



"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 10th, 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.**

President.....	Bill Saitta
Vice President.....	Fritz Wilder
Secretary	Mari Blaquiere
Treasurer.....	Tom Fazzina
Newsletter Editor...	Althea Conger
Activities Director...	Donna White

July 2009

Saturday, June 27th – Coil Rebuilding Clinic hosted by **Fritz & Scott**.

What a great turn out this class was and the weather couldn't have been better. I think that everyone learned something about rebuilding or testing coils that they didn't know before.

The class consisted of, **Bill B., Bob, Ed, Ben, Tom, Bill S., Nick, Ben and Linda Shaffer** (gotta get that lady a "T").

While folks were learning about coils; **Nereyda, Judy, Donna and I** gathered under the trees and played Dominoes.

A big thanks goes out to **Fritz** for letting us use his workshop for this class.

What Members are Doing:

Milt, who is running in the ocean-to-ocean Model T race, has traveled 2,443 miles so far. He has endured pouring rain and blistering sun. They are past the half way mark but still have 1300 more miles to complete. So far all has gone well with Milts car, his only problem occurred at the beginning of the race when the car had a vapor lock. Other than that, the car has driven well for him.

Notices and/or Articles:

Donna has graciously offered to act as the clubs' Activities Director. What this means, is that **Donna** will be contacting each of you to see what interesting places are in your local area that might be a place for the club to visit. She will make maps, and help route it out. If you already have some ideas please give her a call (727 385-1048) and pass on your ideas to her.

Club Planned Activities:

July – No planned activity

August 8th – Bob & Donna will be opening their home to the Club to discuss proposed club bylaws, club organization and discussion of duties as officers. Lunch will be pot luck with **Bob & Donna** providing the meat - please bring a dish to share. Food items needed are appetizers', fruit salad or pasta salad, and dessert. Water, coffee & hot tea will be provided.

Please call **Donna** (727 385-1048) to let her know what you will be bringing.

We will be meeting at **Bob & Donnas'** at 10:00.

September 26th - Club meeting to nominate candidates for new Club officers. We will be meeting at **Scott & Altheas** home. Time TBD

[**ATTENTION out-of-town members:** If you wish to **nominate**, please email me with your choice(s) (before Sept. 25th) and I will submit it for you. Or, if you prefer, you can send it in the mail, at which time I will open your envelope during nominations and submit your choice(s). I will email you with all nominations for you to make your voting choice(s) in October].

To hold office, a Club member **MUST** be a member of **BOTH the MTFCI & MTFCA** with current paid-up membership status.

President's Duties:

1. Preside over Club functions.
2. Have a prepared agenda and pass out copies to Club members at all club meetings.
3. Meet with members to discuss and create the Club Bylaws.
4. Always bring the Charter plaque to all meetings to display.

VP Duties:

1. To preside over Club functions and other activities in the President's absence.

Secretary / Treasurers Duties (as we are a small group right now, these two jobs may be combined into one):

1. In January of each year submit a list of its officers and of its membership, with full addresses, and MTFCA member numbers, to the MTFCA National of each year. Failure to do so will automatically reduce our Chapter status to an Affiliate status.
2. Attend all Club meetings and record minutes of all Club business.
3. Bring previous Club minutes and Treasury report to current Club meeting to recap what was discussed and any club expenditures with an accounting of treasury funds.
4. Handles all correspondence with the MTFCI, MTFCA and Club members.
5. Keeps a current copy of the Chapter Bylaws.
6. Keeps a current list of all Club members' membership numbers making sure all Club members are in current standing with the MTFCI & MTFCA, by checking Club members' membership card(s) yearly making sure each Club member is a paid up member in the MTFCI &/or MTFCA as required by specific national club bylaws.
7. Keeps a current directory of all members' full home addresses, email addresses, phone numbers and cell phone numbers of each Club member. Distribute to members
8. Mails a copy of the newsletter to any Club member who does not have an email address; otherwise the newsletter will be emailed to all club members via the newsletter editor.
9. Keeps and maintains Club Minutes & Treasury Reports in binders.
10. Maintain the receipts and expenditures of all funds of the Club and to keep the Club informed of the Club's fiscal condition.
11. Be prepared to reimburse Club authorized expenditures by having Club funds readily available at all Club functions.

October 31st – Vote in new officers. Meet at Millennium Park at 11:30 for cook-out lunch and then election of officers. Hamburgers and hot-dogs will be provided. Please bring a covered dish to share.

IMPORTANT - BRING YOUR CURRENT MTFCI / MTFCA MEMBERSHIP CARDS ALONG WITH YOUR \$5.00 CLUB DUES.

ALSO, IF YOU ARE HOLDING A CURRENT OFFICE, PLEASE BRING ALL PAPERS, PLAQUES, MONEY, AND ANY OTHER ITEMS PERTAINING TO YOUR POSITION TO THE MEETING TO BE PASSED TO THE NEXT ELECTED OFFICER.

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Future Club Planned “How To” Classes:

Vehicle Safety Check – Date TBD

Carburetor Operation & Rebuilding Basics – Date TBD

Check rear axle bearing & sleeves – Date TBD

Final Thought:

HAPPY 4TH OF JULY



Local Interest:

Sat., Aug 15 – Fun T's - Dade City to Crystal River Tour

1 day tour stopping at Charlie's Fish House for lunch. If interested please contact Fran Newsome at FNewsome@jud6.org or 352-521-3631.

Sept. 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 Fun T's Labor Day Tour - Drive Ts all the way

5 day tour departing from Fran's house in Dade City. If interested please contact Fran Newsome at FNewsome@jud6.org or 352-521-3631.

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 or www.zephyrhillsauction.com

National Interest:

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

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>

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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 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. 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

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.