

RACE MEET CAUSES "FANS" TO MARVEL

Wonderful Flights and Resultant
Records at Speedway Hold Mo-
tor Enthusiasts Long.

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Officials, Drivers and Spectators
Say Speed Carnival Was Never
Equaled Anywhere.

By Julian J. Behr.

When Eddie Hearne's big Benz pounded its way eight times around the two-and-one-half-mile vitrified brick course in the world's record-breaking time of 14:3.73 at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway late Monday afternoon, the greatest automobile race meeting ever held was brought to a successful close. Officials, drivers and spectators were of one voice in declaring that such records as were made here—thirty-nine in all—under such superb conditions for participation, set marks which may not be touched for years.

The three-day program was a real thriller to all who journeyed to the Speedway. No one had any idea that the events would produce such class, no one could have foreseen the half dozen or more actually marvelous flights which were made. The most hopeful motor enthusiast could not have foreshadowed what really happened any more than Jack Johnson's best friend could have told in advance what a veritable picnic, a walkaway, an afternoon's diversion the big African would have when the once mighty gladiator Jeffries, shorn of his invincibility, faced him in the Reno ring.

But surprises are a part of the racing game—they are characteristic of all sports. You can no more pick the winner of a Cobe Trophy race when a great field of redoubtable pilots lines up to take the starting signal than you can select the victorious team on a baseball diamond. Dope doesn't go—at least it doesn't go very far.

Surprises Galore.

But from the first event—time trials a week ago last Friday—when "Wild Bob" Burman dashed around the track in the appalling time of 3½ seconds for one-fourth mile—the rate of 105.37 miles per hour—until the Benz driver hurled Barney Oldfield's former car to a new world's mark the closing day of the meeting, hardly a thing developed but the unexpected. Perhaps one should look for the unusual, the unprecedented, the superlative when such men as Burman, the Chevrolets, Hearne, Aitken, Dawson, Robertson, Harroun, Grant and the other speed kings gather on one track. Yet such achievements as were performed during the July program came with as startling suddenness as the toppling of James J. Jeffries from the pinnacle of fame.

The crowds were just a little disappointing. An assemblage of such daring drivers as was seen here, not one day, but three, can not be seen every week, every month, every year. It was a gathering of some of the very greatest pilots of men whose names stand for all the speed that can be produced by a modern death-throbbing engine of a modern death-defying, space and time annihilating steel frame built to wrench split seconds from Father Time.

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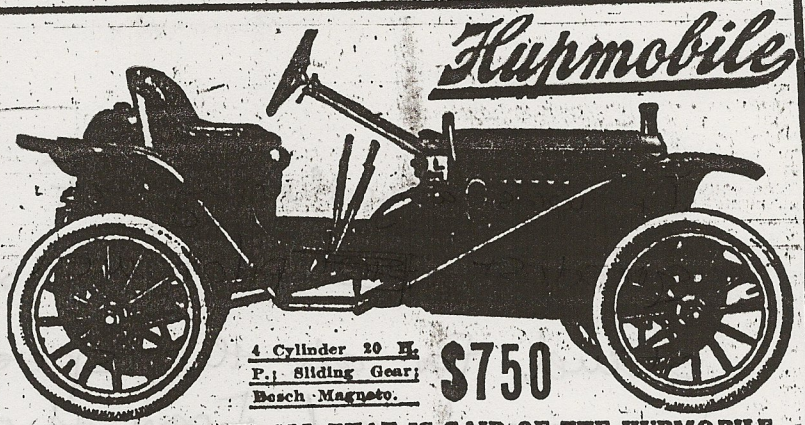
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Monday rain fell and the skies continued threatening for the most part of the afternoon. Many Indianapolis folk were restrained from traveling the four miles to the Speedway, while as many out-of-town people were afraid to take the chance. The attendance July 4 for the splendid struggle for the Cobe cup was more than creditable. While it did not equal that which turned out on Decoration day, it was gratifying in view of the rain and of numerous counter attractions.

Hopes for Future.

At any rate Indianapolis and the Motor Speedway here obtained much deserved publicity of the commendatory sort. It's not only what the press has done and will do, but it is the exceedingly favorable impression taken away by drivers, by spectators, by officials, by all who came, saw and were conquered. Ask any of the Chicago crowd which came here for the Cobe race and you'll learn a great deal. The fight for the rich cash reward and for the magnificent trophy was as different from the one at Crownpoint last year as day is different from night, as golf is from football. There's the track instead

of the hot, dusty road, the shaded grand stand and the opportunity of seeing the racers every two and one-half miles instead of waiting along the road for glimpses every twenty odd miles, and—but that is a different story.

The Speedway delivered the goods for the Cobe race this year just as it has in every other event, and when the time comes to win more fame, to break more records and to stage more pulse-quicken-competition for rich trophies the cars will again be sent to the faultless Indianapolis motordrome.

CITY TO BUY AUTO PATROL.

South Bend Safety Board Awards Contract to Studebaker Company.
A contract for the construction of a new automobile patrol wagon for use in the police department at South Bend has been awarded the Studebaker Automobile Company by the Board of Public Safety. The new wagon will be a Studebaker-Garford "forty," a forty-horse-power and four-cylinder engine. The vehicle will be lighted with electricity throughout and equipped with other modern conveniences.

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