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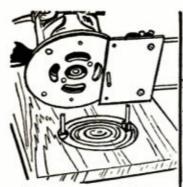
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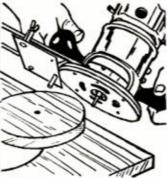
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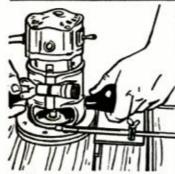
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TO THE EDITOR

#### UFOs: Once more with feeling

I enjoyed Did Flying Saucers Cause the Blackout? (page 100, Nov. PM) very much. Mr. Fuller's book, Incident at Exeter, from which the article is condensed, is one of the few serious books on the UFO subject.

I also noticed in Science Worldwide (page 19, same issue of PM) that a University of California "researcher" from Berkeley reported that most UFO enthusiasts tend to be elderly, poor mental and physical specimens and are the product of a lower middle-class background.

I have investigated the University of California and found it to be a home for delinquent intellectuals and a breeding ground for potential traitors.

Internat'l Investigations ROBERT A. STIFF
of UFOS Foreign Office
Oklahoma City, Okla. Director

You guys out in Berkeley . . . from now on, you'd better keep a sharp eye on the horizon.

Why not conclude that the huge red ball is an optical phenomenon produced by the electromagnetic field being generated by the high-power lines? Instead the implication is there that some alien craft is draining the power to recharge its batteries.

Abington, Pa.

DAVID E. SHARP

UFOs have been created in the laboratory; they are caused by corrosion of high-voltage power lines and are not from outer space.

Beverly Hills, Calif.

JOHN MARCUS

It isn't likely that ships as powerful as UFOs would need to draw electric power from lines. If they are ships, it's more reasonable to think that they were using a clip-on meter that fits around like a padlock to measure the amp. load in the lines.

Phoenix, Ariz.

DONALD A. BAER

About a year ago I set out to find what kind of field would knock out power wires, cause magnetic deflection, heat, static and hold a large object in the sky. Well, I found it. A flying saucer operates on 2 or 3 million volts, alternates from positive to negative, causes longitudinal

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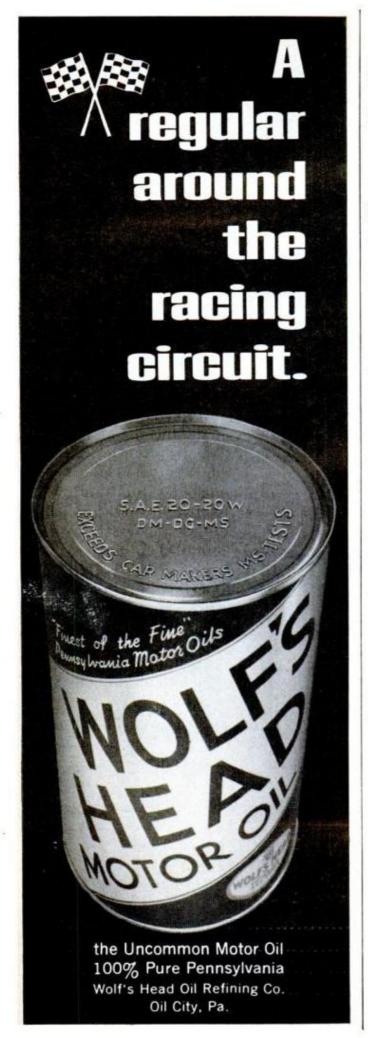
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electric waves (not transverse) which drive the ship.

Would anyone care to buy a flying saucer when I am able to make them? Red Oak, Iowa Charles Morton

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Will it fit in the garage?

Why was no mention made of St. Elmo's fire as a possible explanation of what these people saw? And another common phenomenon was not considered: corona.

Maybe one of the above, mixed with overactive imagination, is the answer. Chicago, Ill. Ken Greenberg

#### Hey, Mr. Haas . . .

Seeing as how Mr. Haas' question failed to arouse a suitable answer in your November issue (*Letters*, page 9), I would like to give you the reason for the parachute on an H-bomb.

Atomic weapons are detonated some distance in the air because, with their great power, this gives them a larger area destroyed. The parachute is used to slow the descent of the bomb somewhat to give the plane a chance to get away. With the great power of atomic bombs, a few hundred feet off makes little difference. Lincoln, Neb.

GERALD COATES

Sh-h-h-h, Gerald, the Air Force says that sort of stuff is classified. Don't tell another soul!

#### 'Difficult to be surprised'

In Safety Myths That Mess Up Your Driving (page 93, Nov. PM), Mr. Pearson states that "The Purdue research group recently studied three intersections in Indiana where lights had just been installed—and found that in each case the number of accidents increased, especially the rear-end variety."

I find it difficult to be surprised at this. It seems to me that you would expect this sort of result until the motorists got used to the new lights. This really doesn't convince me that signals don't reduce accidents. Menomonie, Wis. Burton H. Sangler

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I have made more than 20 blue-and-white prints for only 45 cents after running across your article Build a \$3 Dry Blueprinter (page 146, Jan. '65 PM). I found that 30 seconds in the sun and 10 minutes in ammonia makes perfect prints. Chandler, Ariz. Rod A. Nelson

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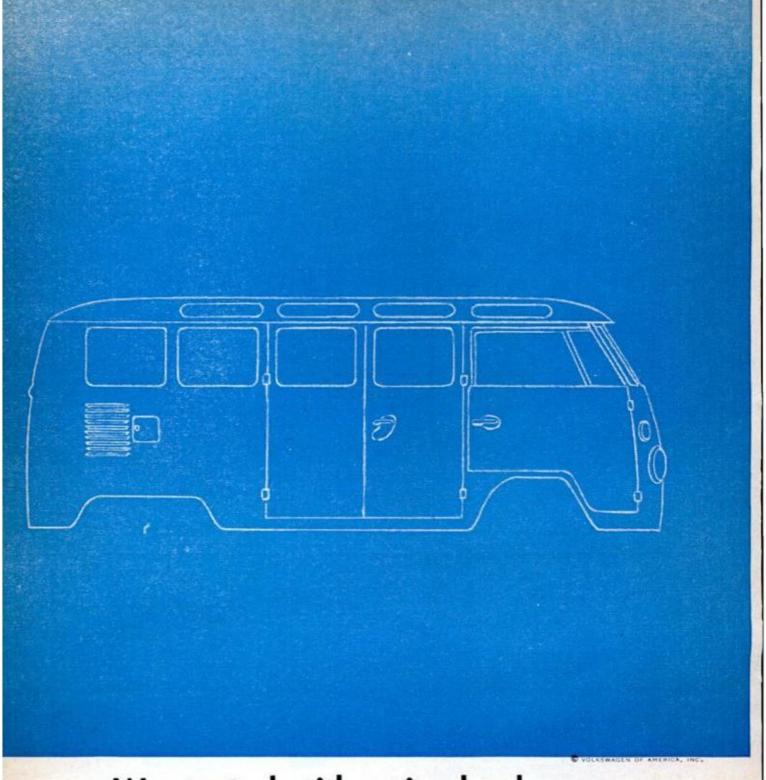
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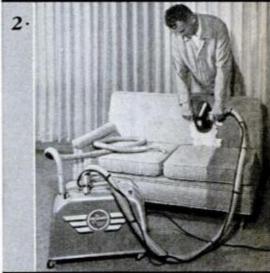
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HUGE BLAST of conventional explosives has been reported in Russian newspapers. A total of 5200 tons of explosives was used to create a big bang that ripped 3.25 million cubic yards of rock out of a mountainside in the Soviet republic of Kazakhstan. The rock slid into a gorge, creating a dam across it that's a quarter of a mile wide and 330 feet high. The dam was needed for flood control.

CHUBBY SCHOLARS face an extra hurdle when it comes to getting into college. A study by the Harvard School of Public Health shows that a fat high-school girl has one-third less chance of college acceptance than does her thin girl friend with comparable grades. Overweight boys are also "marked down," but not to the same degree as the girls. Finding no valid reason for the situation, Harvard researchers concluded that admissions officials simply like 'em thin.

