

# DEADLINE DATA

Notes on the Fourth Mexican Pan-American Race . . . This year you will be able to hear the race on your radio. Arrangements have just been completed with the Columbia Broadcasting System for complete coverage of the Pan-American Race on "CBS" Radio coast-to-coast in the U.S.A. The race will be broadcast during the five days from November 19th to 23rd.

"CBS" will send its own radio units, personnel and equipment to Mexico to cover the race day by day. Each leg of the race will be broadcast at the finish line and re-broadcast through "CBS's" key stations on the East and West coasts and its affiliated stations throughout the country. The re-broadcast will be heard on the East coast stations following Bob Trout's news and on the West coast sometime between 9:15 and 9:30 p.m.

Fans of Troy Ruttman will be pleased to know that the arm injury which has kept him sidelined during the past racing season has completely healed. Troy plans to drive in the Mexican Pan-American Race but at press time we have no definite information on his car. Tentative plans call for him to be behind the wheel of a Ferrari Mexico.

Johnny Moore, Firestone Tire and Rubber Company Racing Representative, was very much in evidence at the Bonneville Speed Trials. He was vitally interested in the performance of the new Bonneville Racing Tire which his firm has developed specially for the conditions prevalent on the salt flats. All indications are that the new tire has successfully met its test, but a factory engineering post-mortem will tell a more complete story.

Members of the Hop Up and Motor Life sponsored 200 MPH Club held their first annual meeting at a dinner on September 2, during the Bonneville Speed Trials. As those of you who are familiar with the club know, the sole requisite for membership and the only way to get in is to drive a car two ways over a measured mile at an average speed of 200 mph or better with the times certified by either the A.A.A. or the S.C.T.A. The membership is now open to persons anywhere in the world and in the selection of officers for next year, Captain G. E. Eyston of England was appointed president.

A new record for sports cars in the quarter-mile drags was set by Frank McGurk in his Cadillac-powered Kurtis-Kraft at Santa Ana last Sunday when he turned a blistering 106.81 on gasoline. McGurk claims that he was not getting peak performance due to the car's running too rich and predicts even hotter speeds when he gets the car tuned to perfection. Of additional interest is the fact that the car is running a Hydra-matic transmission, which should make future road race competition with this car something to watch.

We had planned to feature a road test of the car in this issue but preparation for a local race prevented us from getting the car long enough to test. The car will be reported on for the next issue and with the super-tuning that McGurk plans for it, we should get some very startling performance figures.

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