

# The Montana 500 Newsletter

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## **2025 Endurance Run at Helena, Montana**

- **Reserve your Room before March 30, 2025 to get this Special Rate:**
  - **Reserve Your Room Now:** Call the Manager's phone at 406-970-2220.
    - Ask for Peter.
    - Tell Peter that you are with the Montana Cross Country T Association and or the Montana 500 Antique Car group.
    - Then tell Peter that you would like a room in the Helena Inn at the quoted rate shown below.
    - **Quoted non-smoking room rates are**
      - One room with one Queen bed, \$99.00 plus tax per night.
      - One room with two Queen beds, \$109.00 plus tax per night.
      - One room with one King bed, \$105.00 plus tax per night.
    - **After March 30, the room rates will be much higher if available.**
  - **The Block Reservation Dates:** Arrival Saturday PM, June 14<sup>th</sup>.  
Departure Thursday AM, June 19<sup>th</sup>.
  - **Hotel Name & Address:** Helena Inn, 2300 N Oakes St, Helena, MT 59601.
  - **For RV Parking,** Talk to Peter at 406-970-2220 and inquire if you can park your RV on their lot. Maybe a fee will be required.
  - **Trailer Parking:** The Helena Inn Hotel has plenty of designated tow vehicle and trailer parking. Keep in mind that others will be accessing their vehicles, trailers and parking too.
- **Concerning Membership at the 2025 Endurance Run:**
  - Inspection forms and sealing of the Model T's:
    - Sunday, June 15, 2025, beginning about noon.
  - Driving Dates:
    - Monday, June 16<sup>th</sup> approximately two legs of 110 miles each.
    - Tuesday, June 17<sup>th</sup>, approximately two legs of 110 miles each.
    - Wednesday, June 18<sup>th</sup>, approximately a 100-mile single leg loop.
      - Teardown of top car following final leg in Tony's Shop.
      - Banquet following the Teardown on the Cerovski premises.

## **President's Message**

**Feb. 16, 2025**

I am looking forward to this year's Montana 500 Endurance Run in Helena! As you know, we need volunteers for the various activities that make the Endurance Run a success each year.

We will need volunteers for:

- Sunday inspection team, Inspection Manual provided,
- Leaving timing person and flagger, Manual provided
- Arriving timing person and flagger, Manual provided
- Computer data entry and printout person(s), Manual provided
- Radar team, Manual provided
- Trouble Truck teams (3 on day one, then 2.), Manual provided
- Meeting room setup team,
- Banquet order and setup team,
  - and other activities as needed.

Please contact me at 505-410-1909 ( [dribblebit@comcast.net](mailto:dribblebit@comcast.net) ) or Tony at 406-461-1389 ( [tcerovski@bresnan.net](mailto:tcerovski@bresnan.net) ) if you would like to volunteer or if you know someone that will help out. If you volunteer your vehicle to help with the above duties, the MCCTA will pay the gasoline (diesel fuel) expenses for the vehicles used performing these duties. Keep receipts and give them to Janet for reimbursement.

Tony has set up the Helena Inn hotel that we can use as our base of operations, but the hotel has limitations for meeting room space. He is working on a backup fix for that.

The next Newsletter will include the Meeting Minutes of the Annual Fall Meeting of the Members. Then another newsletter will contain the Rules Revised October, 2024. Only one rule change was made and that allowed the use of external brakes. Please note that we have 'frozen' rules changes for 2025, 2026, & 2027 so you can prepare your Model T with that knowledge. We hope this year to have more entries in the touring class.

Please place the Montana 500 Endurance Run on your vacation calendar and come to enjoy this family-reunion-like event of Model T enjoyment. It is exciting and fun!

And it is recommended to purchase a set of "MT-500 Carburetor Gauges" through Janet ( [jcerovski24@gmail.com](mailto:jcerovski24@gmail.com) ) if you don't already have a set. Cost is \$85.00 per set.

Larry Azevedo, President

## **Thank You Sponsors:**

Thanks to Mike Kossor, who sells the ECCT, I-Timer, & E-Timer. Many of us tune up our ignition coils each year with his ECCT. <https://modeltecct.com> A growing number of Model T's use his I-timer or E-timer in their non-MT500 T's too. Mike also makes an appreciated donation to our banquet expenses. Thank again Mike!

Thanks to Don Snyder, III, of Snyder's Antique Auto Parts, for sending us a new gasket kit for our use in assembling the tore down car. [Vintage Ford Parts Distributor | Snyder's Antique Auto Parts \(snydersantiqueauto.com\)](#)

## **Thank you 2024 Volunteers at Roundup**

- Leaving Timer Team, Heather Robison, Megan Teats.
- Arriving Timer Team, Carla Carnegie Cathy Wright.
- Time Data Entry Team, Leslie Nelson, Lindsay Nelson, and Carl Nelson for helping with the time data entry on the first day, and Sharon Pester and Tony Cerovski for data entry on days 2 and 3.
- Trouble Truck Trailer drivers Stan and Willy Langel, Andy Andrews, and Carolyn Ridley,
- Thanks to Patti Berglin and Elaina Berglin for the Radar Team work.
- Thanks to Janet Cerovski for setting up the Trailer parking area and banquet arrangements.
- Thanks to Brandon Langel for setting up the meeting building and teardown shop.
- And thanks to everyone who participated in last year's mini vacation event.

