

# The Montana 500 Newsletter

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Above is Doug Langel of Rudyard, Montana. Currently teaching his Montana 500 Model T Car to do wheelies in preparation for the 2017 Endurance Run.

**Montana Cross Country "T" Association**  
A Schedule S nonprofit Montana Corporation  
Founded in 1961

**Background:**

The Ford Model T was voted the "Car of the Century" which was an international award given to the world's most influential car of the 20th century. The election process was overseen by the Global Automotive Elections Foundation with a narrowed field of 200 cars. The winner, the Ford Model T, was announced at an awards gala on December 18, 1999 in Las Vegas, Nevada.

The Montana Cross Country "T" Assn. is dedicated to rebuilding, refurbishing, preserving, and proving stock Ford Model T's. In some cases, members fully restore these cars to a "new car status" in most every aspect.

The Assn. also allows the above Model T's that meet written safety requirements to be endurance tested at their annual runs. The Montana 500 is sort of a proving ground for the owner, engine builder, chassis builder, and electrical systems builder.

We highly recommend that you get yourself a Model T and join these endurance runs. Expect to have some old school (or new school) fun. It is a friendly helpful atmosphere.

**Membership Information:**

Active Membership includes all the privileges of the Association including issues of the Montana 500 Newsletter. Annual dues are \$10 and entitle the member one vote at meetings. Touring & Endurance class: \$35.00/Run  
Members and those wanting to become members should send a check to: Attn. Treasure, Janet Cerovski, 1004 Sioux Road, Helena, Montana. 59602

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<http://www.antiqueautoranch.com/montana500/>

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**Past Presidents:**

Years:      Name:      Event Locations:

2015-2016	Tom Carnegie,	WSS & Dillon
2013-2014	Mike Cuffe,	Libby & Ft. Benton
2011-2012	Mike Stormo,	Butte & Conrad
2009-2010	Mike Robinson,	LVG & FV>Bonner
2007-2008	Mark Hutchinson,	Havre & Th Falls
2005-2006	Rick Carnegie,	Lewistown & Dillon
2003-2004	Tom Carnegie,	Bozeman & Eureka
2001-2002	Sam Nickol,	Kalispell & Helena
1999-2000	Simon Nickol,	Missoula & Gt. Falls
1997-1998	Tony Cerovski,	Lewistown x2
1995-1996	Tony Cerovski,	Fairmont & Helena
1994	Terry Peters	Bozeman
1993	George Nickol,	Helena

# The President's Message

Bill Mullins President 2017-2018  
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The 500 will be held in Missoula Montana this year starting on June 18, 2017. The base hotel is My Place. Information is shown within this newsletter and <http://www.antiqueautoranch.com/montana500>. This year we will be using some of Interstate 90 and routes northeast of Missoula.

So far we have 11 registered at the Motel My Place & about 20 drivers coming as of now. I hope to see every one again this year for a good time. We have a couple of new cars being built this year one in my shop belonging to Russell Hanna coming along good. I believe another car is being readied by Don MacLeod.

We have a new safety inspection list posted on the above web link. You can download it and use it to do an inspection of your car. It is included in this newsletter on the last two pages. You will need to sign this safety inspection form stating that you've done it.

Hope to have you all return this year for a great run. A history note: The 1999 500 was run in Missoula and the winner was Simon Nickol with an average speed 45.9 mph running with a restrictor plate. It will be interesting to see what this year will produce.

Russell Hanna and I went to Missoula this past week & stayed with Rick Bonebright who is being a great help. We drove the perspective routes and will try for the following:

If you have any question, you can email me at: m00nmullins@yahoo.com

Bill Mullins

## Proposed Route Information:

**Day one. Leg 1.** Head West from Missoula on I-90 to St. Regis. Exit 33 left. ~68 miles. Gas up at St Regis.

**Day one. Leg 2.** Take Hwy 135 North for ~21 miles, turn right at Hwy 200 Jct. Go ~24 miles but through Dixon, turn left on Hwy 212 go to Charlo. ~13 miles. ~58 miles total.

