



May 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: June 5th, 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 May meeting was held at Jack Putnam's shop with 18 members in attendance.

The meeting started with the demonstrations.

The first demonstration was the placement of the Fordor's body onto the frame.





The second demonstration was Jim Cook showing how to patch a brass radiator.



The bad news was that the bottom had been replaced with a steel pan in the past and had rusted to the point that the radiator could not be repaired.

After the demonstrations, President Jim Ballmer called the meeting to order.

Jack Putman presented the treasurer's report.

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

We were reminded of the shakedown tour 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. Parking for those with trailers can be at Jack's place or down the road at Anderson's Tractor Supply.

The 2013 Ohio Model T Jamboree registration forms were handed out to those that had not yet received theirs. Tour date is August 30th through September 1st. The host hotel is the Holiday Inn French Quarter, Perrysburg Ohio.

Talked about the new online registration process for The Henry Ford's / Greenfield Village 2013 Old Car Festival. A couple members have already used the new process to register their cars. Show dates are September 7th & 8th.

Discussed the Tickin' T's Berlin / Amish country tour on the weekend of May 18th.

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/>



Ford T, S, B and A at The Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn Michigan.

UPKEEP and CARE

From *Ford Motor Car* by R.P Manley, 1917.

UPKEEP AND CARE

Every Fifty Miles:

Look for oil, water and fuel leaks.
Shake rear wheels to see that they are tight.
Shake front wheels to test bearings for looseness.

Every Two Hundred Miles:

Oil the front spring shackles.
Oil steering spindle bolts.
Oil ball and socket joints on steering rods.
Oil rear wheel brake cams.
Oil rear spring shackles.
Put vaseline in the commutator.
Turn grease cup on fan hub.
Turn grease cups on rear axle.
Test steering gear ball and socket joints for looseness.
Put kerosene in engine cylinders while hot.

Every Four Hundred Miles:

Oil brake rod brackets and support.
Oil hood lacing.
Oil the starting crank.
Oil the door hinges and locks.
Turn grease cup at bottom of steering column.
Turn grease cup on universal joint.
Turn grease cup at forward end of drive shaft.
Put grease or vaseline in front wheel bearings.
Examine wiring for loose connections.
Examine ball joint under engine for looseness.
Test the compression of each cylinder with starting crank.
Test inflation pressure of each tire.

Every Twelve Hundred Miles:

Clean spark plugs and set gaps to $1/32$ inch.
Clean inside of commutator.
Flush the cooling system.
Test the fan belt adjustment.
Examine engine bolts for looseness.
Test the spring shackle bolts for looseness.
Test the spring clip nuts for looseness.
Test the front wheel alignment.
Repair cuts in tires.

Every Five Thousand Miles:

Test body bolts for looseness.
Put grease in gear case under steering wheel.
Lubricate spring leaves.