



"T" Time

The Suncoast T Club Newsletter

A Chapter of the Model T Ford Club International
&
The Model T Ford Club of America

The Suncoast T Club was founded in Pinellas County August 16th, 2008, and is organized for fellowship, fun and the preservation of Model T Fords. However, it is not necessary to own a Model T to become a member of this club. Annual dues are \$10.00 and run from January 1 – December 31.

TO BE A MEMBER OF THE SUNCOAST T CLUB YOU MUST BE A MEMBER OF THE
MODEL T FORD CLUB INTERNATIONAL.
DUES FOR THE NATIONAL CLUB ARE \$35.00 A YEAR.

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President's Message:

Financial housekeeping:

Club Dues are coming due / now \$10.00 per year, individual or family. They will be collected at the Christmas Luncheon. Be sure to bring your current MTFCI membership card with you.

Leadership:

Election season is upon us. Since we are a chapter of two different national clubs, we must have a slate of officers who belong to BOTH clubs...and it's not a very long list...

If you meet the above requirement and have the desire to be a leader, a stalwart of your community, and generally a stand-up guy or gal, give Ben Umberger or Scott Conger a call and your name will be added to the list of potential officers. Don't delay! Operators are standing by.

Kudos:

I'd like to send out a big "Thank You!" to Nick and Donna for arranging September's event. If you missed it, it was a presentation by the director of the Panama Canal Museum as well as a personal tour of their museum and artifacts. There were lots of things to see and history to learn...much of which isn't being well covered these days. We learned who the major players were in early attempts at building a "bridge" between two oceans, and the trials and travails which they encountered. The Panama Canal is truly an impressive feat of engineering and labor for those who conquered the jungle and made the world just a little bit smaller.

Events:

Can you believe that cool weather is just around the corner? This is the time of year where there are almost too many things to do! As we wrap up 2010, we have a **fish fry** at Jim Hayward's, **Tech session** at the Fazzina's, the St. Pete Yacht Club **Car Show**, Zephyrhills **flea market and antique auto auction**, then there's **Hershey**, and of course, our last meeting of the year which will be a **Christmas Luncheon** at Bob and Donna's house. Going into 2011, we already have some great things planned and more in the works. In January, there will be a drive from St. Pete, through Safety Harbor and on to Milt's Barn for a cook out and social time with the Fun T Club of Central Florida. Plus, the Congers and Roordas are planning and hosting a 5 day tour out of Madison Florida in April 2011, so mark your calendars and be prepared to stay busy enjoying our T's and our friends in 2011

Each of the listed events are exciting and worthy of your time, even if you can't manage to get to them all. Just remember that unless YOU participate, YOU will not get the benefit of the camaraderie and friendship that comes from being with friends, both old and new. Additionally, there's a great feeling of satisfaction in putting on an event which is well attended and enjoyed by our club members and their friends, so be sure to consider hosting a meeting next year...there are still several months in 2011 which need hosts, and volunteers are still needed, so don't be left out. If there is an activity that isn't being planned that you really want to see, then speak up, or better yet, start to plan it and bring it to the attention of the membership. Please speak up, volunteer, and help keep our club running smoothly and continue to be the interesting, active club that it has become.

Finally:

Please give serious consideration to bringing your car the **St. Petersburg Yacht Club Vintage Motor Classic on November 14**. We all know that there are many Model T's out there that aren't driven, or owners who don't know about our club. Our best exposure to locate other owners is through a strong showing by our club at this car show. In the past 10 – 15 years, "T's" have mostly disappeared from the car show scene, and as owners dedicated to the preservation and enjoyment of these vehicles, it's our responsibility to keep them in front of the public, and take every opportunity to educate folks, especially the younger kids, that not everything on the road came from Japan or Korea.

Club Activities:

October 23rd – Fish Fry and Club Meeting – hosted by Jim Hayward and Bob Hester – **RSVP ASAP** to Jim (813) 685-4850 or Bob (813) 689-6027 **before October 9th**. Jim has to order the fish and he needs a head count of all those coming.

Brief meeting will be held and final slate of officers will be finalized. If you wish to hold an office, please contact Scott Conger by Nov. 13th

Time: We'll eat about 7:00pm but **please arrive at 5:30 or 6:00** for social time (even earlier is fine, they might put you to work).

Cost: \$10.00 per person. This is to cover the cost of the blue grass band that will be performing all evening.

Food: Main course is fried catfish. There will be a big pot of cheese grits. **Please bring a dish to share**, anything you'd care to, other meats, vegetables, salads, desserts, whatever.

Directions: From points in Pinellas county, proceed to I-275 North through downtown Tampa to I-4 East. Exit I-4 at US301 South (exit #7). From 301 turn left (east) onto Bloomingdale Ave. This will be the next traffic light after you pass under I-75. East on Bloomingdale Ave. to Kings Ave., turn right (south). This will be the fourth traffic light. Jim's place is about one half to three quarters of a mile on the left side. This will actually be at the back of Jim's place and your land marks will be his separate three bay garage and one or two model T's parked near the street. There is plenty of parking spaces on the grass to the right side of Kings Ave. If you are using GPS, Jim's address is 651 Pine Forest Drive, Brandon.

