



"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.**

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November 2009

Saturday, October 24th, "Picnic in the Park" –

What a great day we all had. The weather cooperated with us and gave us some very nice picnic weather. Those that came out to enjoy the festivities were, Ben & Linda, Bill & Judy, Fritz & Mari, Ed & Mary Jean, Nick & Ben, Bob & Donna and Scott & Althea. Everyone brought some great food to share and there were plenty of hot dogs and Bratwursts to go around.

It turns out Mari & Mary Jean love to cook so there was some recipe swapping going on between these two ladies. Donna brought some great old photos of the Vinoy at sunset, before the Vinoy was restored to its current beauty. Most of the guys congregated around the grill and talked about man things, while the rest of us just sat around and had a great time talking to each other.

After we all had our fill of food, Donna took the floor and asked about our next couple of club activities. Nick & Ben are planning on a trip to the Don Cesar November 28th, with us taking a tour through the hotel.

Then in December, Bob & Donna will be hosting a tour to the Vinoy in St Petersburg. We will take a personalized tour of the hotel with a lunch after in their dining room. If you weren't at the picnic and would like to take the tour please contact Donna at (727) 385-1048.

For those of you that would like the recipe for the delicious salad that Nick & Ben brought to the picnic, see the last page of this newsletter for the recipe. YUM!

Welcome To Our Newest Members!!:

We had two new members join our "T" group on Saturday; John & Diane Lonergan and John & Marci Schultz. John & Marci were members when we first started the group but we lost contact with them when they moved into assisted living. Last month when I did the mailing to the 31 people in our local area that could possibly join our "T" group, one of those letters went to John & Marci. John & Marci came to the picnic after most everyone had left but Ben & Linda, Bob & Donna and Scott & I were still there so we were able to talk with them for a little bit. John definitely wanted to be a member again.

Our next new members are John & Diane Lonergan. They too were a part of the mailing of the 31 people, and John came to the picnic to see us. We tempted him with some great food and great conversation and he in turn joined the group. Right now they do not have any T's in FL but do have several in NY.

On Saturday, October 31st, we had another new member join the group. This again was from the mailing to the 31 people in our local area. Charlie & Virginia Carr live in New Port Richey. They have a '26 Roadster and a '25 Touring that they take out on the road regularly.

You are Invited to a Christmas Lighted Boat Parade / December 20th – The Suncoast T Club is invited to Nick & Ben's home on Sunday Dec. 20th to see the Lighted Boat Parade. This is a wonderful display of assorted boats that are beautifully lit with Christmas lights and assorted Christmas items. Last year there was even a dancing snowman on the deck of one of the boats. A buffet dinner will be served. If you would like to attend please **RSVP** to Nick & Ben (727) 393-9270.

Upcoming Club Planned Activities:

November 28th – Tour the Don Cesar. We will be meeting for coffee and donuts/pastries, and then we'll have a driving tour which will eventually lead us all to the Don Cesar's for an 11 o'clock tour. After the tour, we will go to Nick & Ben's home for a Barbeque. Time, place of meeting and additional information will be coming to you in another email from Donna.

December 26th – Bob & Donna are putting together a tour to the Vinoy. The Vinoy Tour **without** lunch is \$12 per person; **with** lunch it's \$27.00 per person. Any questions please call Donna at 727-385-1048 or email bwhite125@tampabay.rr.com. **See flyer below for more details.**

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

Future "How To" Clinics:

Vehicle Safety Check / Check rear axle bearing & sleeves / Changing Transmission Bands / Plus more...

What are Members doing?

#1 - Bill Saittas 50th high school reunion celebrations from Boca Ciega High School took place Oct. 9 - 11. They drove their T to the high school on Friday, Oct. 9th and were given a tour of the high school (lots of new buildings since Bill went to school there) along with fellow classmates. Of course the T caused a stir and Bill was asked to drive it in the homecoming parade Oct. 14th in Gulfport. Judy stayed home to give others a chance to ride and Bill had a great time "educating people" at the parade.

