

Drag Strips for Hot Rod Drivers Discussed With Mixed Reactions

Chicago—(U.P.)—The move to provide young hot rod enthusiasts with drag strips where they can race under supervision has received a mixed reaction.

Proponents of the idea claim that drag strips promote safety by getting the hot rodders off the streets and onto their own supervised racing strips.

Opponents contend that drag racing just encourages speed, and that hot rodders drive too fast, anyway.

A spot check by United Press showed a wide divergence in official police reaction in cities across the country.

Many communities oppose drag strips vigorously. But in some, public funds have been used to build hot rod racing facilities.

The most potent advocate of drag racing is the Automobile Timing Association of America, founded by Arnold H. Maremont, president of Maremont Automotive Products, Inc.

Maremont contends a youth who builds a hot rod is expressing traditional Yankee inventiveness, and one who joins a bonafide hot rod club is an unlikely candidate for juvenile delinquency.

He said a drag race by definition is a race against the clock, not against another car. There never has been an accident at a race sponsored by the ATAA, he said.

On the other hand, the National Safety Council came out a few weeks ago in direct opposition to drag racing, supervised or otherwise. The council said many activities of hot rod clubs may be commendable. But it said the overall emphasis is on getting more speed out of a car.

The opposition was perhaps best expressed by Robert Leopold, manager of a citizen's group known as the Traffic and Safety Council of Atlanta, Ga. "I cannot quarrel with the

ideals of hot rod clubs on paper," he said. "But given a souped up car and the opportunity, many youths will succumb to temptation on the public streets and highways."

There are two commercial drag strips on private property just outside Atlanta, but none within the city limits.

By contrast, a drag strip near Denver, Colo., is being built by the county commission with public funds. At the same time, an ordinance expressly forbidding drag racing on city streets is expected to be passed by the city council.

Cleveland safety director John McCormick banned drag racing on any city streets. He said the city has a duty to protect its citizens.

"We can't allow racing on one street and arrest motorists for speeding on another," he said.

Two strips are contemplated for the Seattle, Wash., area and there are several in existence throughout the state. Events usually are sponsored by the West Washington Timing Association, which requires that participants be insured.

But the Automobile Club of Washington said it is "not sure we stand behind it anymore. It does not generate the right safety attitude. Kids and in some cases adults are carrying drag racing from the strips to the highways."



WINNING \$64,000 QUESTION doesn't alter outlook of Robert Strom, 10, as he plays with girl friend. He is an expert on physics, chemistry, astronomy and calculus, has chance to win total of \$256,000. (International Soundphoto)

Around Hollywood

Hollywood—(U.P.)—New star Joan Collins is one of the most dated girls in town, but this busy state of affairs worries the English beauty because "people get the impression I'm always having a ball."

From the gossip columns it sounds as if the colorful Joan does. Joan, Natalie Wood and Rita Moreno are the "campus queens" in this college of Hollywood, or rather, the Lana Turner, Ava Gardner and Rita Hayworth of the younger generation.

"When I'm not working I date every night," said Joan. "To sit home is the kiss of death! I plan to table-hop through life. Well, for five years, anyway, and then I'll sit down at one table."

Dressing Room Interview

Joan was sitting in her 20th Century-Fox dressing room wearing tight tuxedo pants and a huge sweater.

"I really work like crazy," the actress said. "I have three unreleased pictures ('Island in the Sun,' 'The Wayward Bus,' and 'Seawife'). But whenever one dates the spotlight is on one."

Since Joan became one of England's most exciting exports more than two years ago, she has dated actors Bob Wagner

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and Michael Rennie, wealthy Arthur Lowe Jr., hotel heir Nicky Hilton, conductor Buddy Bregman and both of Charles Chaplin's sons, Sydney and Charlie Jr. Once she established a new Hollywood record by dating 14 different bachelors in 14 nights.

