



## *"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.

President.....	Scott Conger
Vice President.....	Ben Umberger
Secretary .....	Althea Conger
Treasurer.....	Althea Conger
Newsletter Editor...	Althea Conger

November 2010

### **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 and Annual Meeting. Be sure to bring your current MTFCI membership card with you.

A big "THANK YOU" goes out to Jim Hayward for the fish fry. While his deep fryer added some drama and stress to his evening, he and his gang fed a very large group of friends (T and otherwise) a delicious

meal of fried catfish, with all the “trimmin’s”. The Bluegrass band was first rate, and everyone seemed to have a great time. Thanks again, Jim, it was really great!

By now, some of you have heard that Althea and I were involved in an accident in our '19 roadster. We're fine, and the car is, mostly, too. While on the Bayside Bridge, we were clipped by a lady doing at least 60 MPH. By God's grace, she swerved, and she somehow managed to only hit the left rear hubcap. It was one heck of a bang, and we were propelled upward as much as forward. From the look of her car, her fender scooped us up by the hubcap, and caved in her wheel rim while our axle eventually rode along the top of her fender and passenger door. We're lucky to be alive. I'd been watching the rear view mirror the whole way, but took my eyes off for a few seconds to see that we were coming to the exit to go to Safety Harbor. The time it took to read this sentence, we'd been hit.

Damage to T:        1 destroyed hubcap  
                         1 dented demountable  
                         1 cracked spoke

Damage to Chevy: 1 destroyed wheel and tire  
                         Broken headlamp  
                         Badly damaged fender  
                         Damaged passenger door

Some advice:        Try to remain calm. Assess life and limb and check vehicles later...they can be replaced, and you cannot. Get as much information that you can from the other driver: License #, insurance, Tag #...we even got a signed statement stating that she was at fault. Once I stated that I intended to call the police, her demeanor changed for the worse, and I am sure that if she could have, she'd have left. Florida law does not require that authorities be contacted for any accident which does not involve injuries (?!). That was news to me...but not knowing that at the time, we called 911. Good thing, too, as the lady was cited “at fault” which made our claim to our insurance company a breeze. I doubt that it would have been nearly as smooth if there was some question as to liability, and frankly, in this crazy world, I didn't want to be surprised a week later with a lawsuit from this woman claiming that I had actually hit her. Goofier things have happened.

To all:                BE CAREFUL!!...  
                         again, YOU CAN'T BE TOO CAREFULL!!

As we wind down 2010, there's no shortage of things to do...tech sessions, flea markets, boat parades, car shows...the list goes on and on. Be sure to make the most of what's offered, as we're lucky to have the amount and quality of activities available to us, here in Sunny Florida.

Now, to the good stuff...

## Club Activities:

**November 13<sup>th</sup>** – Tech Session – Hosted by Tom & Shirley Fazzina

**Time:** Arrive around 10:00

**Location:** 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.

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**November 14<sup>th</sup>** – *St. Petersburg Yacht Club Vintage Motor Classic*

Please plan on attending with your Model "T" and show off your pride and joy. It's a great opportunity to educate folks and I'm sure you'll have a great time. See "Things to do in 2010" later in the newsletter for more information

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**December 11<sup>th</sup>** – Meeting and 1<sup>st</sup> 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:** 1153 39th Ave NE, St. Petersburg FL 33703.

**Food:** Ham and Lasagna will be provided by the Club. Please **RSVP by November 13<sup>th</sup>** to Donna (727) 385-1048 so we can know how much meat to buy. Also; ask Donna 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 your check for dues to Althea Conger, 109 13<sup>th</sup> Ave NE, St. Petersburg FL 33701

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**December 19<sup>th</sup>** – Lighted Boat Parade

**Time:** 6:30

**Location:** 227 173rd Ave, N. Redington Beach, FL

Nick & Ben have invited you to view the Lighted Boat Parade from their home. Please **RSVP** to either Nick or Ben, cell (813) 267-1045 / home (727) 393-9270, if you plan on attending. The lights on the boats are really something to see.

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## 2011 Club Calendar:

**\*January 15<sup>th</sup>** – Dual gathering and cook-out with the Fun T Club – hosted by Milt & Rosemary

**Time:**

**Location:** 10025 Tarpon Springs Rd, Odessa FL, 33556, (727) 410-7776

**Food:** Please bring a covered dish to share

\*Starting at Fritz's shop, **ADDRESS TBD prior to January**, we'll drive to Odessa with a stop in Safety Harbor. **RSVP** to Althea (727) 551-0001 or [altheaconger@gmail.com](mailto:altheaconger@gmail.com)

**February 12** – Meeting and Safety Check – hosted by Bill & Nereyda

**Time:** 10:00 Meeting / 10:30 Safety Check

**Location:** 140 Pinellas Way, St. Petersburg FL, 33710, (727) 459-9783

**Lunch:** We'll drive to a nearby cafe for lunch

**March 12** – Generator/Starter Clinic – hosted by Scott & Althea

Bring your troubled Generator or Starter, and we'll go over it and determine what it needs to be put back into operation

**Time:** 10:30

**Location:** 109 13<sup>th</sup> Ave NE, St. Petersburg FL, 33701, (727) 551-0001

**Lunch:** We'll drive to Chattaway's for lunch (Great burger joint)

**April 6 – 10 Madison Tour** (No club meeting this month) **hosted by Milt & Rosemary and Scott & Althea**

See more details under "2011 Local Interest" below.

**\*May 14** – Drive to Dunedin for lunch and ice cream

**Time:** 11:30 - Please **RSVP** so we can reserve enough tables. Althea Conger (727) 551-0001

**Lunch Location:** Kelly's Resturant, 319 Main St, Dunedin FL 34698

**Ice Cream Location:** Strachan's Homemade Ice Cream & Desserts, 310 Main St, Dunedin FL 34698  
Right across the street from the restaurant.

