

Hollis Ford Hosting 2018 Great Race

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driver and navigator, are given precise instructions each day that detail every move down to the second. They are scored at secret check points along the way and are penalized one second for each second either early or late. As in golf, the lowest score wins.

Hollis said, "Cars start - and hopefully finish - one minute apart if all goes according to plan. The biggest part of the challenge other than staying on time and following the instructions is getting an old car to the finish line each day".

Each stop on the Great Race is free to the public and spectators will be able to visit with the participants and to look at the cars for several hours. It is common for kids to climb in the cars for a first-hand look.

Cars built in 1972 and earlier are eligible, with most entries having been manufactured before World War II. In the 2017 Great Race from Florida to Michigan a 1932 Ford Cabriolet won the event when it crossed the finish line in downtown Traverse City. That vehicle was driven by Jody Knowles of Tyrone, Ga., and navigated by Beth Gentry of Newnan, Ga. They won \$50,000 for finishing first overall.

A 1913 Bugatti, a 1916 Hudson Pikes Peak Hillclimber, a 1916 Chevrolet Phaeton, a 1917 Peerless Racer and a chain-driven 1918 American LaFrance Speedster are the oldest cars scheduled to be in the 2018 Great Race. The winners will again receive \$50,000 of the \$150,000 total purse.

Over the decades, the Great Race has stopped in hundreds of cities big and small, from tiny Austin, Nev., to New York City. In expressing his enthusiasm for the June 30th event, Rick Hollis said, "When the Great Race pulls into a large or small community it becomes an instant festival," Hollis, who has followed the Great Race for several years said. "Last year with four overnight stops with more than 10,000 spectators along the way to having 250,000 people see the Great Race during the event."

The event was started in 1983 by Tom McRae and it takes its name from the 1965 movie, *The Great Race*, which starred Tony Curtis, Jack Lemmon, Natalie Wood and Peter Falk. The movie is a comedy based on the real life 1908 automobile race from New York to Paris. In 2004, Tony Curtis was the guest of the Great Race and rode in his car from the movie, the Leslie Special.

The Great Race gained a huge following from late night showings on ESPN when the network was just starting out in the early 1980s. The first entrant, Curtis Graf of Irving, Texas, is still a participant today.

By being sponsor for the Truro leg of the Great Race, Hollis Ford joins some of the largest names in the automotive world. The event's main sponsors are Hemmings Motor News, Hagerty, Coker Tire and Reliable Carriers.

For more information, go to www.greatrace.com



MAURICE'S CAST • Shown above is the new cast to mend Maurice's wrist, which was fractured when he fell on May 17th. It slowed him down and he couldn't finish all the stories he was planning for this issue. Cast is to be removed on July 4th, when he again visits Dr. Boudreau, a bone specialist in New Glasgow. (Rees Photo)

2018 Volunteer Recognition Awards.



(Left to right) *Back row:* Mayor Bill Mills, Arthur Chestnut, Dana Smith (on behalf of this father, Elbert Smith), Charles Boyce, Colton Graham (on behalf of his grandfather, posthumously, Peter Graham), John Kelderman, Before Monday Choir, Eden MacDonald, Sandy Murdock, Derek McMullen, Terry Cox, Mayor Christine Blair. *Front row:* Fran Fiddes, Ineke Bakker, Sheila Wilson, Kelly Tucker, Camryn Patton, Donna Fraser, Jackie Goodwin, Meagan Negus, Ada Higgins. *Missing from photo:* Mindy MacDonald, Dave Scharf, & Gayle Bishop

A ceremony was held on Tuesday, April 17th at the Truro Holiday Inn with both the Town of Truro and the Municipality of the County of Colchester recognizing those such volunteers that help with the betterment of their community. Arthur Chestnut with the Town of Truro and Kelly Tucker with the Municipality of Colchester were selected as the 2018 Nova Scotia Provincial Volunteer Award Representatives.

Other such representatives that fall in that same category are: Donna Fraser, Derek McMullen, Eden MacDonald, Fran Fiddes, Dave Scharf, Ada Higgins, Sandy Murdock, Gayle Bishop, and John Kelderman. This year's recipient of the Royal Pettigrew Recreation Leadership Award has been given to Mindy MacDonald for her outstanding contributions to Tatamagouche Minor Hockey.

Community Group Volunteer Awards were distributed to Cobequid Eco-Trails Society, STAR Volunteers, Terry Cox Construction Ltd., and Before Monday community choir. The Youth Volunteer Award was given to Camryn Patton. Volunteer firefighters were also recognized this year who have over 50 years of service to the community. Peter Graham was posthumously awarded for 65 years of service with

the Upper Stewiacke Fire Department; Charles Boyce was recognized for 65 years of service with the Bible Hill Fire Brigade; and Elbert Smith received an award for an incredible 70 years of service to the Bible Hill Fire Brigade. ***A special thank you to all of the Volunteers nominated this year.*** ***Keep up the great work!***