



April 2013 FRONT SEAT NEWS

MODEL T FORD CLUB of NORTHWEST OHIO, INC.



Jim Ballmer, Pres.; Bruce Klepinger, Vice-Pres.; Jack Putnam, Treas.; Gary Nau, Sec/Ed.

NEXT MEETING: May 1, 2013 - 7:30pm at Jack Putnam's shop 1215 Hancock Rd 28; Bluffton (fourth house east of Anderson Tractor Supply), Phone (419) 358-6313.

The April meeting was held at Jack Putnam's shop with 19 members in attendance.

President Jim Ballmer called the meeting to order. Gary Nau gave the minutes from the last meeting and Jack Putnam gave the treasurers report. Minutes from all meetings are viewable via the Front Seat News, accessible on the club's web site.

The club's website received the 3rd place MTFCA Golden Mouse award at the National meeting on March 23rd. Gary maintains the web site.



Plans for the Spring Shakedown Tour are changing. The tour to see Dave Kirchenbauer's car collection in Van Wert Ohio has been postponed. The tour is now to North Baltimore and the CSX Yard with lunch at the Whistle Stop restaurant. The date is Saturday, May 11th and will leave from Jack Putman's around 10:00am.

Jack updated us on the fire engine generator failure that was talked about at the last meeting. The Cut-Out had stuck and fried the generator. Jack also talked about putting carpet in the Fordor.

Talked about Bob and Jack's 6 minutes of fame on the Scenic Tours program from WBGU TV 27.

Earl Peter's invited the club to join the Maumee Valley T's at the Liberty Aviation Museum on April 20th. Plan to meet at 11am to tour the museum and see the restoration of the Ford Tri-Motor airplane. Earl also had flyers for the 2013 Vintage Truck Jamboree on June 22 & 23 at the Ashland county fairgrounds.

We were reminded that the club has the Model T Restoration DVDs for loan.

The meeting was adjourned.

The demo for the night was how to check clearances in the Model T transmission.



Everyone enjoyed the cake that Marilyn provided.

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 next 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

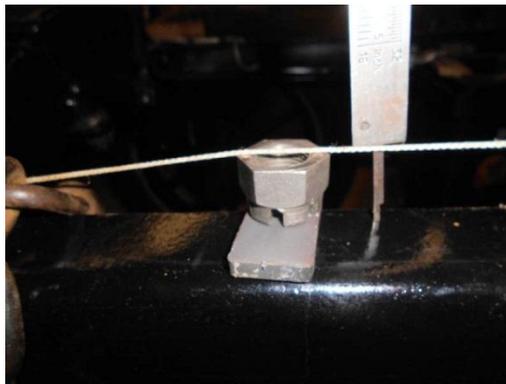
Web site: <http://www.nwo-modelt.org/>

Jack Putnam provided directions on how to straighten a frame.

When things get old they tend to sag and the same is true for the Model T frame. This frame had nearly a 1/4 inch of sag. It is easy to remove the sag as the pictures show. The set up that I used; a good jack, two chains, a heavy timber, a piece of string and a cheap caliper.



I elevated the string, at both ends, above the chains. Then the height of the string was measured at the elevated point. The amount of sag was determined by checking the increase of the distance from string to frame along the length of the frame side.



The chains support the timber at each end of the frame rail and the jack is placed at the low point of the frame. Using the jack, the frame rail is pushed up beyond the 1/4 inch of sag to allow for spring back. I pushed the frame rail up over a 1/2 inch, releasing the jack pressure then measuring to see if the sag had been removed.

It took two attempts, but the frame rail is now straight.

A quick easy repair.

Bob Tobert's 1921 Center door body rejoins it's frame.

