



## *"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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August 2010

#### **President's Message:**

Well the MTFCI summer annual tour has come and gone – what a great event! Florida was well represented with Scott & Althea, Larry & Ginny, Bill, Nereyda & Celia, plus several other couples from neighboring Central Florida MTFCI Clubs. The routes were harder on some, than others, as the steep hills resulted in problems for a few--but never fear, the trouble trucks, manned by local volunteers, got everyone home safe & sound.

Please enjoy the pictures that follow---

Scott

# **MTECI Summer Tour – Rapid City, South Dakota**

**Don't Model "T"s and Trains just naturally go together?**



## **In the Beginning...**

**There was plenty of quiet Forest – the silence broken only by the earnest chugging of 250 model “T”s**



**On our way, there were “The Needles”...**



**And then...**

**There were tunnels**



**... we climbed switch backs and even more switchbacks!  
(that's two levels below, folks)**



**And there were still more tunnels!**



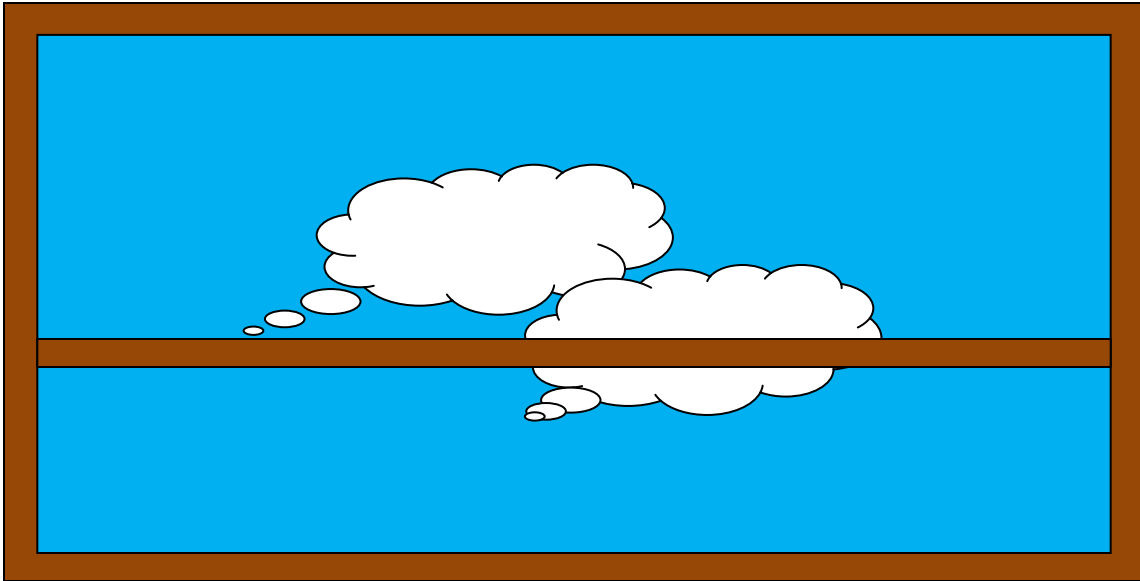
**Sitting in this beautiful meadow, no one could imagine the enormous hill just ahead...**



**Nor the filter cleaning & Band Adjustments soon to come**



**The View through our windshield during the climb...**



**Nothing to see here, folks...move along...  
Just reattaching the muffler!**



**This was the view many had, following some of the long hills...  
Plenty of people bent over...**



**After the workout...**

**When "T" people are hungry, they'll eat almost anywhere...  
Even in the middle of the road!**



**As you can see, there were lots of early cars in attendance...**



**There were also plenty of later cars, as well...**



**There were even a few “Barn Finds” that predated the Model “T”!**



**One last look back at the Black Hills, and we're headed home...**



**We sure hope you enjoyed the pictures...it was quite a trip. If you ever have the opportunity to participate on a "T" tour in this area, don't pass it up...it's quite a ride...**

**July Event: What the Heck is That:** If you didn't attend, you were in the minority! Over 20 folks showed up for food & fun and tried to guess the purpose of the "whatzits" on display.

A partial list of displayed items were: tire locks; ignition locks; a neato-magneto for speedsters; a spring spreader/lube device called "The Tomahawk"; a duster, gloves and a 1920's tour book; a tire-bead breaker; TT 2 speed read axle transmission; picnic accessories and the "official" whatzit.



**FRITZ WILDER** correctly identified the whatzit as a steering damper that clamps to the steering wheel, and rubs firmly on the steering gear case.

It seems to me that all it would do is make the car even harder to steer – but the box that it came in agrees with Fritz' conclusion (or perhaps the other way around).

Congratulations to Fritz and thanks to all for giving their best guesses.

I sure hope Fritz didn't think that winning the contest involved \$\$\$. We're long on recognition but pretty much short on money 😊

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### **August Meeting & Activity:**

August 14<sup>th</sup> – 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

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### **Upcoming Activities:**

September 11<sup>th</sup> Event – **NEED HOST**

October 9<sup>th</sup> **Meeting** – **NEED HOST**

November 13<sup>th</sup> Event – Hosted by Tom & Shirley Fazzina

December 11<sup>th</sup> – **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 15<sup>th</sup> – 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)

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**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.

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### **FOR SALE / WANTED:**

**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) with your items and they will get it in the next newsletter).

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**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](mailto:bwhite125@tampabay.rr.com) or (727) 385-1048 and she will help you map it out and print up maps for the group.

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**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](mailto:altheaconger@gmail.com) and let him know what "How To" class you would like performed.

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**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".

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**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](http://www.zephyrhillsfestivals.com) or [www.zephyrhillsauction.com](http://www.zephyrhillsauction.com)

**National Interest:**

**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

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## **2011 National Interest:**

### **January 28 – 29 – MTFCI 57<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting and Banquet**

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

### **July 17 – 22 – MTFCI 55<sup>th</sup> Annual Tour – Hosted by the “T Totalers” Chapter**

Location: Rochester, MN...Creeks, Rivers and Bluffs...start making plans now to attend. Information will be coming in the MTFCI magazine soon.

Contact:

- Tour Chair:  
Steve Boyd at 715-410-5815 (cell) or 715-349-2501 (home) or [modeltboyd@sirentel.net](mailto:modeltboyd@sirentel.net)
- Registrar/Treasurer:  
Betty Mortensen at 763-221-0500 (cell) or 763-755-3456 (home) or [modelt17@comcast.net](mailto:modelt17@comcast.net)

## **2013 National Interest:**

### **July 14 – 19 – MTFCI 57<sup>th</sup> Annual Tour –**

Location: East Lansing, MI...Spartan Spectacular...start making plans now to attend. Look for more Information in the MTFCI magazine in the near future.

Contact:

- Tour Chair:  
Ed Altenritter 517-676-1602 or [edward1953@aol.com](mailto:edward1953@aol.com)