

BURMAN SHATTERS SPEEDWAY MARKS

Grabs Oldfield's Laurels and Sets New Speedway Records Regardless of Class.

BOB HOLDS SWAYING CAR

Establishes Kilometer Mile, Half and Quarter Marks With Famous "Blitzen" Benz.

New Speedway Marks Made by Bob Burman

BURMAN'S RECORDS.

1 mile flying start	:35.35
1 kilometer flying start	:21.40
Half-mile flying	:16.83
Quarter-mile flying start	:08.16

OLDFIELD'S RECORDS.

1 mile flying start	:35.63
1 kilometer flying start	:21.45
Half-mile flying start	:17.00

Driving the "Blitzen" Benz, with which he shattered all the world's straightaway records on Daytona Beach in April, "Wild Bob" Burman yesterday established new speedway records regardless of class for the mile, kilometer, half mile and quarter mile at the Motor Speedway.

Burman clipped .28 of a second from Oldfield's mark in the mile, driving it in :35.35, against the old mark of :35.63; in the kilometer he lowered Oldfield's record of :21.45 to :21.40, taking 5 seconds from the former mark; in the half mile, Burman drove the distance in :16.83, against :17 by Oldfield, clipping .17 of a second from the record. Burman set a new record for the quarter mile, as Oldfield did not try for the quarter last year, and Burman placed the mark at :08.16.

Shortly after 10 o'clock Burman took his seat behind the wheel, and amid cheers of the crowds started on his practice laps to warm up the car for the record trials. Burman set his new record, shattering the mark set by Harry Olafson, who drove the same car on the

PLUNGES AROUND CURVE.

Burman started the practice and the car seemed to fly along the straightaway and Bob was giving the car gas on the turns, the explosions of the motor were like thunderclaps and as Burman rounded the northwest turn to start into the home stretch the right front tire blew. Amid the detonations of the giant 200-horse-power motor Burman was unable to tell whether the tire had blown and when he left the home stretch and crossed the first wire he opened old "Blitzen" up and made his record ride.

It seemed as Burman came into the turn that he would never be able to hold the lurching white monster to the track. He skinned the wall riding unusually high, and as he hit the down grade on the northwest turn where all the accidents have occurred in practice, the front wheels of the

Wearing Crown He Will Receive Today



"WILD BOB" BURMAN.



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that he would never be able to hold the lurching white monster to the track. He skirted the wall riding unusually high, and as he hit the down grade on the northwest turn where all the accidents have occurred in practice, the front wheels of the car Burman held pointed toward the infield fence, while the rear wheels were pointed toward the retaining wall and Burman took the lower end of the turn with his car going sideways, lurching, bounding and seeming ready to roll over at any moment.

BECOMES "KING BOB."

Burman's records are speedway records, regardless of class, and accepted by the A. A. A. Hemery, the famous Tucson driver, at the wheel of the same car, has the credit for the fastest kilometer and half-mile with a flying start, setting the marks on the Brooklands track in England. These records have never been accepted by the International Association and Burman's records are as much world's records as the times taken in England. Burman's records made on the beach at Daytona have been accepted by the International Association.

Burman's car is the famous German auto that has proved the fleetest of all gasoline cars, and the foreign motor was equipped with double Remy magnetos and the car rode on Firestone tires. Following the parade of the cars this morning at 9 o'clock and preceding the start of the big race at 10 o'clock, Burman will be presented with the Firestone "Speed King" crown, valued at \$10,000, given to the record holder by the Firestone Tire Company in appreciation of his work on Daytona Beach in April, when he set new marks for the straightaway records, driving the "Biltzen" Benz with the same equipment that it carried yesterday. The crown is of gold, similar in design to the crown of the reigning house of England, inlaid with pearls and sapphires and surmounted by four automobile wheels, which is topped by a spread eagle holding a pendant in its beak inscribed "The World's Speed King."

E. A. Moross, the owner of the "Biltzen" Benz, announced last night that A. R. Pardington, A. A. A. official referee, would present Burman with the "Speed King Crown" in front of the grand stand.

MOTOR DEALERS BANQUET.

Cole Agents Guests of Local Company
at Maennerchor Hall.

The Cole agents from coast to coast met last night at a banquet in Maennerchor Hall as the guests of the Henderson Motor Sales Company, national distributors, and the Cole Motor Car Company. One hundred and sixty-two agents were seated around the banquet board with the officers of the local companies when "Farmer Bill" Endicott, driver of the Cole "Wizard" in the speedway race today, appeared on the scene dressed in a complete costume of green. Endicott's car will be green and he announced that he wore a green suit that the fresh paint on his car might not soil his garments. Another feature of the banquet was the distributing of the Henderson Bulletin by a number of newsies. The paper is a publication sent to all the agents by the local company and was filled with take-off paragraphs on many of the agents and the officers of the company. The guests were served with a twelve-course dinner.



BOB BURMAN DRIVING "BLITZ"

Motor Army Awaits Race

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delay obtaining places of advantage. Accommodations for travelers will not be lacking early in the morning, that the crowd may be handled as conveniently and comfortably as possible.

The downtown district of Indianapolis seldom has been so crowded with automobiles as it was last night; cafes have rarely been so filled with patrons, milliners and the hot polka commanding in one great festival of speed discussions, car controversies and predictions. The streets were almost impassable because of the automobiles parked at the curb. The principal hotels—any of the hotels, for that matter—were flanked with machines. Big cars, small cars, medium cars, cars of all makes and descriptions, made up the collection. The pedestrian stood perplexed which way to turn, and the curb across the street looked miles away.

CORNER "COPS" BUSY.

Corner policemen passed probably the most strenuous day of their existence yesterday. That more accidents were not reported was surprising, according to the declarations of many downtown officers. All day long the ponderous cars careened around the corners in masses which at times threatened to block traffic completely. Everywhere was the echo of many horns. Colors were on all sides. Scarcely a car shot through the streets that was not decked from hood to tail light with fluttering banners, auto legends or vari-colored devices of the owner.

Hotel clerks were buried under the avalanche of threats, requests, pleadings and "stalls" for lodgings. Cots in hundreds of the rooms furnished resting places for some of the unfortunate who had been unable to obtain reservations.

Fortunate ones went by scores to the hotel desks with suggestions that cots be placed in their rooms for some luckless friend. The managements did not raise prices. Indianapolis business men, with friends in the great throng seeking lodgings, cajoled and threatened hotel keepers in vain. There was nothing to be done. Private homes were turned into temporary hostels, but even that method of thinning the long lines did

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