



# *"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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September 2010

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

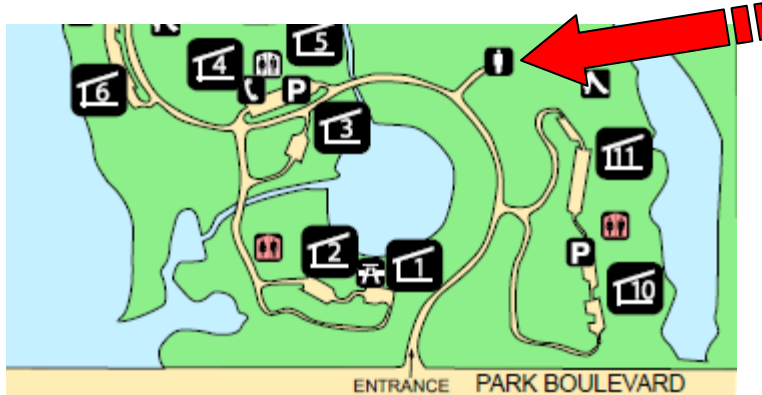
If you missed the trip to the Military Museum last month, you missed a most memorable experience. It's hard to believe that one collector could have the vision, creativity and finances to amass and display items ranging from simple memorabilia to tanks---it's truly a remarkable collection, presented in a manner worthy of the Smithsonian. Who knew such a treasure-trove existed in Pinellas County? Our next outing will be a drive to the Panama canal Museum in Seminole followed by lunch.

Nick and Donna are working to provide us with yet another interesting trip, so don't miss out!!

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**September 11th** – A visit to the Panama Canal Museum located in Seminole.

Meet at Lake Seminole Park 10015 Park Blvd. (74th Ave. N.) Seminole FL, at 9:30 (We will be gathering in the parking lot by the 1<sup>st</sup> rest room on your right). We will tour over to the Panama Canal Museum for a visit. Then it's off to the Pickle Barrel Deli for lunch. RSVP to Nick (813-267-1045) or Donna (727-385-1048) ASAP so they can make lunch reservations.



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### **Upcoming Activities:**

**October 16th** – Fish Fry put on by Jim Hayward and Bob Hester – This should be on your “Must-Do” list!! Jim’s done this for years, and it’s quite an event. **RSVP** Jim (813) 685-4850 or Bob (813) 689-6027

**Time:** We'll eat about 7:00pm but **please arrive at 5:30 or 6:00** for social time (even earlier is fine, we might put you to work).

**Cost:** \$10.00 per person. This is to cover the cost of the blue grass band that will be performing all evening.

**Food:** Main course is fried catfish. There will be a big pot of cheese grits. **Please bring a dish to share**, anything you'd care to, other meats, vegetables, salads, desserts, whatever.

**Directions:** From points in Pinellas county, proceed to I-275 North through downtown Tampa to I-4 East. Exit I-4 at US301 South (exit #7). From 301 turn left (east) onto Bloomingdale Ave. This will be the next traffic light after you pass under I-75. East on Bloomingdale Ave. to Kings Ave., turn right (south). This will be the fourth traffic light. Jim's place is about one half to three quarters of a mile on the left side. This will actually be at the back of Jim's place and your land marks will be his separate three bay garage and one or two model T's parked near the street. There is plenty of parking spaces on the grass to the right side of Kings Ave. If you are using GPS, Jim's address is 651 Pine Forest Drive, Brandon.

If you'd rather drive south on I-275 across the Sunshine Skyway to I-75 North then you should exit onto US301 South (exit #254). Turn left (east) onto Bloomingdale Ave. (first traffic light) and proceed as above.

**November 13th** – Hosted by Tom & Shirley Fazzina

**December 11th** – Meeting and 1st Annual Christmas luncheon. More details coming later with time, location and a signup sheet for food.

