

AUTO IN FAST U. S. JOURNEY

From Baltimore to Los Angeles in 193 hours and 55 minutes elapsed time was the amazing cross-continent record set last week by William B. Harrington of Milan, Ind., with two companions in his Chevrolet coach. Leaving the Maryland city at one minute past 12 on Monday Morning, August 30, they roared into Los Angeles in the early morning hours, Friday, September 3, and checked in at the Western Union office at 4:56 a. m.

Adding the three hours difference in time which they gained in their Western run gave the Indiana man the remarkable record of 193 hours and 55 minutes, a cross-country mark that has never been approached by a car in the Chevrolet price class.

Harrington made the trip with a schedule of 92 hours as his goal. Weather conditions encountered en route made this impossible, but he believes that with a little better luck regarding rain that he would have bettered his schedule. He rolled into Kansas City just 34 hours and 8 minutes out of Baltimore, but a terrific rainstorm west of Kansas City put the dirt roads of that state in such shape that speed was an utter impossibility.

Accompanying Harrington was Albert Klein, also of Milan, Ind., and Norman Weatherford of Dalesboro, Ind. They took turns at the wheel, 100 miles at a stretch, and ate and slept in the car. The total load the Chevrolet carried was more than 800 pounds, and the car had been driven 13,000 miles before the trip began, yet it rolled into Los Angeles with the motor showing even more power than when the trip began.

Harrington made the fast trip as part of his yearly vacation. From Los Angeles he returned to Indiana by way of the Lincoln highway. After visiting Carmel, Yosemite and other California points of interest, he planned to be back in Milan not later than September 13, with about 6,000 miles of travel to the credit of the Chevrolet for the two weeks' period.

The best form of horn blowing lies between too much horn noise and not enough.

Women to Blame For Use Balloon Tire Generally

A new reason for the popularity of balloon tires was given today by H. E. Calkins, of the Klamath Tire House, Klamath Falls Firestone dealers, who declared that women motorists are, to a great extent, responsible for the ever-widening demand for this new type of equipment.

"The fair sex," he pointed out, "has had a big influence on the refinements and improvements made to motor cars, and their judgment is always taken into consideration by car manufacturers before new models are brought out."

"Never before, however, has the influence of the women been felt in the tire industry to a marked degree until the development of the balloon tire. Women have always been quick to take advantage of an improvement that made their cars better looking or easier to drive, as well as providing greater safety and comfort. Since balloons combine these necessary attributes they lead the field with the women."

"Women who do considerable driving are quick to notice the improvement in car control when using Firestone balloons. Indeed, the occasional driver appreciates the relieved strain of applying brakes and finds what formerly required all the strength at her command has been reduced to a mere movement of the pedal, with instant response."

"Women are keen on appearance, and know what these big, luxurious-looking tires mean to the car, and they don't overlook the economy of Firestone balloons in greater mileage, longer car life and reduced gas consumption."

"It is but another sign of the keen intelligence of the fair sex."

Girl Driver Killed As 'Masked Marvel'

Mrs. Dorothy Walker, aged 32, of Denver, Colo., one of the few women motor speed racers, was killed on the Overland Park track.

In the role of a "Masked Marvel" she had set out to drive a special five-mile exhibition race against time. Her car skidded against the fence, as she tried to negotiate the first curve at better than a 60-mile-an-hour clip.

Gyp Motor Clubs in Bad With Many Producers of Gas

Substitution of Cheap Inferior Oils in Place of Standard Brands Resented by Those Who Deal on Square

The recent arrest of several service station proprietors in Portland charged with the substitution of cheap, inferior oils in place of standard brands asked for, and the fact that several of the stations involved were said to be service units of a so-called Automobile Service club of the "Gyp" variety, again arouses the Oregon State Motor association to the necessity of sending out a message to the motoring public, warning them to beware of "Gyp" Motor clubs operated for profit.

The American Automobile association, with the assistance of its affiliated clubs in every state in the Union, is waging warfare against the dishonest garage and service station operators who find it an easy matter to substitute cheap, inferior oils on motorists who ask and pay for standard brands of recognized quality," said George Brandenburg of the Oregon State Motor association. "Our association, which holds the American Automobile association franchise in this state, has sent out bulletins on several occasions warning the motoring public to be on guard against the oil substitution crooks."

"Because of the Better Business bureau's recent arrest and exposure of the operators of several stations in Portland, however, we advise motorists not to become unduly suspicious of the great majority of dealers in oil who are conducting their business in a legitimate manner. The legitimate dealer keenly feels the effect on the public mind caused by the recent exposure of some of the dishonest competitors in the business, and earnestly hopes that every person guilty of the substitution practice may be quickly brought to justice."

"Investigations carried on by our national headquarters, time and time again have revealed the fact that substitution of inferior oils and practices of a like nature almost invariably follow the advent of the 'Gyp' motor or so-called motor service clubs who use the 'discount to members' bait in the endeavor to

build up an organization for profit to the promoters.

"Motorists and merchants approached by smooth-talking solicitors asking them to join an unknown organization will save money if they will heed the advice of the National Better Business bureau—'Before you invest, investigate.'"

It was a dark night, and after the breakdown the motorist emerged from beneath the car, struggling for breath. His helpful friend, holding an oil can, beamed on him.

"I've just given the cylinder a thorough oiling, Dick."

"Cylinder?" howled the motorist. "That wasn't the cylinder; that was my ear!"—Lancaster Motorist.

Gasoline Economy Marking Progress of Hudson Coaches

Although the new and improved steel Hudson coaches have been on the market here only about a month, and most of them in the hands of owners have not yet exceeded their breaking-in mileage period, reports of their high gasoline economy already are beginning to flow into the Acme Motor company, dealers. That the new Hudsons, considering their high speed, abundant power

and other fine car characteristics, have an amazing quality of gasoline thrift, is the assertion of owners.

The greater fuel mileage noted on the new cars is thus explained by J. H. Martin:

"By an improvement in the intake manifold, the engineers for Hudson have made possible a better distribution of fuel. By getting the maximum power from every drop of gasoline, much better fuel mileage than even the excellent mileage

made with former Hudsons is now secured."

Duco finished bodies with striping, steel construction in the coach, improved upholstery, nickel radiator shell, a rounded rear quarter and other refinements characterize the new series Hudsons, it is stated; refinements which have caused an immediate demand throughout the entire country, and an especially heavy rush in the territory of the local organization.

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