

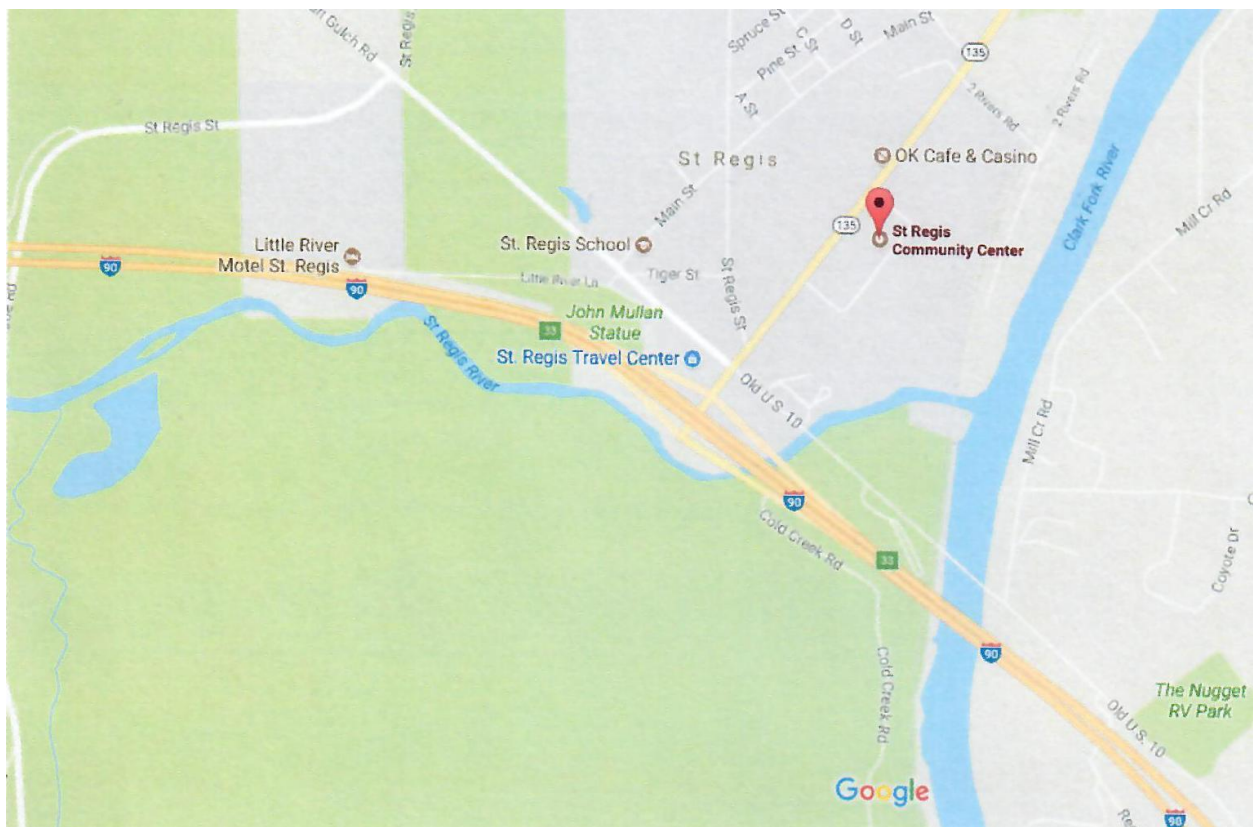
The Montana 500 Newsletter

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Notice of Annual Fall Meeting

The 57th Annual Fall Meeting of the Montana Cross Country “T” Association will occur on October 15th, 2017. The meeting will be held at the St. Regis Community Center in St. Regis, Montana. This meeting will start at 11:00 am., Montana time.



St. Regis Community Center - 209 Lobo Loop, St Regis, MT 59866

Bring your own coffee, tea, soda, water, pencils, pens, papers, etc. Montana Maps provided. **Do not bring food into the Community Center.**

The President's Message

Bill Mullins President 2017-2018

m00nmullins@yahoo.com

The fall meeting is coming up on October 15th, 2017 in St Regis, and I hope to see all of you there.

