



"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.

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June 2010

President's Message:

What a great time we had at our last meeting! It was one HOT DAY, but those folks who ventured out were treated to a nice drive and lunch. Our Organizer and Hosts made sure we all had a great time – Be sure to read about it later in this issue.

While on the subject of having a great time, take a look at some of our upcoming events:

- **Cookout at Philippi Park** – bring your favorite Model “T” accessories or tools for us to see and let us try to guess what they do or how they work
- **Trip to Armed Forces Museum** – join us for a trip to a world class museum for an enjoyable and educational day
- **1st annual Christmas Luncheon** - details to come in a future newsletter issue

Be sure to keep the 2nd Saturday of the month free, and watch for more planned events as we march into the 2nd half of our 2nd year as a club!

Update on Club Dues

At our January meeting it was voted in to raise club dues from \$5.00 to \$10.00 a year.

June Activity & Meeting:

We had a large turnout, 18 people and 5 “T”s. We started off the tour with a drive around the "Pink Streets" of St. Petersburg and then we all headed down to Ft. Desoto where we had a nice BBQ lunch of hamburgers, hot dogs, and lots of side dishes. A big “Thank You” goes out to Donna White for organizing the event and supplying meat – Plus thanks to Richard Wolf and Lucy Innes for setting up their motor home at the camp ground for our use.

The most eventful part of the trip was after lunch. Some of the members continued the tour by driving down to the Fort. Bill Saitta ran out of gas and if you don't know, Ft. Desoto has no gas stations. You have to drive 6 to 8 miles to the nearest station. Luckily, Milt was wise enough to suggest that we just drain some gas from one T and give to the empty T. So Scott got under our T, with us having 3 gallons in our tank, and with an empty water bottle we formed a human chain and drained out 5 water bottles of gas and gave to the empty T. Turns out we gave them 5 bottles of gas for a 5 ¼ bottle drive, because as Scott and I got to the same gas station we saw that Bill’s T was empty again and that Milt & Bill were pushing the T the last 100 yards into the gas station. There’s nothing like enjoying a “total T experience” on a hot day to appreciate modern conveniences---like gas gauges and air conditioning!

July Activity:

July 10th – Event - “What the Heck is That?”

Pack a lunch and bring your favorite unusual tools or accessories and let us guess what they are or how they work! Go through your garage, Warehouse, or wherever, and pick out some of the more interesting or obscure items to display for everyone to ponder and enjoy - Hosted by Scott & Althea

Where: Shelter #1 at Philippi Park, located in Safety Harbor

Time: 11:00 AM

Come modern or come by “T”

Bring your own food to grill, and a side dish to share

Charcoal will be provided

Upcoming Activities:

August 14th – Meeting (Hosted by Ed & Mary Jean Daniels)
Trip to the Largo Military Museum

September 11th – NEED HOST to plan an activity

October 9th - Meeting – NEED HOST coordinate a lunch/meeting location

November 13th – Activity Hosted by Tom & Shirley Fazzina – Details TBD

December 11th – Meeting (Annual Christmas luncheon) is in the works

2011 CALENDAR

January 15th – Dual meeting with the Fun T club – hosted by Milt & Rosemary Roorda

2011 TBD - There are plans being kicked around to organize a multi-day, Hub Tour, out of Madison FL, located in north Florida near the FL/GA border, after the first of the year. Potential attendees will be Suncoast “T”s, Fun “T”s, Savannah GA “T” owners and some folks from Tennessee. This is a wonderful venue to tour through, so keep this in the back of your mind and watch for details to emerge as plans solidify.

FOR SALE / WANTED:

WANTED: Model T capable of long distance touring. Does not need to be beautiful.
Scott Conger 727-551-0001

WANTED: KRW pan straightening jig or any other KRW Ford repair tools.
Scott Conger 727-551-0001

WANTED: Your old coils for rebuilding
Scott Conger 727-551-0001

(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; it's a restaurant within the building. He only serves a single item special during the off season, though grill fare, Hamburgers, etc. are always available.

Off season menu:

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?

Bill is performing gas mileage tests on his shiny green pickup

Scott has milled and installed the wooden trunk floor on the '23 roadster

Ben Umberger's clutch has been replaced and his "T" is back on the road

Bob and Karen Hester brought Jim Hayward's and his red touring over from Brandon to tour with us

Bob Hester's rebuilding his transmission on his '26 touring

John and Diane Lonergan held a big family reunion at their New York home and are getting the old cars out of winter hibernation

Lots going on! What are YOU doing that we'd like to hear about?

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:

January – Date: TBD – North Florida Hub Tour – Madison FL

There are plans being kicked around to organize a multi-day, Hub Tour, out of Madison FL, located in north Florida near the FL/GA border, after the first of the year. More information will be coming at a later time

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.