



# *"T" Time*

## *The Suncoast T 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. The Club's members are dedicated in promoting 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 (October 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 .....	Althea Conger (Interim)
Treasurer.....	Tom Fazzina
Newsletter Editor...	Althea Conger
Activities Director...	Donna White

September 2009

I want to welcome our two newest members to the Suncoast T's... Brando & Joanne Pistorius . We have known Brando & Joanne for almost a year now and are glad to have them as a part of the Suncoast T's. Brando participated as a judge at the MTFCI tour in Johnson City Tennessee; so we look forward to his knowledge with Model T's that he will bring to the club. Read more about them in the "What are Members doing" section below.

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Saturday, August 8<sup>th</sup>, we held a meeting to nominate new officers and discussed duties. Joanne, our newest member to the club, graciously volunteered to take minutes of the meeting.

At this time Bill S. brought the club to order and started us out on nominations for new officers for the clubs 2<sup>nd</sup> year. A list of 10 potential nominees was distributed to everyone, but only 4 members could commit to serving for the coming year. During the live meeting, Scott, Ben and Althea were nominated for office. Via regular mail, Scott & Fritz were also nominated for additional offices.

The following people have been nominated for office:

<u>President</u>	<u>Vice President</u>	<u>Secretary/Treasurer *</u>
Scott	Ben	Ben
Althea	Scott	Althea

\* Fritz was nominated by Dick Conger, but Fritz declined.

Elections will be held at our September 26<sup>th</sup> meeting. If for any reason you think that you will be unable to attend the September meeting and would like to vote, please email me your choices and I will submit them for you.

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Milt told the club that he will co-ordinate a double club meeting between the Fun T's & the Suncoast T's to talk about his Ocean-to-Ocean adventure.

Milt is also going to coordinate a tour to travel from Dade City to the 56<sup>th</sup> Annual MTFCI Meeting & Banquet that will be held in Orlando FL, January 22 – 24, 2010. More details to come.

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Saturday, August 15<sup>th</sup>, Ed, Milt, Scott and Althea participated with the Fun T's on a one day, 110 mile, round-trip tour from Dade City to Crystal River for lunch at Crackers restaurant. The weather co-operated with us and we had a great time and the back roads were spectacular. There were 6 cars, 13 people and a great time was had by all.

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**September Meeting & Activity:**

**TIME:** 9:00

**WHEN:** September 26<sup>th</sup>

**WHERE:** Meet at Heritage Village by the General Store. Donuts will be available.

**TOUR WILL BEGIN PROMPTLY AT 9:30**

After the tour we will arrive at Scott & Altheas home for a meeting with elections of new officers; a pizza lunch will be provided. Afterwards a Carburetor Operation & Rebuilding Basic Clinic will be held.

- **IMPORTANT - BRING YOUR CURRENT MTFCI / MTFCA MEMBERSHIP CARDS TO THE MEETING.**
  - **\$5.00 CLUB DUES WILL BE COLLECTED AFTER THE MEETING.**
  - **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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### **What are Members doing?:**

Brando and Joanne Pistorius are new members to the Model T Club, who have just made the career decision to turn their hobby into their new livelihood. Those project cars that Brando has done each year- well they are doing a few more than that nowadays. Owners of Transflor Realty, they found themselves in a difficult career to make a living in, as Florida real estate could not be more depressed in this economy. And even though Brando is a Broker, it is evident that it may take a few years before one can prosper in the real estate industry. But we all know how solid the classic car industry is! There is nothing more stable and lasting than the investment quality of the fine old antique cars. So Brando and Joanne decided to switch gears (pun intended) and turn that once a year project car in to more of a once a month, or so, project.

Brando has been restoring old cars for 35+ years, since he was a young man in South Africa. He was also a member for many years of the Pretoria Old Motor Car Club and acted as Chief Organizer one year for the famous "Cars in the Park" Rally in Pretoria (the capital of South Africa) which drew nearly a thousand cars each year.