**Day one. Drive further to lunch:** Time out at Charlo but continue to drive ~4 miles and take a left on Hwy 93 North. Eat Lunch in Ronan. Get gas. Return to Charlo.

**Day one. Leg 3.** Leave Charlo on Hwy 212, go ~13 miles. Right on Hwy 200 West through Dixon. Go ~33 miles, turn left onto Hwy 135. Drive ~21 miles to St. Regis for gas. ~58 miles total.

**Day one. Leg 4.** Head East on I-90 for 68 miles. Use Exit 101 to return to My Place Hotel-Motel. Total miles day 1 ~ 256.

**Day 2. Leg 1.** Drive from Missoula to Butte, ~115 miles.

**Day 2. Leg 2.** Drive from Butte to Missoula 115 miles, ~ 230 miles total.

**Day 3. Leg 1.** Drive from Missoula to Drummond, 50 miles.

**Day 3. Leg 2.** Drive from Drummond to Missoula 50 miles. ~ 100 miles total.

Total Endurance Run ~(about) 586 miles.

## Map of Proposed 2017 MCCTA Endurance Run Routes



# Motel-Hotel Information:

Location: My Place Hotel

2951 Expo Parkway, Missoula, MT 59808

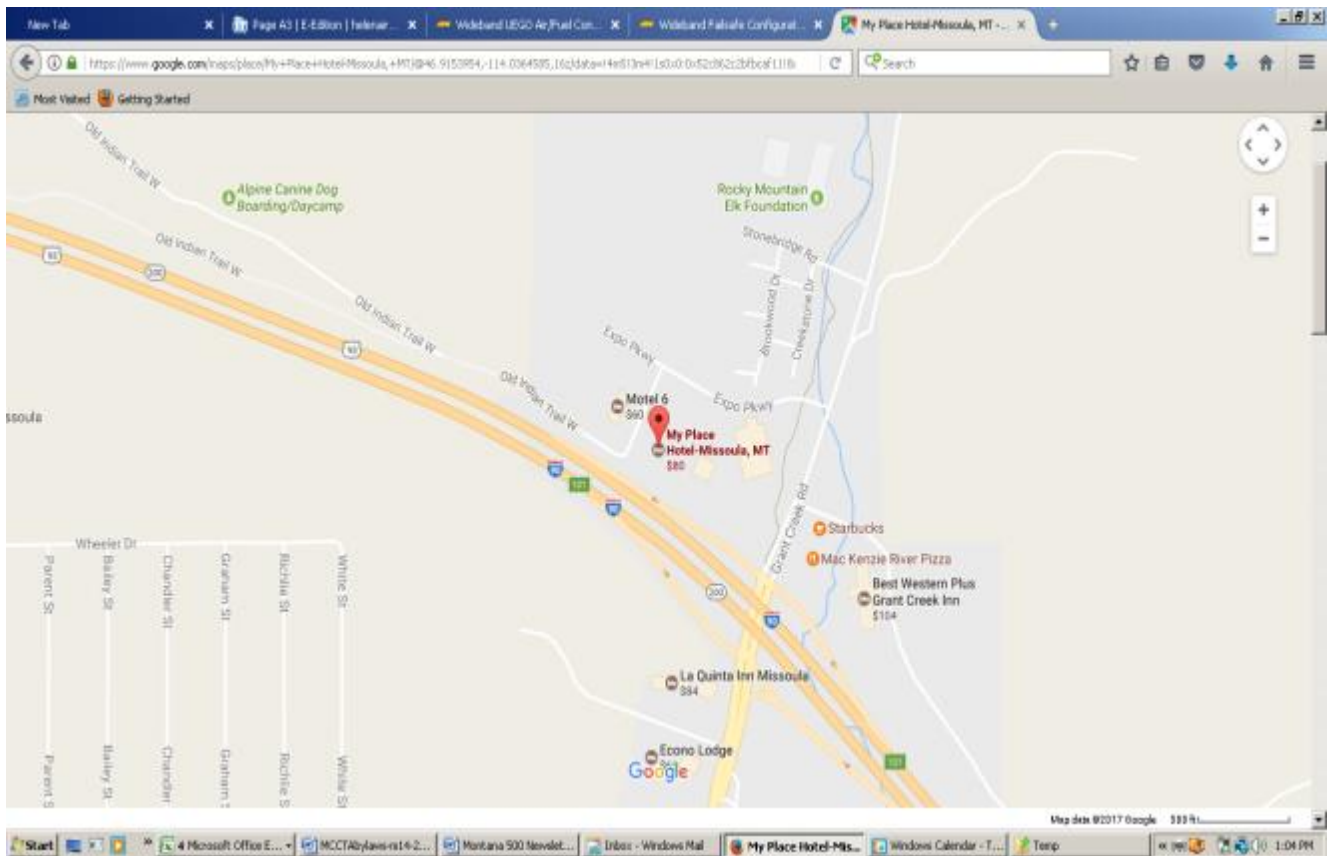
Reservations: Call (406)-926-1001

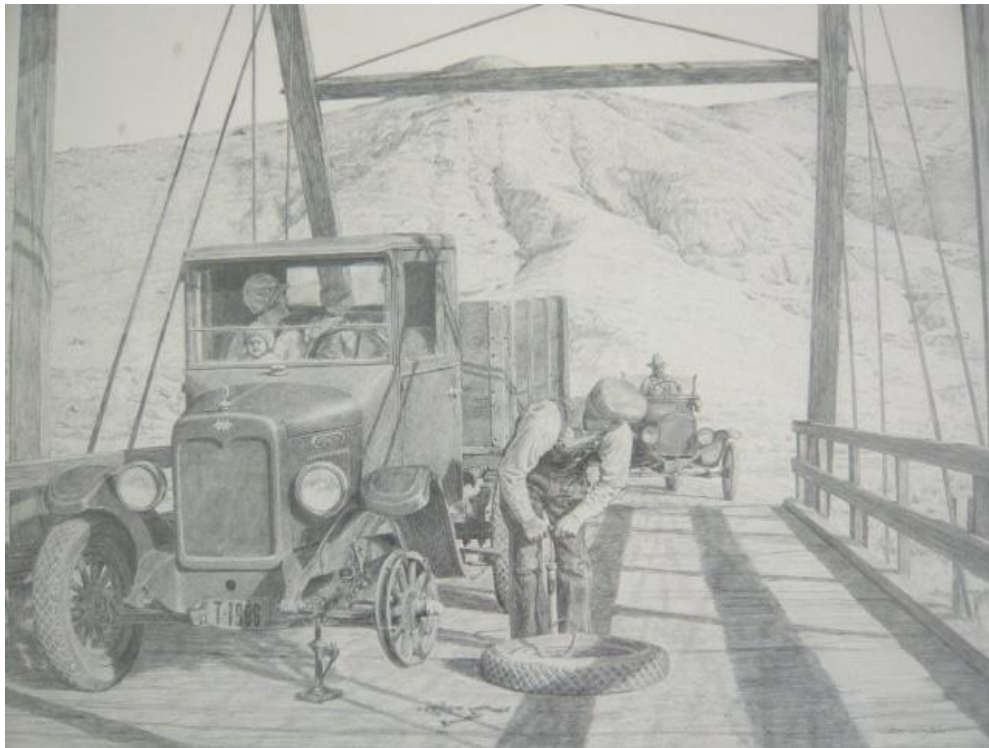
Rates: \$107.93 per night. Quotes include tax.

7 nights in a row the rate is \$98.31 per night.

Ask for rooms with the Montana 500 group.

How to get there. I-90 Exit 101 then North.





A pencil rendering by Havre, Montana Artist Don Greytak.



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# Montana Cross Country "T" Association

## 2017 Endurance Run And Low Land Tour Waiver & Self Inspection Agreement

Owner Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

As a participant in the Montana 500 Cross Country Endurance Run and Low Land Tour Event, you must inspect your car prior to attending Run and Tour Event to complete event registration. Please check each of the categories with a "Y" for yes, "N" for no. The responsibility for car's safety and mechanical condition rests with the owner/participant/operator. Return at event signed.

