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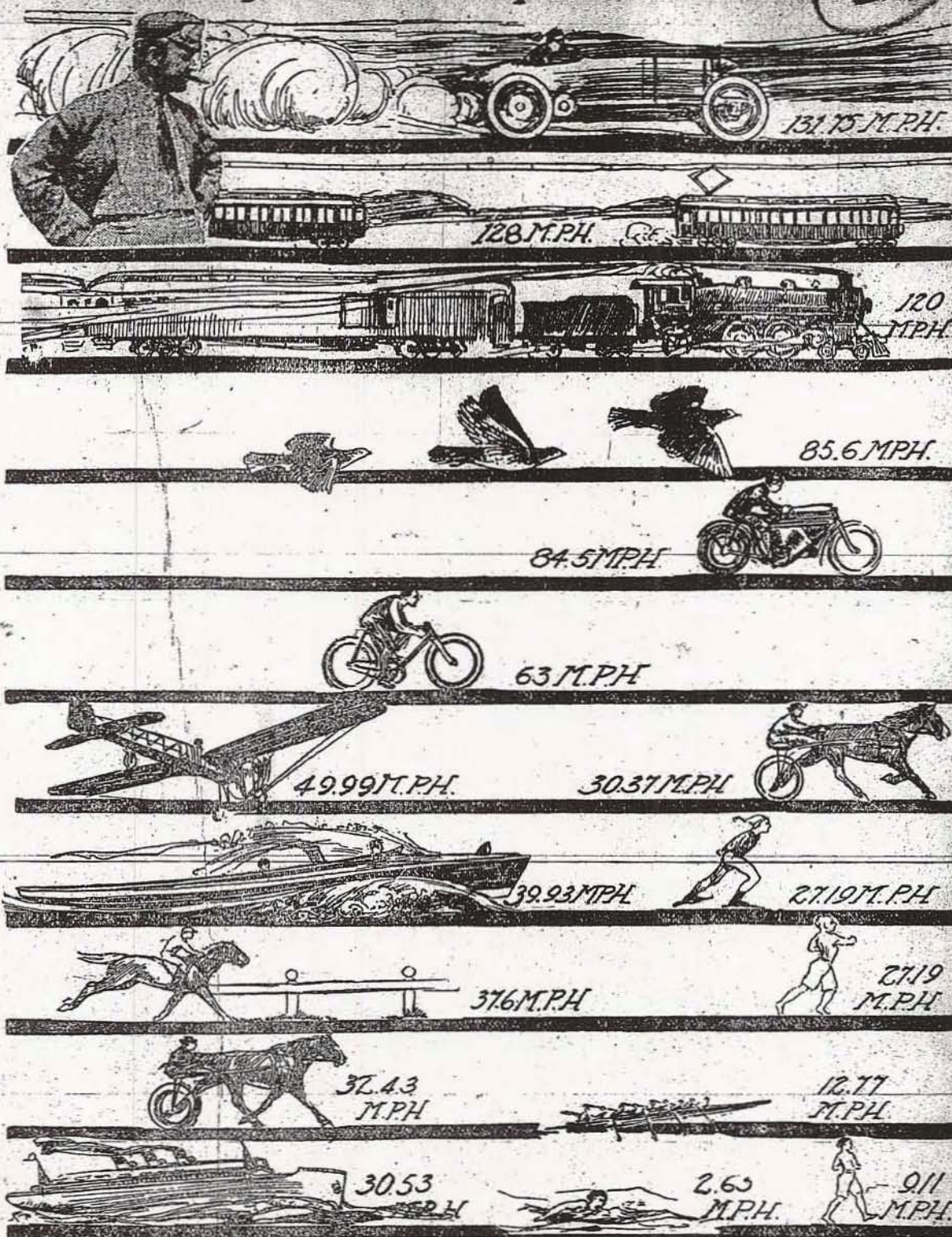
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## Comparative Speed Records



Here is table comparing the speed of various methods of locomotion ranging from the record of a swimmer for one mile, to the marvelous performance of Barney Oldfield with the "Blitzen" Benz on the Florida Beach when the Champion driver sent his car faster than anything save a bullet ever traveled. This is the same machine Barney will drive at the Lucas county fair Saturday afternoon.

