



## *"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 \$10.00 and run from January 1 – December 31.

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.

President.....	Scott Conger
Vice President.....	Ben Umberger
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April 2011

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

A big "Thank you" to Bob & Donna for hosting the Generator/Starter clinic at their home. There were goodies to snack on and a tasty lunch afterward at one of St. Pete's old time burger joints. We even managed to find a hill to climb in otherwise flat St. Pete.

Hopefully everyone who attended learned a little bit more about the inner workings of generator & starters.

For those that didn't attend---suffice it to say that there's no mystery or magic to having a robust starter or generator in their car that will give years of faithful service as designed, so long as they are properly rebuilt and set up.

This month's president's message is a continuation of last month's survey results discussion. As a club, the members have spoken clearly to their likes and dislikes. As a general recap, medium length drives are popular and while clinics are popular, they are less so than driving. Car shows are probably the least popular, which is too bad, because about the best way to encourage the public to learn about and participate in our hobby is to meet and greet them at organized show events. By not taking the opportunity to meet the public in a positive atmosphere, the only other way the public can meet us is by being stuck behind us in heavy traffic---not the type of activity that breeds fond feelings for old cars.

With this in mind, I'd like to encourage everyone to consider two things:

1. When there is an opportunity to participate in a genuine antique car show – do so! And talk to the folks! If you don't, you might as well plan on being buried in your car, because in the future, buyers may be far and few between. Car shows can be a great source for positive P.R., so let's not miss the opportunity when it presents itself.
2. When planning tours keep in mind that there is a happy balance between prowling neighborhoods in a mass gaggle, and holding up traffic on major thoroughfares. Where possible, it's nice to take the road less traveled (literally!) and tour with the idea that there is a true destination in mind. Keep a respectable distance between you and other "tourists" and make sure the public has an opportunity to safely pass. This advice is particularly important when we do events like our planned trip to Ft. Desoto later in the year.

As a club, we've done a good job so far, but it is still good to reinforce positive behavior when the opportunity arises!

### Activities Planning

Please host/sponsor a meeting!

August, October and December are meeting months that still need a host – volunteers are needed, and to be fair to folks who plan and travel any distance to participate, last minute plans to host a meeting or activity cannot be considered. If we are unable to give specific details for a certain meeting/activity at least two months in advance (to publish in the newsletter) then there won't be a meeting for that month. We have too many members now, with some coming from a good ways away, to surprise them with last minute plans.

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### An invitation to the membership

Althea and I are planning a two day trip from St. Pete to Inverness one weekend in October and are inviting everyone to join us. Since this will likely appeal to only a small portion of the club, it would be unfair to make it an "official" club function. Anyone interested in joining us, please let us know, but note: this will not be "the October meeting", and will not be listed as a Suncoast T Club event in the newsletter. The actual October meeting will or will not occur based on volunteer response.

Scott

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## [A trip to Chickasha](#)

The weather was fantastic!  
The old car parts were numerous!  
Reminiscing about cars with friends: PRICELESS!

But it all does beg to question; what is it that entices intelligent grown men, to drive 1,300 plus miles to drive to the middle of Oklahoma, to look at rusty old iron and tarnished brass??

So I thought I would ask some of these distinguished gentlemen the question of "What draws them to Chickasha"?

The first person I talked with responded with "it is group insanity"! That might have a small amount of truth to it, especially if you ask our wives.

Another good response was "it is the thrill of the hunt" the chance of finding some obscure part, when you find such an item it always brings a smile to your face.

Some were looking for a certain part to finish a restoration of their car, but in today's market you can use the 'world wide web" very easily to find rare parts. The vast majority of responses were folks not necessarily looking for anything in particular, but they travel to the swap meet, to see old friends and make a few new ones and talk about these neat old cars, that we are in charge of taking care of for the "next" generation.

I think the moral of this story is like car tours we attend; a very big part of the "get together" is really a social event and to visit with friends that share an unusual and wonderful hobby of old cars.

Hope to see you guys there at Chickasha, next year too!

Milt Roorda

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## [For Sale / Wanted:](#)

**Suncoast T's Sell, Swap, Wanted Market**  
**Ads are FREE to Suncoast T Members.**

**Here is your chance to clean out the garage and find new stuff.**  
**Please have ads to the editor no later than the 15th of the month.**

### **FOR SALE:**

- Generators
- Starters
- Coils
- Carburetors

Scott Conger 727-551-0001 or [modeltrepair@gmail.com](mailto:modeltrepair@gmail.com)

### **WANTED:**

- Top bow for 1923 – 1925 roadster

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Place your **FOR SALE** or **WANTED** items here. Send Althea an email [altheaconger@gmail.com](mailto:altheaconger@gmail.com) (or call 727-551-0001) with your items and they'll get it in the next newsletter.

