

# GOSSIP OF MOTORISTS.

## ENTER FAMOUS DRIVERS OFFER AUTOISTS RATES

## MARDI GRAS BOOSTERS BUSY RAILROADS BOOST MEETING

**PLAN RECORD-BREAKING AUTO RACE  
CARNIVAL TO LAUNCH 1910 SEASON  
AND ENLIST MANY NOTED  
PILOTS.**

NEW ORLEANS, La., Jan. 29.—(Special)  
—For the world's championship auto races at the Mardi Gras carnival Feb. 5 and 6 the greatest drivers ever competing on a mile circular track have been entered by manufacturing concerns or signed through the payment of large bonuses. More than \$5,000 is being distributed among these drivers, and, as a result, all the stars of motordom are to try for honors. The entry list will close on Jan. 30, and so far the bona fide entries are as follows:

George Robertson, Vanderbilt cup winner, in a ninety-horse-power track Simplex.  
Barney Oldfield, in his record-breaking 150-horse-power Benz and a Knox.  
Ralph De Palma, in a ninety-horse-power Fiat.  
Robert Burman, in a Buick record breaker.  
Louis Chevrolet, in a Buick speed king.  
Ben Kirschner, in a Darracq racer.  
Joe Nelson, in a Buick.  
Arthur Chevrolet, in a Buick.  
Joe Grennon, in a Buick.  
George Clark, in a Jackson 40.  
Billy Lynch, in a Jackson 40.  
"Speedy" Shaw, in a Knox.  
Frank Honey, in a National 40.  
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**ONE AND ONE-HALF FARE WILL BE  
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A. A. A. CONVENTION IF 1,000  
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A convention of the American Automobile Association, in which all automobilists are invited to participate, will be held in Chicago during the ninth annual automobile show of the National Association of Automobile Manufacturers, Feb. 5 to 12, 1910.

Provided 1,000 certificates are presented for validating, a fare and one-half will be granted to all automobilists attending the convention from the territory of the Trunk Line Association and the Central Passenger Association.

The territory of these two passenger associations includes the states of New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, District of Columbia, Virginia (points on Chesapeake & Ohio and Baltimore & Ohio), West Virginia, Michigan (east of Lake Michigan), Indiana, cities of Louisville, Ky., and St. Louis, Mo., and stations in Illinois and points east of and on the line of the C., R. I. & P. R. R., from Chicago to Peoria; thence the T., P. & W. R. R., from Peoria to Burlington, thence Mississippi River to Cairo, Ill.

A. A. A. members and all automobilists residing at points outside of the territory herein defined should purchase regular one-way or excursion tickets to the nearest point from which a certificate reduction has been authorized and there purchase a one-way ticket to Chicago and secure certificate.

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George Robertson has a new car which he thinks will be the wonder of track history. It was built extremely low and has the same nine-horse-power engine which won him the Lowell national championship and Fairmount Park races. But it is in a chassis the wheel base of which is ninety inches. It is claimed to be the most powerful track car ever constructed, and Robertson says he will set a bunch of track records that will never be equaled.

Ralph De Palma has a new ninety-horse-power Fiat which was imported to America as a car faster than the Fiat Cyclone with which he set so many world's records. It will be the first track appearance of either car. Barney Oldfield, on the other hand, will drive his true, and tried big Benz, with which he lowered all the world's records from two to fifty miles at Dallas and at Los Angeles. Burman and Chevrolet will drive their record-breaking cars which have performed so sensationally the last season.

Certainly the meeting of all these great drivers will furnish a sporting attraction for Mardi Gras that will open the eyes of the entire motor world.

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Tickets and certificates may be secured not earlier than Feb. 2 and not later than Feb. 8. These tickets should be presented for validation at the A. A. A. headquarters in the First Regiment Armory on Feb. 8, 9, 10, 11. In view of the necessity of having 1,000 certificates actually in hand before the validating can begin on Tuesday morning, Feb. 8, it is imperative that certificates be deposited as soon after arrival in Chicago as possible.

The holders of tickets will be entitled up to and including Feb. 16 to procure a continuous passage ticket by the same road over which the going journey was made at one-half of the regular one-way, first-class fare, to the point at which the certificate was issued. This reduction can be secured by all members of the A. A. A. and all automobilists who attend the Chicago show A. A. A. convention.

All meetings in connection with the convention will take place in the First Regiment Armory, and due notice of same will be available at the A. A. A. headquarters in that building, besides announcements in the public print.

## 150 CARS WEEKLY OUTPUT OF HUPMOBILE FACTORY

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