Oldfield was timed by the Warner electrical and mechanical device, probably more accurate than the timing of the other record trials.

Motor Car—131.75 m. p. h.—Straightaway mile in 27.33, by Barney Oldfield, in Benz at Daytona, Fla., March 16, 1910. (Oldfield traveled a kilometer (5/8 of a mile) at the rate of 142 miles an hour.

This table being figured on the basis of a full mile, his average of 131.75 m. p. h. is used.)

Electric Trolley—128.55 m. p. h.—Average speed made by electric trolley in

German government test over Berlin, Zossen road in 1902.

Steam Locomotive—120 m. p. h.—Average speed made March, 1901, in run from Fleming to Jacksonville by Plant system locomotive in five-mile run; time, 2:30.

Pigeon—85.6 m. p. h.—Average speed made in 1900 by bird owned by W. J.

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## ATICK LEAKS UP WANDEKING

After traveling all over the world, he was 9 years of age. William Adolph, 21, arrived in Toledo Sunday to find his brother. Paul Adolph, whom he had not seen since he was years of age.

Young Adolph suspected that his other might be living here, hence as on as he arrived from New York he consulted the directory and was happy to find that his surmises were correct. Paul Adolph is a prosperous business man, owning a shoe factory on St. Clair street.

The parents of the Adolph boys died when the latter were quite young. William being but 2 years old. He is taken under the guardianship of W. Spenk, of Wyandotte, Mich., and

from that time lost track of his brother.

Immediately upon leaving home William became interested in automobiles and soon qualified as an expert driver. This became his profession, and he has driven racing cars in almost every civilized country. He has visited every country in Europe, most of the South American countries and every part of the United States.

After completing his visit with his brother in Toledo and his old guardian at Wyandotte, William will go to Des Moines, Ia., where he will engage in selling automobiles and a little racing on the side. He was a driver with Barney Oldfield about a year and a half.

## BREAKS BARNEY OLDFIELD'S MARK

Caleb Bragg, in a Fiat Cyclone,  
Goes Mile in Less Than  
Fifty-three Seconds.

## OTHER EFFORTS TO REDUCE IT FAILS

Warren-Detroit Car and Ford  
Take the Honors in Their  
Respective Classes.

New Orleans, February 25.—In a race first time this afternoon at the fair grounds Caleb Bragg, in his Fiat "Cyclone," clipped several seconds off Barney Oldfield's mile record for this track, bringing the distance in 52.69 seconds. The feature of the opening of the Mar-Gra speed carnival was the hour race contested in by cars of two classes. First, in a Warren-Detroit, won the class event, covering 53 miles. Kulick averaged 35 miles in a Ford and captured a large car race. Burman made an attempt to lower his record for one mile against time, made only 53.09. He won one of the most exciting events of the day, however, starting from scratch in a field of cars, he captured first prize in the 30-mile handicap free-for-all in 10:18.41. Five miles, class "C," 161-230 cubic displacement—won by Kulick (Ford). Time, 5:48.53. Five miles, free for all, motorcycles—won by A. Mitchell (Merkle). Time, 5:28. Five miles, class "C," 231-300 cubic displacement—won by F. Kulick (Ford). Time, 5:01. Ten miles, class "C," 301-400 cubic displacement—won by Johnny Alt (National). Time, 10:03.22. Louis Brown (National), second. Five miles, free-for-all motorcycle—won Mitchell (Merkle). Time, 4:51.03. Five miles, free for all—won by Caleb Bragg (Fiat-Cyclone). Time, 4:50.17. Bob Burman (Buick), second. This was track record of 4:58 flat, made by Barney Oldfield in a Benz two years ago. Ten miles, handicap, free-for-all—won Robert Burman (scratch). Buick. Time, 10:41; second, Kulick, in a Ford, 10:56. Four race, two classes—"A" class won Power (Warren-Detroit), 53 miles; class "B" won by Kulick (Ford), 55 miles.

