

**Hill Country Automobile Club, Inc.**  
**Aug 11, 2013**  
**Meeting Minutes**

- 1) The meeting was called to order at Rio Robles Community Center by co-President Herb Gerken at 2:15 PM.
- 2) A total of 24 members and four guests were present. Robert Kluting introduced his brother Mark, John Fatheree was introduced by Herb Gerken, and Chas and Judith Sinklier introduced themselves as visitors. A warm welcome was given to all.
- 3) Birthdays and Anniversaries: Mary Lyn celebrated her birthday on August 2nd.
- 4) Treasurer's Report: Ed Jackson announced the proceeds from the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Car Show were \$4261.04. The present checking account balance is \$302.00 and the balance for the savings account is \$12003.00.
- 5) Old Business:
  - a. Herb and David gave a short wrap-up report of the car show held last month. All those members who participated in any way were thanked profusely. Barbara Walker asked Herb to express her thanks to his granddaughters, JoAnna and Julia, for helping at the concession stand – their help saved the day (again).
  - b. Carol Nichols read a letter the Scholarship Committee received from West Texas College, thanking the club for their interest in furthering the education of area seniors by giving Alexi Fox a scholarship to their college. This is the first time the club has received a thank-you letter from a college.
- 6) New Business:

Officers still needed for this year: Vice-President. All positions will need to be filled for the upcoming year so please think about running for an office. Robert Kluting said he would be willing to take over the office of President. Sincere thanks were given to him by all members, especially the outgoing officers!!
7. At this time, Kathleen Maxwell-Rambie, was introduced as the Development Officer of the Community Services Division of Kerrville. She gave a short explanation of her position, which is to assist youths in foster care or other care to transition to the mainstream. The many facets of this transition were explained to the members, who were astounded when we were informed it costs \$92,000 a year to house and take care of incarcerated youths. Ms Maxwell-Rambie assists those youths in transition from being incarcerated to obtaining housing, employment, etc. This is just one example of where her duties take her. She also announced the organization is having a Men's Prayer Breakfast on Nov 14, 2013, at St Peter's Fellowship Hall. She invited as many members as possible to display their

vehicles at this function. Please have vehicles in place by 7 AM at the designated location. Members participating will also be served breakfast. Kathleen can be reached at 830-896-0093 if you have any questions.

8. Judge Robert Barton was our next speaker, who gave a wonderful explanation of the duties of the District Court, of which he is a member. He listed all cases the court is responsible to hearing (i.e., both civil and criminal). He explained the reasons a court case may be unnecessary in the case of a plea agreement. Judge Barton also gave a run down of the process to select jurors for all courts in the system, including the Grand Jury. Many questions were asked and the Judge was kind enough to go on to explain the many facets of the system to give us a better understanding of the judicial process. His talk received resounding applause by all present.

7) 50-50 Drawing: Our visitors, the Sinkliers, won the \$28.00 prize, which they quickly gave to Jan Platts (along with an additional \$2.00) for their membership in our club. A warm welcome was given to Chas and Judith. It was also noted at this time that our previous newest member, Jerry Green was in attendance at his first club meeting.

8) Next Meeting Announcement: Will be September 8<sup>th</sup> and the location will be made via email by the Co-Presidents.

9) Motion to Adjourn: The motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 3:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jan Platts, HCAC Secretary