



**MARION'S MEANDERINGS**

By  
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Hi, there! Well, it's time to go motor racing again, and we have an opportunity to display some of the good things which have been accepted by our speedier clients. And, to offer certain new items brought into the country after extensive tests on the Continent by go-fast people there.

Item #1 is such a piece: **FULL VISION GOGGLES** with leather-covered, sponge rubber face pads. These are so comfortable you hardly know you have them on and vision is extra good thanks to the two-piece lenses and adjustable nose bridge. Observe the drivers who have raced abroad and note how many wear them. Now you can get them here . . . from US, of course. \$6.95 (extra lenses . . . green . . . \$3.95)



Next to goggles in the search for comfort comes the coverall. The **SPORTS-ALL**, is cut full under the armpits and in the seat so's not to bind and shut off circulation. New regs require long sleeves most everywhere, so you may as well adorn yourself with good looking and practical togs to meet specs. Colors: Blue, Red, White, Black. Sizes: S M L Ex. L. Price: \$18.95.



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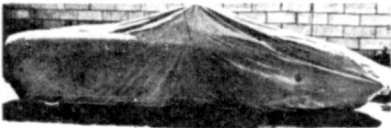


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| Porsche Parka             |   |
| VW Vest                   |   |
| Ghia Gown                 |   |
| Jaguar Jacket (140-150)   | } \$27.95 Canvas<br>\$32.50 Duralin   |
| Mercedes Muff (L90-300SL) |   |
| Corvette Cap              |   |
| Thunderbird Tepee         |   |

These are typical prices, write for others. State year, make and model when ordering. Semi-fitted canvas covers are available for all cars, ask about them.

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# very sincerely yours:

**S**URE YOU'VE SEEN IT. A little yellow and black sticker that says two words, bluntly and succinctly: *Speed Kills*. Baloney!

This innocent seeming little sticker is part and parcel of one of the most insidious mass brain-washing campaigns since Herr Goebbels propounded the big lie. It's a case of a single germ of truth being used as a base for a plague of misconception. Speed wrongly used or in faulty equipment can be contributory to a fatal accident but speed of itself has never committed murder. The big trouble is that nobody has ever bothered to define the speed that is supposed to do all the killing. Under highway conditions most states peg excessive speed somewhere in the neighborhood of 60 miles an hour. Yet only 10 percent of the nation's automobile fatalities occurred at speeds of 61 to 70 miles an hour. The highest percentage of fatalities, 20 percent occurred in the 41 to 50 mph range and the next highest (16%) in the 31 to 40 range. The source for this comes from the Committee on Speed of the National Safety Council.

Still, despite these facts, the little stickers appear. In the experience of deponent and of most of those to whom we have talked about this, they're usually seen on that prime source of accidents, the car that has eased, without halting, past a boulevard stop into an expressway wherein it proceeds to creep at a "safe" crawl of 30 to 40. Usually such a car has reached his "safe" crawl at an acceleration rate that would do discredit to a rheumatic snail.

In spite of the known facts, the powers that be continue to try to make political capital by tagging onto the big lie and the little sticker that promotes it. Through it all the highway creep continues to cause accidents by forcing others to foolish acts through sheer frustration and by poking his crawling bulk unannounced and without a sideward glance, into what should be the realm of the quick and the good.

Might be an idea for the NSC to do a bit of good by promoting another slogan. This one could read: *Creeps Kill*.

Here's a tip for next month. On February 2 of this year the Auto Union World Record for the standing start kilometer, a mark that experts claim could never be beaten, was smashed by a healthy five percent. The record smasher was Calvin Rice and the speed he turned was a blistering *average* of 123.56 miles an hour — the car an American special. Also broken was Auto Union's Class B record by Ed Cortopassi at an average of 116.43 through the FIA clocks. This means that had a fast car passed either of these machines at 100 mph as they sat on the line and had they gone off as the car passed, they would in turn have shot by the passer before he had gone six tenths of mile. Next month Griff Borgeson will tell the tale of how the "impossible record" was smashed in an operation that was sheer bootstrap.

— john christy

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