## OLDFIELD QUILTS FOR A YEAR

Eds Row With Association by  
Selling Racing Outfit.

San Antonio, March 2.—The Barney Oldfield-American Automobile association battle is off. Oldfield sold his racing outfit to the representative of the Automobile Racing interests for a sum said to be \$50,000. Oldfield said the purchase was made at the instigation of the American Automobile association, and also carries the agreement of Oldfield and his manager, William Pickens, to retire from automobile racing for one year.

## Moross Now Owns Oldfield's Outfit

Will Ask American Association to  
Reinstate Benz and Knox Cars.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., March 1.—In a telegram received tonight from E. A. Moross, former manager of the Indianapolis speedway, he announced that he had bought the motor racing outfit of Barney Oldfield, and would ask the American Automobile association to reinstate the "Blitzen" Benz, the "Prince Henry" Benz and the "Giant" Knox. The cars were disbarred, with their owner, after Oldfield's race with "Jack" Johnson, the heavyweight champion. Moross said Oldfield would not ask reinstatement. He added that he purposed entering the cars in the Florida races this month and in the summer's meets.

Moross also said he would petition the automobile racing authorities to reinstate Ben Kirscher, and his Darracq car, formerly of Oldfield's "outlaw" team.

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## OLDFIELD SAYS HE HAS LOST \$50,000

EL PASO, Tex., March 1.—(Special.)—Barney Oldfield, speed king, is here in El Paso trying to locate a grip stolen from him on the train between San Antonio and El Paso containing drafts for \$50,000, which "the racing trust," to use his own words, paid him for his machineries and an agreement to quit racing.

## BARNEY OLDFIELD GETS IN FOR TANFORAN MEET

Barney Oldfield, one of the greatest living racing automobile pilots, arrived in San Francisco yesterday to complete arrangements for his coming meet at Tanforan, next Sunday. Oldfield was met at the station by Jimmy Coffroth, the fight promoter, and driven to St. Francis Hotel. Oldfield is now on his tour of the world in celebration of his tenth year in the racing game. He is bringing with him his famous 300 horse-power Christie front drive automobile, with which he made a mile in 50.25 seconds at Phoenix last week, breaking the record set up by Teddy Tetzlaff. In addition to the Oldfield car there are to be four other large racing cars in the meet.

## RECORD; GOES MILE IN 35.3!

### BULLETIN.

Motor Speedway, Indianapolis, May 29.—Bob Burman, "the speed king," driving his 200-horsepower Blitzen Benz car this morning established a new world's record for one mile, going the distance in :35.35. The previous record was :35.63, held by Barney Oldfield.

By the Associated Press.

Indianapolis, Ind., May 29.—With the exception of preliminary tests of 10 cars the morning of the last day before the big 500 mile automobile race found everything in readiness for the firing of the starting bomb tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock.

In all probability 43 cars, the largest field in the history of automobile racing, will be lined up for the start. There were 46 entries but two Fiat cars withdrew before the speed tests Friday and Van Gorder's Lozier, which was wrecked Saturday, was returned to the factory yesterday to be overhauled.

Except for the preliminary tests and Burman's trials the speedway will be closed to the drivers today and the track will be given another overhauling to have it in perfect shape for the big race tomorrow. The pilots and mechanics are spending the last few hours before the long grind perfecting their plans of driving.

Each member of a racing team will know when he takes his place for the firing of the starting bomb just what part he is to play in the long race.

### First Lap Won't Count.

Promptly at 10 o'clock tomorrow Carl G. Fisher, president of the Speedway company, will take the starters in the 500 mile race around the track for one lap, acting as pacemaker, and giving the racers a flying start. The first lap will not exceed 40 miles an hour and will not count.

The race, once started, will not be stopped until finished, it is understood, no matter what the weather man may decide to do. It is raining tomorrow, however, it may be postponed until Wednesday.