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### **Question & Answers:**

**Q:** What do I need to do to host a meeting?

**A:** Find a place to hold the meeting; for instance a park, a restaurant, your home, etc. If you choose a restaurant, contact the restaurant and ask if they have a separate dining room to hold our meeting in; this way we won't bother the general public. Reserve the dining room, and then choose a lunch time (11:30 – 12:30 or 12:00 – 1:00 or, etc). Then email Althea and Donna with the location of the restaurant and the lunch time. Althea will get it posted in the newsletter and Donna will send out a reminder to the group. If you choose a park; again, email Althea and Donna with the location of the park and the lunch time. Althea will get it posted in the newsletter and Donna will send out a reminder to the group.

**Q:** Do I also need to plan a tour when I host a meeting?

**A:** No. If you want to that's OK; but it is not required.

**Q:** Do we have to go to an attraction for a tour; for instance, a museum?

**A:** No. A tour can just be a nice drive to a restaurant for lunch. For example, we could gather together in a local spot and then drive to Dunedin or Tarpon Springs for lunch; maybe even shop after lunch. How does stopping for ice cream sound?

**Q:** How about driving around neighborhood roads?

**A:** If the tour is of a particular area or neighborhood of special interest, the route should be designed to allow the traffic to flow, with a minimum of stops. This allows everyone to enjoy the ride and places fewer burdens on the driver. It also keeps "T" traffic from piling up, thus decreasing the risk for accidents.

**Q:** How do I go about setting up a Tour?

**A:** Mapping software (MapQuest, Google or Mapmyride.com, etc.) is useful, but not a prerequisite. Identify a destination, select a starting point (bringing munchies to share is nice), scout out a route & print out driving instructions – Donna will help with all of this! Just ask! Where at all possible, when setting up the route, avoid left hand turns on busy roads where there are no traffic signals. Also, be sure that the route is descriptive enough to ensure minimal chance for wrong turns.

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### **2011 Club Calendar**

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

February 12 - **Meeting**

March 12 - Activity

April 6 – 10 Madison Tour (No club meeting this month)

May 14 - Activity

June 11 - **Meeting**

July 9 - Activity

August 13 - **Meeting**

September 10 - Activity

October 8 - **Meeting**

November 12 - Activity

December 10 - **Meeting** and 2nd 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:** "Z" tools or any factory tools

Scott Conger 727-551-0001

**WANTED:** Your old generators

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**WANTED:** KRW pan straightening jig or any other KRW or Ford factory repair tools.

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**WANTED:** Coils fit for rebuilding

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(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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### **What are Members doing?**

- Scott's working on the "new" '19 Roadster
- Nick's troubleshooting why the Touring won't idle well
- Ben & Linda went north to visit Ben's Dad and ended up in a local parade with the town's oldest resident as a passenger

Lois Vardaman and Ben's dad on Lois' 100th birthday



– all of this accomplished after rescuing the town's youngest residents from under the trunk of another car (kittens)



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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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### **And another Reminder:**

Election season is upon us. Since we are a chapter of two different national clubs, we must have a slate of officers who belong to BOTH clubs...and it's not a long list...

If you meet the above requirement and have the desire to be a leader, a stalwart of your community, and generally a stand-up guy or gal, give Ben Umberger or Scott Conger a call and your name will be added to the list of potential officers. Don't delay!

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## **Future “How To” Clinics:**

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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## **2010 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)

## **2010 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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### **March 6 -10 – Model T Winter Tour**

Location: Ocala, FL (SEE PAGES 8 THROUGH 10 FOR MORE INFORMATION)

### **April 6 -10 – Madison Tour**

Location: Madison FL

Multi-day, Hub Tour, out of Madison FL, located in north Florida near the FL/GA border. Potential attendees will be Suncoast “T”s, Fun “T”s, Savannah GA “T”s, and some “T” folks from Tennessee, South Carolina and Illinois. 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. This will be a small tour, so don't wait too long to make your plans to attend.

Host Hotel: Holiday Inn Express  
167 SE Bandit Street  
Madison, FL 32340  
850-973-2020

Camping: Yogi Bear Jellystone Park Camp  
1051 SW Old St. Augustine Rd.  
Madison FL 32340  
Toll Free – 800-347-0174

### **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:  
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- Registrar/Treasurer:  
Betty Mortensen at 763-221-0500 (cell) or 763-755-3456 (home) or [modelt17@comcast.net](mailto:modelt17@comcast.net)