February 2014
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: Wednesday, **March 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 February meeting was called to order with 11 members in attendance at Jack Putnam's shop.

The secretary's and treasurers reports were given.

Bruce Klepinger moved to keep the same officers as last year, seconded by Randy Roof. Motion passed. Officers for 2014 are; Jim Ballmer - President, Bruce Klepinger - Vice President, Jack Putnam - Treasurer, Gary Nau - Secretary.

Reminder Generator Workshop is February 22nd. Jack talked briefly about the Starter Workshop and the upcoming Generator Workshop.

Upcoming Events: May 17th Show & Tell at Model T Museum in Richmond Indiana. Tickin' Ts Mother's Day Holmes County tour and Sauder Village car show. The club's website has a list of upcoming events.

Jack demonstrated how to take apart the starter's bendix.

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.

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/

I am looking for articles from members of projects they are working on, places they have been with their car, stories about their car, or anything you think the other members might find interesting. What you send me does not have to be print ready. Just a simple e-mail telling the story or supplying the details (with or without pictures) and I'll rewrite it into the newsletter format then send you a proof copy to read before it is published. If you have anything that you feel I could use in the newsletter please email it to naugary@yahoo.com or bring what you have to the next meeting.

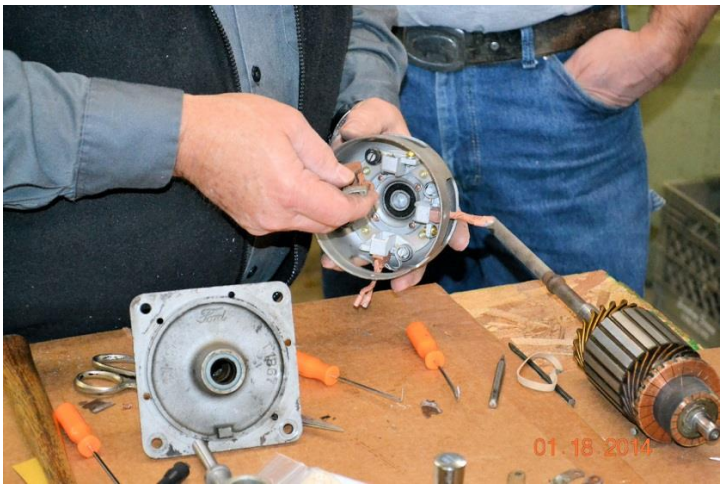
Model T Starter Workshop

On a cold Saturday in January a group of intrepid T'ers gathers to learn how to rebuild the Model T's Starter. Before we start the group looks over a table with all the starter parts spread out.

Below Brent Mize lectures on things to watch for as the rebuild commences. In the picture to the right Jack shows a trick for removing the bearing out of the bottom of the starter end cap. Drill four holes then use a pair of pliers to break the pieces apart and pull them out.

Here the wiring is re-soldered back together connecting the field coils to the terminal stud. Jack makes some fine adjustments to the rivet punch so it would fit to set the rivets holding the bearing back into the end cap.

The brushes are put back into their housing. Brent tests the armature on a machine designed for that purpose.



Brent runs in the brushes by turning the starter with a drill and has a piece of sandpaper between the brushes and the armature. After it's all together it's time for the moment of truth. Testing to see if the rebuilt starter works.

Of course there is always some fun involved. Here Bob plays with the torch sparker as the flint flashes when it hits the hot soldering iron.