### Warning Stations.

During the race seven warning stations will be maintained on the course. By means of flag signals, the drivers will be warned if there is any trouble ahead, just where the trouble is located and its nature. If any car in the race shows signs of giving trouble that may cause an accident or if any driver becomes so worn out or so disabled by the long grind that he is not capable of managing his car, it will be flagged from the course.

With the arrival yesterday and today of large crowds of racing enthusiasts from all over the country, interest in the big event has reached a high pitch in Indianapolis.

## Oldfield May Enter Big Hoosier Clash

Barney Oldfield, the well known automobile race driver, has been reinstated in good standing by the American Automobile association, and the date for his disqualification from sanctioned racing to end has been fixed at April 30. This will give him a chance to compete in the Indianapolis Speedway race on Decoration day, and in other spring and summer meets. Oldfield was given an indefinite suspension for his unsanctioned race with Jack Johnson, a pugilist, in the fall of 1910. Benjamin Kerscher, Oldfield's mechanic, will be reinstated on the same day, but his manager, William Pickens, has not been. No fortunate for his disqualification has been fixed to expire on July 1, 1917.

## "THEY WANT ME KILLED," SAYS OLDFIELD

Noted Auto Driver Who Races  
Next Sunday, Aims  
His Views

"We are living in a fast age," said Barney Oldfield the other day, "and the professional athlete who is willing to sacrifice his bones and gore on the altar of a highly seasoned sport is going to be the fellow the crowd will pay to see."

"It is not enough that we have wonderfully constructed cars, the limit of the builders' art. They must be raced death-dealing courses to show the public that they can travel a hundred miles an hour. For more than ten years it has been my business to dispense thrills to grand-stands and race tracks filled with people who paid a dollar or so for a chance to see me killed."

"I am not egotistical enough to think that the crowd comes to see me show my skill as a driver. Not on your life, they flock out there to be on hand if there is an accident. For ten years they have been predicting I would get killed at the steering wheel. Of course I am going to fool them and die of old age, but they do not believe it, will happen any other way than by being crushed under one of the mad racing cars. I went through the fence at St. Louis during the 1904 World's fair, killing two spectators who had crowded too close to the fence, ignoring the danger signs. Since that time I have had thousands of persons tell me they were there. They never referred to witnessing some of my record-breaking drives. It was the accident that impressed them."

"If bull fighting was allowed in the United States it would be more popular than in Mexico. It is the law and not sentiment that prevents the bloody sport. If they eliminated the rough and bone-breaking tactics from football, the sport would be about as exciting as a game of bean bag at a church social."

"I find I am a better drawing card each season. The public thinks I am that much nearer my last accident. The newspaper syndicates are laying for my final fence-smashing stunt. They have plenty of 'dope' all prepared to tell them how I spent my time while on earth. But it will do them no good. They will be pointing me out as an old, gray-whiskered man down in Southern California thirty years from now."

## MAKES NEW TRACK RECORD IN AUTO

PHILADELPHIA, July 29.—"Bob" Burman in an exhibition mile with his Blitzen Benz today lowered the Point Breeze track record of 59.35 seconds by making the circuit in 58.34. The record was held by Barney Oldfield. Burman's performance was the feature of the Quaker City Motor club's races at the track.