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KNEE INJURIES in football—the sport's biggest medical problem in recent years—prompted a Houston orthopedic surgeon to turn inventor. He has come up with a football shoe that has a front cleat that rotates when a certain amount of pressure is applied. The cleat allows a player's leg to pivot when his foot is firmly planted in the turf and he is blocked or tackled from the side. Ordinarily, knee ligaments are the only thing with "give" in such a situation.

COMPUTER TAKEOVER in yet another field—Radar Signature Analysis (RSA)—is the goal of techniques now being developed. That's the word from an official of a big electronics firm that's working on the problem.

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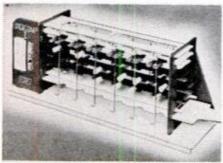
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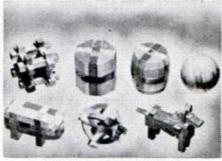
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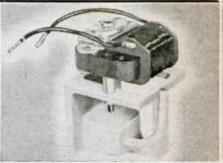
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Q. I race a "stocker" at a local half-mile flat clay oval. I don't know about chassis engineering, but I feel there must be some way to determine when your springs are at the correct level of stiffness for maximum wheel control and handling for the existing track condition. Can you help me?—Tony Goodell, Utica, Mich.

A. One simplified approach is rigging up some sort of indicator, usually in the vicinity of the tubular shock absorber on a given wheel, to show you how much wheel travel you are getting. This indicator could be a rubber O-ring around the shock shaft that would be pushed to the position of highest travel. Once you have an idea of how much travel you are encountering, you can install a stiffer spring for too much travel, or a softer one if you don't have enough. A gen-

eral rule might be two inches of travel on a shock. It's impossible to cover here all the variations, but this may help you to help yourself.

Q. I understand they are considering moving the 12-hour race at Sebring, Fla., to West Palm Beach. I would like your comments on the advantages and disadvantages the drivers will encounter and your personal feelings on leaving the old air base.— James Reeve, Decatur, Ga.

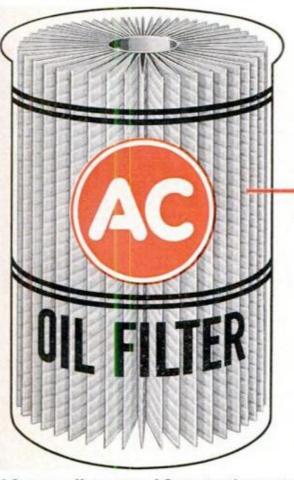
A. Although it was announced that the Florida 12-hour Grand Prix of Endurance was moving to West Palm Beach, a delay in completion of the new site has returned it to the air base course at Sebring for 1967. Had it moved, it would have meant, from my standpoint as a driver, that it closed with me holding the track record. Now, of course, I'll have to try to defend it this year. In a way, I'm sort of glad it didn't move. The old air base, although an artificial course at best, does have as much tradition as any road circuit in the United States.

Q. I've had the urge to drive at Daytona since I was 16. How can I prepare myself? I'm sure that throughout the country there are men who have the natural driving ability to be great race divers, but don't have the money available. Just because a man doesn't have money or connections to develop his talent I don't believe it should lie dormant. I'm sure you have a great ability and that through money or some connection you were able to unleash it, but what of the man who works in a city and has this same ability but doesn't know how or where to use it?—William P. Grubbs, Jacksonville, Fla.

A. I agree that undoubtedly there are men obscured by other professions who have this natural talent buried within themselves. But among the established top drivers, I think you'll find many more examples of men who

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started with no extra money, if any, and who at the beginning had no friends who could pull strings. It takes more than just driving talent to become a top driver. You must have the determination and ingenuity to overcome the obstacles you mention. In a way, if you don't you probably will find that somewhere along the line you'll fall short anyway. If you want to do it bad enough, you'll find a way.

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- Q. I'd like to buy a Mustang, but I keep tossing the question back and forth as to which engine would be best for the car, a Six or V8. This would be for street use only, but I'd like to have the handling kit suspension package with it. Is a four-speed manual transmission worth the extra cost?—Richard Winter, Chicago.
- A. My preference for that car would be 289cu.-in. V8 power, with the handling kit you mention. I also prefer the automatic transmission. From the standpoint of all-around versatility, the automatic wins hands down. I wouldn't buy the four-speed unless I intended to race. A four-speed is a more reliable transmission under road-racing conditions.
- Q. I am a high school senior and would like to know how a boy who likes racing and would like to drive a race car can get into one.—James E. Poston, Pamlico, S.C.
- A. There are no established routes. I would suggest that you get as much experience as possible so that when you find your way to the big leagues, you will have built up a foundation of knowledge and technique that

will be there when you need it. The type car—or even motorcycle, for that matter—you start in isn't that important. Any kind of machinery can provide valuable experience for a racing career.

- Q. What are your plans for the 1967 Indianapolis 500? Will you use your Eagles again? And the Ford DOHC engine? I know how you feel about the accident that knocked you out of the '66 race, but I hope you don't let that deter you from taking another crack! I hope you or one of your Eagles win! Bring back the race to the USA—I can't stand foreigners walking off with first!—Bill Krill, Milwaukee.
- A. I do plan to take another crack at Indianapolis this year, and I intend to go back with a new Eagle—a better, faster one. Present plans are to again use the DOHC Ford for power. I assure you I'll be doing everything possible to bring this race back to the USA, and even perhaps to give the "foreigners" you mention a dose of their own medicine with our American Eagle in Grand Prix races over there.
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- Q. What is the fastest speed any car (not jet propelled) has gone?—Ricky Giancola, Syracuse, N.Y.
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summer home, my Cadillacs, my winter-long vacations and my sense of independence—behind all the wealth of cash and deep inner satisfaction that I enjoy—there is one simple secret. It is this secret that I would like to impart to you. If you are satisfied with a humdrum life of service to another master, turn this page now—read no more. If you are interested in a fuller life, free from bosses, free from worries, free from fears, read further. This message may be meant for you.

#### By Victor B. Mason

I am printing my message in a magazine. It may come to the attention of thousands of eyes. But of all those thousands, only a few will have the vision to understand. Many may read; but of a thousand only you may have the intuition, the sensitivity, to understand that what I am writing may be intended for you—may be the tide that shapes your destiny, which, taken at the crest, carries you to levels of independence beyond the dreams of avarice.

Don't misunderstand me. There is no mysticism in this. I am not speaking of occult things, of innumerable laws of nature that will sweep you to success without effort on your part. That sort of talk is rubbish! And anyone who tries to tell you that you can think your way to riches without effort is a false friend. I am too much of a realist for that. And I hope you are.

I hope you are the kind of man—if you have read this far—who knows that anything worthwhile has to be earned! I hope you have learned that there is no reward without effort. If you have learned this, then you may be ready to take the next step in the development of your karma—you may be ready to learn and use the secret I have to impart.

#### I Have All The Money I Need

In my own life I have gone beyond the need of money. I have it. I have gone beyond the need of gain. I have two businesses that pay me an income well above any amount I have need for. And, in addition, I have the satisfaction—the deep satisfaction—of knowing that I have put more than three hundred other men in businesses of their own. Since I have no need for money, the greatest satisfaction I get from life is sharing my secret of personal independence with others—seeing them achieve the same heights of happiness that have come into my own life.

Please don't misunderstand this statement. I am not a philanthropist. I believe that charity is something that no proud man will accept. I have never seen a man who was worth his salt who would accept something for nothing. I have never met a highly successful man whom the world respected who did not sacrifice something to

gain his position. And, unless you are willing to make at least half the effort, I'm not interested in giving you a "leg up" to the achievement of your goal. Frankly, I'm going to charge you something for the secret I give you. Not a lot—but enough to make me believe that you are a little above the fellows who merely "wish" for success and are not willing to sacrifice something to get it.

#### A Fascinating and Peculiar Business

I have a business that is peculiar-one of my businesses. The unusual thing about it is that it is needed in every little community throughout this country. But it is a busis that will never be invaded by the "big fellows." It has to be handled on a local basis. No giant octopus can ever gobble up the whole thing. No big combine is ever going to destroy it. It is essentially a "one business that can be operated without outside help. It is a business that is good summer and winter. It is a business that is growing each year. And, it is a business that can be started on an investment so small that it is within the reach of anyone who has a television set. But it has nothing to do with television.