Be thinking of things you have questions about, also your nominations for three directors, and the location for next year's event.

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

Bill Mullins



This is a 1925 cutoff touring car with a homemade wood deck. It was raced in the Montana 500 back in the 1970's. This one was built up by Dick Poepping of Helena, Montana, sold to John Burke of Lewistown, Montana, resold to Tony Cerovski, and resold to Ed Marshall, Burley, Washington.



Front view of Dick Poepping's Race Car.



Interior of the car, minus the seat and floor boards.



The Power Plant.
Pictures from May, 2005.

2017 Annual Meeting Agenda

Order of Business

1) Reading and Approval of Minutes:

- a. Read, amend, and approve Minutes from 2016 Annual Meeting. (Copy attached.)
 - i. Amend the 2016 Minutes to state that Dennis Powers and Rick Carnegie were elected to fill the remaining one year vacancies from Tom and Janet's previous officer terms.

2) Reports of Officers, Boards, and Standing Committees:

- a. Read, amend, and approve the 2017 Treasure's Report. (Copy attached.)

3) Reports of Special Committees:

- a. New Endurance Run Inspection form. Tom Carnegie, Chairman.
 - i. Discussion. (Form Attached.)

4) Special Orders:

- a. Election of Officers Research. Tony Cerovski, Chairman.
 - i. Discussion. (Report Attached.)

5) Unfinished Business and General Orders:

- a. Provide updates to the "Montana 500" website.
 - i. Not all newsletters, meeting minutes, race leg records are available on the Association's Website.
 - 1. Please provide Tom with minutes, newsletters, records, and photos from earlier years for accurate records of the MCCTA's events.
 - 2. Give Tom Carnegie a big thank you for gathering and placing the current information on the Montana 500 website. He has so far accumulated and published much data for our Association. Thank you again Tom.

- b. _____
- c. _____
- d. _____
- e. _____
- f. _____

6) New Business.

- a. Nominate and Elect three replacement directors** to serve a three year term each, serving years 2018, 2019, and 2020.

i. **Nominee 1:** _____
ii. **Nominee 2:** _____
iii. **Nominee 3:** _____
iv. _____

b. Rule discussions/additions for consideration and updates.

- i. Existing Rule A9. *Drivers must drive at or below posted speed limits. Add a time penalty to the rules for exceeding posted speed limits. Verify all cars by radar, time and car number violation, and initials of the person's recording the radar.
1. One minute penalty for each mph over the posted limit?
 2. No penalty for being 2 mph over posted limit, 5 minute penalty for more than 3 mph over?
- ii. Existing Rule D2. Optional equipment includes: -Camshaft gear may be drilled. Does the Stipe Adjustable Cam Gear meet the "Drilled" rule? At least three cars used one in 2017. Tony will bring his "used" Stipe Adjustable Gear and timing cover for Show and Tell, addressing a problem he had for others to learn from. Discussion. If allowable, then state any camshaft gear may be used.
- iii. Billet transmission drums are installed in at least 5 Montana 500 cars. Those new to the Montana 500 and building a Model T engine should find in the rules that billet drums are allowable, and not a concern for disqualification. Modify rules to state "any transmission drum may be used."
- iv. Electronic Ignition Tester Tool? _____
- v. Piston protrusion – Stroke tool? _____

c. Race Hub City Nominations and Selection.

i. Miles City, Nominated by Dennis Powers.
ii. _____
iii. _____
iv. _____

d. Awards:

i. Janet and Russell.

e. Adjournment.

7) Intentionally blank_____

2016 Annual Meeting Minutes:

The Annual Meeting of the Montana
Cross Country T Association – 2016.
By Jillian Robison

The Annual Meeting of the Montana
Cross Country T Association – 2016:

The meeting was held in Thompson
Falls, MT on October 9th, 2016.

The meeting was called to order by
President Tom Carnegie at 10:21.