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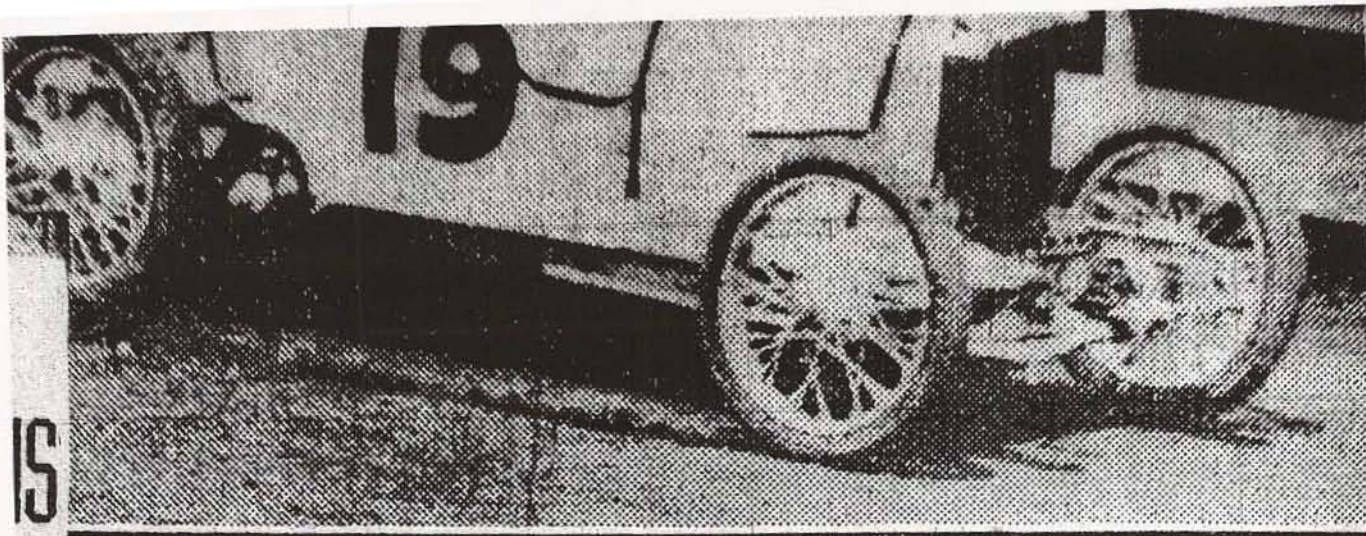
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## Official Records Announced Last Week by the American Automobile Association

Official records for distances from one to five miles that now stand, according to a ruling of the Contest Board of the American Automobile association last week, follow: None of the performances for these distances timed only by stop watches have been accepted as breaking existing records.

### STRAIGHTAWAY FREE-FOR-ALL RECORDS, REGARDLESS OF CLASS.

Distance	Time	Driver	Car	Place	Date
1 kilo.....	17.04.....	Oldfield.....	Benz.....	Daytona.....	Mar. 23, 1910
1 mile.....	27.33.....	Oldfield.....	Benz.....	Daytona.....	Mar. 16, 1910
2 miles.....	55.87.....	Oldfield.....	Benz.....	Daytona.....	Mar. 23, 1910
5 miles.....	2:34.....	Hemery.....	Darracq.....	Daytona.....	Jan. 24, 1906

### (STANDING START.)

1 mile.....	40.53.....	Oldfield.....	Benz.....	Daytona.....	Mar. 16, 1910
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### SPEEDWAY RECORDS, REGARDLESS OF CLASS.

1 mile.....	17.....	Oldfield.....	Benz.....	Cheyenne.....	May 11, 1910
1 kilo.....	21.45.....	Oldfield.....	Benz.....	Indianapolis.....	May 30, 1910
1 mile.....	35.63.....	Oldfield.....	Benz.....	Indianapolis.....	May 30, 1910
2 miles.....	1:15.06.....	Bragg.....	Fiat.....	Los Angeles.....	Apr. 13, 1910
5 miles.....	3:15.62.....	De Palma.....	Fiat.....	Los Angeles.....	Apr. 8, 1910

### ONE MILE CIRCULAR DIRT TRACK RECORDS.

1 mile.....	50.45.....	De Palma.....	Fiat.....	Minneapolis.....	Sept. 11, 1909
2 miles.....	1:46.25.....	Oldfield.....	Peerless.....	Los Angeles.....	Dec. 21, 1904
3 miles.....	2:39.....	De Palma.....	Fiat.....	Minneapolis.....	Sept. 11, 1909
4 miles.....	3:34.15.....	De Palma.....	Fiat.....	Minneapolis.....	Sept. 11, 1909
5 miles.....	4:24.15.....	Oldfield.....	Benz.....	Los Angeles.....	Jan. 9, 1910

# 6-CYLINDER LOCOMOBILE DELIVERED TO JEFFRIES