

SPEED LOVERS WILL SOON MAKE HISTORY

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by World's Swiftest Driver
and Fastest Track.

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Without Danger to Life
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the roads which have become damaged by the use of heavy vehicles.

Compare such a course, and so prepared, with the local wonderful speedway, which will be for automobiles only, that will be oiled and rolled to a billiard table smoothness. What is bound to be the result but that it will make the greatest track in the world and one on which the fastest cars in the world can be turned loose at full speed without danger to the spectator and but little to the driver on account of dust which is so fatal on road racing courses.

"I am very enthusiastic about this speedway, and am pleased that the car which I will pilot is a local one, as it will give me plenty of opportunity to try it out on the course and prepare it for the highest speed before I start my racing season."

WARNS SALESMEN OF RUTS.

Indianapolis Auto Firm "Talks Straight From the Shoulder."

Premier Bulletin.

Ruts are the grooves worn smooth by the wheels of the many who are satisfied to "jog along" in the procession, "behind the other fellow." But the man who wants to go some must pull out of the line and "hit her up a bit."

We recall one of these "jog along" fellows who ran a garage in a nearby city, and also had the agency for Premier cars. During the season he disposed of nine cars; he claimed that the Premier was too high grade for the town and that the people wanted a lower priced car.

We scratched this man for 1909, placing the Premier agency in the hands of one of the "hit her up" kind of dealers; one who had a good line of lower priced cars, but felt that lots of people wanted something better and of proven worth. He has sold to date fifty-three Premier cars and his chances are good to double the number before the season ends, were we able to give him the cars.

WILL HOLD TIRE COMPETITION

New York Autoists Plan Novel Feature With Tour.

In connection with the three days' tour to the Catskill and Berkshire regions, which will be held by the New York Automobile Trade Association beginning June 12, it has been announced that a novel tire and demountable rim competition will be held. All the leading tire and rim makers will be asked to participate. Observers appointed by the tire companies interested will report on the condition of each individual make upon reaching the different controls.