Laugh Through Life

"Life is a ball and one should laugh one's way through it," she reflected. "But there really are very few attractive men in Hollywood. There was a cocktail party the other night and one man was invited by four girls!"

"I like a man with a sense of humor and most young men take themselves so seriously," she continued. "I like men in show business. And a man who is masculine! So few men really are."

"A man should dominate the woman. Not push her around, but he should wear the pants. American women are too aggressive and that's not feminine."

The rocks of Palisades Interstate Park, which lies along the west bank of the Hudson River in New Jersey and New York, are said by geologists to be 150,000,000 years old.



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Quotes From the News

By UNITED PRESS

London—(U.P.)—Prime Minister Harold Macmillan, on his forthcoming Bermuda talks with President Eisenhower:

"Our object at Bermuda is to clear up any differences between Britain and the United States and to restore Anglo-American relations to the cornerstone of world peace."

Boston—Robert Briscoe, the first Jewish lord mayor of Dublin, in marching a mile and a half in the St. Patrick's day parade:

"The good people of Boston apparently want to get a look at me and this is the best way."

Washington—Dr. Carl Walter, associate professor of surgery at Harvard Medical school, charging that hospitals have become "lax about sanitation":

"Ninety per cent of our civilian hospitals and a lot of veteran hospitals have turned into menaces to the patient's health."

Sarasota, Fla.—Hank Greenberg, general manager of the Cleveland Indians baseball team, revealing he had rejected a cash offer of \$1 million from the Boston Red Sox for pitcher Herb Score:

"The offer was made to me today by Tom Yawkey (Red Sox owner) and Joe Crenin (Red Sox general manager). It was a valid cash offer but I was forced to turn it down."

Washington—Thomas S. Gordon (D-Ill.) chairman of the House Foreign Affairs committee, introducing a resolution expressing regret and sorrow at the death of President Ramon Magsaysay of the Philippines:

"President Magsaysay was always a great friend of the United States and a great friend of democracy."

Overseas Positions Offered to Women

Miss June Rosenhaupt, special services representative of the Department of the Army, will be in Portland from March 28 until April 5 to interview women interested in overseas government jobs.

The civilian positions are being offered to qualified women by the Department of the Army in the recreation program for military personnel in Germany, France, Italy, Hawaii, Japan, Korea, Okinawa, Panama, Alaska, and in the United States.

The positions open include recreation leader, librarians, and crafts directors, and require applicants to have a college degree.

Salaries for these positions range from \$3670 to \$5440 per year based on education and experience. Transportation to the overseas location and housing is provided. Applicants are considered only for parts of the world in which they are interested.

Appointments with Miss Rosenhaupt in Portland regarding these jobs may be made by notifying her at the Oregon State Employment Service, 1437 S.W. Fourth ave., Portland.

Junior Chamber Discusses Camp

Policy, organization, donations, materials and construction plans for a proposed summer camp program were discussed Monday by the summer camp committee of the Medford Junior Chamber of Commerce at a meeting in the Holland hotel.

Committee leaders are Dick Walsh, chairman; Greg Orr, secretary; Al Franke, treasurer and materials; John Gustafson, outside organizations; Garry Shuler, parent organizations; Bob Foster, donations; and Don Carlson and Don Yocum, construction.

Warren Hayse and Orr are in charge of transportation to the camp site at the Lake o' the Woods. Working out plans and policy for the project are Al Holmes and Bob Shangle.

The Jaycee camp was formerly a Salvation Army camp. It was acquired by the group to accommodate youth groups of the area that otherwise would not have access to park facilities, according to Walsh.

Spokane—(U.P.)—John E. Weathersby 37, Chicago transit, is being held without charge in connection with the murder of two men in a hobo jungle here March 2.

CHANCE MEETING
Stafford Springs, Conn.—(U.P.)—Ronald Jacobsen, 21, was involved in a two-car collision while driving to the home of his girl friend. His fiancée was in the other car.

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