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#### Are You Mechanically Inclined?

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In this message I'm not going to try to tell you the entire story. There is not enough space on this page. And, I am not going to ask you to spend a penny now to learn the secret. I'll send you all the information, free. If you are interested in becoming independent, in becoming your own boss, in knowing the sweet fruits of success as I know them, send me your name. That's all. Just your name. I won't ask you for a penny. I'll send you all the information about one of the most fascinating businesses you can imagine. With these facts, you will make your own investigation. You will check up on conditions in your neighborhood. You will weigh and analyze the whole proposition. Then, and then only, if you decide to take the next step, I'll allow you to invest \$15.00. And even then, if you decide that your fifteen dollars has been badly invested I'll return it to you. Don't hesitate to send your name. I have no salesmen. I will merely write you a long letter and send you complete facts about the business I have found to be so successful. After that, you make the decisions,

#### Does Happiness Hang on Your Decision?

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VICTOR B. MASON 1512 Jarvis Ave., Suite M-2-BT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60626

# CAREER BY CREIGHTON PEET BAROMETER LORS

JOBS IN PLEASURE BOATING

ORE PEOPLE TAKE TO BOATS every year in the United States, so it's logical to wonder what the prospects are for jobs in boat building, repairing or management.

There are around 8 million pleasure boats on our lakes, rivers and coasts, including 580,000 inboards. Some 350,000 new boats are sold every year. Next to the family car, the family boat is tops when it

comes to summer enjoyment.

Considerable change has taken place in boat building. What once required a vast amount of handwork is now accomplished with speed and ease. A few coats of plastic are sprayed on sheets of fiberglass-and while you watch, a complete boat takes shape. One of the biggest manufacturers in this field, Traveler Boat Div. of the Stanray Corp., recently replaced its regional factories with a \$6 million computer-operated plant at Danville, Ill., almost in the exact center of U.S. population. From here it ships finished boats on special railroad cars. A fiberglass or aluminum boat is completed every two minutes; a brand-new boat comes off an assembly line in just four hours.

New production methods that have cut the price of boats obviously have been a factor in the growing number of owners, but they have also cut the number of profitable jobs in the plants. Very little skill that can't be acquired in a few days is needed, so the pay starts around a low \$2 an hour and seldom gets past \$3. It should also be pointed out that many find the fumes unpleasant, despite elaborate ventilating and shielding systems.

While not as numerous as fiberglass boats, wooden-hull boats are still quite popular, and here the pay and working conditions are usually much better. Many mass-producers of these boats use computers and the latest power tools. The Trojan Boat Co. of Lancaster, Pa., for example, produces several thousand 28, 31 and 40-foot wooden boats a year, using an incentive pay system under which its men may work a nine-hour or longer day and get from \$7000 to \$10,000 a year.

Standardized wooden elements are produced to exact measurements in a mill and shipped to assembly lines in the main plant. This assembly requires skill, chiefly

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JOB TITLE	CURRENT NATIONAL DEMAND	STATES OR AREAS WITH SIGNIFICANT DEMAND		CURRENT NATIONAL DEMAND	STATES OR AREAS WITH SIGNIFICANT DEMAND
Aeronautical Engineer Aircraft Repairman	770 629	Wash., Calif., Mo., Pa.	Mechanical Engineer	1387	Calif., Wash., N.J., Wis., Ohio
Air Pilot	241	Calif., Fla., Conn., Md. Fla., III., Pa.	Motal Turner Miller	1713	Conn., Calif., Ga., Ohio,
Auto Body Worker,	782	Calif., Fla., N.C., III.,	Metal Turner, Miller, Borer	1/13	III.
Transport Equipmen	t	Conn.	Modelmaker,	761	Wash., Calif., Ga., Mo.,
Carpenter	174	Minn., Wash., Mass., Va.	Patternmaker		. Vt.
Civil Engineer Draftsman	458 1230	Calif., Ohio., N.J., Wash. Wash., Calif., Ohio,	Molder, Coremaker, Foundryman	127	Mass., Pa., III., Conn., Wash.
		Wis., Minn.	Medical, Dental Techn		III., D.C., Calif., Colo.
Computer Data Processor, Automat	273 ic	Mass., Wash., Va., Minn.	Plumber, Gas Fitter, Steam Fitter	780	Calif., Va., Mass., Minn., Ohio
Computer Programmer Statistician	. 1009	Wash., Minn., Calif., Pa., D.C.	Policeman, Detective, Guard	1072	Calif., Mo., D.C., Va.,
Electrical Components Assembler, Repairm		Calif., N.H., Wis., III., Minn.	Radio-TV Assembler, Repairman	153	III., Calif., Va., N.H.,
Electrical, Electronics		Calif., Fla., N.J., Okla.,	Sheet-Metal Worker	715	Wash., Calif., Md., Va.
Engineer	00 00 00 000	Minn.	Timber Cutter	82	N.H., Minn., Mont., Pa.
Products Fabricator		Wash., Hawaii, Utah, Colo., Va.	Toolmaker	1450	Wash., Calif., Ga., III.,
Electrical, Electronics Technician		Calif., Fla., Alaska, Pa., Ohio	Transportation Equip. Assembler	2888	Mich., Wash., Calif., Mass., III.
Electrical Products Assembler	179	Calif., Iowa, Ark., Fla., Ind.	Transportation and Material Handler	540	Calif., Va., Mo., Mass., Ohio
Machinist	2807	Wash., Calif., Mass.,	Vehicle and Rail- Equipment Repairma	352	III., Pa., Utah, Wis.,
Marine Equipment	222	Mass., Wash., Calif.,	Welder	1247	Calif., III., Ohio, Mass.
Repairman		Ohio, Va.	Wire Communication	519	Mich., Fla., N.C., III.,
Mathematician	89	Calif., Mo., N.J., Va., Pa.	Assembler		Minn.

PM'S CAREER BAROMETER CHART, above, gives the actual number of job openings listed with state employment agencies by various industries. They do not represent all jobs available, but relative demand is reflected. "Current Demand" figures are true as of our closing date. Check this chart each month and it will tell you where your talents are needed, and how badly. For names of actual

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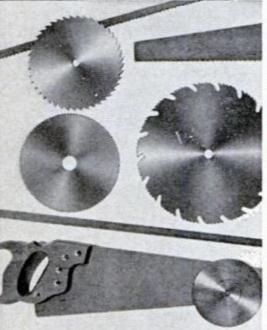
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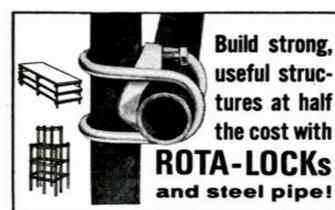
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learned on the job. Most of the men have a high-school education and a familiarity with ordinary mechanics.

The aristocrats of the boat-building business are the men who make the fantastically complicated elements of laminated oak or mahogany used in yachts and racing cup challengers. At the Minneford Yacht Yard on City Island in New York City, builder of many famous racing hulls, apprentices start at \$1.80 an hour and work up to \$3.75, but there are no starting requirements. All one needs to know is taught by older craftsmen.

#### Pleasure job for craftsmen

Among the most important things a man can bring to this job, they'll tell you, are a real feeling for boats and a satisfaction in working with fine woods. It's no way to get rich, certainly, with \$150 a week the usual top pay, but something for men who deplore routine assembly-line work and take pleasure in craftsmanship.

As to working at, or eventually owning, a marina—a number of these 5500 waterside parking lots are owner-operated, and a man can make \$10,000 a year; more if he's alert to what customers want. His money comes primarily from the rental of slips where boats tie up-sometimes all year-but most big marinas also sell gas, oil, groceries, ice, hardware, paint, bait and tackle and provide all sorts of services from laundry to garbage collection.

This requires a lot of capital or a working partnership with other operators. But boat people point out that many large lakes are still without boats or marinas and offer real opportunities for the enterprising.

