



"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 \$5.00 and run from October 1 – Sept 30.

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
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Activities Director...	Donna White

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President's Message:

If you haven't already gotten the call from either Donna or Tom, you soon will. We're polling all of our members to determine the best week of the month to plan for a regular meeting.

Here's what we need to know: is there a specific, repeatable, non-flexible Saturday that you cannot make a meeting? If there is, then we want to know!

We want to make sure that few, if any of you, will have to choose between "T" meetings and any other function.

- Q: When will business meetings be scheduled?
A: On consistently scheduled Saturdays, every other month.
- Q: Odd numbered months, or even numbered months?
A: Even numbered months.
- Q: What happens on the “odd” months?
A: A planned activity exactly as we have been doing---just no business will be conducted.
- Q: Will all events be on the same weekend?
A: No. Events will be scheduled in an accommodating fashion (best fit). Only the MEETING will fall on exactly the same weekends, every other month.
- Q: What do you mean by that?
A: With this plan, our club will have business meetings on the same Saturday, on even months, while the Fun T Club of Central Florida meets on odd months – conflict will be avoided. Similarly, our club will have planned events on odd months, while the Fun T’s have planned events on even months – again, conflict will be avoided – not only that, but T owners all over Central FL can now be assured of an event each and every month, as well as knowing exactly when each club will hold it's business meeting. There won't be any excuse to say "gee, I didn't know we were going to have a meeting on THAT day!"
- Q: This sounds like a big change from what we’ve done in the past – is it?
A: Not really – like we’ve always done, business meetings can be preceded with any activity we chose. The only change is that every other month, we will only have an activity with no business meeting. And when we DO have a meeting, it won't be a surprise to anyone.
- Q: So this means that I can look at my personal calendar and know with certainty that I can plan around events that haven't even been announced? ...Even 6 months or a year out?
A: That's correct. In addition to that, we will be able to share that information with other "T" and other antique car clubs, in an attempt to avoid double-booking weekends where our members hold multiple memberships.

So as you can see, Donna and Tom are performing a valuable service by polling all of you, so please really put some thought into this and help us get it right. The benefits are significant, and the drawbacks are few. Many thanks.

Scott

Welcome New Members

Meet Gene Meyers – Gene’s a retired farmer who rents warehouse space to local businesses. He keeps one space for himself and has his '24 Dr’s Coupe and Model “A” Roadster there, along with his private office and shop. Hopefully, we’ll all get an invitation for the club to visit and see where he “hangs out”.

Last Month's Activity:

Bill and Judy had us driving the streets Gulfport where you could see many houses painted in bright, flashy colors. There were lots of yard art in many fanciful designs. Our first stop was at the Gulfport Historical Museum. There, we got to see how Gulfport grew and the many colorful persons who lived there. Afterwards, we all hopped back into our T's and drove over to the beach and had a picnic lunch with a meeting afterwards.

Those that drove T's were Bill & Judy with passengers Vanessa & Joann, Ben & Linda, with passengers Jim Hayward & Bob Hester, Nick & Ben with passengers Larry & Ginny, and Scott & Althea with passengers Bob & Donna. Tom drove modern as he had his 4-legged friend with him.

Update on Club Badges:

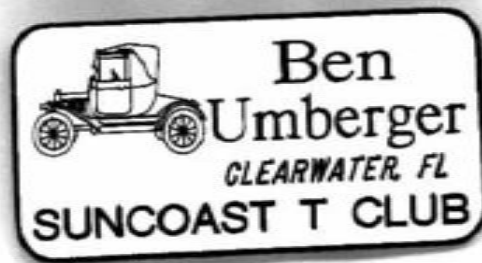
At last month's meeting the club approved the purchase of 2 name badges to be used for samples; a Black badge with White words and a White badge with Black words. The 2 badges were purchased and Althea will bring them to the June meet so that the club can look them over and make a decision on badge color.

Badges will consist of your name, your city & state and the club name (see samples below). At the June meet, Althea will be taking badge orders. If you want a badge with a pin clasp the price will be \$7.50. If you want a badge with a magnetic back the price will be \$9.50. Please bring cash or check as payment needs to be made at time of order.

