

Model T University Jan 2013

Our Model T University event on January 12, 2013 was a big success. John Regan was the main speaker. He gave a run down on his background and how he got into Model T's & specifically how he began making voltage regulators for Model T's and how this just grew into more and more parts for Model T's. John demonstrated how to rebuild a Model T Coil Box using his non-conductive wood replacement kit and the new bronze contacts he makes. John also demonstrated his Strobe-Spark coil tester and the sealed bearing unit he makes to replace the stock pinion bearing. Many of his other Model T parts were displayed and available for purchase. The parts he makes are all based on original Ford drawings and quality is a primary objective. After a break, Keith Gumbinger gave a failure analysis on his broken Ruckstell rear end. The broken parts were passed around and hopefully we all learned something from this. Mike Zahorik discussed a replacement rear axle shaft that he used in his Model T for one year that was already showing abnormal wear. This axle only has a Rockwell hardness of 19 to 21. This was the less costly replacement axle that's available from the vendors & he has replaced it with the better quality axle shaft available which has a Rockwell hardness of 40. There were two Model T's driven to this event, even in Wisconsin and in January! About 45 people were in attendance.