If you'd rather drive south on I-275 across the Sunshine Skyway to I-75 North then you should exit onto US301 South (exit #254). Turn left (east) onto Bloomingdale Ave. (first traffic light) and proceed as above.

November 13th – Tech Session – Hosted by Tom & Shirley Fazzina

Time: Arrive around 10:00

Location: Tom & Shirley's home, 1600 Souvenir Drive, Clearwater FL 33755 (727) 439-0572

Volunteers are needed to: Change tires, install a dipstick, and evaluate rod knock to scrape and shim or replace rod.

Lunch: Tom & Shirley will provide a lunch of hot dogs and hamburgers, with sides of potato salad and coleslaw. Feel free to bring a dish to share of anything you'd care to.

NOTE: We're asking that you supply your own tools to help get this new "T" back on the road.

December 11th – Meeting and 1st Annual Christmas luncheon – Hosted by Bob & Donna White

Time: We'll eat about 1:00 but please arrive at 12:00 for social time

Location: Bob & Donnas home; 1153 39th Ave NE, St. Petersburg FL 33703.

Food: Ham and Lasagna will be provided by the Club. Please **RSVP by November 13th** to Donna (727) 385-1048 so we can know how much meat to buy. Also; ask what side dish to bring

Election of officers will occur and \$10.00 club dues will be collected. If you cannot make the luncheon please mail a check for \$10 to Althea Conger, 109 13th Ave NE, St. Petersburg FL 33701

2011 Club Calendar:

Volunteers needed to host meetings. Pick a month that you would like to plan a lunch & meeting.

January 15th – Cookout with the Fun T Club – hosted by Milt & Rosemary Roorda at their barn in Odessa. Drive with Scott and Althea from St. Pete to Odessa with a stop in Safety Harbor. **RSVP** to Althea.

February 12 – Meeting

April 6 – 10 – **Madison Tour** – Hosted by the Roorda's and Conger's.
See more details below under “**Things To Do In 2011**”. (No club meeting this month)

June 11 – **Meeting** – Cook out at Philippe Park – Hosted by the Conger's

August 13 – Meeting

October 8 – Meeting

December 10 – Meeting and 2nd Annual Christmas luncheon

For Sale / Wanted:

WANTED: “Z” tools or any factory tools
Scott Conger 727-551-0001

WANTED: KRW pan straightening jig or any other KRW or Ford factory repair tools.
Scott Conger 727-551-0001

(Place your **FOR SALE** or **WANTED** items here. Send Althea an email (or call her) with your items and they will get it in the next newsletter).

What are Members doing?

- Milt Roorda's using his 1914 “T” to be a chauffeur to an Australian couple being married in Sarasota.
 - Dick Conger is running portions of the 2009 National tour that he missed, now that he has his Depot Hack back home with its new engine.
 - Jim Hayward's getting ready for his fish fry, and working on his new '21 delivery express
 - Scott Conger finished going over the new '19 Runabout and it appears to be ready for the road.
 - Ben Umberger & Bill Brown are walking the isles of Hershey looking for Model T parts.
 - Bill Saitta has a “third T”. With the restoration of the turtle deck, his pickup transforms into a runabout or back to a truck as his heart desires.
 - Larry & Ginny Perkins have a new motor home and are just back from a 3 month tour of the US. Also, their '17 touring, which broke in S. Dakota, is getting a new engine.
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Future “How To” Clinics:

If there is a class you would like the club to hold, please contact Scott at (727) 551-0001 or email altheaconger@gmail.com and let him know what “How To” class you would like performed.

Things To Do In 2010:

October 6 – 9 – Hershey Swap Meet (Hershey, PA)

<http://www.hersheyaaca.org/>

October 15 – 17 – Lakeland, Florida Lake Mirror Classic Auto Festival

Location: Downtown Lakeland, Florida

November 10 - 13 – 15th Annual Fall Fuel Up Show & Swap Meet

Location: Flywheeler Park at 7000 Avon Park Cutoff Road, Ft. Meade, FL

Admission: Wed thru Sat - \$7.00

For more information: <http://www.floridaflywheelers.org/>

November 11 - 14 – 26th Annual Fall AutoFest

Location: Zephyrhills at Festival Park on U.S. Hwy 301. Opens 8:00 a.m. each day; Parking is Free

Admission: Thurs & Fri - \$8.00 / Saturday & Sunday \$10.00

For more information: www.zephyrhillsfestivals.com or www.zephyrhillsauction.com

November 14 – St. Petersburg Yacht Club Vintage Motor Classic

Location: Straub Park, 11 Central Ave., St. Petersburg (enter from beach drive)

Admission: \$25.00 Pre-Registration. Pre-registration cutoff date, Monday, Nov. 8th, 2010

Admission: \$35.00 Day of Show (If you did not pre-register)

Questions call: Bill Waters, Chairman 727-580-1804

Click on link <http://www.spyc.org/club/scripts/section/section.asp?NS=CLASSIC> to get to registration form.

