



March 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: April 3, 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 March meeting was held at Jack Putnam's shop with 9 members in attendance.

Former President Bob Torbert called the meeting to order.

Jack Putnam gave the treasurers report.

Minutes from all meetings are viewable via the Front Seat News, accessible on the club's web site.

Jack Putnam reported that the video group from WGBU TV 27 was in the shop for the "Scenic Tours" program. Bob Torbert and Jack talked about the Model Ts. Program should air in mid-March.

Different upcoming events were announced:

- May 18th is the Sauder Village Car Show in Archbold Ohio.
- August 30th to September 1st is the Ohio Model T Jamboree held in Perrysburg Ohio.
- May 4th is the Ford Memorabilia and Collectibles Show & Tell to be held at the Model T Museum in Richmond IN.

The club's website is getting one of the MTFCA Golden Mouse awards at the National meeting on March 23rd.

Plans for the spring Shakedown tour are shaping up. Bob Torbert reported that the tour will be over to see Dave Kirchenbauer's car collection in Van Wert Ohio. The date is Saturday, May 18th and will leave from Jack Putman's around 9:30-10:00am. The finer points of the tour are still being worked out and will be announced at the next meeting.

UPDATE: May 18th Date is changing. Will be announced at next meeting.

Bob Torbert talked about painting his center door T. He tried an internet paint supplier out of New Jersey. The fellow he had paint the car gave the paint a 9 out of 10. Bob is very pleased with the results.

Jack had an engine on the stand that he told a story about. He rebuilt the engine in 2000 and it's out of a Model T fire engine. There was a terrible noise in the front. The owner says it would run for a few minute then the noise would start. They had already broken down the engine but could not find the problem. Jack found that a rivet holding a brush in the generator had let go and the brushes were hitting the armature. The generated was pretty much destroyed so a new one was ordered and on hand for installation. While the engine was tore down Jack replaced the fiber timing gear with an aluminum one and replaced the clutch spring. Other than that the engine was in good shape, thirteen years after the rebuild.



Once again everyone enjoyed the cookies Marylyn supplied.

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/>

Below is a simple e-mail Jack sent to me with pictures and a brief description of what's going on that can be turn into an article for the newsletter. So, if you have any projects that you would like to share with the other members, just drop me an e-mail (naugary@yahoo.com) with pictures and a description.

This is a progress report on the 1925 Fordor Sedan restoration.

The body is really showing progress. At this stage everything I do shows and that creates a feeling of progress. This past few weeks has seen the headliner installation (required before the top), top bows and strips to support top material and the top itself complete with drip gutters installed. The last item to complete was the installation of all new safety glass with operational window cranks.

Each of these items seems simple enough, but in the world of Model T restoration nothing is done quickly or easily.

Some work remains! JP

