

# THE SUNDAY MOTORIST

An Abridged Magazine for Car Owners  
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Widespread improvement of the highways ought to be made to take the edge off the center of the road by many motorists.

Where the Road Forks  
Strength of character is the odd thing about the motorist. He is usually a man of strong character, but when it comes to meeting obstacles, he is usually a weakling, refusing to look at the easy way out.

How does this apply to driving a car?  
The other day a woman was observed in process of starting off on a road where turning around would have been easy enough, but she drove the easier way. She proceeded to drive straight ahead to the end of the street, turn to the right and come up a parallel street, and then her way of turning.

The easy way would be all right if it were always the answer to a problem, but too often one is faced with the necessity of using skill and experience in order to handle the situation. Here is where the driver who has never been a bit of a struggler, but who is a bit of a struggler, is a bit of a struggler.

Some days we are going to discover that many accidents happen because drivers do not know how to stop quickly. We are sure that our accident statistics are nothing more nor less than a record of things that can be done in a very easy way. We cannot have any drivers so long as we have any drivers.

The driver who starts out with the idea of avoiding every need for clear thinking, intelligent action and good advice is simply working himself the opportunity to develop strength. It is simply a matter of time before the driver will find himself in a position where he may be found wanting.

After all, this is the hardest way to take a detour. Why take it?  
Views on the News  
Property is more important than life and it is more important to be insured against loss of a car through fire or theft, than it is to be insured against a personal injury suit. This is the conclusion one draws from the statistics of a prominent insurance company which announces that while only 50 per cent of automobile owners are carrying liability insurance 85 to 90 per cent are covered by fire and theft. The reason is that the automobile is a liability insurance until the accident. The situation is said to demonstrate anew that the most hazards are those that are the least considered.

While there are some to a half million miles of surfaced roads in the United States many motorists are particularly interested in the new given out by the U. S. bureau of public roads to the effect that there are approximately another million miles of surfaced roads that have been graded, drained and generally improved according to engineering standards. With improved roads and balloon tires such news is so far as results go, the best of the average surfaced road.

Transcontinental motoring will be possible in Canada. The mainstay of the Fraser river says are being blasted to make way for the new highway which will connect eastern and western Canada.

New and Interesting  
A device being marketed where the crankcase of any car can be heated from the dash. A key opens the release so that no one is in a middle with the device. Windshield wipers working in tandem make wet weather driving more comfortable for the front passenger. With a little practice and ingenuity the wiper can be set up so that it will clean the windshield with the wiper.

The Old Mechanic's Says:  
Sometimes I don't know whether I'm a repairer or a mind healer. I got to do my customer's work as well as their motors. Every now and again some chap will come in here just about "clobbered" with the complaint that his car won't start. I jump in and find the wheel a few turns but find anything wrong.  
"Would you first notice it?" I asked one fellow.  
"I noticed it for the last

## THREE PRICES TO GO UP FORTY PER CENT SOON

DETROIT—The prices are going to rise. If your car will require new rubber this winter buy it now. This is the tip that comes from the Akron tire industry, where reliable information has it that wholesale prices of tires to the automobile manufacturers will be approximately 40 per cent effective January 1. One large tire manufacturer has already sent out a confidential notice to this effect. This projected increase would be the sixth price jump in the last eight months.

There was the answer. He was tired of driving.  
Some drivers seem to think they can drive indefinitely and have just to accommodate "em. But it can't be done. A car takes just so much strength to handle and when the driver's pep is below par the car is bound to seem troublesome.

How is a clutch made to seem easy to press out when you're seen out all hours the night before?  
How can a car seem to ride easy when its driver ought to be home under a feather bed?  
How is an engine going to seem to have pep on hills when the driver is trying to make the last fifty miles go by without seeming like a couple of hours of driving?

If a car is driven for too long a stretch the driver is bound to become conscious of the noise of the tappets. He will hear things he wouldn't hear if he were feeling more kindly disposed toward the world. He will become conscious of the condition of the road and think the car isn't riding so well.

When things like this happen he needs a bed, not a repairer.  
Blowing Out Radiator  
There is an attachment for the conventional air hose whereby the car owner can use free air at a filling station for the purpose of blowing dirt out of the core of the radiator. After a season's use the core is likely to become clogged with unforgotten bugs, bits of dirt leaves, and if one does not care to have the water drained out in the meantime, it is necessary to plug up the end of the radiator overflow pipe. A cork is handy for this. Of course the cap should be screwed on tightly. The theory is that if no air can enter the system to displace the water draining off, the water cannot run out. A little water will drip out, due to the fact that the system is not hermetically sealed against air, even when the overflow is plugged up, but there will be no steady stream of water to make a mess of things.