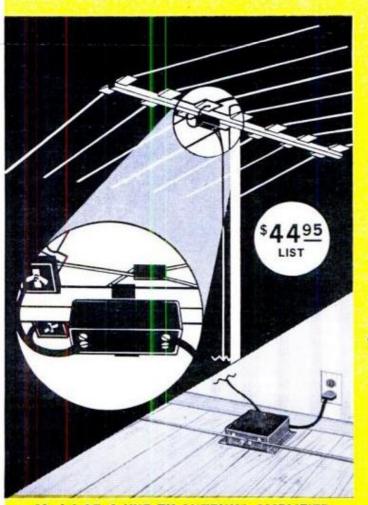
Any competent auto mechanic can adapt himself to marine engines in a few months, and the storing, cleaning and repairing of boats can be profitable. While many owners like to do their own cleaning and painting as a hobby, getting a boat of any size out of the water and properly supported in a storage cradle ashore is no job for an amateur. Thus, they need marinas with storage facilities. The marina operator also can earn nice commissions on boat and engine sales.

The National Assn. of Engine and Boat Manufacturers, 420 Lexington Ave., New York-a group you might contact for advice in this field-provides this breakdown of a marina's revenue: repair services, 15 percent; winter storage, 12 percent; food and liquor, and hardware and paint, 11 percent each; fuel sales, 10 percent, and boat rentals, 4 percent.



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# **AUTOMOBILE CLINIC**

#### **Automatic leaking**

My 1965 Ford with automatic transmission leaks fluid "around the hand-adjusting screws." At least they told me that—and also that there's no way to correct it. I don't know what you can do, but I am desperate. With only 4000 miles on the speedometer, I hate to think of the mess I'll always have on the garage floor.—Laurence Weber, Tuscola, Ill.

I don't know who "they" are, but they sure don't read service bulletins. Ford's SB 513 (11/19/65) tells "them" to install a new-type nut with a self-contained neoprene seal to stop transmission leaks.

#### Oil pumper

I have a 1961 Corvair Monza which pumps oil up the dipstick. If you remove the filler cap, it pumps oil out the filler neck at freeway speeds. At idle, it's okay. A mechanic, without even looking at the car, said to change engines. Surely, there's a better solution than this.—Doug Hall, Chula Vista, Calif.

You'd better believe it. If there isn't a better solution than what that mechanic suggested, lots of Corvair owners are in for a financial fiasco. I believe that a "better" solution is twofold:

 Be aware that you've got a short oilfiller neck on that Corvair. Even if the car's in perfect shape, oil will be tossed out the neck at higher speeds if the filler

cap is removed.

2. Since you live in California, you probably have some sort of PCV system on the car. Oil being tossed out could be a sign of a plugged-up PCV system. So, I'd get that entire system cleaned out and the PCV valve replaced—just to be sure.

#### Now it's a moanin' Olds

Several months ago you advised a reader complaining of a vibrating, moaning noise in the front of his Pontiac to install a new drive-belt bumper to the alternator. I have the same type noise in my 1966 Delta 88 Olds. Is there such a part for my car?—John J. Davino, Matawan, N. J.

Forget it, John. No such luck because the Olds problem seems to be different. Of BY MORT SCHULTZ

course, it's tough to say without hearing the noise myself, but several Oldsmobile shop chiefs have told me that they've had a problem with the Delcotron bearings going bad. If so, the part should be replaced under the terms of the warranty. Seek the advice of your Olds dealer.

#### Shimmy comes and goes

Our 1965 Comet has always had a shimmy in the front end and steering wheel when going 55 to 60 mph and more. On many occasions, the dealer has balanced the wheels, replaced the front ball joints and even replaced the front brake drums. The tires have been carefully checked for trueness.

After each service, the shimmy either lessens or disappears entirely. But only to return again. Is there anything more permanent that can be done, or is this a characteristic of the car?—Mrs. Diane

Schmidt, West Babylon, N.Y.

This is a real tough one, and I've got a hunch it's some oddball thing. I'm going to take a crack at it, though. Have your dealer check page 3 of SB (9/22/64). These cars incorporated a revised front-suspension, lower arm strut that has an identification mark on it. That mark must be facing downward. If for some strange reason the strut wasn't installed properly at the factory, it might cause the problem.

#### Something's out of round

I have a 1966 Dodge Monaco station wagon with close to 9000 miles on it. About 5000 miles ago, it developed a brake problem that my dealer can't solve. When I apply the brakes at medium to high speed, I get a terrible shudder in the front end.

The wheels have been balanced, and the brakes have been cleaned and adjusted. My front end, the dealer says, doesn't need aligning. I've got a hunch the brakes are just not strong enough. Am I

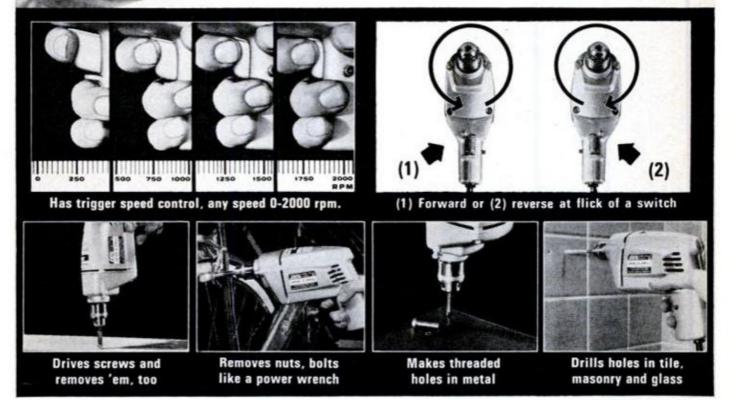
right?-Jack Barrett, Cleveland.

You may be, Jack, but that's not the report I've been receiving. According to my information, this is a typical problem with this model car. After the first 4000 or

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5000 miles, the brake drums seem to go out of round. Why? Who knows, but they must be doing something wrong.

Anyway, many people have had the problem solved when their dealers have turned down all four drums.

#### Thank you, Rambler

The American Motors Corp. has shed more light on the question of welding cracks in aluminum blocks that was asked by a reader in the Sept. 1966 Auto Clinic. Hidden in the files of Rambler dealers should be Service Bulletin 61-11, group 1.000, dated March 9, 1961.

The procedure outlined is a last-ditch effort. As Rambler states, it's recommended "when the remaining option would be to scrap the cylinder block." Furthermore, the repair is not recommended in main bearing, cylinder head contact face, oil gallery or other area which would require disassembly of the engine at considerable cost to the owner. Why? Because, as Rambler puts it, there is no

guarantee that the weld will hold up. The repair procedure should be used only in non-critical areas.

#### Split seam

I have a problem with the rear quarter panel of my 1964 Ford custom four-door: it's always cracking in the weld where it's fastened to the body. The crack starts at the door post and works its way back along the joint until it fairs into the trunk deck. The shop has welded it five times in two years, and still it breaks. Can you suggest a permanent solution?—Jack Houston, Astoria, Ore.

A reason for the problem could be the metal brace piece beneath the quarter panel that was put in during production. If for any reason this piece was inadvertently cut, either during production or afterwards, the joint in the quarter panel wouldn't have anything to grab hold of. Vibration you get while driving would therefore allow it to let loose. I suggest you attack the problem from behind the quarter panel. Have that brace piece wedged by shimming it. Then, spot weld.

#### Service Tips

- CAR HARD TO START WHEN WARM? If you're a 1966 Chevrolet owner with a 327-c.i.d. engine equipped with a Carter AVS carburetor, here is a valuable tip for you. Things can be improved by increasing the idle vent valve setting from .030 to .065 in., using carburetor kit J-9789-01. This change applies only to carburetors 3876749 (AVS 4027SA) and 3875966 (AVS 4028SA). There's an additional bit of information for you fellows with the 3875966 carburetor, which has a tendency to load up on driveaway. Increase the vacuum-break setting from .120 to .160 in. Your dealer has the word on all this.
- WHEEL NOISE IN A '65 OR '66 STUDEBAKER? If so, look to those wheel discs (to be specific, wheel disc AC-352, which you may have had put on as an option). There could be interference between the outer edge of the disc and the tire sidewall. This can cause the disc to loosen and become noisy. It can also cause an indentation in the sidewall.

