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letters

renault hop-up

The Editor: SCI

Could you please tell me if there is any equipment on the market for souping up a 1956 Renault engine.

Also do you know how well the Renault stands up against other cars in its class. If so, kindly let me know.

Sincerely,

BILL GEMES,

Rochester, Minnesota

There is no equipment as such for the Renault, but you might try to adapt one of the small superchargers used for the Volkswagen.—Ed.

which car?

The Editor: SCI

I've just read your March issue. I'm a steady reader. Your driver of the month was Mike Hawthorn, an excellent choice. But did he win the Sebring event in a Cunningham or Cunningham's D Jaguar?

Yours sincerely,

WILLIAM G. LAFONTANA

Great Barrington, Mass.

The D was the vehicle.—Ed.

momo

The Editor: SCI

March's issue of SPORTS CARS Illustrated is one of the finest I have ever read. Can you tell me where Momo's Garage is?

PHILIP CHINNICI

St. Louis, Missouri

The address of the Momo Corp. is 33-49 59th Street, Woodside 77, New York.—Ed.

trophy taker

The Editor: SCI

I have been buying your magazine for over a year now and find it the best one on the newsstands. It covers all cars and events very well. I think you should do more for the American enthusiasts. My dad has been building some fiberglass body sports cars in the past years and recently finished a competition model. I am enclosing a picture to show you a few of the trophies he won last year. I think he deserves an article in your magazine as he has spent a lot of time and money building a true American sports car.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM L. MAYS

Bloomington, Illinois

THAT letter

The Editor: SCI

Your publication is a very controversial one because foreign and sports cars are still not fully accepted in this country. For that reason, I read "letters" before any other article to see what pros and cons are being posed regarding foreign and sports cars.

I have owned two sports cars and presently own a foreign make convertible. Why? Like many others I like and prefer a foreign car to any U. S. make. Many will agree with me, and just as many will disagree with me which is their right.

When I read the fourth "letter" in the March issue I did a slow burn! Whether or not "Name Withheld, Los Angeles, California" likes a foreign car makes no difference to me, but his last two statements were those of a very ignorant, stupid and dangerous man to have driving any type of vehicle. Evidently he feels that a foreign car deserves to be smashed up in an accident regardless of the serious and possibly fatal injuries the passengers of the car might sustain. He says he runs foreign cars onto the shoulder or into a curb whenever he has a chance. Because of that statement I say he is ignorant and very dangerous. He should not be allowed the privilege of driving a motor vehicle, foreign or U.S. made, on any highway in any state in this country. Both foreign made and U.S. made car owners will agree with me 100% I'm sure.

Ignorant and stupid people like "Name Withheld" cause far too many of our traffic accidents and fatalities each year. We can ill afford to have his type on our highways endangering the lives of people he likes to run off the road because he doesn't like their car.

I would like to write "Name Withheld" a personal letter, but, not only is he ignorant and stupid, he doesn't have the "guts" to sign his name to his "Epistle of Ignorance"!

Yours very truly,

JOHN W. HUMPHRYS, 1st Lt.

Otis AFB, Mass.

P.S. I am sure you will be swamped with letters regarding "Name Withheld" and his letter. If you should decide to print any of the rebuffs in next month's issue, and my letter should be among them, I would be more than happy for you to use all or any part of it. The more I think about that ignorant character, the more burned up I get.

The Editor: SCI

I was annoyed when I read a letter (right side, top of p. 4 of your magazine for March, 1956) written by a person in Los Angeles. First of all, conclusions should not be drawn by such accidents. The reason for the great deal of damage

to the VW and so little to the Nash is construction reasons. The VW is below average (but not poor because of size) in torsional strength while the Nash has one of the sturdiest constructions the world over. I wouldn't call the VW a death trap. Next, any man who has so little respect for *any* car to try to "push the beetles onto the shoulder or into a curb," should *not* have a driver's license.

Last but not least, I wish to complement you on the fine magazine. I like the section that illustrates the servicing of sports cars (Tuning an MG in February, 1956 and The S.U. Carburetor in March, 1956). These sections are very interesting and above all educating. I read your magazine from cover to cover with the exception of a few minor articles.

