



FRONT SEAT NEWS

MODEL T FORD CLUB NORTHWEST OHIO, INC.



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NEXT MEETING: November 3rd, 2010 7:30 at Jack Putnam's shop 1215 Hancock Rd 28; Bluffton (fourth house east of Anderson Tractor Supply), Phone (419) 358-6313

The October meeting was held at Jack Putnam's with no minutes taken. I can only guess that plans for the Road Less Traveled tour were discussed. I have been supplied with a good number of pictures from the tour, and will use the newsletter as a way to convey the event to the club and internet world.

Your secretary is sorry for missing the meeting and tour. I even missed Hershey this year. I got wrapped up in a play that started out just playing bass for the performances, transitioned into music director, and ended up as one of the six leads in the "Breaking Up Is Hard To Do". Now I'm free to have Model T fun. I had "Old Henry" out on the 30th for a little drive down to a local stew party for the Car Coddlers. It's always good to see Vern (Mr. Model A). We should go and see his collection some time.

Jack has reserved the Red Pig Restaurant, Tiffin Avenue (Rt 224 east) Findlay, Ohio for the NWO T Club to hold the Christmas dinner on Saturday December 4th at 6 pm. I'm sure that they would appreciate a count before the event. Let us know if you are planning to attend.

We are now collecting dues for 2011. It was decided to make the Dues \$10. Jack Putnam keeps track of the membership. Also, remember that the club is affiliated with both the MTFCA and MTFCI. Membership in these clubs helps us to be covered by a group insurance for club events, such as our tours and other club events. Membership also includes the Model T Times and Vintage Ford.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Cook

The Road Less Traveled Tour

The Road Less Traveled Tour was held on Saturday, October 16th in Hardin County. Thirty-three members and friends toured the Amish homesteads along the way. Stops were made at bakeries, weavers, basket makers, and furniture makers. There were also stops made at more modern places like the Plaza Inn and Don Houchin's "Dream Garage" in Mount Victory. Total mileage was around 50 miles. Three different clubs were involved in touring under sunny skies.



There is nothing that says backroad like corn stalks stacked neatly in a field. Here we see Jack's Model T roadster parked just off of the road. Notice that there is very little ditch between the road and the field. The Amish use every bit of their land. The horizon in the distance gives you a feel for the flatness of Northwest Ohio.

Food is an important part of any gathering of Model T drivers. It takes a full belly and nerves of steel to guide these brutal machines down those country roads at a breath-taking speed of 35 mph. It's really just part of the laid-back attitude needed to enjoy the experience. The food was provided at the Plaza Inn on the outskirts of Mount Victory, Ohio.



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Don Houchin was kind enough to let the group visit his collection of auto related stuff, that I will dedicate the balance of the pictures to his collection. Enjoy the views and drop Don a card to thank him for the good time.



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