So, what to do? The answer is easy: Refer your dealer to service letter C-1966-2 (2/8/66). It tells him to install four new retaining clips (Part No. 1565915) on each wheel disc.

 ANTIFREEZE FOR OLDSMOBILES. We promised to pass on this word to Oldsmobile owners. Since the release of GM Inhibited Ethylene Glycol Antifreeze (Part No. 982209), which the directions say to change every two years, there have been lots of inquiries as to the recommendation for past model cars. Here it is, straight from Olds:

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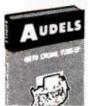
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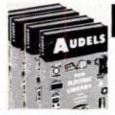
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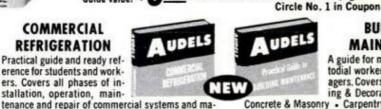
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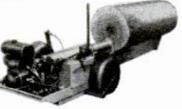
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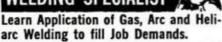
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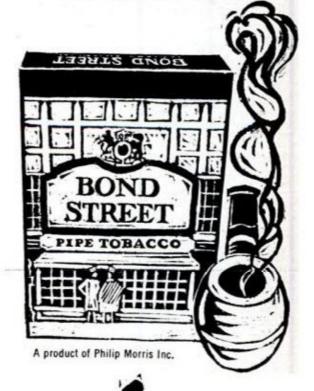
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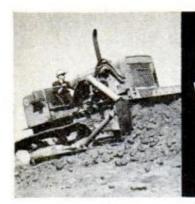
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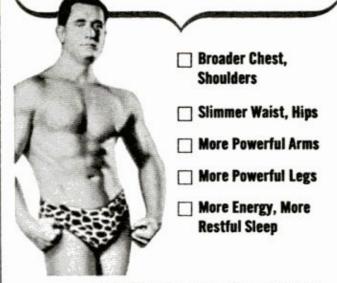
A LANDING CRAFT that could deposit foot soldiers and machines on dry land earned patent 3,259,097 for John Van Veldhuizen, Homestead, Fla. Air-propelled by means of two air intake fans mounted to two aircraft (Lycoming) engines, the 25footer has cruised in just 10 inches of water-within 6 feet of the shoreline. It is steered by lateral discharges of air through flap valves in ports behind the engines on each side. Thus, air directed back toward the bow acts as a braking force. In test runs, Van Veldhuizen has hovered his stainless steel boat in an inch of water. On a highway, it was set on a tandem wheel trailer with no front wheel on the ground and clocked at 32 mph.

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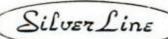
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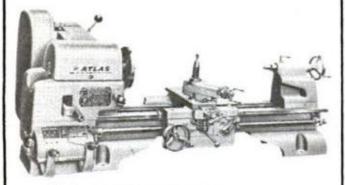


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One design, by Lockheed Aircraft Corp., has passed wind-tunnel tests, the model stopping its wings and folding them at speeds from 90 to 160 mph. Full-scale models would take off vertically, then transform into a fixed-wing airplane at about 150 mph.

The second design, by Sikorsky Aircraft, would have similar characteristics, with a four-ton payload.

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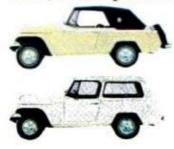
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GIs IN VIETNAM seem to have at least three ideas — different from the quartermaster's—about the equipment required for survival in combat against the Vietcong. Since I wrote a column on knife sharpening I have had hundreds of letters from Vietnam requesting additional information, and in talking with several makers of quality knives I learned that most of their recent orders are from GIs in combat or on their way. One small manufacturer is swamped with orders for a belly knife, a short-bladed dagger with a "T" handle that is clutched in the fist and used for close combat.

Some months ago I spoke with a manufacturer of handguns who told me that he has been filling hundreds of individual orders for parents whose sons have requested a sidearm. Another example is the manufacturer of a dry, graphite-base gun oil that prohibits gun jamming despite conditions of water, moist heat and mud, who has been sending gifts of his product to the thousands who have writ-

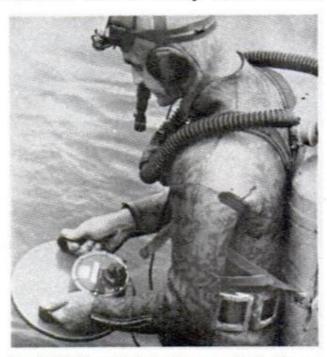
ten for it.

And now I learn that Sterno Inc. has been sending hundreds of complimentary stoves and cans of fuel to GIs who have written to purchase it so they can have hot "C" rations when they're in the line. It seems that this item is not available in the local PXs, and after reading a batch of the letters the Sterno company received I recommend that a few cans (they weigh 7 oz.) be included in every package sent to a boy overseas.

A FISHING LODGE OPERATOR in Manitoba, George Maryk, is known as a man who makes careful advance preparations for his customers. Last spring, before the season opened, he flew a 14-foot boat to a small back-country lake where he left it for future use. When he returned with some customers later in the summer the boat was gone. He found it after considerable searching, but it was in use. A family of beavers had built the boat into their dam.

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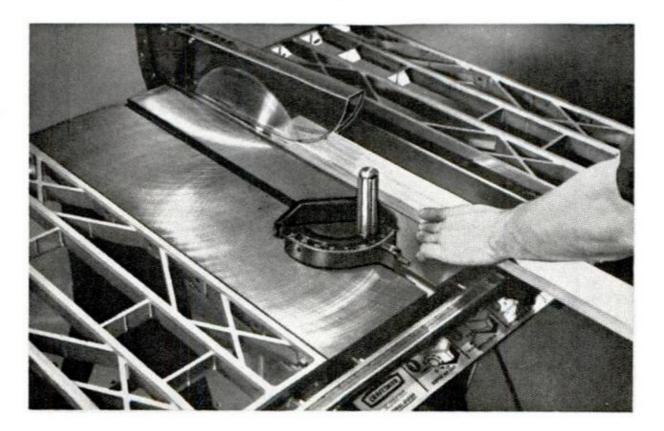
for \$249.50, which isn't very high if you find a good treasure. One group of Long Island (N.Y.) divers are using one to look for the USS Savannah, a navy vessel that went down off Center Moriches a century ago. (That's a lot of scrap iron—if you get it up.) It is made by The Radiac Co., Box 657, Center Moriches, N.Y., a manufacturer of precision scientific instruments.

FIBERGLASS SKIS are still the center of a raging controversy. The big question is how they compare with wooden or metal slats. But a large part of the argument results from mass confusion about terms. No two skiers will give you the same definition when asked to explain so-called glass skis. Very few know what the labels mean. Here's a rundown:

"Plastic" skis are nothing more than wooden skis protected with a plastic coat. The plastic has no structural value. The same is true of "epoxy" skis. Neither have glass fibers in their construction. But "fiberglass-epoxy" skis do have glass fibers, and the term generally denotes a good product. However, the best grade is "fiberglass-reinforcing-wood" skis. These slope-riders combine the virtues of both wood and fiberglass.

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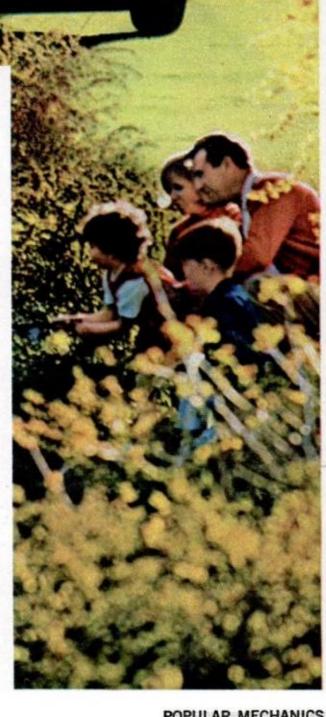
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#### Renewing ceramic floor

The ceramic floor in my bathroom is old. Tiles are rather worn and the joints darkened and discolored from long use. How does one clean such a floor?-R.L., Calif.