Yours truly,
CLINTON D. ZIMMERMAN, JR.
Allentown, Pennsylvania

The Editor: SCI

I wish you would inform Mr. "Name Withheld" of Los Angeles, California, that he should be rather selective in whose "Beetle" he proposes to push into the curb, because if it happens to be mine he will find himself in a heap on the opposite curb with his Hydramatic lever up his tail pipe.

I have always been a champion of the small car, having owned both the foreign and domestic products. At the present time I am the owner of that most formidable of American sports cars, a Willys 1/4 ton 4 x 4, commonly known as a "Jeep."

Sincerely yours,
RHODES A. FINLEY
Santa Ana, California

The Editor: SCI

I suppose you printed the letter from that jerk who hates Volkswagens and other small cars because you found it funny on the surface.

He is not exactly funny. He suffers from a monumental inferiority complex, which shows itself in a desire to destroy everything and everyone sticking up out of the crowd.

To my brother Volkswagen drivers in California I say this—Watch for this bird. If he runs anybody off the road, or into a curb—he'll look natural behind bars—or under a lily.

Seriously, fellas—such a man is dangerous.

Name not to be withheld
HARVEY F. CURTIS
Somerville, Mass.

Investigation has shown that the unnamed writer of *THAT* letter does not have a valid operator's license.—Ed.

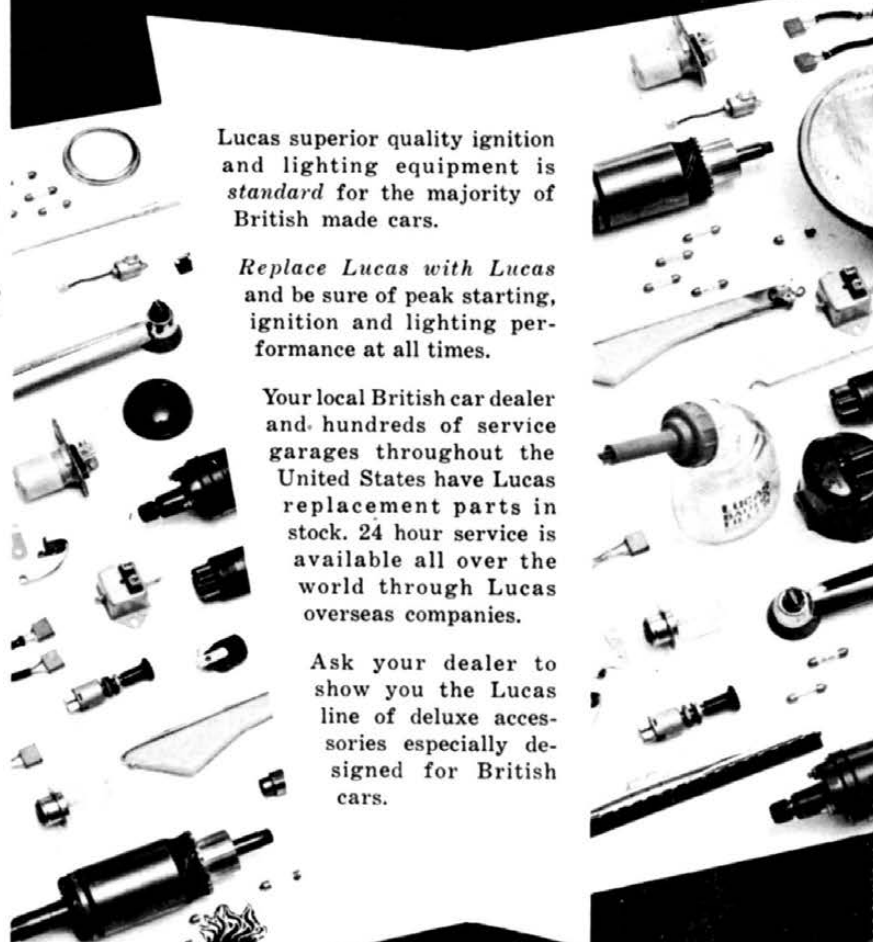
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