Officers, members, and guests present
included: Mike Robison, Jillian Robison,
Brooke Robison, Lachlan Robison,
Heather Robison, Brandon Langel,
Doug Langel, Garret Green, Tony
Cеровski, Janet Cerovski, Bill Mullins,
Russell Hannah, Rick Carnegie, Nan
Robison, Tom Carnegie, Jackie Stormo,
Mike Stormo, Rick Bonebright, Sonny
Bishop, and Gene Carrothers.

There was a discussion about the
bylaws and director terms. The floor was
opened for nominations for president.
Bill Mullins was nominated by Tony C
and there was a second. Mike S
nominated Rick Carnegie. He declined.
Mike S made a motion to cast a
unanimous ballot for Bill Mullins as
president. It was seconded and passed.
Bill Mullins took over as president and
conducted the meeting going forward.

The floor was opened for nominations
for vice president. Mike S nominated
Tom C for vice president. There was a
second. Garret G nominated Dennis
Powers and there was a second. Rick C
moved to cease nominations which was
seconded. Tom C was elected as vice
president.

The discussions about the bylaws and
director terms continued. It was decided
that we needed to elect two directors to
serve the vacated remaining one year
terms of the past president and
Treasurer.

The floor was opened for a director
position. Garrett G nominated Dennis
Powers and it was seconded. Mike R
made a motion to cast a unanimous
ballot for Dennis Powers as a director. It
was seconded and passed.

The floor was opened for the other
director position. Tom C nominated Mike
Stormo. It was seconded it, but he
declined. Sonny B nominated Rick
Carnegie. It was seconded. Garrett G
nominated Doug Langel. It was
seconded. Tom C moved that
nominations cease, which was
seconded. Rick Carnegie was voted in
as the other director.

The treasurer's report was presented.
The income from the 2016 run was
\$2,515. The expenses were \$1,572. The
2016 run netted \$943. There is
\$4,562.75 in the bank account. Sonny B
made a motion to approve the
treasurer's report as presented. There
was a second and it was approved.

Tom C made a motion to approve the
minutes as printed in the newsletter.
The motion seconded and passed.

The floor was opened for nominations of
locations. All places named were
seconded. The list of locations named
included: Helena, Missoula, Deer
Lodge, Glendive, and Malta. There was
a motion and a second to close
nominations. There was a show of

hands for the locations and the two with the highest votes were put to a vote. Missoula was the winning location.

The date was discussed. There was a nomination for June 18th. It was seconded and passed.

The floor was opened to rule changes. Nothing was brought up. There was a motion to close the floor to rules changes. It was seconded and passed.

The floor was opened to old business. Tom C mentioned that he no longer will be doing the newsletter. Sonny B mentioned a lady that would do it for \$60 to \$80 a newsletter. There was a nomination to have Tony C prepare the newsletters. It was seconded and passed.

The website was discussed. It was noted that newsletters have not been updated on the website for a couple years.

The floor was opened to new business. The American Car Collector Magazine did an article on the Montana 500.

Rick B brought up the director candidates for the MTFCA and noted the two he would like to endorse.

There was an accident last year due to a front end situation. The feeling is that we need to make sure that the cars are more ready to go before they can run.

The checklist that is signed by the driver states that they are ready to run. Liability was discussed for situations like this and if this situation would have been worse. It was noted that we should form a committee to get a list ready for the next run. We should start with the MTFCA list and use the safety related items for our checklist. There was a motion to have an abbreviated checklist in addition to the inspection and the driver has to sign it or have another driver sign it. That was seconded. The motion was amended by removing the "or have another driver sign it" section. That was seconded and approved. The motion was seconded and approved as amended. There was a motion to form a committee to look into this checklist and use their recommendation at the run next year. This motion was seconded and approved. There was a motion to have Tom C lead the committee and he will choose the people he would like to be on the committee at the approval of the directors. This motion was seconded and passed.

There was discussion about how the written notice of the meetings is given on the internet.

Permanent numbers were discussed. There was no interest in having permanent numbers.

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 11:29.

