



# *"T" Time*

## *the Suncoast T's 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 October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2008. The club's founders are dedicated to promote 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 (Oct 1 – Sept 30) set at only \$5.00.

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### **Saturday January 31<sup>st</sup>:**

January's tour started out on a cold and clear morning with 5 "T" drivers & guests (**Scott & Althea Conger** with **Bob & Donna White** as passengers, **Bill & Judy Saitta** with **Tom & Shirley Fazzina** as passengers, **Ben Umberger**, **Bill & Nereyda Brown** and **Ed Daniels** with his 2 guests. After having our fill of donuts, we headed off to see the Congers new "T" at **Bob & Donna White's** house (who became our 2 newest members). The **White's** served hot coffee & Tea to help warm us up and then we were off to tour St. Petersburg including Roser Park and its formidable (for St. Pete!) hills. When asked how he enjoyed the tour in his newly restored 1914 Touring car, novice driver **Ed Daniels** replied "I hated it", though his grin told a different story. The tour ended at the **Congers** with munchies & Pizza, followed by a short business meeting. New members **Bob & Donna White** were welcomed into the group, and a date was set for our next event (March 28<sup>th</sup>).

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## **Local Interest:**

### **February 19-22 – 35<sup>th</sup> Zephyrhills Annual Winter AutoFest, Zephyrhills, FL**

The Zephyrhills Fall AutoFest is a large multi-faceted automotive event featuring four days of impressive swap meet and car corral. Also, four days of exciting exhibition racing on the 1/3 mile unbanked dirt track with stock cars, sprint cars & midgets from the '30's, '40's, '50's & '60's. On Saturday & Sunday, there's a highly-regarded collector car auction. Visit the [www.zephyrhillsfestivals.com](http://www.zephyrhillsfestivals.com) web site to see over 900 pictures of prior AutoFests including aerial photos of the 207 acre Zephyrhills Festivals site known as Festival Park on U.S. 301 near Tampa.

**February 28** – Join the Fun T's & South Florida T's for a tour to visit the Flywheeler Flivver's at Flywheeler Park (Suncoast T Club is invited to attend). View the Florida Flywheeler website [www.floridaflywheelers.org](http://www.floridaflywheelers.org) for park details.

**March 6 - 8** - Join the Horseless Carriage Club of Florida and the Fun T's for a tour March 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>, in Dade City, and then on the 8<sup>th</sup>, it's off to the Steeplechase in Dade City. Contact Milt for information on the hotel where everyone will be staying (727) 410-7776.

**March 28** - AACA Festival of Speed, St. Petersburg - North Straub Park, St. Petersburg, FL

**March 28** – Bill & Judy Saitta are hosting the Suncoast T club event (stay tuned for more information)

### **April 11 - 23rd Annual Antique Car Show, Largo, FL**

The Pin-Mar Antique Car Club and Heritage Village are teaming up to provide a picturesque setting for more than 100 lovingly restored automobiles. There will be entertainment, a food court and more. Free admission and Free parking and shuttle to event entrance. Heritage Village is located at 11909 125th St. North Largo, FL 33774.

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

## **National:**

### **May 24 – 28 – Spring Tour, Shepherdstown, WV**

Hosted by Heart of Maryland T's International, Inc. Registration Form must be postmarked by April 15, 2009  
<http://www.modelt.org/2009springtour/2009springtour.pdf>

### **July 20-24 - 53rd Annual MTFCI National Tour, - Johnson City TN**

The 53rd Annual MTFCI National Tour will be held July 20-24, in Johnson City, Tennessee. For those interested, the host hotel is now accepting room reservations. Their toll-free telephone number is 866-400-0541. You must tell them you are with the "Model T Tour" to receive the special rate of \$95.00 plus tax. For additional info, general questions, or registration go to the tour website at: <http://www.modelttour.org/> or contact Brent & Pennie Terry, 2009 MTFCI National Tour Co-Chairs, by email at: [ttour2009@yahoo.com](mailto:ttour2009@yahoo.com)

### **October 7-10 - Hershey Fall Meet, - Hershey PA**

Car Show and Swap Meet - The Eastern Division AACA National Fall Meet takes place each year during the 1<sup>st</sup> full week in October.

