

BARNEY OLDFIELD, SPEED KING OF THE WORLD.

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TRAVELED FASTER YESTERDAY THAN HUMAN BEING HAS EVER TRAVELED BEFORE.

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(By James B. E. Bush.)

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the judge's stand notifying the newspaper men in the press box that the record was broken, cheers broke forth from every side. Mrs. Oldfield sat on the stairway near the press box and when she knew that Barney had broken the record, she gave an exclamation of joy.

But as genial Barney and his mechanic Ben Kerscher drove back to the stand they wore a broad smile. Automobile horns tooted an acknowledgment of the wonderful feat and Barney was soon surrounded by admirers but cool Barney just stepped out of his big rival to Father Time and walked to the judge's stand and sat down, seemingly unconscious of his wonderful accomplishment. The usual black cigar was tightly clenched in his mouth, that cigar that has made him famous, and which has been a means of identification on race courses the world over.

Barney didn't say anything much. He only said he didn't open his throttle up much that time that he was saving his energy for kilometer trial later, which however failed to come off, although Oldfield made two fast trials, but the timing device failed to work, and when Barney came back from his second "joy ride" down the beach, and learned of the failure of timer to work, he turned around and drove home to get his supper. Last night he came over town on a bicycle for a little exercise, and after con-

versing with friends for a little while, he went home. Unless one knew Barney by sight, no one would ever have known that the speed king was in their presence. But Barney got over taking little things like breaking records serious, several years ago.

But today every newspaper and press syndicate in the country are full of the details of the hairraising, spectacle. Daytona Beach has added another laurel to her already long list, and Barney Oldfield is champion speed king, undisputed and undefiled.

The second record which he broke, one mile from standing start was a good trial. The big Benz which he drove yesterday held the record for a standing start, Hemmery having taken the car from a standing position at Erooklands in forty-one and twenty-three-hundredths, while Oldfield covered the mile yesterday in an even forty and fifty-three hundredths seconds.

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he commenced having trouble before reaching the starting wire and did not make a trial. On his last go George frightened the ladies "terribly," with the vivid sheets of flame that shot out of his exhaust.

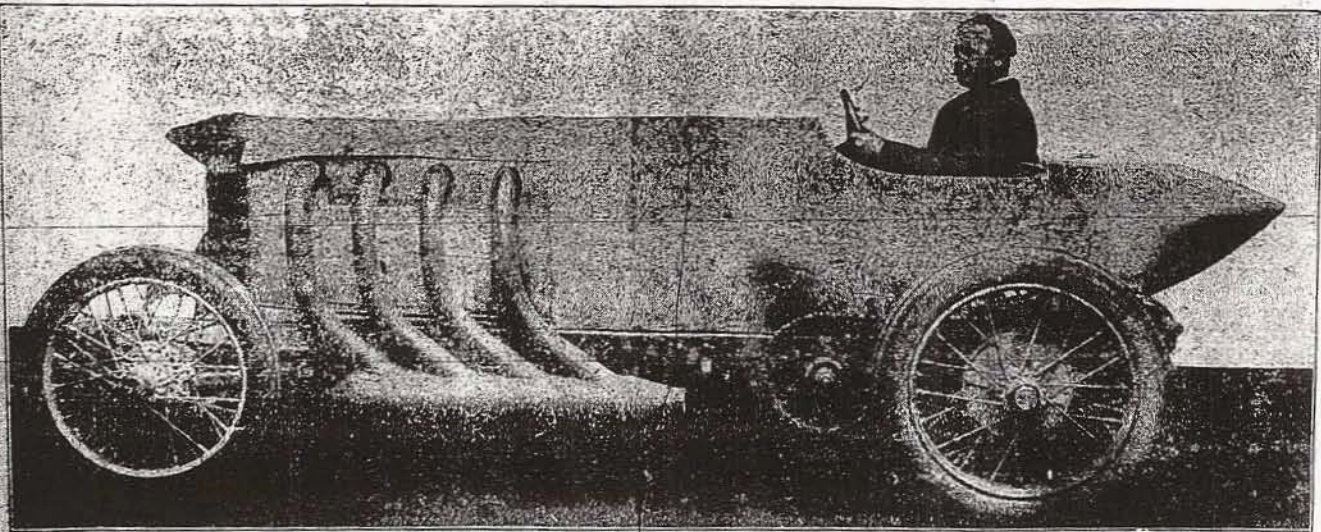
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| 9 | Marmon 32-40 |
| 10 | Chalmers 40 |
| 11 | Corbin |
| 12 | Dorris |
| 13 | Flat 20 |
| 14 | Simplex |
| 15 | Reo Bird |
| 16 | Darracq 100 |
| 17 | Flat 200 |
| 18 | Billion Benz |
| 19 | Flat Cyclone |
| 20 | Ford |
| 21 | Cole 20 |
| 22 | Hupmobile |
| 23 | Buick 20 |
| 24 | Flat 15 |
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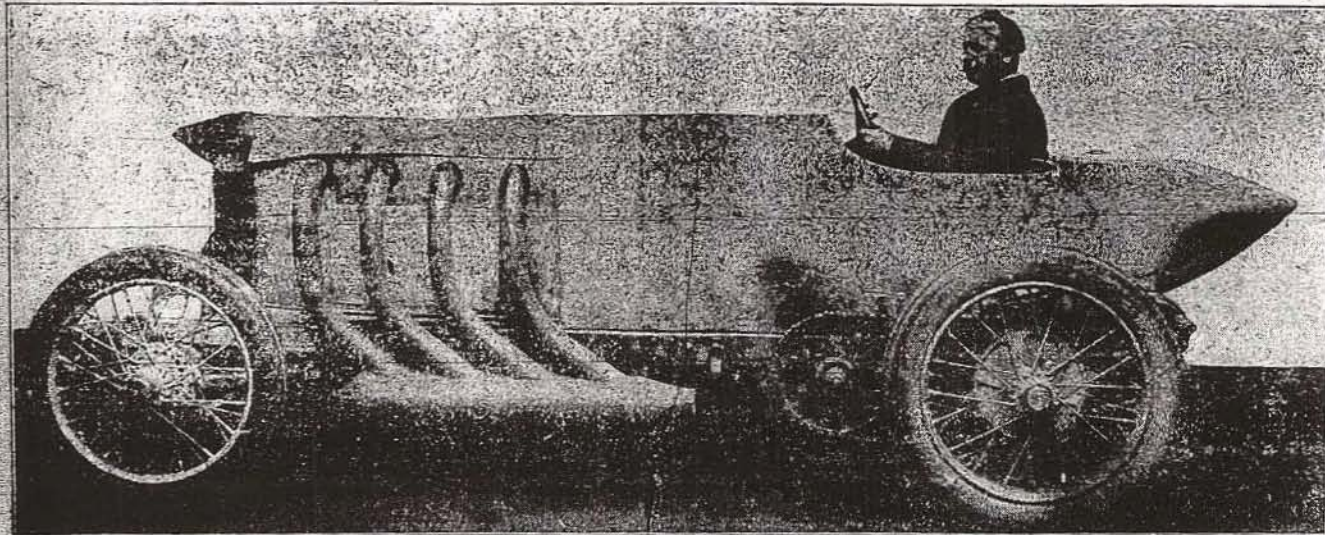
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4—Isotta Fraschini...
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6—Stoddard-Dayton
7—Buick 49.....
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10—Chalmers 40.....
11—Corbin.....
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18—Fiat 200.....
19—Blitzen Benz 225
20—Fiat Cyclone...
21—Ford.....
22—Cota 20.....
23—Hupp mobile.....
24—Buick 20.....
25—Fiat 15.....
26—Isotta Volutrette



