

SAVANNAH MAY REVIVE GRAND PRIZE CLASSIC

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BIG MOTOR RACE.

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NEW YORK, February 26.—Automobile circles are stirred up over the probable revival this year of the grand prize race. Although the event was not scheduled in the list of events sanctioned by the American Automobile Association for 1910, recent events have made it appear as though this automobile classic will be decided during the fall.

The Savannah Automobile Club, which recently held a meeting, will make a strong fight to secure the international automobile road race and has already applied for a sanction from the American Automobile Association. Although no date was made for the event it is understood that the southerners will select Thanksgiving day for the contest. The report that the event will be run on Long island is not given much credence in automobile circles. The absence of an international flavor in last year's Vanderbilt cup race was thought to be responsible for the tame spectacle of that event, and it was said that many favored a return to the old type of freak speed monsters which would necessitate deviation from the stock car idea.

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At a meeting of the executive committee of the Savannah Automobile Club plans were discussed for an international race. At the meeting it was decided by those that attended to start work at once so that everything could be arranged in due time. Besides having an international race a stock car race will be held on the first day, making the program very similar to that of the grand prize race held November, 1908. Savannah is rapidly becoming an automobile center of the first importance in the south, and trade in cars is expanding considerably. This interest in automobiling is largely responsible for the effort to secure the grand prize race.

The first and only race for this trophy, which is valued at \$5,000, took place on Thanksgiving day two years ago at Savannah. It was one of the most successful contests of its kind ever held. The policing of the course was excellent and came in for the highest praise from every one in attendance. The course over which the cars raced was one of the best and safest in the country, which was proved by the fast time by the high horse power cars entered. There was not one single accident to mar the contest.

The Savannah club at the meeting also decided upon its run to Jacksonville. The contest will be started on July 4.

Since the holding of the first race for the grand prize thousands of automobilists have visited Savannah, chiefly for the purpose of driving over the famous course. Rumors had it along automobile row that it was decided to hold the big race there this year that many well-known automobilists were planning to charter a Savannah line steamer for the purpose of taking themselves and their friends and automobiles to the scene of the race, as was done by the Automobile Club of America for the first race. It was said by a member of the latter club that his organization might do the same thing again this year in case the race is held at Savannah.

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