## Club Calendar:

If you have a great idea for our Club Calendar, **SPEAK UP!** I'm sure that every member has an interest or idea for an event, so why keep it a secret? A successful club is a cooperative effort, so don't wait for someone else to host an event – step up and be heard! Fill in the empty dates in our calendar!... Get involved and experience the satisfaction of contributing to **YOUR** club in a meaningful way.

### **April 6 – 10** Madison Tour - hosted by Milt & Rosemary Roorda and Scott & Althea Conger

**Location:** Madison FL

Come join us for a Multi-Day, Hub Tour, out of Madison FL, located in north Florida near the FL/GA border. This will be a small tour with limited space, so don't wait too long to make your plans to attend. Please contact Milt Roorda at (727) 410-7776 or mroorda@tampabay.rr.com if you have any questions.

**Host Hotel:** Best Western Plus Madison Inn  
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  
(Campground is approx. 1.65 miles from host hotel).

### **May 14** – Picnic and Pictures tour - hosted by Ben Umberger & Linda Shaffer

The Picnic and Pictures tour will be a nice drive around Belleaire and Clearwater with a few quick stops for pictures with local backgrounds. Ben & Linda will have a camera and can email copies to you or you might want to shoot your own. Speaking of pictures you might want to dress in period costume just to complete the "Picture".

We'll meet at 10:30 AM at Largo Central Park (corner of East Bay and Seminole Blvd) in Parking Lot #3 (on the West side of the Largo Cultural Center) with a stop soon after for Non Ethanol gas at one of the few outlets around.

It's a Picnic, and Ben & Linda have offered to supply the food and drinks (**RSVP** would be helpful to Ben@Bluegroup.com or 727-447-2242 )

### **June 11** – Meeting and Cook-out at Philippe Park - hosted by Scott & Althea Conger

**Time:** 10:30 for social time / Meeting at 11:00

**Location:** Philippe Park in Safety Harbor / Shelter #7

**Food:** Hot Dogs & Hamburgers will be provided – Please bring a covered dish to share, and your own drinks.

### **July 9** – Coil Tune-up Clinic – hosted by Scott & Althea Conger

**Time:** 10:00 **Please RSVP** Althea (727) 551-0001, so I can reserve enough tables for us.

**Location:** 109 13<sup>th</sup> Ave NE, St. Petersburg FL, 33701, (727) 551-0001

**Lunch:** We'll drive to Biff Burger for lunch (Another great burger joint)

### **August 13** – Meeting and ??

**THIS MONTH IS AVAILABLE. PLEASE CONTACT SCOTT OR ALTHEA WITH YOUR ACTIVITY PRIOR TO JUNE 1st.**

## Club Calendar (Con't):

### **September 10** – Drive to Ft. De Soto - hosted by Scott & Althea Conger

**Time:** 10:30 **Please show up early, 10:00, as we will leave at 10:30 sharp. Please RSVP** Althea (727) 551-0001, so I can reserve enough tables for us.

**Starting Location:** Sawgrass Lake Park, 7400 25th St. N, St. Petersburg, we'll drive to Ft. De Soto.

**Lunch:** We'll drive to a nearby cafe for lunch

### **October 8** – Meeting and ??

**THIS MONTH IS AVAILABLE. PLEASE CONTACT SCOTT OR ALTHEA WITH YOUR ACTIVITY PRIOR TO AUGUST 1st.**

### **November 12** – Drive to Safety Harbor for lunch and ice cream - hosted by Scott & Althea Conger

**RSVP** Althea (727) 551-0001, so I can reserve enough tables for us.

If you want to drive your T, **RSVP** Althea (727) 551-0001, so we know to watch for you. See start time and starting location below

**Lunch Location:** Captain's Italian Restaurant-Pizza, 324 Main St, Safety Harbor

**Ice Cream Location:** Cold Stone Creamery, 100 Main St, Safety Harbor

**Start Time:** 10:00 if driving with group to lunch. **Please show up early, 9:30, as we will leave at 10:00 sharp.**

**Starting Location:** Sawgrass Lake Park, 7400 25th St. N, St. Petersburg, we'll drive to Safety Harbor.

### **December 10** – Annual Meeting and Christmas luncheon

**THIS MONTH IS AVAILABLE. PLEASE CONTACT SCOTT OR ALTHEA WITH YOUR ACTIVITY PRIOR TO OCTOBER 1st.**

Election of officers will occur and club dues will be collected.

