

Day 22: 69 miles for the day, 3165 miles since leaving home.

Continuation of the rebuild:

Sunday morning Janet made a wonderful breakfast for us all. After breakfast we went out to the shop, and Steve gathered up all of the gaskets and tools for the re-assembly. He then turned the job over to me while he went to church and would be back in about an hour and a half.

While he was away I got the piston re-installed in the engine and the rod cap fitted and cotter keyed. Got all the gasket surfaces cleaned up and the head gasket coated and left to dry. I got the head set in place, and was getting the gasket sealer on the pan and water outlet gaskets when he got back. From this point it was just a matter of getting everything bolted up and the head torqued. Then it was fill with oil and coolant and it was ready to start it up. It started up and sounded good. We backed it out and took it for a drive up the road and back to try it out. It was back in service and sounding good.

By now it was getting to be mid-afternoon. I said that I needed to shower up and get on the road. When I got done cleaning up, Janet had a lunch bagged up for me to take along. Thank you Janet.

It was 3:15 when I started out. I figured that I could at least get to Limon about 70 miles away. I stopped about halfway and checked the oil and coolant to make sure things were holding up well. All was OK. I ran into a rainstorm along the way. It was pretty heavy rain and with wind. I pulled over and got the side curtains installed on the driver's side only as the wind was from that direction. Some stuff got pretty wet, but fortunately the luggage and other things that I would not want wet were on the passenger side. I got pretty wet as the gasket at the bottom of the windshield is not sealing well. At least it was a warm rain.

I got into Limon at 6:15. The rain had stopped for a while at least. I got a motel booked and got moved in. It was starting to rain again, so I got the cover on the car and got back into the motel. After checking in with Susie I walked a half a block or so to the restaurant for some dinner then back to the motel to get the daily report written and posted. So I guess I had better get this posted.

One last thing that I just have to mention. I have to say that the Model T community has some of the finest people that you could ever hope to be associated with. I am very happy to be a part of this community and hope that I can live up to the level of sharing that I have encountered.

Back on the road tomorrow morning.