EXAMPLES OF COLORS AND WORDS



Black badge/White words



White badge/Black words

If you will be unable to attend the June meet but would like to vote on badge color, please send Althea an email or call her with your color preference and she will vote for you.

Also if you would like to purchase a badge but will be unable to attend the June meet, please send Althea a check (payable to Althea Conger) and she will purchase badges for you. Please send your payment to Althea **BY** June 1st. Mail your payment to: Althea Conger, 109 13th Ave N.E., St. Petersburg FL 33701

Come have lunch with us – Thank You:

Scott's parents were in town April 15 through April 18, and while they were here we decided to see if we could get members from the club to come join us for an impromptu lunch at the 4th Street Shrimp Store. We had a great turn out for this spur of the moment invitation. Dick Conger had a great time meeting and talking to all of those that attended. Thank you all for coming out.

Upcoming Club Planned Activities:

June 5th Meet – Bob & Donna will be taking us on a tour of the Pink Streets of St. Petersburg and then a drive out to Ft. Desoto Park for a cookout. We'll be meeting around 10:00. Please bring a covered dish to share and your chairs. More information will be coming in May.

July 10th Meet – What the Heck is That? Hosted by Scott & Althea - Plan to pack a lunch and bring your favorite unusual tools or accessories and let us guess what they are or how they work! We will be meeting at Philippi Park in Safety Harbor. More information will be coming in June.

Link to buy and sell your Model T Parts: <http://modeltauction.com/ProBid/>

This is a hobby site where you can buy and sell your Model T parts and automobiles with NO FEES.

FOR SALE / WANTED:

WANTED: Model T capable of long distance touring. Does not need to be beautiful. Scott Conger 551-0001

WANTED: KRW pan straightening jig or any other KRW Ford repair tools. Scott Conger 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).

The Model T Café:

Tom has taken over the food concession at the American Legion Post #7 at 1760 Turner Street in Clearwater (inaccurate location was published in last month’s newsletter); it’s a restaurant within the building. He only serves a single item dinner during the off season.

Off season menu is:

Monday nite is a pork roast for \$5.
Wednesday nite is pasta nite (all you can eat) for \$5.
Friday nite is a fish fry (all you can eat) for \$5.
Saturday nite is steak nite for \$8.

Hours of Operation:

5pm to 8 pm – Off Season

The public is welcome

What are Members doing?

Gene Meyers got his '24 Dr's Coupe back on the road.

Bill & Judy took their '23 touring on the AACA Rallye in Tampa and won the “Crazy Calamity” trophy. Apparently, the overflow was blocked and they blew the radiator cap clear off – covering them both in coolant (a misnamed product if there ever was one). In true “T” fashion, they didn’t allow this mishap to spoil their day.

Scott has straightened and rethreaded the front axle on the '23 Roadster – now all of the front end parts are off to the painter for blasting and paint.

Reminder:

Our entire club activities are provided by all club members. So if you know of an interesting place in your local area that might be of interest for the club to visit, or maybe just a really nice drive, please contact Donna White, our Activities Director, at bwhite125@tampabay.rr.com or (727) 385-1048 and she will help you map it out and print up maps for the group.

Future “How To” Clinics:

Check rear axle bearing & sleeves / Changing Transmission Bands / Plus more... If there is a class you would like the club to hold, please contact Scott at (727) 551-0001 or email altheaconger@gmail.com and let him know what “How To” class you would like performed.

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:

October 15 – 17 – Lakeland, Florida Lake Mirror Classic Auto Festival

Downtown Lakeland, Florida

October 24 – 29 – AACA South Georgia & North Florida – Reliability Tour

1915 & Earlier Vehicles – Pecan Region

If you are a member of the AACA, you can call 717-534-1910 for more information regarding this tour. Tour packets are being mailed on or about the first of June and will be limited to the first 100 cars.

November 11 - 14 – 26th 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 or www.zephyrhillsauction.com

National Interest:

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. 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.

October 6 – 9 – AACA Eastern Regional Fall Meet (Hershey, PA)

<http://www.hersheyaaca.org/>

2011 Local Interest:

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 or www.zephyrhillsauction.com

2011 National Interest:

January 28 – 29 – MTFCI 57th Annual Meeting and Banquet

Location: Myrtle Beach, South Carolina...start making plans now to attend.