"The lifestyle really suits us, as we absolutely love to travel and meet people from all over the country, and the world. We are members of many car clubs, and manage several websites for car enthusiasts such as the local AACA (Antique Automobile Club of America) and ACHAFR (Antique, Classic, Historic Automobile Fellowship of Rotarians). And it is not all about buying, restoring and selling. There is the joy of driving these great classics. The tours we enjoy have been a great source of fun and fellowship. The most recent was the fabulous Trails, Tales &T's Tour in Tennessee last month. What a wonderful way to network and just plain have fun. We never go on tour or to a show that we don't come away with great new friends. The friendships are sincere, the camaraderie is genuine, and the helpful nature of fellow car enthusiasts is always heartwarming. Who could ask for more out of life?

In the last 3 months we have driven to Colorado for the Buick Grand Nationals, Tennessee for the Model T Tour, and now we are on our way to Auburn Indiana for the huge car show and auction there. Sure, we have had to replace the transmission in the RV, change 5 flat tires on the trailer and RV, etc., but never have we had a single problem with the Olde cars!" Next stop, Hershey, Pennsylvania! Hope to see you there!!

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### **Notices:**

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 email Donna at [bwhite125@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:bwhite125@tampabay.rr.com) and pass on your ideas to her.

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### **Upcoming Club Planned Activities:**

**October 31st** – Meet at Millennium Park (Shelter #2) at 11:30 for cook-out lunch. Hot-dogs will be provided by Scott & Althea. **Please bring a covered dish to share.** RSVP to Scott or Althea (727-551-0001) if you will be attending.

**November** –

**December** –

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### **Future "How To" Clinics:**

Vehicle Safety Check

Check rear axle bearing & sleeves

Changing Transmission Bands

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### **Final Word:**

Let me know what you are working on or doing, just like Brando and Joanne did, and I will get it posted in the "What are Members doing" column. We all like to hear what everyone is doing.

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### **Local Interest:**

#### **October 16-18 – AACA Lake Mirror Classic Concours d'Elegance, Lakeland FL**

Event Hours: 10 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The Lake Mirror Classic Concours d'Elegance will feature a select group of the highest quality automobiles which will be judged by a team of CCCA and AACA judges. The Concours Committee will pre-select 100 vehicles from the 500 plus applicants expected for the Lake Mirror Classic Auto Festival. These prestigious vehicles will be presented along the promenade of Lake Mirror Park where they will be judged and on display for the public to enjoy.

#### **November 11 – 14 – Florida Flywheeler Park - <http://www.floridaflywheelers.org/>**

14th Annual Fall Fuel Up: Salute to Veterans & 4-H.

#### **November 12 – 15 – 25th Annual Fall 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

Automotive & Antique Swap Meet, Vintage Auto Exhibit Racing and Collector Car Auction.

For more information [www.zephyrhillsfestivals.com](http://www.zephyrhillsfestivals.com) or [www.zephyrhillsauction.com](http://www.zephyrhillsauction.com)

### **Local Interest: 2010**

#### **January 13 – 16 – Florida Flywheeler Park - <http://www.floridaflywheelers.org/>**

23rd Annual Antique Engine & Tractor "Swap Meet".

#### **January 22 – 24 – 56<sup>th</sup> Annual MTFCl Meeting & Banquet**

See flyer below for more details.

#### **February 18 – 21 – 36th 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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#### **February 19 – 21 – Florida Flywheeler Park - <http://www.floridaflywheelers.org/>**

18th Annual Antique Engine & Tractor Show Featuring "Century of Power".

## **National Interest:**

**September 4 – 6** – Glacial Ridge Model T Tour (MTFCI) (See your magazine for more details)

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**September 8 – 13** – Hillbilly Tour, Branson MO (MTFCA) (See your magazine for more details)

**September 18 – 20** – Illinois Rendezvous (MTFCI) (See your magazine for more details)

**September 26 – 30** – Covered Bridge & Wallace Model T Garage Tour, Indiana (MTFCA) (See your magazine for more details)

### **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>

## **National Interest: 2010**

**January 22 – 24** – 56<sup>th</sup> MTFCI Annual Meeting  
See flyer below for more details.

**February 19 – 21** – 45<sup>th</sup> MTFCA Annual Meeting  
See flyer below for more details.

### **June 30- July 3** – AACA will be celebrating its 75<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:Gagliaj@aol.com)

### **July 18 – 24** – South Dakota 54<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:sastier@prodigy.net) for more information.  
See flyer below for more details.