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Generator Seminar

January 10th, found a number of interested Model T members at Mike Zahorik's garage to attend the Generator Seminar. We started out in the morning, during a snow storm, but all was warm inside the garage. To begin with, there was a review of electric theory. It is important to have a basic understanding of electricity and magnetism to better appreciate the finer points of the Model T Generator. One of the major issues is that a current in a wire will cause a magnetic field. Then if another wire is moving within that field another current is produced. With a firm (?) knowledge of the theory, we moved onto the generator itself. How to, and what is important when assessing the condition of a generator. Most Model T generators are 100 years old and some have seen rough service. Plenty of the internal parts are worn and need correcting. Sometimes adjusting a tired generator with poor parts will not produce a reliable part. Next, we talked about three tests that will set up the generator for use in the car. 1. Does the generator motor? 2. Is the Neutral plane set correctly and 3. setting the 3rd brush. Lunch followed this and is always received well. Sara, my son's new wife, made some very good brownies and Mickey Wilkowski made the hot German potato salad. During the afternoon, we pulled out the test equipment and tested a few (Go To p.13)



Mike talks about the Magnetic Field



Generators Part 1



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