## **2010**

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

Where: Louisville, Kentucky

Read more about it here: <http://www.aaca75.org/Introduction.htm>

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### **Project Reports:**

**The Conger's** 1923 Roadster Barn find: Scott has respoked 2 wheels, restored and sealed the gas tank, rebuilt the coil box and gone through the ignition and light switch assembly. The car seems to run well after sitting for decades (Hooray!). Remaining 2 wheels are slated for restoring next month.

**The Saittas** 22 Touring: Bill's car now has brake lights as of several weeks ago.

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### **People in the News:**

**Scott and Althea Conger** have participated with the Fun T's of Central Florida on several tours lately, including a Follow-the-Leader tour, where they and others didn't exactly do what the name implies. Thankfully, **Milt Roorda**, in his T, which can go WAY TOO FAST, saved the day and was able to catch up with the wayward travelers and put them back on track. The Congers and several others didn't know where they were headed, but they all agreed that they were making great time.

**Bill and Nereyda Brown** are looking for a 20's something roadster for their girls; so if you hear of one for sale, let them know.

**Ben Umberger** solved a chronic problem with his clutch when he discovered and corrected misadjusted transmission linkage.

**Ed Daniels** brought his beautiful, newly restored 1914 Touring on this month's tour for its maiden tour. All accounts say that it performed as well as it looks

How many sharp eyed people spotted **Milt Roorda** hobnobbing with Henry Ford III in the latest issue of the Model T Times?

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### **New Members:**

**Bob & Donna White**, of St. Petersburg FL, have become two of our newest members. They are housing the Conger's 1923 Roadster in their garage while it is being restored, and they are also helping to restore the car.

**Dick Conger**, of Jonesborough TN. When Scott called his dad to tell him about our tour, his dad told Scott that he just had to join our group. So for those of you who are going to the AACA tour in Johnson City Tennessee in July, you'll get to met him and his 1919 Depot Hack.

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### **For Sale:**

**Scott Conger** was contacted by a gentleman in Tampa who has an early 1912 Touring for sale - Fully restored, with many spare parts. If interested, call Scott for more information (727) 551-0001.

Chuck Covell has a set of square fellow wheels. If interested, contact **Ed Daniels** at (727) 743-1190.

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**Lost & Found:**

After everyone left our house Saturday, we found a soft-sided red cooler someone left. If this is your cooler, let us know and we will return it to you at our next get-together.

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**"T" Tip of the Month:**

Hayes, Kelsey & Ford, 30 x 3 ½ demountable wheels, each take slightly different length spokes. Though not listed in Langs Old Car Parts Catalogue, they do stock all 3 kinds.

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**Notices and/or Articles:**

If anyone has a notice or article that they would like to have placed in our newsletter, email it to me I will make sure it gets in the next newsletter.

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**Final Thought:**

If you're not out driving or at least riding as a passenger with someone else in some of the tours that come up in our area, you're really missing out on a wonderful experience.

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For all of you that requested the Bean-Dip recipe that I served here it is:

- 1 lb. hamburger
- 1 teaspoon Dry mustard
- 1 teaspoon chili powder
- 1 medium onion, finely chopped
- 1 medium green pepper, finely chopped (1/2 cup)
- 2 cans (16 oz. each) mashed refried beans
- 1 can (16 oz.) tomato sauce
- 1 package taco seasoning
- 1 to 2 cups shredded cheddar cheese (depending on how much cheese you like)

Cook meat, drain.

Stir in mustard, chili powder, onion, green pepper, beans, tomato sauce and taco seasoning.

Heat to boiling, stirring constantly.

Place into a 13" x 2" pan. Sprinkle with cheese

Place into a 350' oven until cheese melts; 15 – 20 minutes.