



They re off! One at a time the entries are waved off at the start of the race. A low budget event, the checkered flag is used at both ends of the run. In Montana they don t even need a flag when it comes to racing Model T Fords!

Livingston Model T Race

A PART OF LIVINGSTON, MONTANA S FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION

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A spectator sport, too. Bring your own scats!

Almost everyone has heard of the great Montana Cross Country Model T Race, which is held in June of each year. That event lasts for several days and covers hundreds of miles.

Well, racing Model T's seems to be the Montana state pastime. The pictures here tell the story of another Montana race, this one in Livingston, on the Fourth of July.

The Race is just a part of the Livingston Fourth of July Rodeo, River Race, Picnic, Fireworks, Bar-be-que, Parade, Model T Race and General Hellsapoppin. The whole town joins in on the fun; after all, it is a National Holiday!

Almost every one of the cars pictured had participated in the Montana Cross Country Race this year. This race is sort of like the short run they give a race horse after the race – just to cool 'em down. Instead of the 500-plus, this one is only about eighty miles long and lasts but one day.

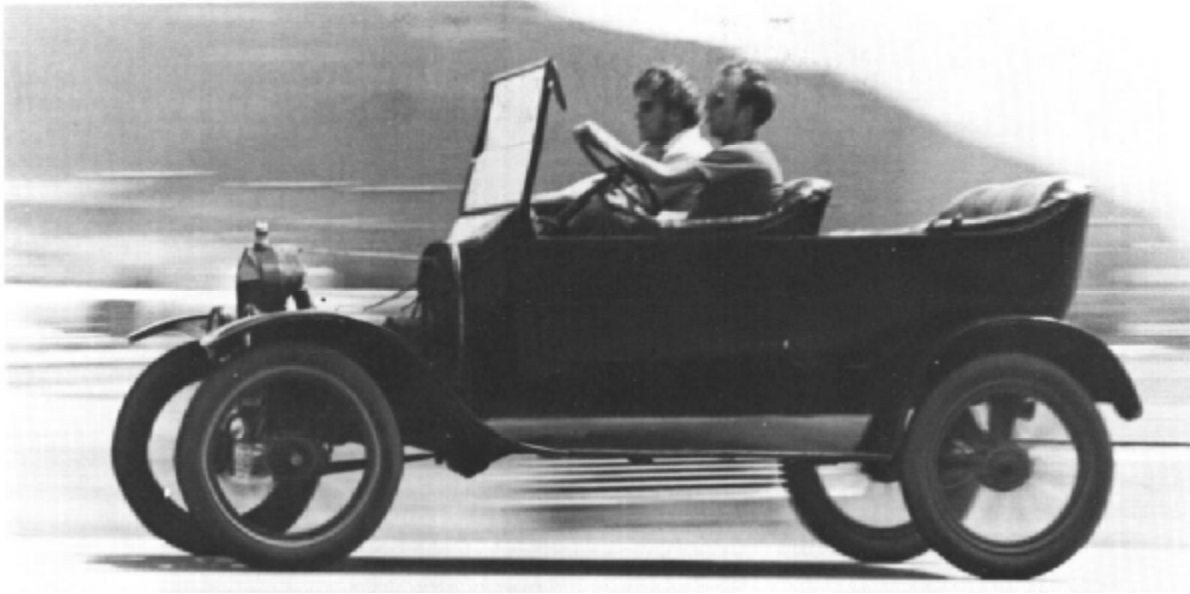
The Livingston Race is limited to Model T Fords which must have stock engines. About the only modifications allowed are aluminum pistons (and these run in a different class), and the elimination of power-robbing items like fans, bumpers, tops and so on. Since the race is run on state highways, all entries must be street legal.

Two classes of cars participate: Those with stock (iron) pistons, and those with aluminum pistons. Trophies and cash prizes are awarded to the first five of each class.



Three generations of Embrees – Glenn Jr. points out the features of this '26 Model T to his son, Eric, while Phyllis (Glenn Sr. s. wife) looks on.

Note that the fan belt has been removed, as has the fan. The water pump is still in place hut does not function.



Nick Odell, throttle at full-bore, heads for the finish line. This was Nick's first run.



Skilled mechanics make final adjustments. Reports are that this car hasn't run right since, but with mechanics like these, who cares!



In addition to entering the race, members of the Livingston Model T Ford Club donated their time and cars to give the kids a chance to see (and feel) how it was in great-granddad's time.



Participants, spectators and cars mingle prior to the race. If it gets too hot you can always take a dip in the pool in the foreground.

