

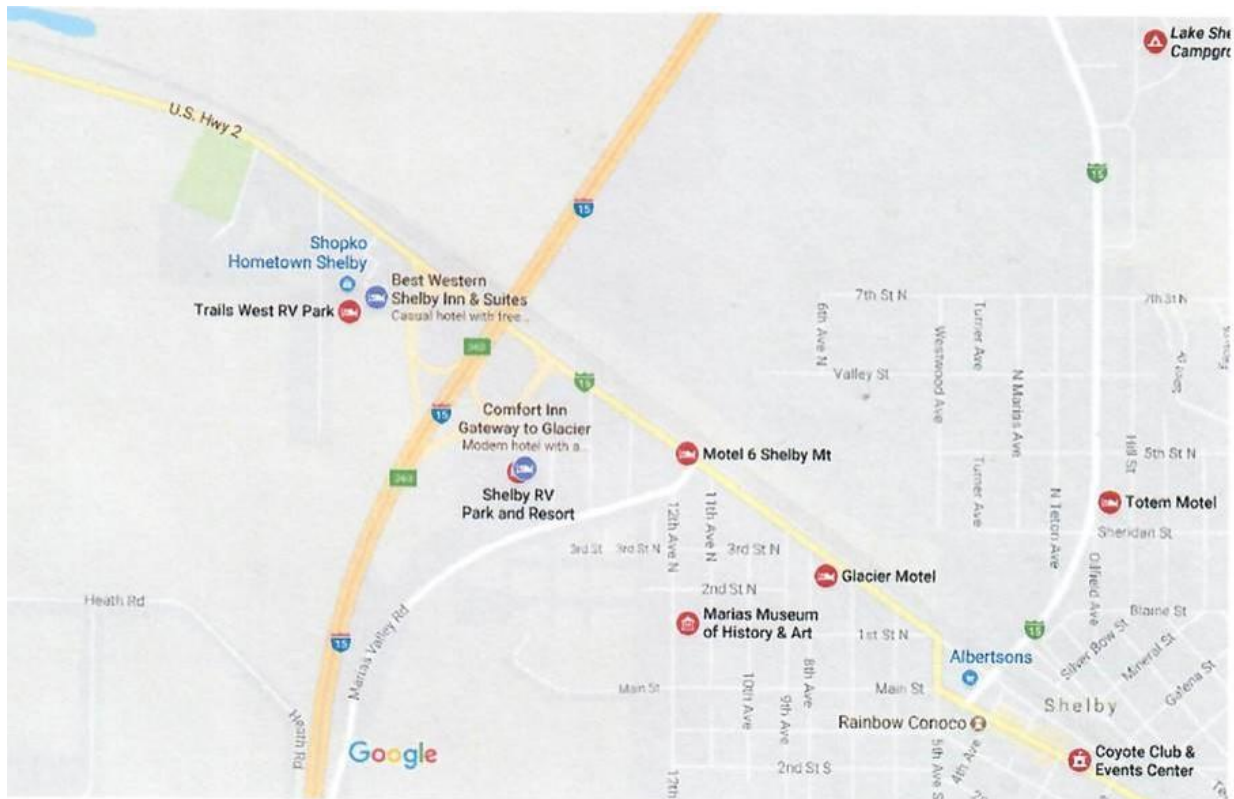
The Montana 500 Newsletter

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58th Annual Model T Endurance Run

- **Headquarters:** Comfort Inn Gateway to Glacier, Shelby, Montana
- **Headquarter Address:** 455 McKinley Ave, Shelby, MT
- **Reservation Number:** 406-434-2212
- **Room Block:** Montana 500
- **Montana 500 Room Block Rate:** \$99 + tax = ~\$106/room/night
- **Late Registration Date:** May 15, 2018, then likely \$140/room/night
- **RV Park on site:** RV Park Reservations call 406-434-2212
- **Meeting-Banquet Room:** Included in Montana 500 Room Block Rate



Map of Comfort Inn Gateway to Glacier, Shelby, Montana

The President's Message

Bill Mullins President 2017-2018 m00nmullins@yahoo.com

I hope this newsletter finds you all in good health and spirits.

- The motel setup is great in every way. I spent two nights there and it is the best motel setup of any race I have been to so far. The breakfast bar is excellent.
- The tentative race routes are posted and look good. I do not expect any legs to be impacted by construction.
- Take a look at the updated rules for 2018 and be ready to do some endurance testing and T driving.

Please let me know if you plan on coming to the 2018 Endurance Run so I can have a head count for planning purposes. If you have any questions on building up your "T" for use in the Montana 500, send an email to me at m00nmullins@yahoo.com or contact one of the current directors. Check through your photos and send along those that you would like to have published in the next newsletter to tcerovski@bresnan.net.

Bill Mullins, President 2017-2018

2018 Tentative Race Route and Schedule

Sunday, June 17th:

- **10:00 am:**
 - Start vehicle registration.
 - Membership fee is \$10.
 - Endurance Run fee is \$35.
 - Tour car fee is \$35.
 - Montana 500 hats are \$15 each.
 - Montana 500 T-Shirts are \$ 20 each.
 - Montana 500 Stickers provided free, 1 per car.
 - Registration ends at 1:00 PM.
- **10:10 am:**
 - Start vehicle inspection.
 - *All participating Model T drivers fill out and sign the two-page inspection form included in this newsletter. Drivers, bring this two-page form and the sealing form to the Meeting at 6:00 pm. You will trade them in for a car number.*
 - Driver of car to be present when inspection occurs.
 - Two adjacent head bolts to be drilled for braided wire before inspection starts.
 - Carburetor bolts to be long and bolt ends drilled for braided wire below nuts before inspection starts.
 - Two opposing Engine pan bolts to be drilled for braided wire before inspection starts.
 - Vehicle sealing ends at 4:00 pm
- **1:00 pm:**
 - Vehicle registration suspends until 3:00 pm
 - Vehicle inspection continues
- **4:00 pm:**
 - Vehicle registration and inspection ends.
- **6:00 pm:**
 - Start meeting of the members in the motel's banquet room
 - Bring a pen or pencil
 - This meeting will run a few hours
 - Draw for your car number and listen for route updates
 - Eat before or after this meeting, not at this meeting

