



# *"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.

**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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### **Saturday April 11<sup>th</sup>**

It was a perfect day for the Heritage Village Car Show and I think I saw most of the Suncoast T Club there; **Ben Umberger, Tom & Shirley Fazzina, Bill & Judy Saitta, Fritz Wilder & Mari Blaquiere, John & Marcy Schultz, Nick Miller & Ben Kleya, Ed Daniels, Bill Brown, Bob & Donna White, Dick & Jane Conger, Scott & I.**

One of the mishaps that happen that day was **Nereyda Brown** and the girls broke down on their way to the Park. **Bill Brown**, who was already at the park in his 1915 Model T, had to leave to rescue them. Unfortunately, **Bill & Nereyda** did not return to enjoy the rest of the car show. We hope that whatever was wrong with **Nereyda's** car was easily fixed.

Besides cars, there were other activities including live music & dancing. **Judy Saitta** was seen jitterbugging on the Bandstand dance floor...very impressive moves **Judy**.

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**Club Planned Activities:**

Our next group activity will be May 30<sup>th</sup> and will be hosted by **Tom & Shirley**. Stay tuned for more information on this event.

Coil Rebuilding Clinic – Hosted by **Fritz Wilder / Scott Conger** – Date TBD

Vehicle Safety Check – “How To” – Date TBD

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**People in the News:**

**Ocean to Ocean in a Model T - June 14<sup>th</sup> to July 12<sup>th</sup> 2009 - New York to Seattle – The Great Race.**

For those of you that don't know, **Milt** will be on this once-in-a-lifetime tour in a reproduction of the #2 race car that was used in 1909 for the Great Race. In recognition of the centennial of that long ago feat in automobiling, fifty-five Model T's, ranging in age from 1909 to 1927, will be following the original route of the 1909 racers, stopping nightly in towns in which the early racers stopped a century ago. Only in a few instances, in which the old roads have disappeared (i.e. in Wyoming, Idaho, Oregon and Washington), will the 2009 racers run on interstate highways, minimizing the amount of deviation from the original route. Given the ever-increasing danger of modern traffic ***this will be the last time*** such an event will be able to be held to recognize the beginning of the Model T era and the birth of the Model T, which put the world on wheels.

We wish **Milt** a safe journey. There will be a blog posted so those interested can read daily updates as this tour progresses.

Follow link to read more about the original tour <http://www.oceantoocean-in-a-t-llc.com/>

Here is the Itinerary that will be used for this race:

Date	Location	Miles Driven	Misc
June 13	White Plains, NY (into NYC)		
June 14	West Point, NY	125	
June 15	New Hartford, NY	183	
June 16	Hamburg, NY	232	
June 17	Streetsboro, OH	199	
June 18 - 20	Dearborn, MI	195	Layover
June 21	South Bend, IN	225	
June 22	Bloomington, IL	220	
June 23	Hannibal, MO	193	
June 24 - 25	Olathe, KS	240	Layover
June 26	Abilene, KS	166	
June 27	Goodland, KS	261	
June 28 - 29	Fort Collins, CO	254	Layover
June 30	Rawlins, WY	181	
July 1	Rock Springs, WY	110	
July 2	Montpelier, ID	160	
July 3 - 4	Pocatello, ID	91	Layover
July 5	Twin Falls, ID	122	

July 6	Ontario, OR	215	
July 7	Pendleton, OR	166	
July 8	Yakima, WA	181	
July 9	Snoqualmie Pass, WA	93	
July 10 - 12	Issaquah, WA	38	Layover
	Seattle, WA	3856 total miles driven	

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**Articles:**

Our Tennessee member, **Dick Conger**, sent a newspaper article to pass on to the group. The pictures did not come out well, but the article is interesting. Please see attached PDF file for the article.

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**What Members are Doing:**

Tennessee member, **Dick Conger**, was having problems with his 1919 Depot Hack. When he drove the car it was making an odd noise. Since he is planning on participating in the 53rd Annual MTFCl National Tour which will be held in Johnson City, Tennessee, he decided to stop driving the car and wait for his son, **Scott**, to come up and help figure out what the problem was; hard to diagnose a problem over the phone. In the meantime **Dick** asked a friend of his to come over and take a listen; but before the gentleman arrived, Dick tightened up a few bolts and such. The friend comes over, they go for a drive to hear the noise but no noise was made. Well, it turns out that the coil to the distributor was loose and when **Dick** tightened up bolts he got rid of the problem.

