

The Montana 500 Newsletter

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The winning car for the 2017 MCCTA “Montana 500” is owned and driven by Dennis Powers, Ogden, Iowa.



Dennis’s car was torn down by the drivers of 2nd thru 6th place according to the rules, immediately following the last checkered flag. Thank you Missoula NAPA store on Broadway for the shop space. Tear down inspection team: Nan Robison, Garrett Green, Mike Robison, Tom Carnegie, and Tony Cerovski.

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

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Past Presidents:

Years:	Name:	Event Locations:
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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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Thank you all for attending, helping, and supporting me with the Montana 500.

Special thanks to Rick and Char Bonebright for working behind the scenes with route selection, hospitality, and the banquet. Many of you were a great help to me in my first year of Presidency.



Thank you Dennis Powers leading the Model T inspection and collecting signature forms. Thank you, Matt Hansen and Russell Hanna, for sealing up the cars. Great job!

Two new drivers and a returning driver from 50 years ago participated this year. Kim MacLeod and Matt Hansen were the new drivers and Tim Craig from Pasadena ran the 500, 50 years ago.

I hope to have you all return next year for another great run.

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

Bill Mullins

The 2017 Route Information:

Day one. Leg 1. Headed West from Missoula on I-90 to St. Regis. Exit 33 right. ~68 miles. Gassed up at St Regis.

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

Day one. Drive further to lunch: Toured from Charlo and ate Lunch in Ronan. Acquired gas and returned to Charlo.

Day one. Leg 3. Left Charlo on Hwy 212, went ~13 miles. Right on Hwy 200 West through Dixon. Went ~33 miles, turn left onto Hwy 135. Drove ~21 miles to St. Regis for gas. ~58 miles total.

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

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

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

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

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

Total Endurance Run ~ (about) 586 miles.

Activity photos from the 2017 Montana 500.



President Bill Mullins field torquing the crankshaft flange to flywheel bolts with Dwayne Lukowski, owner of the Model T.



MacLeod Racing Team (family) going over Kim MacLeod's car on Inspection day.



The Montana 500 Pre-Race Inspection Team, 2017. Matt Hansen, Chris Hanna, and Russell Hanna.



Tim Craig drove this car 50 years ago in the 1967 Race. Tim enjoyed his return to the 500.



President Bill Mullins leading the meeting.



Sandy Watts showing off his hitch hiker.



Brandon and Sonny having fun.



Brandon, Sonny, Sergio, and the Lukowski brothers having fun.



Brandon, Sonny, Kim, Sergio, Dwayne & Daniel having fun.

Timing Results 2017

The 2017 Montana 500 Missoula, Montana June 19th through 21st Day one: Missoula to St. Regis to Charlo to St. Regis to Missoula, Day two: Missoula to Deer Lodge to Rocker to Deer Lodge to Missoula Day three: Missoula to Drummond to Missoula

Name	Hometown	Miles	Total	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Avg. Speed	Thru Day 2
Dennis Powers	Ogden, IA	581	10:38:41	04:24:18	04:20:53	01:53:30	54.67	8:45:11
Tony Cerovski	Helena, MT	581	10:42:55	04:26:06	04:21:09	01:55:40	54.22	8:47:15
Tom Carnegie	Spokane, WA	581	10:44:08	04:29:00	04:20:18	01:54:50	54.12	8:49:18
Nan Robison	Spokane, WA	581	10:48:39	04:31:14	04:22:49	01:54:36	53.74	8:54:03
Garrett Green	Orange, CA	581	10:49:08	04:30:43	04:22:37	01:55:48	53.79	8:53:20
Mike Robison	Valley Ford, WA	581	10:58:28	04:34:32	04:26:21	01:57:35	52.94	9:00:53
Bill Mullins	Spokane, WA	581	11:07:32	04:22:35	04:48:10	01:56:47	52.22	9:10:45
Dan Brown	La Porte, IA	581	11:11:16	04:41:34	04:27:14	02:02:28	51.93	9:08:48
Mike Cuffe	Eureka, MT	581	11:13:25	04:36:39	04:39:17	01:57:29	51.84	9:15:56
Sergio Hernandez	Bell Gardens, CA	581	11:15:29	04:34:45	04:39:39	02:01:05	51.68	9:14:24
Brandon Langel	Whitefish, MT	581	11:34:11	04:47:22	04:44:24	02:02:25	50.29	9:31:46
Don MacLeod	Bainbridge Island, WA	581	11:38:12	04:55:25	04:39:08	02:03:39	49.93	9:34:33
Sonny Bishop	Orange, CA	581	11:43:28	04:49:43	04:47:20	02:06:25	49.55	9:37:03
Gary Ebbert	Port Orchard, WA	581	12:06:08	05:04:05	04:41:45	02:20:18	48.07	9:45:50
Kim MacLeod	Bainbridge Island, WA	581	12:07:06	05:03:35	04:54:25	02:09:06	47.94	9:58:00
Janet Cerovski	Helena, MT	581	12:09:13	05:33:08	04:38:38	01:57:27	47.80	10:11:46
D. Lukowski	Kansas City, KS,MO	581	12:15:25	05:09:42	04:55:34	02:10:09	47.40	10:05:16
Tim Craig	Pasadena, CA	581	12:58:12	05:15:55	05:17:50	02:24:27	44.85	10:33:45
Mike Stormo *	Davenport, WA	565	11:14:32	04:28:48	04:30:11	02:15:33	53.57	8:58:59
Rick Carnegie **	Otis Orchards, WA	527	11:53:04	04:47:40	04:29:04	02:36:20	51.41	9:16:44
Matt Hansen ***	Colbert, WA	473	12:17:36	05:09:23	04:48:12	02:20:01	47.56	9:57:35
Russell Hanna ****	Spokane, WA	347	13:05:11	05:30:23	05:31:04	02:03:44	45.58	11:01:27