MT Model T Treasurer Report 2017

1/1/2017	Checking Account Starting Balance >>	\$4,531.25
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Deposits

Dues	\$370.00
Run	\$840.00
Hats	\$360.00
T-shirt	\$340.00
Mictel, LLC [for Banquet]	\$250.00
	\$2,160.00

Expenses

# 1206	Secretary of State	(\$20.00)
# 1207	hats	(\$360.00)
# 1208	Room for Banquet	(\$150.00)
# 1209	Food for banquet	(\$195.00)
# 1210	75 t-shirts	(\$864.35)
cash	lunch for tear down	(\$32.00)
cash	Timer - Carla	(\$120.00)
cash	Timer - Jackie	(\$120.00)
cash	Trouble truck - Green	(\$120.00)
cash	Trouble truck - MacLeod	(\$120.00)
		(\$2,101.35)

Year 2017 Net profit or loss	\$58.65
Cash on Hand	\$110.00

8/31/2017	Checking Account Ending Balance	\$4,589.90
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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 _____

Election of Officers and Directors

A Review of the Association's By-Laws

By Tony Cerovski, Director

Recent Inquiries and Confusion 2015-2016:

On occasion over the last two years, questions were asked concerning the length of a new Director's term. The short answer is "It varies."

By careful examination, the historical records of the Meeting Minutes and By-Laws it is clear that all three newly elected Officer's serve new three year terms each.

Why it Varies: When a current Director is elected to a new Officer's term, three events happen.

1. The new Officer also serves a new three year Director's term.
2. If the new Officer was an existing Director or Officer, the old Director term is vacated.
3. A replacement Director is elected to fill that vacancy.

Officer and Director Terms 1961-1995:

Historical research here is referring to the original By-Laws in use at the Annual Meetings from 1961 to 1995. In 1996, the By-Laws were changed, more on that later on.

1961-1995: Using the By-Laws, the members were instructed to nominate and vote for the officers after old business concluded.

A President was elected 1st, then a Vice President 2nd, and a Treasurer 3rd was elected. Normally, there were no further Director elections, being that the previous Officers remained as Directors until their terms expired. Back in the day, it was usual for the new President's wife to serve as Secretary-Treasurer, and hold a three year directorship position upon election.

In the following years new elections, the President's wife (aka Treasurer) could step down and "vacate" her remaining Directorship term if she had no further interest. A new Director would be elected to fill her remaining vacated term.

If an Officer or Director resigned or perhaps passed away, it was a simple matter to elect a replacement Director to fill out the remainder of that term.

By-Laws Changed Executive's Term's 1996:

In 1995, it was proposed that the Directors make a change to the By-Laws. In 1996 those changes went forth to the membership for ratifying the By-Law changes in 1996. Those changes were ratified.

What changed? The Executive Officer's service term length changed from one year of service to two consecutive years of officer service. The Officer's three year service as a director remained intact.

Case in Point. Two years ago, Tom was elected President at the 2014 Annual Fall Meeting. This caused him to serve as a President for 2015 & 2016 and additionally as a Director for 2017.

When Tom was elected as Vice President at the 2016 Annual Fall Meeting he automatically vacated his remaining 2017 term and acquired a new term running to 2019. Dennis Powers was elected to fill Tom's vacancy, and it runs through 2017. Similarly, it happened again with Janet's re-election as Treasurer. Rick Carnegie was elected into her old vacancy running to 2017. Mike Cuffe was the outgoing Vice President and retains the last 2017 Director position.

In Summary, there are three Directors in a year. No more, no less. 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

Montana 500 Web Information:

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

Executive Officers:

President: Bill Mullins Spokane
Vice Pres: Tom Carnegie Spokane
Treasurer: Janet Cerovski Helena

Directors and terms:

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Tom Carnegie 2017-2019 tacarn@yahoo.com
Janet Cerovski 2017-2019 jcerovski@bresnan.net

Brandon Langel 2016-2018 brandon@purewestmt.com
Garrett Green 2016-2018 27ford@att.net
Tony Cerovski 2016-2018 tcervski@bresnan.net

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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