



“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

November 2011

President's message:

What with getting rained on for the last 3-4 outings, and the forecast to be more of the same, Althea and I decided to go Modern to Milt's. Too bad, because it turned out to be a nice day! Those of you who were in town, but didn't attend, you are now on **Secret Probation**. Shame, shame, shame.

It's always interesting to see what's going on in Milt's barn, and sure enough, he didn't disappoint us. There were seats and a table set up for us to conduct business, and "T's" and projects galore to look at. It was especially nice to see Charlie and Virginia Carr and John Lonergan in attendance. John was in town

from his home in New York, and the Carrs came over from New Port Richey. A quick drive to a local “joint” provided a tasty lunch out in the breeze under a canopy. Our club made history that day, as the first Model T Club ever, to turn down an opportunity to eat ice cream. Undeterred, were the Congers, Hayward’s, and Hester’s who all made it to Safety Harbor for some sweet treats.

In the absence of anyone volunteering to run as an officer for the coming year, Althea and I have agreed to stay on in our positions for one more year. You will notice that in the “Club Calendar” section of the newsletter, there is nothing listed for 2012. At the Christmas luncheon, we will sign folks up for each of the six meeting-months for 2012, so plan on picking a month. The remaining months where there are no meetings, activities will or will not take place depending on how involved the membership decides to be.

This year, and in years past, I’ve taken pains to make sure that there were activities every month. In 2011, those activities ranged from Coil Tune ups and Generator tech sessions, to spending several long weekends in North Florida, along with the Roorda’s doing the same, making sure that the Madison Tour came off as a success. This past year, Althea and I have sponsored more than ½ of the activities the club has put on, similar to previous years. There have been tech sessions, picnics, and tours, so there should have been something that appealed to everyone. Althea and I will be scaling back our effort for 2012. Going into our 4th year, by now, the club should have the member resources to step up and fill that void.

Financial housekeeping:

Club Dues are coming due / \$10.00 per year, individual or family. 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 Activities/Tours:

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

Reminder:

For those interested, the **St. Petersburg Yacht Club Car Show** is being held Sunday November 13th. See below under **LOCAL INTEREST** for more information. This is a great opportunity for us to show the world that there are Model T’s still in circulation, and not just gathering dust in someone’s grandfather’s garage.

COME OUT!

PARTICIPATE!

This is a premier car show, with plenty to see and lots of great folks to visit with, so **PLAN TO BE THERE!**

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

FOR SALE:

1926 touring car that has been made into a pick-up. Motor has good compression. Chassis has good springs, shackles with grease fittings. Radiator holds water. Has a distributor. Good FL title. It is a fixable project. I am asking \$5,000.

Call for info: Charlie Carr 727/8471488 or ginnymayc@yahoo.com



WANTED:

- Used enclosed car trailer

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WANTED:

- Top bows for 1923 – 1925 roadster

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What are Members doing?

- Milt is making great progress with the Hack
- Bill Brown's enjoying retirement and is supposedly going on a bunch of auto and motorcycle tours
- Scott has finished making all the tooling to do starter repairs and is working on a test stand to check run/stall current on starters
- Larry and Ginny Perkins are back in town following an extended vacation
- Jim Hayward and Bob Hester are preparing for Flywheeler Park
- John Lonergan is having the rear end rebuilt on his roadster
- Dick Conger reinforced the firewall on his Depot Hack and has gotten the steering column tightened back up

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! Fill in the empty dates in our calendar!... Get involved and experience the satisfaction of contributing to **YOUR** club in a meaningful way.

November 12 – Drive to Dunedin for Lunch and Ice Cream - hosted by Scott & Althea Conger

Time: 11:30 (They will not seat us until everyone arrives)

Lunch Location: Kelly's Restaurant, 319 Main St, Dunedin FL 34698

Ice Cream Location: Strachan's Homemade Ice Cream & Desserts, 310 Main St, Dunedin FL 34698

Right across the street from the restaurant.

PLEASE **RSVP** Althea at (727) 551-0001 **before** Thursday November 10th if attending.

December 10 – Annual Meeting and Holiday Luncheon – 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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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:

November 9 - 12 – *Flywheeler Park Annual Fall Fuel Up*

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/>

November 10 - 13 – *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

November 13 – *St. Petersburg Yacht Club Car Show*

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

Admission: Entrance fee is \$25 for pre-registration; else registration is \$40 the day of the show. Click on link, www.spyc.org/classic, for registration form and more information.

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

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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

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