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**Scott** and **Bob White** have been working on **Scott & Altheas** 1923 Roadster. **Scott** has respoked all 4 wheels, recored the coils, replaced a radius rod (which was bought from **Milt**), added a new gasket, a block of wood for the steering box, and put new sleeves in the rear axle.

**Scotts'** next venture is to prime the wheels and get them ready to send them to the painter.

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**Ed Daniels** bought a 1920's single seat full bodied race car...not a speedster, but a real race car from **Milt** a few weeks ago. **Ed** is planning on restoring it to its former beauty and possibly race it...we shall see.

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What have you been doing with your "T"? Or did you buy a "T"? We would like to know. Email me with your "T" doings and I'll get them published in the next Club newsletter.

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**Notices and/or Articles:**

If you have an interesting article to share, or wish to place a notice in the Club newsletter; email it to me and I will make sure it gets in the next Club newsletter.

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**Final Thought:**

Don't forget to always check oil and water levels prior to each drive. An accessory oil dipstick is a simple add-on which will make this job much easier and less likely to be overlooked.

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***My "T"***

She's old, She's new  
She's ugly, She's cute  
She's iron, She's brass  
She's rubber, She's jute  
She's wet, She's dry  
She's wood, She's glass  
She's hot, She's cold  
She's Lang's, She's Mac's  
She's Snyder's, She's Taylor's  
But one thing's for sure  
She's mine - All mine.

*by Richard Fortner*  
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**Local Interest:**

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

**November 12 – 15** – 25th Annual Fall AutoFest

Located in Zephyrhills at Festival Park on U.S. Hwy 301. Opens 8:00am each day; Free Parking; Admission: Thurs & Fri - \$8.00 / Saturday & Sunday \$10.00

Automotive & Antique Swap Meet, Vintage Auto Exhibit Racing, Collector Car Auction.

For more information [www.zephyrhillsfestivals.com](http://www.zephyrhillsfestivals.com) or [www.zephyrhillsauction.com](http://www.zephyrhillsauction.com)

**National Interest:**

**May 24 – 28** – *3rd Annual Spring Tour, Shepherdstown, WV* **TOUR CANCELLED**

Hosted by Heart of Maryland T's. Host Hotel – Please make your own reservations at Clarion Hotel, Shepherdstown, West Virginia; 877-424-6423 (304-876-7000) Mention Model T Ford Club International Tour. Room rates are \$94.00 plus tax. Will only accept payment in full in U.S. funds. No credit card payments. Refunds on a funds available basis only. Make Checks Payable to 2009 Spring Tour and mail to: Harry Wellens, 3120 Will-Mil Terrace, Monrovia, MD 21770 Questions regarding registration should be directed to Harry Wellens (301-831-3638) or email: [hwellens1@comcast.net](mailto:hwellens1@comcast.net)

**June 14 – July 12** – *NY to Seattle 2009 Great Race*

The Centennial of the June 22, 1909 Ocean to Ocean Endurance Contest was won by a 1909 Model T Ford.

For more information about the contest, please contact the event organizers: [John McLaren](mailto:John McLaren) (231) 238 9080 or [Billy McGuire](mailto:Billy McGuire) (804) 784-4112

**June 21 – 26** – *Canyonlands III*

National Tour hosted by the CanyonCountry Model T Club. Contact Russ Furstnow 928-526-1343 [1stnow@msn.com](mailto:1stnow@msn.com). More info available in the Vintage Ford Magazine.

**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 – AACA Eastern Division National Fall Meet - Hershey PA**

The Eastern Division AACA National Fall Meet takes place each year during the 1st full week in October. The Hershey Region began hosting the show on 1995 and has done so each year since then. The meet is located in beautiful Hershey, PA on the grounds and parking lots surrounding Hershey Park and The Giant Center. Hershey is considered one of the largest antique automobile shows and flea markets in the United States. It consists of over 9,000 flea market spaces, over 1,000 car corral spaces, and approximately 1,500 show cars. Each year the show attracts visitors from all over the United States and many countries throughout the world. Some of the most unusual cars and parts can be found at Hershey. If you love antique cars, Hershey is the place to be.

For more information <http://local.aaca.org/hershey/fallmeet.html>

## **2010**

**January – MTFCI Annual meeting – Orlando FL**

**February 18 – 21 – 36th Annual Winter AutoFest**

Located in Zephyrhills at Festival Park on U.S. Hwy 301. Opens 8:00am each day; free Parking

**June 30- July 3 – AACA will be celebrating its 75<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:Gagliaj@aol.com)

**July 18 – 24 – South Dakota 54<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:sastier@prodigy.net) for more information.