I once tried the following method and found it worked quite satisfactorily. First clean the floor by scrubbing with a medium-to-strong detergent solution. Rinse well, allow to dry and then wipe on a thinned interior semi-gloss paint in an ivory or light cream color. It must be thinned with turpentine so that it will wipe off the tile readily, the residue catching in the joints, much as a filler does applied to an open-grained wood. Permit it to dry overnight.

#### Blistering wallpaper problem

Wallpaper in two rooms of our new home has loosened from the plaster, forming large, discolored blisters. Both outside and inside walls are affected. What's the cause of this? Should I replace the paper or can it be repaired?-W.B.,

I'd suspect right away that the wetplastered walls were not thoroughly dry before the paper was hung. Whether to attempt to repair the blisters or replace the paper is difficult to say offhand, but it will likely prove faster and more satisfactory to repaper, particularly if the dis-

colorations are noticeable.

Small blisters might be repaired successfully by slitting at right angles, folding the flaps back, applying paste to them and then pressing the flaps down, making sure the cut edges butt when the paper shrinks. But first, the flaps will have to be left open for a time to be sure the plaster is thoroughly dry. Any blisters larger than 4 or 5 in. are difficult to repair well. If you repaper, wash the walls thoroughly after removing old paper, then allow the plaster to dry 10 days or more. Resize the bare walls with a thin glue size before hanging the new paper.

#### Hard-to-find leak

There's a leak in my basement floor and it's not along the wall. After a heavy rain, I find about one-fourth of the floor covered with water 1/8 to 1/4 in. deep. It's dry all along the walls. As yet, I haven't located where the water comes in, but the hole must be in the floor. Have you any suggestions?-T. B., Ohio

You don't mention any hairline cracks, so the water must be coming in through a tiny hole in the concrete. This could be caused by a rotted sliver of wood or possibly a small piece of rusted-out wire in the mix that might not have been discovered by the floor finisher and removed. A lot of water can come in over several hours' time through a hole no larger than pinsize if there is moderate hydrostatic

pressure from below.

Next time, try to catch the leak during a storm. Spread a little fine sand over the wet area. The sand will be washed away from the hole if there is any flow at all. Then drill out the hole to a depth of 3/4 in. or so and undercut the sides with a cold chisel. Work carefully so that you don't chip or flake the adjacent concrete. Clean the hole of debris, wet it and fill it a little over-flush with a concrete patcher and trowel smooth. Cover it with a damp cloth for at least 24 hours to cure it. Carefully done, this should hold, even under moderate pressure.

#### Spiffing up spindles

My old home has a long porch across the front. The railings consist of top and bottom rails with spindles between, 12 to to each span. The paint is in very bad shape and I don't like to think about removing it from all 48 spindles. I can handle the house painting, but what should I do about those turnings?-D. L., Tenn.

Cleaning and painting porch railings with turned spindles might develop into an all-season job, but in the end it could be worth it. Assuming that the wood in the spindles is still in reasonably good condition, you can "paint" them with a wash-off-type of remover, allowing it to soften the rough paint. Wash off the excess softened paint. You won't get all of it, but the residue will do no harm if you use a remover that does not contain benzol. Allow to dry thoroughly and then

If you don't like the turnings well enough to retain them as a feature of the railings, then cover them with siding that matches that of the house. You'll need to add nailing strips between the rails not more than 24 in. apart. If the matching siding is narrow and thin, as were many old-style sidings, 16-in. spacing would

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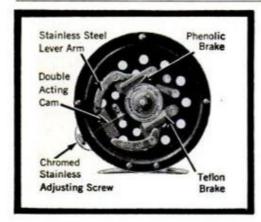
ONE AFTERNOON may well end my spotty and feeble attempts at making movies. I attended a showing of some prize-winning entries in the annual Kodak Teen-Age Movie Awards competition. If this is what 14 and 15-year-olds can produce, then I'm wasting my time.

One film by an 18-year-old was good in conception and story and best overall in scripting, camera work and editing. All the more remarkable were the achievements of the younger set. One 14-year-old produced a documentary on the effects of taking LSD that was immensely imaginative and well executed. A 15-year-old turned out a "professional quality" animated cartoon. A 16-year-old created a competent educational film on taking the electrocardiogram of developing chick embryos. While many of the entrants are looking forward to careers in moviemaking, many more are just doing it for fun. And most of the films show a concern with serious subjects. The "nowhere to go, nothin' to do" school of teen-age complainers has no adherents here.

Since the films are good and the approaches fresh indeed, perhaps Kodak and some TV executives ought to consider programming them with instruction to encourage other youth to investigate this field as an emotional and creative outlet.

HERE'S A SWITCH on the old saw about orientals' inability to pronounce the letter "R." One Japanese camera manufacturer was showing a prototype of a handsome, new movie camera. In examining the controls, I found a button down near the pistol grip that bore the engraved legend "single flame."

MORE FLASHCUBE ADAPTERS are around since Hitch Any Camera to a Flashcube (page 180, Oct. '66 PM) went to press. Hudson Photographic Industries (HPI) and Amplex are in the fold. The HPI unit permits two adapters to be stacked on the camera. One overlooked in the story was the New Devices, Inc., Cube-dapter for instamatics 104 and 105. This one licks the problem of close-up overexposure with AG-1 bulbs (which have higher light output than flashcubes). The single-bulb unit makes contact without triggering the 1/30-second flash speed, but instead uses the daylight speed of 1/30 second.



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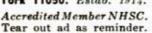
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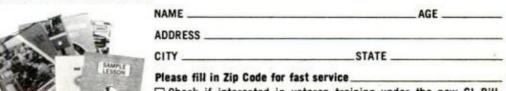
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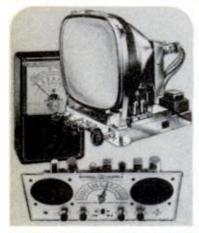
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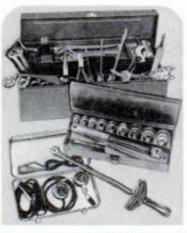


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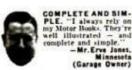
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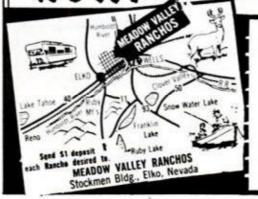
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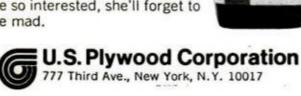
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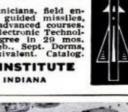
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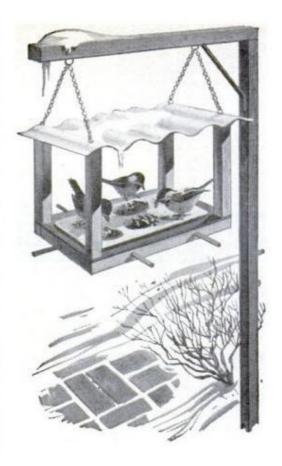
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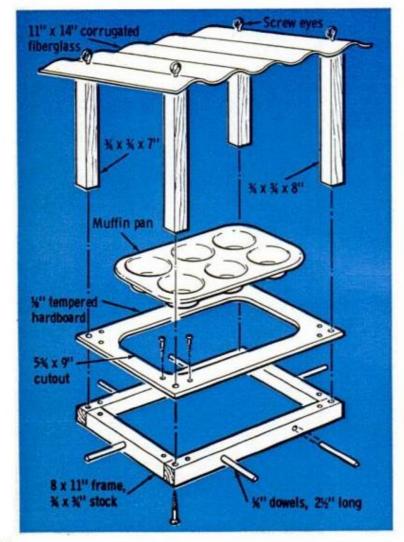
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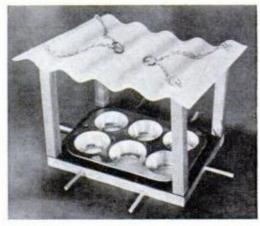
WHETHER YOU HANG IT from a bracket outside a window or from a pole in the yard, this economy bird feeder will give bird watchers hours of winter pleasure. The key to the whole design, of course, is the use of a low-cost muffin tin to provide half a dozen separate feeding cups which can be filled with a smorgasbord of different treats to suit any bird's taste.