2018 Tentative Race Route and Schedule cont.

Monday, June 18th:

- **First leg: Leave time ~ _____ am**
 - Have your cars ready to Leave, in ascending order
 - Leave Shelby when designated by timers
 - Drive east on HWY 2 for 6 miles
 - Turn right and head south on HWY 417
 - After 17 miles, turn right onto HWY 366
 - Drive west for 12 miles and cross over the interstate bridge
 - Turn right onto the frontage road and drive north for 3 miles
 - Turn left onto HWY 44 and drive 13 miles to Valier
 - Stop for gas and wait for timers to line you up in order of arrival
 - 51 leg miles
- **Second Leg: Leave time ~ _____**
 - Have your cars ready to Leave in the order of arrival as designated by the timers
 - From Valier, head west on HWY 44
 - Drive 14 miles to HWY 89
 - Turn left on HWY 89 and drive to Choteau
 - Gas up and be ready to go
 - 56 leg miles
- **Third Leg: Leave time ~ _____**
 - Have your cars ready to Leave in the order of arrival as designated by the timers
 - Leave Choteau and head south on US 89
 - Drive through Fairfield, through Vaughn onto I-15 south toward Great Falls
 - Flaggers should be near MP 283. Take Exit 282 off I-15, turn left onto the northwest bypass
 - Stop at the first gas station for gas and lunch
 - 52 leg miles
- **Fourth Leg: Leave time ~ _____**
 - Have your cars ready to Leave in the order of arrival as designated by the timers
 - From the northwest bypass, turn right onto I-15 and go north to Shelby
 - 77 leg miles
 - 236 day 1 miles
- **Meeting Time: 5:00 pm.** Expect a two hour meeting. Eat before or after this meeting, not at this meeting.

2018 Tentative Race Route and Schedule cont.

Tuesday, June 19th:

- **Fifth leg: Leave time ~ _____ am**
 - Have your cars ready to Leave, slowest time first, as designated by timers
 - Leave Shelby when designated by timers
 - Drive east on HWY 2 toward Chester
 - Gas up
 - 44 leg miles
- **Sixth leg: Leave time ~ _____**
 - Have your cars ready to Leave in the order of arrival as designated by the timers
 - Use HWY 223, head south to Fort Benton
 - Gas up and be ready to leave in the order of arrival as designated by the timers
 - 54 leg miles
- **Seventh leg: Leave time ~ _____**
 - Have your cars ready to Leave in the order of arrival as designated by the timers
 - Drive on HWY 87 north to Havre
 - Gas up and lunch
 - 73 leg miles
- **Eighth leg: Leave time: _____**
 - Have your cars ready to Leave in the order of arrival as designated by the timers
 - Drive west on US 2 to Chester
 - Gas up
 - 60 leg miles
- **Ninth leg: Leave time: _____**
 - Have your cars ready to Leave in the order of arrival as designated by the timers
 - Drive west on HWY 2 to Shelby
 - 44 leg miles
 - 275 day 2 miles
 - 511 total race miles
- **Meeting Time: 5:00 pm.** Expect a two-hour meeting. Eat before or after this meeting, not at this meeting.

2018 Tentative Race Route and Schedule cont.

Wednesday, June 20th:

- **Tenth leg: Leave time ~9:01 am**
 - Have your cars ready to Leave, fastest cars first, designated by timers
 - Leave Shelby when designated by timers
 - Drive north on I-15, 33 miles to Sweet Grass
 - take exit 397, left on to 3rd ave
 - Left onto 2nd St and head south on I-15
 - Drive 33 miles to Shelby
 - End of race
 - Head to designated area
 - 66 leg miles
 - 66 day 3 miles
 - 577 total race miles
- **Tear down: Starts at ~11:00 am**
 - With drivers of 2nd to 6th top cars. Tear down location to be determined soon. Maybe NAPA
 - Remaining finisher cars cruise the drag and let Shelby know you made it back
 - Leaving timer party to pick up fasts food lunch for tear down crew. Give receipt to Janet
- **Banquet Time: 6:00 pm.**
 - Pizza and soft drinks will be provided for the banquet food. Give receipt to Janet.
- **Meeting time: 7:00 pm**
 - Expect a two-hour meeting
- **Evening: cruise the drag until dusk**

Thursday, June 21st:

- **Maybe a tour to Museum of the Plains Indian, Browning.** Drive T's or Trailer them.

Montana Cross Country "T" Association

2018 Endurance Run Waiver & Self Inspection Agreement

Owner Name _____

Address _____

Phone number _____ - _____ - _____ Email: _____

To participant in the Montana Cross Country Endurance Run, you must inspect your car prior to participating in the event at registration. Please check each of the categories with a "Y" for yes, "N" for no. The responsibility for the car's safety and mechanical condition rests with the owner/participant/operator. Return waiver form at registration 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 _____

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.

Current members and those wanting to become members should send a check to:

Attn. Treasurer, Janet Cerovski

1004 Sioux Road, Helena, Montana. 59602

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