### Steering

Steering wheel should have less than 2" to no play  
Acceptable wear and minimal to no play

- \* Radius rod (wish bone) to crankcase
- \* Ball arm (pitman arm) to steering gear connecting rod (drag link)
- \* Steering gear connecting rod (tie rod) to yoke ball
- \* Spindle bolts (king pin)
- \* Spindle connecting rod (tie rod) bolts

### Cotter keys (or lock washers, if holes not drilled) installed in the following:

- \* Radius rod (wish bone) to front axle (2 required)
- \* Steering gear bracket to frame (3 required)
- \* Ball arm (pitman arm) to steering post (1 required)
- \* Steering gear connecting rod (tie rod) to yoke ball (2 required)
- \* Steering gear connecting rod (tie rod) to steering gear ball (2 required)
- \* Spindle connecting rod to spindles (2) (1 per spindle)
- \* Spindle bolts (kingpins) 2 (1 spindle)
- \* Spindle arm 2 (1 per spindle)
- \* Front spring hangers (shackles) 4 (2 per side)
- \* Front spring to frame (2 or 4 required) depending on year
- \* Yoke ball (1 required)
- \* Safety wire crankcase studs holding radius rod ball cap
- \* Grease in steering gear case & steering gear bracket (also check gear post & pinion gears for wear)
- \* Check for play in steering gear case to steering column (check rivets/taper pins)

### Brakes

Brake pedal (and, reverse pedal) bottom out before reaching floor boards  
Both rear wheels lock up under hard braking

### Emergency Brakes

Hand brake sets securely before limit of its travel (check pawl & spring) & both wheels lock

Note: The hand brake must be able to hold the car with engine running & should be able to hold the car on a moderate slope.

Cotter keys (or lock washers, if holes are drilled) installed on:

- \* Control shaft assembly to frame (4 required)
- \* Brake shoe bolt 2 (1 per side)
- \* Brake rods 4 (1 per end)

### Wheels

Spokes (& felloes on earlier) cars are tight  
Front wheel bearings-no play, good condition & greased  
All wheels tight & axle/spindle nuts cotter keyed  
Lug nuts tight on demountable rims  
Checked tires for wear, weather cracks, rim cuts, ect.

## Rear Axle

Rear axle nuts tight & secured with cotter pins (use long wrench)

Cotter keys (or lock washers, if holes are not drilled) installed:

\*Rear spring to frame (4 required)

\* Rear spring hangers (shackles) 4 (2 per side)

\* Rear spring perches to wheel flanges (backing plates) 1 (per side)

## Other

Lights functional

Brake light

Safety glass

Rear view mirrors

Fire extinguisher /first aid kit (optional but recommended)

Registration & insurance papers

## Vehicle Data

year\_\_\_\_\_ body style\_\_\_\_\_ identification #\_\_\_\_\_ license  
plate\_\_\_\_\_

## Insurance Information

Company \_\_\_\_\_ Date of expiration \_\_\_\_\_ Policy  
# \_\_\_\_\_

## Waiver/Certification

**In consideration of my being permitted to enter my vehicle on the subject tour and all of the related activities sponsored by the Montana Cross Country T Association I hereby certify that:**

**\*I inspected my vehicle as noted and believe it to be roadworthy.**

**\* I understand the inspection items/listings contained on this form are compiled from sources believed to be reliable but are not completely inclusive of all areas and items that should be checked or that could cause safety concerns. No warranty, guarantee or representation is made by the Montana Cross Country Association as to the absolute correctness or sufficiency of any representation contained in this listing and the Montana Cross Country T Association assumes no responsibility in connection therewith, nor can it be assumed that all acceptable safety measures are contained in this listing or that inspection of other areas of the vehicle or additional accessories may be required under particular exceptional condition or circumstances for safe operation.**

**\* I certify that I have insurance coverage on the vehicle that covers my liability and physical damage as required in my state of residence.**

**I release and hold harmless the subject tour host officers, directors and members and the Montana Cross Country T Association from any liability of any kind whatsoever as a result of any personal injury or property damage sustained by the under signed.**

**Owner/entrant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_**