The Speed King and the Fastest Car In The World.

Oldfield's mile at Daytona, Fla., means Barney Oldfield in a Benz car, established a new mile record of 27.32s. Here's an idea of how fast he traveled. 131.76 miles per hour, 64.4 yards per second. At this rate Oldfield could encircle the globe in 185.5 hours, or 7.8 days. He could travel from Chicago to New York in 8.5 hours, as compared with eighteen hour train time.

He could leave Chicago at midnight and be in New York by 8:30 in the morning, or he could leave New York at midnight and reach Chicago by 8:30 a. m. He could cover 3,164.6 miles in twenty-four hours, as compared with S. F. Edge's world's twenty-four-hour record drive of 1,551 miles 1,318 yards in a Napier, or the 1,196 miles made by the Lozier in actual competition.

The enter of Barney Oldfield and his Benz racer, which broke world records at Dayton, was wired last week to Los Angeles for the opening meet of the board track April 8 to 17.

At the inaugural seven-day meet of the new Los Angeles motorrome, April 8-10 and 12-17, 37 events will take place. Races of all sorts will give every form of car, either specially built or stock, an opportunity to do its best

without having to face odds of being out-classed. In addition to this it is said that the management will hold a 24-hour race and the American Automobile association has been asked to set aside April 30 and May 1 for this contest. For the inaugural meet large cash prizes are offered for professional events and handsome trophies for amateur races.

FIRST ACCIDENT AT NEW COURSE

Plaza del Rey, Cal., April 11.—The first accident at the new motordrome here occurred yesterday afternoon, Apperson's "Jack Rabbit" car overturning in the 50-mile race. Both Hanshue, the driver, and Carey King, the mechanic, escaped in safety. The men were picked up, unconscious, but no bones were broken.

In this race the Isotta car established a new record, finishing in 39:20:69. Harroun also broke the competitive five-mile mark in his Marmion. Oldfield made the fastest mile in the record trials in his Benz car, turning the distance in 36:90.

RACE CERTIFICATES GIVEN TO OLDFIELD

Certificates of racing records were issued to Barney Oldfield for recent performances on the Florida beach. All of the rules of the association have been complied with, and Oldfield's official record is announced as follows:

- 1 mile, flying start.....27.32
- 1 mile, standing start....49.63
- 1 kilo, flying start.....17.04
- 2 miles, flying start.....55.87

An appeal which was taken from a decision of the referee in a race meet in connection with a road race from Los Angeles, Cal., to Phoenix, Ariz., was passed on by the board, which decided that the spirit of the rules of the race had been violated.

The race in question took place on

Barney Oldfield has broken another record. Which isn't what some people predicted he would break next.

a track following the road race. The cars were supposed to participate in the track race in the same condition in which they finished the road race. The protested Pennsylvania car changed its wheels from 37 to 34 before starting in the track race, and won. Whereupon the entrants of a Columbia car protested to the referee, who decided in favor of the Pennsylvania car on the grounds that the rules merely prohibited the changing of gears. An appeal was taken by the Columbia from the decision of the referee. The contest board sustained the appeal and decreed that the purse of \$500 be awarded the Columbia car.

The board announced that it had registered, to date, more than one hundred contest drivers in both the amateur and professional classes. Thirty registrations were received in one mail from Atlanta, Ga., where a hill climb was recently held. Every driver for a sanctioned contest during

the present season is interested at the nation

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Further evidence is not confined to a found in an order Jus Baker Motor Vehic Cleveland, from Sirton, president of the treat, Canada.

In placing his order specified that the car between Montreal as place, 30 miles from instructed several ex engineers to inspect a ferent makes of elect and placed his order commendation that th depended upon to ne satisfactorily.