



# *"T" Time*

## *The Suncoast T 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. The Club's members are dedicated in promoting the interest in the preservation and restoration of antique automobiles, particularly the Model T Ford, its accessories, lore and literature, and the enjoyment thereof. It's a fun club with annual dues (October 1 – Sept 30) set at only \$5.00.

**TO BE A MEMBER OF THE SUNCOAST T'S YOU MUST BE A MEMBER OF THE  
MODEL T FORD CLUB INTERNATIONAL.  
DUES FOR THE NATIONAL CLUB ARE \$35.00 A YEAR.**

President.....	Scott Conger
Vice President.....	Ben Umberger
Secretary .....	Althea Conger
Treasurer.....	Althea Conger
Newsletter Editor...	Althea Conger
Activities Director...	Donna White

October 2009

Saturday, September 26th, the day started with a 33 mile tour starting at Heritage Village, in Largo, and ending up at Scott & Althea's house in St. Pete. We toured 3 parks: Walsingham Park, Millennium Park and the Veterans War Memorial Park. Ed drove his Model T all the way from Trinity to tour with us; I think that this was his longest drive by himself in his Model T.

After the tour we had a meeting to elect new officers. Bill Saitta brought the club to order and elections for new officers was held. The following people have been elected for the 2009-2010 term:

Scott - President  
Ben – Vice President  
Althea – Secretary/Treasurer

A "How Are We Doing" survey was handed out to everyone to get members opinions on what we are doing right and what everyone would like to see in the clubs' future. Results will be discussed at the next meeting.

After lunch, a brief discussion was held on Holley NH and Kingston L-4 carburetors. It consisted of repairing and what to look for when buying.

Bill Saitta asked Scott to help him crank his T. Bill had never started his T this way (he has a starter) and was very pleased when Scott got it started on the first pull. Afterwards, Bill took his turn at cranking up his T and again, it started on the first pull...Bill had the biggest smile on his face.

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### **October Activity #1:**

**TIME:** - 11:30

**WHEN:** - October 24<sup>TH</sup>

**WHERE:** - Millennium Park (Shelter #2)

**RSVP:** - By October 17<sup>TH</sup>

Club cook-out. Hot-dogs will be provided by Scott & Althea. **Please bring a covered dish to share.** RSVP to Scott or Althea (727-551-0001) or [altheaconger@gmail.com](mailto:altheaconger@gmail.com) if you will be attending.

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### **October Activity #2:**

**TIME:** - TBD

**WHEN:** - October 31<sup>ST</sup>

**WHERE:** - San Antonio, FL

**RSVP:** - By October 17<sup>TH</sup>

**For the gals,** we will be taking a road trip to San Antonio, FL to visit Park Place Antique & Gifts. They have wonderful old clothing and such. Afterwards, we will stop in Dade City for lunch. Please call or email Donna or Althea if you plan on coming. We can coordinate a meeting place so we can all travel in one car if possible.

Donna (727) 385-1048 [bwhite125@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:bwhite125@tampabay.rr.com)

Althea (727) 551-0001 [altheaconger@gmail.com](mailto:altheaconger@gmail.com)

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### **Upcoming Club Planned Activities:**

**November** – Nick will be working with Donna to possibly put something together for the club to do

**December** – Donna will be putting together a tour to the Vinoy with a lunch after.

**See flyer below for more details.**

**January 16<sup>th</sup> 2010** – Milt will be hosting a Dual club meeting, with the Fun T's & the Suncoast T clubs, to talk about his adventures on his Coast-to-Coast tour.

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### **Future “How To” Clinics:**

Vehicle Safety Check

Check rear axle bearing & sleeves

Changing Transmission Bands

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### **What are Members doing?:**

Please send me an email with what you have done or will be doing to your Model T. Maybe you're planning on buying another T or just doing some work to the one you have right now. Maybe yours had to go to the shop, so tell us what the problem was. We all like to hear what members are doing with their cars.

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### **Reminder:**

Donna has graciously offered to act as the clubs' Activities Director. What this means, is that Donna will be contacting each of you to see what interesting places are in your local area that might be a place for the club to visit. She will make maps, and help route it out. If you already have some ideas please email Donna at [bwhite125@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:bwhite125@tampabay.rr.com) and pass on your ideas to her.