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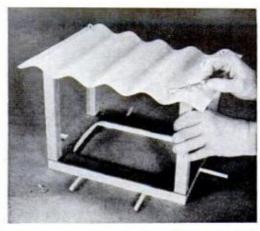
Fasten the platform to the framing strips with countersunk flathead wood screws. Then fasten the uprights to the frame. The screw eyes used to secure the corrugated fiberglass roof to the uprights do double duty as anchors for the 12-in. lengths of chain used to hang the feeder. Give it a coat of paint, fill with goodies and watch the fun.—Willard and Elma Waltner







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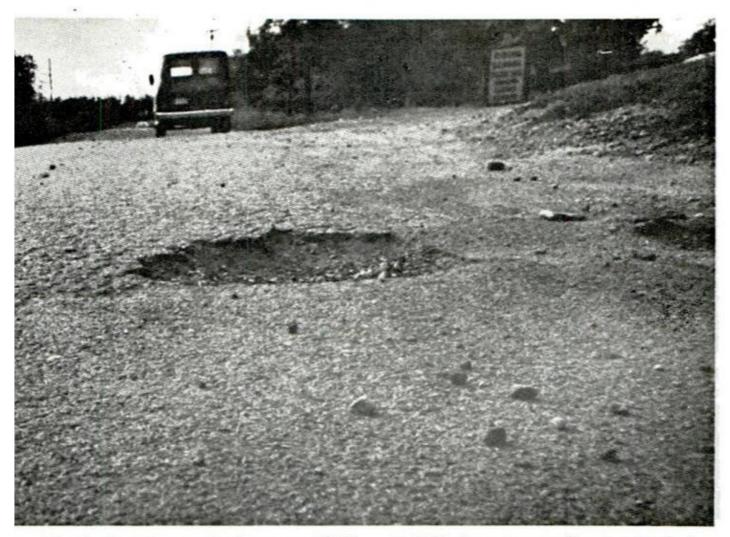
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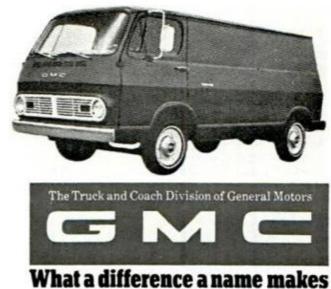
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# LISTENING POST

BY BOB IRVIN

AN ANTISKID SYSTEM THAT MAY SELL FOR UNDER \$50 is being developed by Kelsey-Hayes. It's electronic, unlike the mechanical system used on Britain's \$15,000 Ferguson Formula car. "We're very close to an application for passenger car brakes," says one Kelsey-Hayes engineer. The system would include an electronic speedometer and cruise control device. The system is being developed for the rear wheels, would later be broadened for all four wheels. K-H already has sold the new anti-skid device to several fleets and is approaching truckmakers to win wider acceptance. By operating the brakes over and over in a sequence timed in milliseconds, the system can keep vehicles from skidding out of control.

GENERAL MOTORS' "F" BODY, developed for the Chevy Camaro and adapted quickly by Pontiac for the Firebird, may also be used by Oldsmobile and Buick. Word is that those two divisions would like to bring out sporty cars of their own.

LINCOLN MAY HAVE A PERSONAL CAR OF ITS OWN IN 1968. Prime mover behind the project is Lee A. Iacocca, Ford group vice-president and man behind the Mustang and Cougar. He's trying to increase Ford's market share by building up the Lincoln-Mercury Div. Other signs: He installed E. F. (Gar) Laux, former colleague at Ford Div., as L-M general manager and gave Leo Beebe, former Ford Div. racing boss, the green light for a similar program at Mercury.

QUOTABLE QUOTES: Bob Anderson, Chrysler-Plymouth boss, on sporty cars: "We may have missed the boat but Chevy never even saw the dock." (Note: The new Barracuda seemingly puts Anderson at the right pier at last.) Dr. Jack Goldman, director of Ford's scientific lab, on electric power: "I guess I proved gasoline is more dangerous than a sodium-sulphur battery." (Goldman was almost killed when his Lincoln crashed into the rear of a stalled car on the Indiana Toll Road. The gas tank ruptured and both cars were engulfed in flames.)

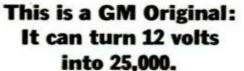
POLYESTER CORD IS FAST BECOMING STANDARD CORD ON GOODYEAR original equipment tires. Conversion to polyester started quietly last year. Goodyear claims the cord is stronger than rayon and does not have the flat-spotting problems of nylon. The cord first reached the replacement market in April 1962 with the "Vitacord" trademark.

TO BUILD GAS TURBINES FOR THE INDUSTRIAL MARKET—including big trucks—GM's Detroit Diesel Div. says the main problem is designing an engine to be assembled on a production line. But it expects to have that solved in another year. It hopes to have some turbines ready for test by 1969 and public evaluation by 1970. Ford's on the same timetable.

CHEVY'S 396-INCH, 325-HP V8 IS BEING ADDED AS A CAMARO OPTION. Biggest previously was the new 350-incher. Camaro needed the extra kick to compete with Mustang and Cougar, which have a 390, and the 383 Barracuda. Are the 427s up next?

AMC WILL TRY TO CRACK THE AUTO MARKET BEHIND THE IRON CURTAIN by sending a team of export officials to the Soviet Union this year. American Motors Corp. export sales have remained firm despite its problems in the domestic market. The team, headed by William Pickett, hopes to work out a barter deal with the Com(Continued on page 88D)







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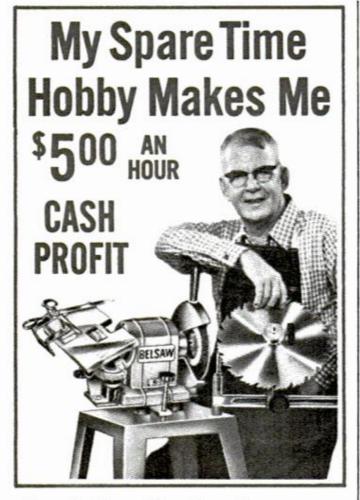
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# DETROIT LISTENING POST

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munists, maybe Ramblers for steel. He's done it before, once traded Belgian-built Ramblers for Colombian coffee, sold the beans and made AMC a neat profit.

collapsible steering columns really work. First documented case of their lifesaving value came when a diabetic blacked out and rear-ended a parked truck at 60 mph. The steering column on his '67 Rambler collapsed 5% inches and he didn't even have bruises on his chest. The truck's tailgate shattered the windshield, however, and his face was cut by glass.

SAFETY STANDARDS to be published by the U.S. General Services Administration in February or March may be tipoff on what you'll find on all cars in 1969. Standards for '68 cars were based on the GSA's requirements for its 1968 purchases. GSA has three priorities for its '69 standards—better visibility, improved driver-to-driver communications, more protection for occupants. GSA has a "shopping list" of 67 items and it's sure to use some of them in drawing the '69 standards. List includes padding the entire roof to minimize injury and relocating the transmission lever or redesigning it as a dial or button arrangement. Tricolor taillights are also getting serious study.

THE J-CAR—Ford's third generation sports racer, lighter and with somewhat different lines than the Le Mans-winning GT MK IIs, will finally see some action in 1967. It's the same car in which Ken Miles was killed during tests at Riverside last summer. Ford has been unable to find anything wrong with it, has since built two more and hopes they'll see action in the 24-hour Daytona Continental.

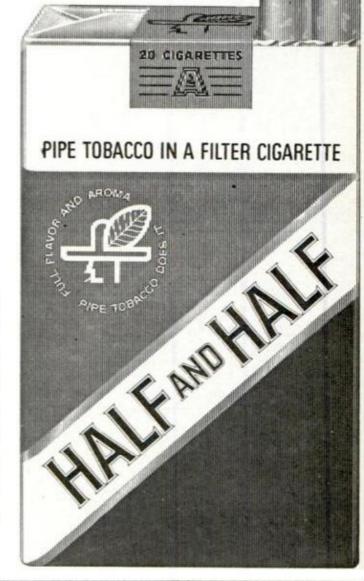
MORE ON THE ELECTRICS. Ford, which this spring will begin testing its battery-powered "city car," already has a larger version on the drawing boards. Called a commuter car, it would have a 330-mile range and a 73-mph top speed.

