



# *"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.**

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July 2011

### [President's message:](#)

#### **Saturday June 11**

We had 25 people attend the picnic/meeting, which I think is a great turn-out. Many thanks to all who made the day a success! We had a club meeting that generated considerable input from members regarding the club considering the possibility of dropping the charter to the MTFCA for the purpose of expanding the pool of potential officer candidates. The Pros & Cons of such a move need to be carefully considered before any change is adopted. This is being looked in to and I will report back to the club at our next meeting in August.

## Help!:

Remember; we need a volunteer(s) to host our October meeting. Any location will do, such as a restaurant, if they have a separate meeting room; a park; or anywhere else appropriate where we can meet and will not disturb others.

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## Welcome New Members:

We have some new members joining the Suncoast T Club; joining us for our picnic were several visitors, including Al & Leala Feldman, who decided to join our group. Welcome Al and Leala! Al's family is not new to the world of old cars, so be sure to ask him about some of the interesting cars that have been, or are still in his family's possession. The New Port Richey contingent of the club, including the Feldman's, Perkins' and Carr's continues to grow!

## Travel Planning Tip:

As you will read in the "What are members doing?" section, the MTFCA/MTFCI forum is a great place to begin to plan activities related to travel. Knowing that I was going to be spending some time in Arizona, I went on the forum and asked about things to do or people to meet while in the area. Those two requests generated several responses, including a suggestion to go to the Cloud Museum in Yuma, as well as a personal invitation to meet fellow MTFCA members Bill and Pat Rigdon at their home in Ajo, AZ.

Both suggestions were great! John Cloud came out and personally showed me his museum/collection, and my trip the following week to Ajo yielded a very enjoyable day with two people that I am proud to now have as friends.

I'm certain that if you will take the time and effort, you will be very pleasantly surprised where your search will lead you, and the new friends that you will meet.

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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
- Coils
- Carburetors

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

## **WANTED:**

- Top bows for 1923 – 1925 roadster

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

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 in the next newsletter.

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## **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.

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

Bring your coils and have them checked on a Strobe-Spark or Hand Crank Coil Tester. The difference in performance of *properly* adjusted coils versus *improperly* adjusted coils in a Model T is simply amazing. Find out if you're getting the best performance out of your car that is possible.

**Time:** 10:00

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

**Lunch:** We'll drive to Biff Burger for lunch. **PLEASE RSVP** (727) 551-0001 or [altheaconger@gmail.com](mailto:altheaconger@gmail.com), so I can reserve enough tables for us.

### **August 13** – Meeting Month – hosted by Nick Miller & Ben Kleyla

**Time:** 12:00

**Lunch:** Will be at "The Hangar Restaurant", located at Albert Whitted Airport, 540 1<sup>st</sup> St SE, St. Pete FL 33701. Here's a link to their menu: <http://www.thehangarstpete.com/contact.html>

**Ice Cream:** After lunch we'll take a short drive to Cold Stone Creamery for Ice Cream...YUM!

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

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

**Time:** 10:30 / **Please show up early, 10:00, as we will leave at 10:30 sharp.**

**Lunch:** We'll drive to a nearby cafe. **PLEASE RSVP** (727) 551-0001 or [altheaconger@gmail.com](mailto:altheaconger@gmail.com), so I can reserve enough tables for us.

### **October 8** – Meeting Month

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

### **October 15** – Fish Fry – Hosted by Jim & Anna Hayward - **PLEASE RSVP** (813) 685-4850

**Time:** Arrive around 6:30 pm for social hour / Dinner starts at 7:00 pm

**Cost:** \$10.00 donation per person (\$20.00 per couple) to help pay for the live band

**Covered Dish:** Please bring a covered dish to share

**Location:** 651 Pine Forest Dr., Brandon FL 33511

## Club Calendar (Con't):

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

**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.** If you want to drive your T, **RSVP** (727) 551-0001 or [altheaconger@gmail.com](mailto:altheaconger@gmail.com), so we know to watch for you.

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

**PLEASE RSVP** (727) 551-0001 or [altheaconger@gmail.com](mailto:altheaconger@gmail.com), so I can reserve enough tables for us.

### **December 10** – Annual Meeting and Christmas luncheon – hosted by Bill & Judy Saitta

**PLEASE RSVP** (727) 546-2110 **OR** [jsaitta@earthlink.net](mailto:jsaitta@earthlink.net)

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

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

**Food:** Turkey & Ham will be provided by the Club. Members are asked to **call Judy** (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

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:

Althea Conger  
109 13<sup>th</sup> Ave NE  
St. Petersburg FL 33701

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

**PLEASE RSVP** (813) 267-1045

**Time:** Arrive around 6:30

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

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## What are Members doing?

Bill & Nereyda Brown, Milt & Rosemary Roorda, and Scott & Althea Conger are all getting their cars ready for the MTFCL tour, in 2 weeks, this year in Rochester, MN

Scott's back from 3 weeks of business travel, (114° in Yuma, AZ, Yikes!). He met John Cloud (see: <http://cloudmuseum.dynamitedave.com/>) and enjoyed a personal tour of John's enormous indoor/outdoor museum. Additionally, he met Bill and Pat Rigdon of Ajo, AZ. Bill took Scott and fellow Honeywell employee Jeff Munger for a tour of Ajo, via Bill's very nice 1925 Fordor Sedan (runs like a champ) and his beautiful '27 Chevrolet.

Nick has just finished up one of several weddings that he has been asked to attend with his beautiful '26 touring

## What are Members doing (Con't)?

Fritz had an enormous oak tree split and fall over during some severe wind we had a month ago (barely missed his trailer and one out-building) and has been cutting it up for weeks now...see him for some free firewood!

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:

### **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 4 – 8 – Hershey PA – Hershey Swap Meet & Car Show**

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/>

### **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.olddrive.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/>

## **Fun Things To Do In 2012 (Con't):**

### **March 25 – March 31 – MTFCI Spring Tour, 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 - Rutland Vermont**

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

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

### **October 28 –November 4 – Savannah Georgia – Autumn Model T Tour**

Look for more Information in future issues of the Vintage Ford magazine or contact Nevy Clark (912) 224-1075 or (912) 897-0050 or email [NClark48@bellsouth.net](mailto:NClark48@bellsouth.net) for more information.

### **November xx - xx – 20th Annual Fall Fuel Up Show & Swap 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 – East Lansing Michigan**

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

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