* Broken piston, last leg, day three ** Lost rod, day three *** Timer trouble, day one **** Engine trouble, day two

Double click on this link to down load your own copy of the 2017 timing records and results.

<http://www.antiqueautoranch.com/montana500/results/2017final.xls>

If you would like to share your photos with the Montana 500 group, please email or send them to Tony Cerovski at tcervski@bresnan.net 1004 Sioux Road, Helena, MT 59602. I will try to send them along to the membership.

Some of the Hard Luck Stories



Mike Stormo was doing just fine when his car began to slow down. See hole in #2 piston and two holes in #2 cylinder of the low head. A chunk of the head's cast iron is near the pliers. No known cause or verdict known for sure yet.

Leg 1: Gary Ebbert had a coil failure and lost about 5 minutes of down time.

Leg 2: Janet and Russell drove off route to Hot Springs on the Charlo leg. Close to 18 extra miles and probably gave up 25 minutes. Tony drove passed the turn to Charlo but recovered quickly. Nan's engine broke an aluminum Chevy valve retainer about 32 miles from Charlo but only gave up about 8 minutes of time limping in with 3 cylinders functioning.

Leg 3: Mike Robison missed a turn to St. Regis, but recovered soon.

Leg 4:

Leg 5: Bill Mullins lost a coil box contact tang under time; fixed it and later on a 2nd tang broke off. Down time about 30 minutes.

Leg 6:

Leg 7:

Leg 8: Stormo lost a coil box tang. Down time about 5 minutes.

Leg 9:

Leg 10: Stormo's engine crushed a hole in the top of #2 piston and subsequently the head punched out or vice versa. This time Stormo did not return his car to the run. The event happened about 25 miles away from the final finish line.

Awards and Recognition



Our super Timing-Flagging Crew 2017. Jackie Stormo, Heather Robison, Kathleen Ebbert, Megan Carnegie, Carla Carnegie, Suzie Carnegie, and Sean Lukowski, kept us on schedule during the 2017 Endurance Run.



Current winner: Dennis Powers 2017 posing with the Trophy and previous winners at the 2017 Montana 500. Nan, Stormo, Jillian, Garrett, Tom, Dennis, Doug, Dynastar Mike, and Rick.

More Awards and Recognition

Tony Cerovski was awarded the Bud Peters Award for 2017. However, Tony gave his Bud Peters Award trophy to Kim MacLeod to acknowledge her proven gusto! Afterward the meeting, Tony discovered a set of wood bands in his truck. Janet told Tony that he received a set of wood bands from Jim Guinn as a recipient of the Bud Peters Award. Jim is the owner of Guinn Bands in Yorba Linda, California. Thank you Jim!

Mike Kossor, inventor-seller of the E-Timer and the Electronically Cranked Coil Tester (ECCT), donated \$250 for the award banquet again this year. Another supporter of the Montana 500 since 2003 is Tom and Suzie Carnegie at the Antique Auto Ranch. They donate time and web space for our Montana 500 History, rules, notifications, race results and more.

Finally, to the winner of the 2017 Montana 500: Dennis Powers won it after years of trying. Congratulations Dennis, you are the one to beat next year!



Dennis accepting the Montana 500 Trophy.



Kim accepting the Bud Peters Trophy.