Each auto must have a visible, working fire extinguisher!

Things To Do In 2011:

January 12 – 15 – 24th Annual Antique Engine, Tractor Show & Swap Meet

Location: Flywheeler Park at 7000 Avon Park Cutoff Road, Ft. Meade, FL

Admission: Wed thru Sat - \$7.00

For more information: <http://www.floridaflywheelers.org/>

January 28 – 29 – MTFCI 57th Annual Meeting and Banquet

Location: Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. See your current MTFCI magazine for more information or the MTFCI website <http://www.modelt.org/>

February 23 - 26 – 19th Annual Antique Engine & Tractor Show & Swap Meet

Location: Flywheeler Park at 7000 Avon Park Cutoff Road, Ft. Meade, FL

Admission: Wed thru Sat - \$7.00

For more information: <http://www.floridaflywheelers.org/>

February 24 - 27 – 37th Annual Winter AutoFest

Location: Zephyrhills at Festival Park on U.S. Hwy 301. Opens 8:00 AM each day; Parking is Free

Admission: Thurs & Fri - \$8.00 / Saturday & Sunday \$10.00

For more information: www.zephyrhillsfestivals.com or www.zephyrhillsauction.com

March 6 -10 – Model T Winter Tour

Location: Ocala, FL

Please join us in Ocala, Florida and enjoy the rolling hills and forests of Central Florida! Daily driving tours to visit horse farms, one of the largest private carriage collections in the world, an extraordinary private automobile collection, an automobile museum, take a glass bottom boat ride at Silver Springs and much more.

For room reservations call: (877) 602-4023 or (352) 854-1400 and ask for "MODEL T FORD WINTER TOUR 2011" rate, which is \$89 per night, single or double.

Registration will be \$150 per person. Call or email to request a registration form to: Steve Ellis at (352) 207-1498 (cell) or (352) 861-9944 (home), ellis-1@embarqmail.com or Miriam Williams at (937) 597-1539 (cell) or (937) 465-4661 (home), wintertourinfo@hotmail.com. We will limit registrations to the first 100 cars this year. Please get your registration and motel reservation completed by December 31st.

March 17 -18 – Chickasha – 21st Annual International Pre-War Swap Meet

Location: Grady County Fairgrounds, Chickasha, Oklahoma

This swap meet is an annual event that will always begin the 3rd Thursday in March.

The meet has the largest selection of brass era parts anywhere. It is limited to automobiles, parts, transportation items pre-1945. There is plenty of free parking, and admission is free.

Gates will open daily at 7:00 am. <http://www.pwsm.com/>

April 6 -10 – Madison Tour – Hosted by Suncoast T Club & Fun T's of Central Florida

Location: Madison FL

Come join us for a Multi-Day, Hub Tour, out of Madison FL, located in north Florida near the FL/GA border. Potential attendees will be Suncoast "T"s, Fun "T"s, Savannah GA "T"s, and some "T" folks from Tennessee, South Carolina and Illinois. This will be a small tour with limited space, so don't wait too long to make your plans to attend. Please contact Milt Roorda at (727) 410-7776 or mroorda@tampabay.rr.com if you have any questions.

Host Hotel: Holiday Inn Express
167 SE Bandit Street
Madison, FL 32340
850-973-2020

- 25 rooms have been set aside for us.
- Price \$83.97 (per room / per night / price includes tax).
- Price is good until Feb. 28, 2011.

Camping: Yogi Bear Jellystone Park Camp
1051 SW Old St. Augustine Rd.
Madison FL 32340
Toll Free – 800-347-0174
(Campground is approx. 1.65 miles from host hotel – per MapQuest, it's 4 minutes away).

May 22 -27 – Blue Ridge Riders

Location: Hendersonville N.C. Limited to 50 cars. See MTFCI magazine for details.

July 17 – 22 – MTFCI 55th Annual Tour – Hosted by the “T Totalers” Chapter

Location: Rochester, MN...Creeks, Rivers and Bluffs...start making plans now to attend. See your current MTFCI magazine for more information or the MTFCI website <http://www.modelt.org/>

October 5 –89 –Hershey Swap Meet (Hershey, PA)

Location: Hershey PA. For more information <http://www.hersheyaaca.org/>

October xx – xx – Lakeland, Florida Lake Mirror Classic Auto Festival

Location: Downtown Lakeland, Florida

Things To Do In 2012:

July 16 – 22 – MTFCI 56th Annual Tour

Location: Rutland, Vermont

Things To Do In 2013:

July 14 – 19 – MTFCI 57th Annual Tour

Location: East Lansing, Michigan