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# *Spark and Sputter*

*December, 2024*

*January, 2025*





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# ***FEATURE CAR***

## ***Matteo and Robin Daddato***

### ***1970 Chevrolet El Camino***

#### ***350 Engine, 350 Transmission***

I bought this truck in 1978 with 99,000 miles on it. At that time, I worked at Lynch Chevrolet in Waukesha and lived in Milwaukee. I needed a car to go to and from work. It burned a quart of oil one way. So I used drain oil from the shop to go back-and-forth. After Lynch closed up in December of 1980 I was out of work. A friend had a shop he did side jobs in so I stated working on the body. It took some time and I did not plan on making it a show car, just something nice to drive. Well after I got it done my friend Bob Wiesenthal built up a motor for me. Not just any motor, he souped it up with a mild camshaft. When I worked at Don Jacob's Buick I had a guy go through the transmission and put a shift kit in it. She is pretty quick, it keeps up With the traffic. After 46 years on the restoration she showing some age. Well so am I.

*Matteo*



# *Waukesha Old Car Club Meeting Highlights*

## October 14, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 by President, Ron Herman.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance. The Officers and Board Members were introduced

There were no new members or guests.

### **Presidents Report:**

- Ron reviewed what was discussed at the board meeting
- The treasurer's report will include that the car show was a success.
- Steve Heinemann sent out an email asking how many members plan to participate in the Waukesha Christmas parade. He only got one positive response. The City of Waukesha is charging the club \$50 to participate in parade. The board has decided that the club will not be in the parade this year.
- We are now accepting nominations for the positions of President and Secretary and three board members that will be elected at the December meeting. After the election at the December meeting the club will provide pizza and beverages to the members.
- The annual Appreciation Dinner is tentatively scheduled for some time in March and will be held at the same location as last year.

### **Vice Presidents Report:**

- Bob Merner is always looking for member vehicles for the *Spark and Sputter* feature car.
- It's that time of the year again, we are looking for sponsors for the *Spark and Sputter*.

### **Secretary's Report:**

- Linda Uebele gave a secretary's report for the month of September. The minutes were accepted as read.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

- Jim Young gave a Treasurer's report for the month of September. The report was accepted as presented
- **Sunshine Committee**
- Judy Sodemann had nothing to report.

### **Old Business**

- Bob Merner is always looking for cars to be featured in the *Spark and Sputter*.
- We are looking for articles for the *Spark and Sputter*, If you would like to submit an article contact Bob Merner.

### **New Business.**

The club plans on publishing a new roster in 2025. Check the current roster to verify your information. If changes are needed contact Steve Heinemann or use the form on page ( 7) to make changes.

The meeting was adjourned



# *Waukesha Old Car Club Meeting Highlights*

## November 11, 2024

The meeting was called to order by President, Ron Herman.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance. The Officers and Board Members were introduced

There were no new members or guests.

**Presidents Report:** Ron reviewed what was discussed at the Board Meeting.

- No action has been taken on replacing the tires on the club trailer. The decision was made to hold off until summer to purchase tires as the trailer won't be used until then.
- It has been brought up to the Board that non budgeted expense be changed from \$200 to \$300 due to inflation. There was a discussion at the meeting. The consensus was that the membership felt that this change was justified. This change would require a by-law change and a vote by the membership. Ron will verify the details, and look into how often this occurs and report back to the club. Currently the by-laws state *"the Treasurer is further given the authority to spend up to \$200.00 per item for supplies incurred as expenses for operating the Club"*.
- It was brought up to the Board the instead of year pins a different type of award be given, such as a gift card or something else of that nature. Linda will look into purchasing pins.
- The date and location of the Appreciation Dinner has been set. The date is March 15, and the location will be the same as last year, Delafield Brewhaus. The tentative cost per member will be \$17.00. Pricing from the restaurant will not be available until January. The Board will evaluate the pricing and decide as to whether to include beer and soda or not. In the past mixed drinks and wine have not been included.

**Vice Presidents Report:**

- Steve said that he will not be pursuing sponsors for the *Spark and Sutter* this year. He is asking for members to step up and get sponsors.
- This year's Waukesha Christmas Parade is December 8. Waukesha has requested a \$50 donation to participate in the parade. Last year only 2 members had their cars in the parade. This year the parade is even later with most cars being put away for the winter. Therefore, the club has decided not participate in the parade this year.
- At the December meeting the club will be collecting non-perishable food items for the Waukesha Food Pantry. Also, there will be a *"pass the can"* to collect money for charity.