#2 – Remember Scott & Althea's rusty '23 roadster at Bob and Donnas' in August? Well, its' been disassembled, and now the chassis is painted and Scott is turning a load of Ash lumber into body frame work. It's exciting to watch it all go back together.

Reminder:

Please contact Donna, our Activities Director, if you know of an interesting place in your local area that might be of interest for the club to visit. She will make maps, and help route it out.

Final Word:

Let me know what **you're** working on or doing, and I will post it in the next edition of the newsletter. We all like to hear what everyone is doing with their "T".

Local Interest:

November 11 – 14 – Florida Flywheeler Park - <http://www.floridaflywheelers.org/>
Florida Flywheelers Antique Engine Show

November 15 – St. Pete Yacht Club Auto Show

Please make every attempt to come to the St. Pete Yacht Club Auto Show to help promote the Suncoast "T" Club. Here is the link to register on-line: <http://www.spyc.org/club/scripts/section/section.asp?NS=CLASSIC>

The most prestigious Auto & Cycle show on the west coast of Florida will be held in St. Petersburg's beautiful Straub Park, under the trees and on the waterfront on Sunday, November 15th, and hosted by the St. Petersburg Yacht Club. The park is adjacent to the Club, located at 11 Central Avenue, and is open to all vehicles 1979 and older. The Club puts out a terrific table lunch, music, and many state and local dignitaries are in attendance. Auto/cycle entrance is \$25 early registration (includes pre-show reception) and \$35 day of show. There are free commemorative t-shirts and dash plaques for early registrants. Entrance onto the park is at 8:00 AM, and awards and trophies are at 3:00 PM. There will be a beautiful, complimentary, Owner's Welcome Party Saturday evening with food, music, entertainment, and cash bar for pre-registered auto/cycle owners and guests only.

Here is a link to view last year's pictures:

http://www.spyc.org/club/scripts/ImageAlbum/view_albums.asp?GRP=12650&NS=CLASSIC&AID=10523

For more Info please call Bill Waters @ 727-580-1804, or bill.waters@raymondjames.com Thank you.

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

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

Florida Flywheelers Antique Engine Show & HUGE flea market

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 or (813) 926-1636.

January 22 – 24 – 56th Annual MTFCI Meeting & Banquet

SEE FLYER BELOW FOR MORE DETAILS.

February 12 - 14– Winter Extravaganza Automotive Swap Meet (Sumter County Fairgrounds)

7620 S.R. 471, Bushnell, FL 33513 (Only 2 1/2 Miles North of Webster Flea Market!)

Admission: \$5 - 1 Day or \$12 - 3 Day Pass

For more information <http://www.floridaswapmeets.net/>

February 18 – 21 – 36th 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 – 45th MTFCA Annual Meeting

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March 18 & 19 – 20th 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. SEE FLYER BELOW FOR MORE DETAILS.

June 30- July 3 – AACA will be celebrating its 75th 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

July 18 – 24 – South Dakota 54th 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 for more information.

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BEN KLEYA' S OVER NIGHT LAYERED SALAD

One head Iceberg lettuce
One head leaf lettuce
Small red onion
Head of cauliflower
1 lb. bacon
1 cup Mayo
1 cup Parmesan Cheese

Fry bacon until crispy. Put on paper towel to remove grease.

Tear lettuce and put in large bowl.

Chop cauliflower, onion and bacon into small fine pieces.

In a large bowl, add the lettuce. On top of the lettuce, put a layer of bacon, then the onion, and then the cauliflower.

Mix the Mayo and Parmesan Cheese into a paste. Spread over the salad trying to make a "seal" with the dressing (sort of like icing a cake). Use more or less dressing to taste.

Cover with plastic wrap to seal out air and refrigerate overnight.

Take out of the refrigerator at least 30 minutes to soften, then toss before serving.

Enjoy 😊