Another Trouble Saver  
If it is desired to remove the petcock at the radiator or pump drain, and if one does not wish to have the water drained out in the meantime, it is necessary to plug up the end of the radiator overflow pipe. A cork is handy for this. Of course the cap should be screwed on tightly. The theory is that if no air can enter the system to displace the water draining off, the water cannot run out. A little water will drip out, due to the fact that the system is not hermetically sealed against air, even when the overflow is plugged up, but there will be no steady stream of water to make a mess of things.

Did You Know That  
There was a device for us on a twelve-cylinder engine designed to cut out six of the cylinders without requiring any special work against the compression of the six cylinders?  
Gasoline goes stale? If the car has not been operated for several months it may be necessary to pour some fresh gasoline into the carburetor and vacuum tank. Priming, however, will usually overcome the difficulty of stale gas.

The solution in one cell of a battery should never be transferred to or mixed with the solution in that of another? When using a hydrometer to test the battery always see that it is empty before inserting it into another cell, unless fresh distilled water is to be added.

Now You Have It!  
(Answers to last week's questions)  
1—There is nothing to be gained by trying to get rid of a piston slap by trying one new piston. The new piston may not balance properly with the cylinder, and you will have to knock even if you stop the piston slap.  
2—Where exhaust valves are no larger than intake valves it will usually be found the engine has been designed for a higher lift of the exhaust valve or earlier opening. The idea is to get the burned gases out quickly.  
3—It is not necessary to get out of the car to tell whether compression is high and the bearings are tight. Switch off the motor. The

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Pettingill also suggests to local motorists that they have their crankcases drained and refilled more often during the winter months than they have been during the summer period. The use of the choke in starting these cooler days causes crankcase dilution which breaks down the quality of the lubricating oil. "Oil is cheaper than repair bills and if motorists give more attention to lubrication they will be bothered less by the latter," according to Pettingill.

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## GIVES AJAX SEVERE TEST

OWNER DRIVES 5000 MILES WITH NEW SEDAN  
SAN FRANCISCO—By this time the speedometer of R. B. Lawson's Ajax six sedan will have registered about 5000 miles. At least he so estimated just before leaving San Francisco Friday morning on a tour to southern California.

Lawson says he purchased the first Ajax sedan when it was introduced a few months ago. Immediately after taking delivery of it he and Mrs. Lawson went into the mining country in Calaveras county, where they encountered what he considers as some of the worst roads in the state.

"We put over 2000 of this kind of miles on the car," explained Lawson. "We also took a trip to San Diego and through much of the southern California country before coming north again."

Lawson declares that he has never taken the sedan to a garage to have anything mechanical done to the car. "My only expenses have been for fuel," he continued, "although after coming here I did take it to the service department to be greased and inspected."

HUDSON - ESSEX TO FORE  
250,000TH AUTOMOBILE HAS BEEN PRODUCED  
Hudson-Essex has broken another record for volume business, according to word received last week by the Benjamin Motor company, Hudson-Essex distributor.

Officials announce their production of motor car No. 250,000 for the year 1925—important because that is just twice the number of Hudson-Essex cars made in 1924, which was itself far in advance of any previous Hudson-Essex year.

"The records of the industry," said Mr. Benjamin "will show that no other large producer of cars has succeeded in doubling 1924 output."

"This specialization, together with the volume of business done, has brought about a striking degree of economy."

At the end of the ten days, the superiority of the Knight motor was so convincingly demonstrated that there was no doubt in the minds of the engineers who had watched the test run.

For the full 240 hours, the Knight motor steadily delivered its full 550 horse power, without a fluctuation in the indicating dial. At the end of the run it was shut off. Then, without adjustments of any kind, was immediately started up again and when the throttle was opened, it showed the full 550 horsepower without the slightest sign that it has been deteriorated in the slightest by the run.

KEEP CARS IN CONDITION  
LIGHTER GEAR LUBRICANT USED IN WINTER  
Local Motorists Take Kindly to Suggestions of Tide Water Oil Sales Corporation  
Local motorists have taken very kindly to the suggestion of the Tide Water oil sales corporation in a recent issue of this paper that they give some thought to proper lubrication of their cars before winter sets in. According to W. C. Pettinell, western sales manager of the company, a check-up shows that increased numbers of car owners are having the transmissions and differentials cleaned out and refilled with fresh lubricant. In many cases a lighter gear lubricant is used on account of the winter temperatures. Service stations and garage operators also advise that more chassis lubrication work is being called for this

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From Los Angeles to Albuquerque, 900 miles, in 26 hours 8 minutes elapsed time. This is the record established by this strictly-stock Ajax touring car.