## **Thank you Donors**

Thanks to the Silent Auction donors for 2024. Those were

- Mark Chaffin – 280 Camshaft & Bearings,
- Larry Azevedo – Timer accuracy check.
- Rick Carnegie – Reground Camshaft of your grind choice.
- Matt Hansen – Yetti cooler and accessories.
- Tony Cerovski, Ford script high head milled to 272 cc's +/- 2 cc's.

Come again and expect to have fun, The Montana Cross Country "T" Association, The Montana 500.

**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, electrical systems builder, and parts suppliers.

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. The membership provides 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 \$40 and entitle the member a vote at meetings. Touring & Endurance class: \$100.00/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:**

1. <https://mt500.run/>
2. [Official Montana 500 \(themontana500.com\)](https://themontana500.com)
3. <https://www.facebook.com/pg/Montanafivehundred/posts/>

**Current Executive Officers:**

President:	Larry Azevedo	Corrales, NM
Vice Pres:	Tony Cerovski	Helena, MT
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## Past Presidents of the Montana Cross Country “T” Association

Past Presidents	Home Town	Years served	Starting Town
Ed Towe-1 <sup>st</sup> Leader	Circle, Montana	1961-1962	Bonner, MT to Fairview, MT
1. Ken Cook	Bozeman, Montana	1963	Bozeman to Lewistown '63
2. Ray Habel	Dutton, Montana	1964	Baker to Helena '64
3. Bill Walters	Bozeman, Montana	1965-1966	Great Falls '65, Laurel '66
4. John Foos Jr.	Laurel, Montana	1967-1968	Lewistown '67, Dillon '68
5. Bud Peters	Ledger, Montana	1969-1970	Shelby '69, Helena '70
6. Rich Armstrong	Helena, Montana	1971-1972	Bozeman '71, Miles City '72
7. Al Rieker	Boulder, Montana	1973-1974	Helena '73, Livingston '74
8. David Meuli	Conrad, Montana	1975-1976	Great Falls '75, Helena '76
9. Ed Delzer	Shelby, Montana	1977-1978	Lewistown '77, Helena '78
10. Rich Armstrong	Helena, Montana	1979-1980	Great Falls '79, Libby '80
11. Chuck Worthington	Livingston, Montana	1981-1982	Conrad '81, Livingston '82
12. Terry Peters	Ledger, Montana	1983-1984	Bozeman '83, Helena '84
13. Marian Cook	Bozeman, Montana	1985-1986	Helena '85, Helena '86
14. Dale Schuler	Carter, Montana	1987-1988	Butte '87, Billings '88
15. Jim Halseth	Dutton, Montana	1989-1990	Great Falls '89, Bozeman '90
16. George Nickol	Ledger, Montana	1991-1992	Butte '91, Great Falls '92
17. Terry Peters	Ledger, Montana	1993-1994	Butte '93, Bozeman '94
18. Tony Cerovski	Helena, Montana	1995-1996	Fairmont '95, Helena '96,
19. Tony Cerovski	Helena, Montana	1997-1998	Lewistown '97, Lewistown '98
20. Simon Nickol	Ledger, Montana	1999-2000	Missoula '99, Great Falls '00
21. Sam Nickol	Ledger, Montana	2001-2002	Kalispell '01, Helena, '02
22. Tom Carnegie	Spokane, Washington	2003-2004	Bozeman '03, Eureka '04
23. Rick Carnegie	Spokane, Washington	2005-2006	Lewistown '05, Dillon '06
24. Mark Hutchenson	Spokane, Washington	2007-2008	Havre '07, Thompson Falls '08
25. Mike Robison	Valleyford, Washington	2009-2010	Livingston '09, Fairview->Bonner
'10			
26. Mike Stormo	Davenport, Washington	2011-2012	Conrad '11, Butte '12
27. Mike Cuffe	Eureka, Montana	2013-2014	Fort Benton '13, Libby '14
28. Tom Carnegie	Spokane, Washington	2015-2016	White Sulphur '15, Dillon '16
29. Bill Mullins	Spokane, Washington	2017-2018	Missoula '17, Shelby '18
30. Matt Hansen	Colbert, Washington	2019-2020	Columbus '19, Helena '20
31. Rick Bonebright	Florence, Montana	2021-2022	Kalispell '21, Glendive '22
32. Rick Bonebright	Florence, Montana	2023-2024	Fort Benton '23, Roundup '24
33. Larry Azevedo	Corrales, New Mexico	2025-2026	Helena '25,
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