



June 2012 FRONT SEAT NEWS

MODEL T FORD CLUB NORTHWEST OHIO, INC.



Dave Kirchenbauer, Pres.; Bob Torbet, V-Pres; Jack Putnam, Treas.; Gary Nau, Sec/Ed.

July 4th meeting has been cancelled due to the holiday.

NEXT MEETING: August 1, 2012 - 7:30pm at Jack Putnam's shop 1215 Hancock Rd 28; Bluffton (fourth house east of Anderson Tractor Supply), Phone (419) 358-6313.

The June meeting was held at Jack Putnam's with 18 members and 1 guest in attendance.

Dave Kirchenbauer called the meeting to order. The minutes from the last meeting are available in the May issue of the Front Seat news, on the web. Jack Putnam gave the treasurers report of \$1030.16 in the bank.

Two new members were introduced at the meeting, Jordan and Scott Lehman. They now have Ken Stucky's old Model T.

Old business: The Findlay Bicentennial Gala Event will be held on June 16th from 7 to 9pm. Jim Cook, Nial Elder, Gary Nau, Jack Putman, Bob Hollister and Ralph Wyatt (maybe) will bring their T's to the event.

New Business: Other upcoming events were announced. Forest Parade on July 6th. Bluffton Festival of Wheels on June 15th. AAA car show on June 9th. Ohio Vintage Truck Jamboree on June 23 & 24.

Jim Ballmer showed us the sign he made for the club to display at car shows and events we attend.



Jordan Lehman regaled us with the adventures of bring their Model T back to life. Most members at one point have also known the same pains and joys of owning and driving a Model T. It's great to see the younger generation interested in the hobby and keeping it, and the cars, alive.

Phil Weisenbarger shared that the Franklin Car Club used the same Tiffin area tour our club did in 2009 for the Model T Jamboree. It was reported that a good time was had by all.

The demonstrations for the night were Bob Torbert showing us how to press the bushing back into the front spindle and at the same time Jim Cook and Jack Putman were showing Jim Ballmer how to test and set his coils.



Jordan and Bob also demonstrated how to ream the bushing in preparation for the bolt.



I later learned that the picture on the left is the wrong way to do it. The picture on the right is the correct way. Doing it with the spindle on its side and applying downward pressure caused the reamer to go crooked so it would not enter the other bushing.

Below are a few pictures from **Findlay's Bicentennial Gala Event**.



Making use of Jim's new sign



There were a lot of pictures taken with the event guests and the car of their choice.

The club's website has a Member's Vehicle page. If you would like your car shown, send an electronic version of the picture to Gary Nau (naugary@yahoo.com) or bring the picture to the meeting.

If you have any stories or pictures to share that could be included in the Front Seat News, please let the secretary know. Remember that this club is dependent on its membership to make it work. Everyone is invited and encouraged to put forward your thoughts and ideas to make this the best Model T club in Ohio.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Nau – Secretary

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