bob presented an appreciation plaque to Kevin for all his hard work on making the regional event a success.

David G. asked everyone to take a left-over goody bag from the regional event home with you.

Meeting adjourned.