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### **Final Word:**

Let me know what you are working on or doing, and I will post in the next edition of the newsletter. We all like to hear what everyone is doing.

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### **Local Interest:**

#### **October 16-18 – AACA Lake Mirror Classic Concours d'Elegance, Lakeland FL**

Event Hours: 10 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The Lake Mirror Classic Concours d'Elegance will feature a select group of the highest quality automobiles which will be judged by a team of CCCA and AACA judges. The Concours Committee will pre-select 100 vehicles from the 500 plus applicants expected for the Lake Mirror Classic Auto Festival. These prestigious vehicles will be presented along the promenade of Lake Mirror Park where they will be judged and on display for the public to enjoy.

#### **November 11 – 14 – Florida Flywheeler Park - <http://www.floridaflywheelers.org/>**

14th Annual Fall Fuel Up: Salute to Veterans & 4-H.

#### **November 12 – 15 – 25th Annual Fall 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

Automotive & Antique Swap Meet, Vintage Auto Exhibit Racing and Collector Car Auction.

For more information [www.zephyrhillsfestivals.com](http://www.zephyrhillsfestivals.com) or [www.zephyrhillsauction.com](http://www.zephyrhillsauction.com)

## **Local Interest: 2010**

**January 13 – 16 – Florida Flywheeler Park** - <http://www.floridaflywheelers.org/>

23rd Annual Antique Engine & Tractor "Swap Meet".

**January 20 – 24 – Take a Tour with the Fun T's to the Annual MTFCI Meeting & Banquet**

Tour Central Florida – wind up in Orlando for the MTFCI Annual Meeting. Contact Milt or Rosemary at: [mroorda@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:mroorda@tampabay.rr.com) or (813) 926-1636.

**January 22 – 24 – 56<sup>th</sup> Annual MTFCI Meeting & Banquet**

See flyer below for more details.

**February 18 – 21 – 36<sup>th</sup> 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

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**February 19 – 21 – Florida Flywheeler Park** - <http://www.floridaflywheelers.org/>

18th Annual Antique Engine & Tractor Show Featuring "Century of Power".

## **National Interest:**

**October 7-10 – AACA Eastern Division National Fall Meet - Hershey PA**

The Eastern Division AACA National Fall Meet takes place each year during the 1st full week in October. The Hershey Region began hosting the show on 1995 and has done so each year since then. The meet is located in beautiful Hershey, PA on the grounds and parking lots surrounding Hershey Park and The Giant Center. Hershey is considered one of the largest antique automobile shows and flea markets in the United States. It consists of over 9,000 flea market spaces, over 1,000 car corral spaces, and approximately 1,500 show cars. Each year the show attracts visitors from all over the United States and many countries throughout the world. Some of the most unusual cars and parts can be found at Hershey. If you love antique cars, Hershey is the place to be.

For more information <http://local.aaca.org/hershey/fallmeet.html>

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**January 22 – 24 – 56<sup>th</sup> MTFCI Annual Meeting**

See flyer below for more details.

**February 19 – 21 – 45<sup>th</sup> MTFCA Annual Meeting**

See flyer below for more details.

**March 18 & 19 – 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Chickasha Pre-War Swap Meet**

World's Largest Early Meet. Pre-War Only: Gas, Steam, Electric, Bicycles, Air Planes, Motorcycles, Horse Drawn, Railroad items, Tractors, Trucks, Stationary Engines, Boats, Buses, Etc. For more information visit their web site [www.pwsm.com](http://www.pwsm.com).

See flyer below for more details.

**June 30- July 3 – AACA will be celebrating its 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

**Where:** Louisville, Kentucky. Tours are planned for part of the week, and on the last day, there will be a grand car show that is both judged and non-judged. We are encouraging our members to get those cars out and get them to Louisville! Concerned about the weather? The car show will be indoors in a beautiful climate controlled facility. We are also planning a special commemorative item for those that participate. For more information contact Joe Gagliano [Gagliaj@aol.com](mailto:Gagliaj@aol.com)

**July 18 – 24 – South Dakota 54<sup>th</sup> Annual MTFCI National Tour**

The 54th Annual MTFCI National Tour will be held in July 18-24, 2010 in Rapid City, South Dakota. Great Places, Great Faces. Contact Sheryl Stier by email at [sastier@prodigy.net](mailto:sastier@prodigy.net) for more information. **See flyer below for more details.**