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**June 11** – Meeting and Cook-out at Philippe Park

**Time:** 10:30 for social time / Meeting at 11:00

**Location:** Philippe Park in Safety Harbor / Shelter #7

**Food:** Bring your own meat to cook and a covered dish to share

**July 9** – Coil Tune-up Clinic – hosted by Scott & Althea

**Time:** 10:30

**Location:** 109 13<sup>th</sup> Ave NE, St. Petersburg FL, 33701, (727) 551-0001

**Lunch:** We'll drive to Biff Burger for lunch (Another great burger joint)

**August 13** – Meeting and Sleeve & Bearing Clinic – hosted by Bill & Nereyda

**Time:** 10:00 Meeting / 10:30 Sleeve & Bearing Clinic

**Location:** 140 Pinellas Way, St. Petersburg FL, 33710, (727) 459-9783

**Lunch:** We'll drive to a nearby cafe for lunch

**\*September 10** – Drive to Ft. De Soto

**Time:** 10:30

**Location:** Ft. De Soto Park, Tierra Verde, FL / Shelter #xx

**Lunch:** We'll drive to a nearby cafe for lunch

\*Starting at Fritz's shop, **ADDRESS TBD prior to January**, we'll drive to Ft. De Soto. **RSVP** to Althea (727) 551-0001 or [altheaconger@gmail.com](mailto:altheaconger@gmail.com)

**October 8** – Meeting and ??

**Time:**

**Location:**

**Food: or Lunch**

**\*November 12** – Drive to Safety Harbor for lunch and ice cream

**Time:**

**Lunch Location:**

**Ice Cream Location:**

\*Starting at Fritz's shop, **ADDRESS TBD prior to January**, we'll drive to Safety Harbor. **RSVP** to Althea (727) 551-0001 or [altheaconger@gmail.com](mailto:altheaconger@gmail.com)

**December 10** – Meeting and 2nd Annual Christmas luncheon

Election of officers will occur and club dues will be collected.

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**For Sale / Wanted:**

**FOR SALE:** 1919 Runabout – Call club member John Lonergan for more information.  
Cell 607-426-6174.



**FOR SALE:** Rebuilt generator – Turned armature, rebuilt brush block, new bearings, etc.  
Scott Conger 727-551-0001

**WANTED:** Rear top bow for a 1917 Touring  
Larry Perkins - home (727) 856-5162 / cell (313) 999-1695

**WANTED:** "Z" tools or any factory 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).

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## What are Members doing?

Ben Umberger bought a ton of machine shop tooling at a garage sale

Nick is planning to install a new carburetor and then chauffer some newly weds

Bill Saitta had the clutch adjusted in both his Model T's. Also, Bill's mom recently passed away, so be sure to offer your condolences when you see him

Dick Conger just had a pacemaker installed and is looking forward to getting back to his multitude of hobbies

Bob White will be in the hospital shortly to modify the procedure that he recently went through, and get his "pipes" rearranged.

John Lonergan is contemplating the purchase of a '23 roadster in New York, to add to his collection. Pictures indicate that it's a very nice one. See his ad in this issue to purchase his '19 roadster. John Lonergan was spotted poking around the Conger's garage while he and his wife Diane were in town this past weekend. It was great to see him. He's as busy as ever, between traveling and going to grandkid's birthdays, there seem to be just too few days in the month. We were glad he had time to stop by and say "howdy!"

Scott's just finished up rebuilding a batch of generators and a starter

So, that have YOU been up to?

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## Future "How To" Clinics:

If there's a clinic you would like the club to hold, please contact Scott at (727) 551-0001 or email [altheaconger@gmail.com](mailto:altheaconger@gmail.com) and let him know what "How To" clinic you would like performed.

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## Things To Do In 2010:

### **November 10 - 13 – 15<sup>th</sup> 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 – 26<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.zephyrhillsfestivals.com) or [www.zephyrhillsauction.com](http://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:** Monday, Nov. 8<sup>th</sup>, 2010 Pre-registration cutoff date

**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.

**December 4 – “Bringing Back Memories” car show at the Cypress Palms Retirement Center in Largo**

**Location:** 400 Lake Ave NE, Largo FL 33771

**Time:** 11:00 – 3:00

**Admission:** Free

**Contact:** Joanne Pistorius at (813) 714-1019 or [Joanne@Transflor.com](mailto:Joanne@Transflor.com) for more information or if you plan on attending. There’s no entry fee, participants will receive a FREE lunch (but you gotta call Joanne so she can order it), car awards and some fun car games.

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**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 57<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.zephyrhillsfestivals.com) or [www.zephyrhillsauction.com](http://www.zephyrhillsauction.com)

**March 6 -10 – Model T Winter Tour**

**Location:** Ocala, FL

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](mailto:ellis-1@embarqmail.com) or Miriam Williams at (937) 597-

1539 (cell) or (937) 465-4661 (home), [wintertourinfo@hotmail.com](mailto: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 – 21<sup>st</sup> Annual International Pre-War Swap Meet**

**Location:** Grady County Fairgrounds, Chickasha, Oklahoma

**Admission:** Free

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 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. 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](mailto: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 your current MTFCI magazine for more information.

**July 17 – 22 – MTFCI 55<sup>th</sup> 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/>

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**Things To Do In 2012:**

**July 16 – 22 – MTFCI 56<sup>th</sup> Annual Tour**

**Location:** Rutland, Vermont

**Things To Do In 2013:**

**July 14 – 19 – MTFCI 57<sup>th</sup> Annual Tour**

**Location:** East Lansing, Michigan