



## *"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

February 2011

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

"Thank you" to Milt & Rosemary for a great picnic at your barn! We had a wonderful time, and a number of us got to go on a nice (but cold!) drive. It was great to join up with the Fun T Club and drive to Safety Harbor to get ice cream. I believe there were 12 or more cars on that leg of our trip!

We want to welcome new members Lynn & Marsha Keiter. Ben Umberger and Linda Shaffer met them during a New Year's Day tour with another club, and got their contact information. The Keiters have a good looking 1925 pick-up with some upgrades for touring. Right now Lynn is wrestling with a balky distributor, but is committed to trying to make the April Madison tour.

Both Lynn & Marsha are avid old car nuts, with a number of antique cars, and multiple Glidden tours under their belt. Hopefully they'll find an outlet for their interests here in our club.

Finally, please fill out and return your survey so that we can be sure to provide activities that **YOU** want. To those that already have sent theirs in, I offer my thanks.

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**SOME SAD NEWS:**

Recent new member, Gene Meyers passed away a couple of weeks ago. We were notified by his daughter, Bonnie Anderson. Bonnie is hoping to sell her dad's Model A and Model T, and family friend Ben Ainsworth has information on both cars (616) 842-5737. Those of you who went on tour to Milt's last month had an opportunity to sign a sympathy card, which the club sent on to Bonnie.

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**For Sale / Wanted:**

**FOR SALE:**

- 1919 Runabout – Call for more information.

John Lonergan – Cell 607-426-6174.



**FOR SALE:**

- ADCO SFS aqua shed class C RV Cover which fits 23 to 26 ft RV. Never out of the box, new \$300.00 / will sell for \$150.00.

Larry Perkins - home (727) 856-5162 / cell (313) 999-1695

**FOR SALE:**

- Rebuilt "T" generator – Turned armature, rebuilt brush block, new bearings, etc.
- 1919-27 wishbone
- 1913-14 differential housing
- coils rebuilt/adjusted
- NH & Kingston carbs rebuilt

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

**FOR SALE:**

- 1929 Model "A" brake lever

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

## [For Sale / Wanted \(Con't\):](#)

### **FOR SALE:**

- Austin Healey 3000 - Set of four solid disc wheels and spindle adapters – as shipped from factory to dealers
- Non-overdrive tall-gear differential gears.

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

### **WANTED:**

- Rear top bow for a 1917 Touring & a set of wire wheels

Larry Perkins - home (727) 856-5162 / cell (313) 999-1695

### **WANTED:**

- "Z" tools or any factory tools

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 it 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.

### **February 12** – Meeting and Safety Check – hosted by Bill & Nereyda Brown

Bring out your car for another set of eyes to check for safety issues, and spend some time soaking in all of the interesting things the Browns have in their museum.

**Time:** 10:00 Meeting / 10:30 Safety Check - **Please RSVP** Bill or Nereyda (727) 459-9783

**Location:** 140 Pinellas Way, St. Petersburg FL, 33710

**Lunch:** We'll drive to C.D. Roma's for lunch afterwards

### **March 12** – Generator/Starter Clinic – hosted by Bob & Donna White

Bring your troubled Generator or Starter, and we'll go over it and determine what it needs to be put back into operation

**Time:** 10:30 **Please RSVP** Althea (727) 551-0001, so I can reserve enough tables for lunch

**Location:** 1153 39th Ave NE, St. Petersburg FL, 33703

**Lunch:** We'll drive to Chattaway's for lunch (Great burger joint)

## Club Calendar (Con't):

### **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:** Holiday Inn Express  
167 SE Bandit Street  
Madison, FL 32340  
850-973-2020

- 25 rooms have been set aside for us.
- Price \$83.97 (per room / per night / price includes tax).
- Price is good until Feb. 28, 2011.

**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 – Drive to Dunedin for lunch and ice cream - hosted by Scott & Althea Conger**

Please **RSVP** Althea (727) 551-0001, so I can reserve enough tables for us. Also, if you want to drive your T, see start time and starting location below. Also, please **RSVP** to Althea at (727) 551-0001 if you plan on driving so we know to watch for you.

**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.

**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

### **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:** 10:30 **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)

## Club Calendar (Con't):

### August 13 – Meeting and Sleeve & Bearing Clinic – hosted by Bill & Nereyda Brown

**Time:** 10:00 Meeting / 10:30 Sleeve & Bearing Clinic - **Please RSVP** Bill or Nereyda (727) 459-9783

**Location:** 140 Pinellas Way, St. Petersburg FL, 33710

**Lunch:** We'll drive to C.D. Roma's for lunch

### 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 ??

**Time:** TBD

**Location:** TBD

**Food or Lunch:** TBD

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

Please **RSVP** Althea (727) 551-0001, so I can reserve enough tables for us. Also, if you want to drive your T, see start time and starting location below. Also, please **RSVP** to Althea at (727) 551-0001 if you plan on driving so we know to watch for you.

**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

**Time:** TBD

**Location:** TBD

**Food:or Lunch:** TBD

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

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## What are Members doing?

Milt is building a car for the Model T Montana 500 race in 2012.

The Conger's 1919 Roadster will be getting a new windshield soon.

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:**

### **February 23 - 26 – 19th Annual Antique Engine & Tractor Show & Swap Meet**

**Location:** Flywheeler Park at 7000 Avon Park Cutoff Road, Ft. Meade, FL; Parking is Free

**Time:** Opens 7:00 AM

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

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

### **February 24 - 27 – 37th Annual Winter AutoFest**

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

**Time:** Opens 8:00 AM 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)

### **March 6 -10 – Model T Winter Tour**

**Location:** Ocala, FL

Enjoy the rolling hills and forests of Central Florida! Daily driving tours to visit horse farms, one of the largest private carriage collections in the world, an extraordinary private automobile collection, an automobile museum, take a glass bottom boat ride at Silver Springs and much more.

For room reservations call: (877) 602-4023 or (352) 854-1400 and ask for "MODEL T FORD WINTER TOUR 2011" rate, which is \$89 per night, single or double.

Registration will be \$150 per person. Call or email to request a registration form to: Steve Ellis at (352) 207-1498 (cell) or (352) 861-9944 (home), [ellis-1@embarqmail.com](mailto:ellis-1@embarqmail.com) or Miriam Williams at (937) 597-1539 (cell) or (937) 465-4661 (home), [wintertourinfo@hotmail.com](mailto:wintertourinfo@hotmail.com). We will limit registrations to the first 100 cars this year. Please get your registration and motel reservation completed by December 31st.

### **March 17 -18 – Chickasha – 21<sup>st</sup> Annual International Pre-War Swap Meet**

**Location:** Grady County Fairgrounds, Chickasha, Oklahoma. Plenty of free parking

**Time:** Gates will open daily at 7:00 am

**Admission:** Free

This swap meet is an annual event that will always begin the 3rd Thursday in March.

The meet has the largest selection of brass era parts anywhere. It is limited to automobiles, parts, transportation items pre-1945. <http://www.pwsm.com/>

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

See more details under "Club Calendar". No club meeting this month

### **May 22 -27 – Blue Ridge Riders**

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

### **July 17 – 22 – MTFCl 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 MTFCl magazine for more information or the MTFCl website <http://www.modelt.org/>

## [Fun Things To Do This Year \(Con't\):](#)

### [October 14 – 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 11 - 14](#) – 26th 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:](#)

### [March 25 – March 31](#) – Spring Regional 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

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## [Fun Things To Do In 2013:](#)

### [July 14 – 19](#) – MTFCI 57<sup>th</sup> Annual Tour

**Location:** East Lansing, Michigan