## What are Members doing?

Ben Umberger bought a Strobe-O-Spark coil tester along with various supplies and tools for repair and maintenance of Model T Coils

Jim Hayward is doing major work to his “new” car

- Engine (“A” crank & high compression head)
- Full transmission rebuild
- Rebuilt differential
- New Hood
- Still needs to hook up lights & turn signals

“Way to go, Jim! We’ll hopefully see you in Madison

What do “Fast Eddie” Ed Daniels, Richard Petty and A.J. Foyt all have in common? They are all race drivers past 70. What’s special about Ed Daniels? He’s the oldest of the three, and he’s still racing. Check out this picture on the track at this year’s Zephyrhills Winter Autofest. Ed’s the guy in the No. 21 T Speedster, showing them the short way around the track.



So, what have **YOU** been up to? If you don't tell us, we don't know!

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### **Fun Things To Do This Year:**

**April 6 -10** – *Madison Tour* – Hosted by Suncoast T Club & Fun T's of Central Florida

See more details under "Club Calendar".

**May 22 -27** – *Blue Ridge Riders*

**Location:** Hendersonville N.C. Limited to 50 cars. Check your current MTFCI magazine for more information.

**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. Check your current MTFCI magazine for more information or the MTFCI website <http://www.modelt.org/>

**October 15** – *Lakeland, Florida Lake Mirror Classic Auto Festival & Auction*

For more information: <http://www.lakemirrorclassic.com/>

**October 5 –8** – *Hershey PA - AACA Eastern Fall Meet*

For more information: <http://hersheyaaca.org/>

**November 9 - 12** – *19th Annual Fall Fuel Up Show & Swap Meet*

**Location:** Flywheeler Park at 7000 Avon Park Cutoff Road, Ft. Meade, FL

**Admission:** Wed thru Sat - \$7.00

For more information: <http://www.floridaflywheelers.org/>

## **Fun Things To Do This Year (Con't):**

### **November 11 - 14** – 27th Annual Fall AutoFest

**Location:** Zephyrhills at Festival Park on U.S. Hwy 301. Parking is Free

**Time:** Opens 8:00 a.m. each day

**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)

### **November 13** – St. Petersburg Yacht Club Vintage Motor Classic

**Location:** Straub Park, 11 Central Ave., St. Petersburg (enter from beach drive)

**Admission:** Entrance fee is \$25 early registration (includes pre-show reception) and \$40 entrance fee, the day of the show.

**Questions:** Call Bill Waters, Chairman 727-580-1804

<http://www.olderide.com/events/7191735.html>

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## **Fun Things To Do In 2012:**

### **January 18 – 21** – 20th Annual Fall Fuel Up Show & Swap Meet

**Location:** Flywheeler Park at 7000 Avon Park Cutoff Road, Ft. Meade, FL

**Admission:** Wed thru Sat - \$7.00

For more information: <http://www.floridaflywheelers.org/>

### **March 25 – March 31** – MTFCI Spring Tour, Savannah Georgia

**Location:** Savannah Georgia

**Contact:** Nevy Clark (912) 897-0050 or email [NClark48@bellsouth.net](mailto:NClark48@bellsouth.net) for more information. Check your current MTFCI magazine for more information or the MTFCI website <http://www.modelt.org/>

### **July 16 – 22** – MTFCI 56<sup>th</sup> Annual Tour

**Location:** Rutland, Vermont

### **October 10 – 13** – Hershey PA - AACA Eastern Fall Meet

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**Admission:** Wed thru Sat - \$7.00

For more information: <http://www.floridaflywheelers.org/>

### **November xx - xx** – 28th Annual Fall AutoFest

**Location:** Zephyrhills at Festival Park on U.S. Hwy 301. Parking is Free

**Time:** Opens 8:00 a.m. each day

**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)

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**Fun Things To Do In 2013:**

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

**Location:** East Lansing, Michigan

**October 9 –12 – Hershey PA - AACA Eastern Fall Meet**

For more information: <http://hersheyaaca.org/>