



"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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July 2010

President's Message:

Well, it's July – and that means that the MTFCI summer tour is just around the corner. We know that the Suncoast T Club will be well represented in South Dakota. Combined with members from other FL clubs, it looks like FL will be very well represented, even though the tour will be over 2000 miles away.

Look for a report on that event in next month's newsletter.

Now, speaking of tours, I'd really like to hear from you to gauge the interest in holding a tour in North Florida in early 2011. It will most likely be a Hub Tour, probably centered around Madison, FL. I've been on most of the planned portions of the tour and can report that the roads are beautiful and

peaceful...perfect for T touring. There are usually a couple of good dirt roads, plenty of Old Florida Canopied roads and lots of interesting places to see. I guarantee that you'll be transported back to the '20's in your mind's eye...the entire pace of the week will be unlike anything you've experienced before. Because it is a Hub tour, there will be ample opportunity to maintain your car, or repair minor problems in the afternoon or evening...no worry of trying to keep up with a group that's on the march from town to town each night. It's a great place to try out for your first tour if you're new to this phase of the hobby. Please make your opinions known at the next meeting.

Finally, don't forget the picnic at Philippi Park on Saturday, July 10th. Bring your lunch plus a dish to share and your favorite Ford gadgets for us to see. There were thousands of inventions to "improve" our cars, so bring'em out for us to see.

See you there!

July Activity:

July 10th – Event - "What the Heck is That?" Hosted by Scott & Althea

Where: Shelter #1 at Philippi Park, located at 2525 Philippe Pkwy in Safety Harbor

Time: 11:00 AM

Pack a lunch, bring a side dish to share 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

Come modern or come by "T"

Bring your own food to grill, and a side dish to share
Charcoal will be provided

August Meeting & Activity:

August 14th – Trip to the Armed Forces Military Museum in Largo - Hosted by Ed & Mary Jean Daniels
<http://www.armedforcesmuseum.com/index.html>

Located at 2050 34th Way North, Largo, FL.

Please arrive between 10:30 - 10:45. If we have 15+ people the admission will be \$6.50; less than 15 people the admission will be \$8.00. Afterwards a meeting will be held in their meeting room; and then it's off to Sweet Tomatoes, located in Largo Mall, for lunch.

From Interstate I-275 Southbound:

Take exit #31 (SR 688/Ulmerton Road). Drive west on SR 688 for 6.6 miles, passing Belcher Road. Turn right on 34th Way North. Citgo gas station will be at the corner of 34th Way North and Ulmerton Road

(approximately ¼ mile west of Belcher Road intersection). Follow this street to the cul de sac. The entrance to The Armed Forces Military Museum will be at the end of the street.

From Interstate I-275 Northbound:

Travel north on I-275, merge onto FL-686W, exit #30 toward Largo/Clearwater. Follow 686 north to the merge ramp to SR 688 West (Ulmerton Road). Travel west for approximately 5 miles and turn right on 34th Way North. Citgo gas station will be at the corner of 34th Way North and Ulmerton Road (approximately ¼ mile west of Belcher Road intersection). Follow this street to the cul de sac. The entrance to The Armed Forces Military Museum will be at the end of the street.

Upcoming Activities:

September 11th Event – **NEED HOST**

October 9th **Meeting** – **NEED HOST**

November 13th Event – Hosted by Tom & Shirley Fazzina

December 11th – **Meeting** (Annual Christmas luncheon) More details will be coming later with time, location and a signup sheet for food.

2011 Calendar

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.

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

February 12 **Meeting**

March 12 Event

April 9 **Meeting**

May 14 Event

June 11 **Meeting**

July 9 Event

August 13 **Meeting**

September 10 Event

October 8 **Meeting**

November 12 Event

December 10 **Meeting** (Annual Christmas luncheon)

FOR SALE / WANTED:

FOR SALE: 1919 Touring. Rebuild wheels, Rocky Mtn brakes, very good condition, ready to tour. \$12,000
James MacDonald 941-776-8845 (H) or 941-779-4302 (C)

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

WANTED: Coils fit for rebuilding
Scott Conger 727-551-0001

(Place your **FOR SALE** or **WANTED** items here. Send Althea an email (or call her at 551-0001) with your items and they will get it in the next newsletter).

What are Members doing?

Bill Saitta discovered another "T" in town. Any chance it will find its way to his house? Time will tell!

Scott's making the last two pieces of wood for the '23 Roadster – YEAH!!

Bob Hester's hopefully making progress on his transmission

Stace & Joyce were in town for a visit last week and sold their 1919 Roadster

Scott and Althea bought another "T" (and now Stace & Joyce need to bring another one down from PA!).

Nick's becoming intimately familiar with a Kingston L-4 carburetor

So, what have **YOU** been up to lately??

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:

Send me an email telling me what work **you're** doing on your "T", 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 10 – 13 – Flywheeler Park - <http://www.floridaflywheelers.org/>

15th Annual Fall Fuel Up Show

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:

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 12 – 15 – Flywheeler Park - <http://www.floridaflywheelers.org/>

24th Annual Antique Engine & Tractor "Swap Meet".

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

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2011 National Interest:

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

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