The time of the fastest train between the two points is 21 hours and 9 minutes, and the rail distance is fourteen miles shorter.

The feat was performed over all sorts of bad roads—deep heavy sand, rutty rocky roads, and steep winding trails. The car carried three passengers and their baggage. The run was completed without a single motor adjustment.

Above is a map showing the route traveled by the Ajax. At the left is the mud-covered Ajax at the end of the journey.



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Auto Accessories make sensible, practical gifts—gifts that are always appreciated—gifts appropriate for friends and relatives—gifts that add to the comfort, pleasure, safety and economy of motoring—gifts that are in use all-year round.  
The shelves at all "Western Auto" stores are just teeming with new merchandise. Your Christmas gift money will go farther if you make your selections during this sale. Your gifts will be packed in Christmas boxes all ready to present.  
Below are a few of the articles included in this sale:

- "Leader" Spotlight: Here is a really useful gift—dependable—always handy—ready to point out house numbers, road signs and bad spots in the road. Our is \$1.85
- "Williams" Spotlight: Genuine "Williams" Spotlight—very popular. 4 1/2-inch reflector. Gift Sale Price is \$2.95
- "Stanley" Jug: An all-year utility. Keeps foods at original temperature all day. Cannot break. An ideal family gift. Gallon size, reduced during this sale. The Gift Sale to... \$5.95
- cy-Hot Vacuum Bottles: Pint and quart sizes, in enamel and corrugated nickel finishes. Priced according to size and finish, from \$1.58 to \$3.05
- Interior Mirrors: Make very inexpensive, suitable gifts. No motor car is complete without an interior mirror. They are a necessary part of the equipment. Special 7-inch mirror with nickel-plated brackets. Gift Sale Price... 79c Other Mirrors, \$1.24 to \$2.45.
- "Ash Receivers": A gift for the smoker. It is combined with match box holder and cigar rest. Made of solid brass, black or nickel-plated finish. Gift Sale Price is exceptionally low at \$1.15
- De Luxe Ash Receiver: With removable glass cup. Two models. \$1.57 and \$2.68
- The "Smithkie": Three compartments—cigarettes, matches and ash tray. An ideal gift. Price, each... \$1.85
- Visors: Visors make very appropriate gifts. There are the rubber cloth, all metal and green pyralin. Priced, according to type, from \$1.58 to \$4.10
- "Nobby" Locking Cap: The individual gift. A beautiful Locking Radiator Cap with monogram—their proof Three black knobs of genuine bakelite. Gift Sale Price... \$4.85
- Sport Model Locking Cap: Same as Nobby, only with two knobs. Ford Size... \$3.11 Chevrolet, Star, Essex, Oldsmobile... \$3.28
- Electric and Exhaust Horns: A complete line of horns from which to choose. Prices reduced for this sale. Range from \$3.10 to \$13.60

## Our Gift to You - an Inner Tube

WILL BE GIVEN with every Wear-well, Western Giant and Western Giant Balloon tire bought at our regular low prices. Whether you drive a light, medium or heavy car, a "Western Auto" tire will meet your requirements. They are manufactured according to our high standards of quality and sold direct to you. This method of distribution enables us to sell these high grade, dependable tires at lower prices. Our liberal guarantee fully protects you.

Wear-well Cords	Per. Size	Price
30x3	Clincber	\$8.95
30x3 1/2	Clincber	9.75
30x3 1/2	Clincber	10.95
30x3 1/2	Str. Side Overalls	13.80
31x4	Str. Side Overalls	16.95
32x4	Str. Side Overalls	17.85
33x4	Str. Side Overalls	18.65
32x4 1/2	Str. Side Overalls	25.75
33x4 1/2	Str. Side Overalls	26.85
34x4 1/2	Str. Side Overalls	27.90

BLUE RIBBON Tube with Wear-well Cords.  
JUMBO Tube with Western Giant Cords.  
This offer good only during this sale.

## Western Air Patrol Radio Brings Christmas Cheer - All the Year

The Gift of Gifts  
Happiness and joy all year round. Happiness, days, months of enjoyment. At your finger tips are lectures, singers, musicians—a turn of the dials and they entertain you while you are enjoying the comfort and environment of your own home.  
No home is complete without a radio set.  
SHOP EARLY  
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From Los Angeles to Albuquerque, 900 miles, in 26 hours 8 minutes elapsed time. This is the record established by this strictly-stock Ajax touring car.

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The feat was performed over all sorts of bad roads—deep heavy sand, rutty rocky roads, and steep winding trails. The car carried three passengers and their baggage. The run was completed without a single motor adjustment.

Above is a map showing the route traveled by the Ajax. At the left is the mud-covered Ajax at the end of the journey.