



## *"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

December 2010

### **President's Message:**

#### **Financial housekeeping:**

Club Dues, now \$10.00 per year, individual or family, will be collected at the Annual Meeting /Christmas Luncheon. Be sure to bring your current MTFCI membership card to show proof of active status. Please don't make Althea have to contact the national club to check your status.

Thank you to Tom & Shirley for a very nice lunch at our November work session. Several members gathered at Tom & Shirley's to change tires and try to figure out why their 1925 Roadster "nearly new" engine knocks so badly.

Bill Brown tried valiantly to get through the “Iron Man” fiasco, but after multiple attempts, never could. He turned around and went home. He assured me that the Cherry Pie that he brought to share was very good! (perhaps the best he’d ever had). Nothing remains of the aforementioned pie to verify or refute the claim.

Bill & Judy ran into the same roadblocks, but the man with a plan got through after telling the officials that he was on his way to a car show!

Now, back to the story:

This car was purchased at an estate sale, and has a freshly built engine which surprisingly has a significant knock. Unfortunately, cursory inspection failed to yield any fixes, so the cause remains elusive. Deeper inspection, including checking if the pistons are hitting a mis-aligned head gasket, or possibly a bent rod from inappropriately tightened wrist pins, are among possible items to check.

### **Club Activities:**

**December 11<sup>th</sup>** – Annual Meeting and Christmas luncheon – Hosted by Bob & Donna White

**Time:** We’ll eat about 1:00 but please arrive at 12:00 for social time. **Please RSVP**

**Location:** 1153 39th Ave NE, St. Petersburg FL 33703. **(727) 385-1048**

**Food:** Ham and Lasagna will be provided by the Club. Members are asked to bring a dish to share.

Election of officers will occur and \$10.00 club dues will be collected. If you cannot make the luncheon, please mail your check (payable to Althea Conger) 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 or 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:** Arrive between 11:30 and 12:00 and we will eat 12:00 to 12:30 (The Fun T club will hold a meeting at 1:00). **If you want to drive your T, see start time and starting location below.**

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

**Lunch:** Milt & Rosemary will provide hamburgers & hotdogs

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

**Start Time:** 9:30 if driving with group to Milts

**Starting Location:** Sawgrass Lake Park, 7400 25th St. N, St. Petersburg, we'll drive to Odessa with a stop in Safety Harbor to pick up North County drivers (we'll meet on Jefferson St under the oaks, just past the Safety Harbor Spa parking lot).

**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 - hosted by Milt & Rosemary and Scott & Althea

See more details under "2011 Local Interest" below. (No club meeting this month)

### May 14 – Drive to Dunedin for lunch and ice cream

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

**If you want to drive your T, see start time and starting location below.**

**Lunch Location:** Kelly's Restaurant, 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.

**Start Time:** 10:00 if driving with group to lunch

**Starting Location:** Sawgrass Lake Park, 7400 25th St. N, St. Petersburg, we'll drive to Dunedin.

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

### 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)

## 2011 Club Calendar (Con't):

### 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 (see starting location below)

Starting Location: Sawgrass Lake Park, 7400 25th St. N, St. Petersburg, we'll drive to Ft. De Soto.

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

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

**If you want to drive your T, see start time and starting location below.**

Lunch Location: Captain's Italian Restaurant-Pizza, 324 Main St, Safety Harbor

Ice Cream Location: Cold Stone Creamery, 100 Main St, Safety Harbor

Start Time: 10:00 if driving with group to lunch

Starting Location: Sawgrass Lake Park, 7400 25th St. N, St. Petersburg, we'll drive to Safety Harbor.

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

### December 10 – Annual Meeting and Christmas luncheon

Time:

Location:

Food: or Lunch

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:**

**Model T:** Rebuilt “T” generator – Turned armature, rebuilt brush block, new bearings, etc.;;  
1919-27 wishbone; 1913-14 differential housings, L & R; coils rebuilt/adjusted, NH & Kingston carbs  
rebuilt

**Model A:** 1929 Model “A” brake lever

**Austin Healey:** Set of four solid disc wheels and spindle adapters – as shipped from factory to dealers;  
non-overdrive tall-gear, differential gears.

Scott Conger 727-551-0001 or [modelrepair@gmail.com](mailto:modelrepair@gmail.com)

**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) with your items and they will get it in the next newsletter.

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## [What are Members doing?](#)

Nick & Ben drove their “T” to Tampa for a wedding in Ybor City.

Scott & Bill Saitta brought T’s to the Yacht Club car show and Bill added to his collection of trophies.

Bill Brown showed off his beautiful Auburn, as well.

Larry Perkins has fixed his car (transmission trouble on So. Dakota tour) and has added a Warford transmission also.

So, what 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 [modelrepair@gmail.com](mailto:modelrepair@gmail.com) and let him know what “How To” clinic you would like performed.

## **Things To Do In 2010:**

### **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:** Club member 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; Parking is Free

**Time:** Opens 7:00 AM

**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. Check 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; Parking is Free

**Time:** Opens 7:00 AM

**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. Parking is Free

**Time:** Opens 8:00 AM each day

**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.

## Things To Do In 2011 (Con't):

### **March 17 -18 – Chickasha – 21<sup>st</sup> Annual International Pre-War Swap Meet**

**Location:** Grady County Fairgrounds, Chickasha, Oklahoma. Plenty of free parking

**Time:** Gates will open daily at 7:00 am

**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. <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).

### **May 22 -27 – Blue Ridge Riders**

**Location:** Hendersonville N.C. Limited to 50 cars. Check 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. Check your current MTFCI magazine for more information or the MTFCI website <http://www.modelt.org/>

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## Things To Do In 2012:

### **March 25 –April 1 – Spring Regional Tour, Savannah Georgia**

**Location:** Savannah Georgia

**Contact:** Nevy Clark (912) 897-0050 or email [NClark48@bellsouth.net](mailto:NClark48@bellsouth.net) for more information. Check your current MTFCI magazine for more information or the MTFCI website <http://www.modelt.org/>

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

**Location:** Rutland, Vermont

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**Things To Do In 2013:**

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

**Location:** East Lansing, Michigan