**Secretary's Report:**

- Linda Uebele read the minutes from the October meeting, the minutes were accepted as read

**Treasurer's Report:**

- Jim Young gave a Treasurer's report for the month of October. The report was accepted as presented
- **Sunshine Committee**
- Nothing to report



### Old Business

- Bob Merner is looking for member cars to be featured in the *Spark and Sputter* as well as articles for the Spark and Sputter, If you would like to submit an article contact Bob Merner.

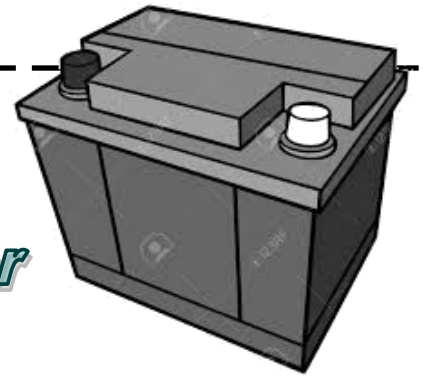
### New Business

- No new business

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15

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*Keep your battery awake  
while you car sleeps for the winter*



### ♦ Maintain your battery while you classic vehicle sleeps for the winter.

The most important consideration when storing a vehicle battery is to make sure the voltage never drops below 12.4 volts for a 12 volt battery or 6.4 volts for a 6 volt battery. Following these simple tips on battery maintenance can help extend the life of your battery. To do this, It is recommended to use a battery maintainer.

A **battery maintainer** is a device that will monitor the battery voltage and keep it at full charge during storage. A **battery maintainer**, also known as a float battery charger. A float charger is a device that keeps a battery charged by sending small amounts of current to it when needed. It maintains a battery's voltage at a preset level, usually around 2.25 volts per cell, without overcharging the battery. Most modern automatic chargers use **microprocessors** to help manage the charging process. Microprocessor controlled chargers use algorithms to monitor the charging process and make adjustments based on the information about the battery's current voltage and charge. Charging a battery in this manner doesn't negatively affect battery life or performance, it can even help prolong battery life. The best part about microprocessor controlled chargers is that they can be connected for a longer period of time. For safer, and more efficient charging, use a microprocessor controlled charger.

### Trickle Chargers

A trickle charger is another type of maintenance charger. A trickle charger should only be left attached to a battery for a day or two out of the month. Unlike float chargers, they have no sensor to determine when or if the battery is charged. Like manual chargers, they'll continue to deliver current until disconnected running the risk of boiling the electrolytes out of your battery or damaging its plates through overcharging.

♦ **Clean your battery prior to storage.**

Prior to storage it is best to clean the battery. It is best to do this with the battery removed from the vehicle.

Disconnect the battery terminals. Always disconnect the negative cable first and the positive second. When reattaching the cables do just the opposite. Positive first than the negative, this will prevent damage to the battery or vehicle if the cable should touch the vehicle. Just a note of caution, some newer vehicles may have more than one battery.



To neutralize the corrosion you can make a paste using equal amounts of baking soda and water. Mix the solution in a clean plastic container until it becomes a paste. There are also commercially available battery cleaning products.

**Scrub** the battery and terminals. Use a cloth to clean the battery case and use an old tooth brush to clean around the terminals. For heavy corrosion you may need to use a wire brush. Note: when done discard the toothbrush, don't put it back in the bathroom.

**Rinse** the battery with clear water using a spray bottle or a sponge or a rag removing all the solution residue from the battery. Not removing all the residue can cause corrosion to reappear. Don't pour the baking soda solution over the top of the battery. Some of the solution may leak into the battery and neutralize the sulfuric acid inside the battery.

**Dry** the battery using a Micro fiber cloth. Also dry the terminals and cables.

**Reconnect** the battery cables in the correct order as described earlier. After the cables are reconnected you can apply a small amount of petroleum jelly on the terminals to prevent corrosion from reoccurring.

If your vehicle has a computer or electronic devices you may want to use a commercially available **memory saver** prior to disconnecting the battery. Follow the instructions that came with the memory saver.

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## ***Club Activities & Other Fun Things To Do***

### **Calendar updated as changes occur**

<b>December</b>	9	WOCC Club Meeting, Board ( <b>Election of 2 Officers and 3 Board Members</b> )
<b>January</b>	13	WOCC Club Meeting at 7:30, Board meets prior to club meeting
<b>February</b>	10	WOCC Club Meeting at 7:30, Board meets prior to club meeting
<b>March</b>	10	WOCC Club Meeting at 7:30, Board meets prior to club meeting
	15	Appreciation Banquet @ Delafield Brewhaus



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TO COLLECT MONEY TO BE  
DONATED TO CHARITY**

## Club Roster Information Update Form

Please take a moment to review your personal information in the current roster and use this form to submit changes to the vice-president

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