

Transportation

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Getting there used to be a simple matter of plodding along, one foot in front of the other, until the destination arrived. Travel was slow, but so was life.

Now, life's jacked up its tempo and transportation has followed suit.

Airplanes flit cross country, subways whoosh in the night and the Concorde jetliner taxis for takeoff. Automobiles, too, are healthy participants in the transportation affair.

One person per car, one person per car, the auto parade winds down every highway with gas-guzzling furor. People say it's got to stop. With mind-boggling statistics, scientists declare it must. Transportation, they say, is responsible for 25 per cent of the United States'

energy consumption.

Wheels turn. Motors whirl. And the sky muddies in the fit of pollution.

These pages suggest a few alternatives to energy-intensive, air-polluting travel.

For starters, there's a few train ideas on Page 3, and for the inexpensive way to go, see Page 6 for wagon-pulling tricks. Bikes, the most popular alternative mode of transportation, has a two-page spread on Pages 4 and 5.

And just for a touch of the bizarre, E.G. White-Swift investigates Eugene's canal potentials on Page 8.

For those of you tired of Detroit's chrome-plated V-8, jacked-up, super-charged motor carriages, the Emerald now gives you a glance at several...

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