



“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
Secretary	Althea Conger
Treasurer.....	Althea Conger
Newsletter Editor...	Althea Conger

December 2011

President's message:

There were lots of things to do in November! November's drive to Dunedin for lunch at Kelly's was a resounding success! This well attended event even brought out some of our north county folks...it was great to see the **Feldman's** and **Perkin's** again. **Dick Conger** was also in town and joined **Althea** and me in our '13. We don't get that car out that much and it was a beautiful day to spend together. **Dick** traded his Tennessee hillbilly traffic for some real Florida traffic as he took the wheel on the way home. I think he prefers Tennessee traffic. **Bill** and **Judy** discovered a bad wheel in their car early on in the drive and

carefully went home with their car. They hitched a ride with the ever congenial **Ben** and **Nick** in their '26 touring. **Ben Umberger's** T ran out of juice in Dunedin and he asked for a push...since he pushed me all over Tierra Verde recently (in the rain, no less), it only seemed fitting that I oblige. Being somewhat lazy, I asked him to turn on the key and a coil buzzed (that was encouraging!). I gave that thing that sticks out of the radiator shell a quick twist and the car roared to life. So THAT's what that crank is for! With the car now fully wound up, **Ben** and **Linda** made it back home safely.

Did you make it to Zephyrhills or Florida Flywheeler's last month? Lots of great stuff was to be had if you had a sharp eye. **Ben Umberger**, **Bob Hester** and **Jim Hayward**, plus **Dick Conger** all saw each other at Flywheeler Park...what a neat place. Among other things, I bought a set of 4??? Take a look at the pictures and see if you can guess what they are...both pictures are of the same device in two different positions:



Next month I'll publish what it is.



Remember that our **December meeting is both a Luncheon as well as election of officers**. Be sure to call Judy Saitta and let her know if you're coming.



Note that **Nick and Ben's Lighted-Boat-Parade Party** will begin in the evening after our luncheon. Be sure to take the opportunity to attend their party if you can. You will be treated to some beautiful lights on boats and meet some of the nicest people ever, at their home in Redington Beach.



The **MTFCA Winter Tour** will be held in Crystal River, FL in March. The Suncoast T Club will give you TWO options of how you can make the most of this opportunity. We will be leaving St. Pete on Saturday March 3 and driving to Crystal River, making this a NO TRAILER TOUR! Some folks will be going with us and simply spend the night, and return home on Sunday, and others will be spending the week touring Central Florida before returning to St. Pete. Either way you cut it, overnigher or week-long trip, you'll be driving with someone else, so no one will be on their own. So there you have it...an overnigher or a week trip, take your choice. There will be other "T"s from the Fun T Club that will join up with us at Milts, and there will probably be a trouble trailer available on the way to Crystal River, though at this writing, that's not a certainty. In any event, you won't be out of cell phone coverage or AAA range, so tune up that "T" and plan on a great time in March!



Financial housekeeping:

Club Dues are coming due / \$10.00 per year. They will be collected at the Annual Meeting/Holiday Luncheon. *Be sure to bring your current MTFCI membership card with you.* If you cannot make the luncheon, please mail your check (payable to Althea Conger) to:

Althea Conger
109 13th Ave NE
St. Petersburg FL 33701

2012 Club Activities/Club Tours:

As a reminder - all of our 2012 club activities or club tours will be the responsibility of club members.



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 or find new *stuff*.

Please have ads to the editor no later than the 15th of the month.

Send Althea an email altheaconger@gmail.com or call 727-551-0001 with your items and they'll get in the next newsletter.

FOR SALE:

- Generators – completely remanufactured to “as new” condition - \$275
- Coils – rebuilt with all new parts including condenser. Adjusted and tested on a HCCT - \$40 ea.
- Starters – completely remanufactured to “as new” condition, including rewrapped field coils and new Bendix bushing - \$275
- NH Carburetors – total rebuild including throttle shaft bushing, as required - \$120
- Box of used generator gears, bearings, cutouts, etc - \$10
- 3 coil boxes – two firewall mount, one engine mount. Fair condition. All for \$10.

Scott Conger 727-551-0001 or modelTrepair@gmail.com

FOR SALE:

- 1917-1922 sheet metal: Hood, fenders, running boards

Ken Letzring 727-323-3384

WANTED:

- Used enclosed car trailer

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WANTED:

- Top bows for 1923 – 1925 roadster

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What are Members doing?

- Bill Saitta is having a rear wheel rebuilt
- Scott Conger has developed a new part for the hobby and is now making authentic starter terminal posts
- A whole bunch of people have done stuff that they haven't told me about

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

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! ... Get involved and experience the satisfaction of contributing to **YOUR** club in a meaningful way.

December 10 – Annual Meeting, Holiday Luncheon & Election of Club Officers – hosted by Bill & Judy Saitta

Time: Arrive around 11:00 for social hour / Lunch starts at 12:00

Location: 7747 46th Ave. N., St. Petersburg FL 33710.

Food: Meat will be provided by the Club. Members are asked to **call Judy** at (727) 546-2110 to see what side dishes to bring; she has a list.

Parking: Park inside fence on grass, anywhere – someone will help direct parking

PLEASE **RSVP** Judy at (727) 546-2110 OR jsaitta@earthlink.net **by Saturday December 3rd** if attending.

Election of officers will occur and \$10.00 club dues will be collected. If you cannot make the luncheon, please mail your check (payable to Althea Conger) to:

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109 13th Ave NE
St. Petersburg FL 33701

December 10 – Annual Lighted Boat Parade – hosted by Nick Miller & Ben Kleyla

Time: Arrive around 6:30

Location: 227 173rd Ave, N. Redington Beach, FL 33708

Dinner: Dinner will be provided. **NO COVERED DISH IS REQUIRED**

PLEASE **RSVP** Nick or Ben at (727) 393-9270

Local Interest:

2012

January 18 – 21 – Flywheeler Park Swap Meet

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

Time: Opens 8:00 a.m. until dark each day

Admission: \$7.00 Wednesday thru Saturday

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

February 23 - 26 – Zephyrhills Swap Meet

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

Time: Opens 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. each day

Admission: \$8.00 Thursday / \$10.00 Friday & Saturday / \$5.00 Sunday

For more information: www.zephyrhillsfestivals.com or www.zephyrhillsauction.com