AUTO RUSTPROOFING at the factories doesn't do the job, according to Roger F. Waindel. He's president of Ziebart, a Detroit firm with an after-production rust-proofing process considered so good it's widely used by military and private fleet owners. He puts industry's standard five year, 50,000-mile warranty on the car bodies he rustproofs. In 1966 he handled about 120,000 vehicles.

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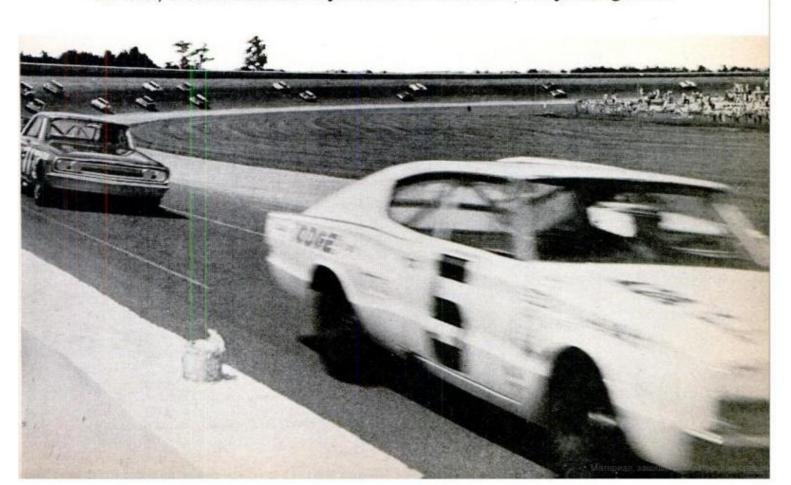
AUTOMOBILES

# Can the Independents Win at Daytona?

Are they really giving stock-car racing back to the little guy? PM visited NASCAR's major 'training camps' to find out. The answer: 'Just like they've given the World Series back to the Little Leaguers.'

"I TLL TAKE 185 MPH to win the pole for the 500," said Lee Roy Yarbrough as he climbed through the window of a Dodge Charger after running a tire test on the super-swift Daytona Speedway. Lee Roy should know. He had just turned a lap at 183.

His prediction will probably come true this month, when practice and qualifying begin for the world's fastest, richest and most important stock-car race, the ninth annual Daytona 500 on Feb. 26. A few years ago there



was \$10,000 awaiting the first driver to circle Daytona's 21/2 miles of 31° banks and long straightaways at 180 mph. Art Malone finally won it, driving a specially modified, supercharged Indianapolis roadster. Now stock cars are going that fast! In Daytona's first year, 1959, the lap record was 143 mph. Over 35 mph have been added in just nine years.

Much of this performance boost has been due to participation in stock-car racing by major automakers. Today Ford and Chrysler are battling for supremacy; until General Motors said no in 1963, Chevrolet and Pontiac were top contenders. No question, Detroit has changed stock-car racing until it has become one of the most rapid and most expensive forms of motor sport.

In fact, it has become so expensive





that the little guys, the independent car-owners, mechanics and drivers, have been pretty well frozen out of the big-time races. Some of the best, of course, made deals with Ford or Chrysler or joined a factory team like that of Holman-Moody in Charlotte, N. C., (Ford) or Ray Nichels in Griffith, Ind. (Chrysler).

For several years everyone has been shedding tears for the independents who try to compete on the National Assn. for Stock Car Auto Racing (NASCAR) and United States Auto Club (USAC) circuits without any northern comfort from Detroit.

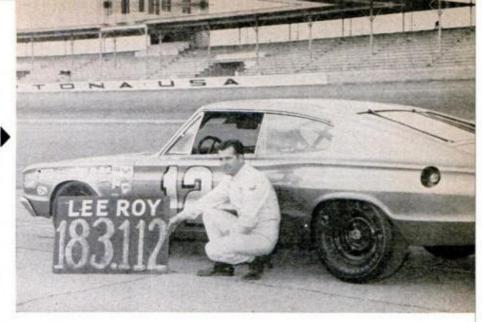
This year it's supposed to be different. Both Ford and Chrysler have announced they are going to give independents a better break against the so-called factory drivers like all-time money winner Fred Lorenzen, two-time Daytona winner Richard Petty and NASCAR champion David Pearson. NASCAR and USAC have drawn up uniform rules supposed to make it easier for a non-factory-affiliated, low-budget operator to compete. It looks like the year of the independents. But is it?

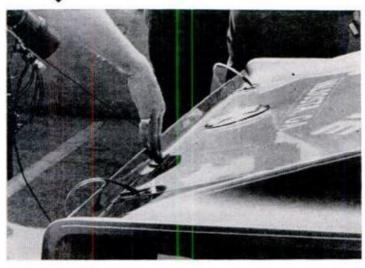
Does a small-time racer have a chance to win a big race like the Daytona 500 or campaign successfully over the long Grand National season? Put

JOHN HOLMAN stands by pile of Fairlane bodies. Ford stars will run Fairlanes instead of Galaxies—well, not quite; the front half of chassis will be Galaxies DAVID PEARSON (left), Grand National champ, will defend title in Dodge Charger prepared by Cotton Owens

LEE ROY YARBROUGH turned fastest lap in Daytona history last November in Charger owned by "independent" Jon Thorne. No shoestring operator, Jon got car from Ray Nichels, spent over \$30,000 in 1966. Now talk is that Lee Roy may drive a Ford in "The Big One" on the 26th of this month

1967 RULES prohibit cutting and reshaping bodies, but permit one-inch spoiler on trunk to improve stability





as succinctly as possible, he doesn't have a prayer.

His plight is not as grim as in previous years, but the fact remains that most big races are going to be won by a half-dozen cars and drivers. Perhaps another six will pick up a win apiece. All the others have to be viewed as real dark horses. Regardless of what Detroit says, the 12 or so who pick up big money will be driving factory-sponsored cars.

Take the Pettys. Set back on a grassy acreage off a country road near Randleman, N. C., is the racing headquarters of this celebrated clan, which has won the Daytona 500 three times out of eight. Lee Petty, former NASCAR champion and winner of the inaugural 500 in 1959, is boss. His sons, Richard and Maurice, form the other two-thirds of the team. Maurice is chief mechanic on the electric blue Plymouths that Richard steered to victory in two of the last three Daytona 500s.

"Things are a little uncertain with Chrysler," Richard told PM late in '66, "but I think it will work out. We want to run Plymouths because it's a tradition with us, and we will if we can."

Actually there are several levels of "factory support." Big operators like Nichels and Holman-Moody work directly for the auto companies, taking production-line cars and rebuilding them into racers. They race some cars themselves and, naturally, command top drivers. They sell others to smaller, but by no means little, operators like the Pettys, the Wood Brothers, Cotton Owens, Bondy Long and others, who add further modifications to engine and chassis.

This year anyone is supposed to be able to buy first-class equipment if he can pay for it, but an outsider might find Detroit's credit terms stiffer than would some of the "old customers." And it wouldn't be surprising if the latter heard first about new developments and got first crack at technical advice.

Originally, all stock-car racers were independents. The arrival of Ford, General Motors and Chrysler in the 1950s changed that almost overnight. Suddenly the most successful drivers and builders were under contract and supplied with money and specially designed parts that turned hopped-up sedans into thoroughbred racing machinery.

All this provoked some monumental hassles between NASCAR and the ma-

jor factory participants. Chrysler quit racing during 1965 when NASCAR banned its ultrapowerful 426-cu.-in., 550-hp "hemi" engines, which had blown Ford off the track at Daytona in 1964—after Ford had swept the first five places in '63. The hemis were legalized again last year after Chrysler agreed to produce them in quantity and offer them to the public. Chrysler competed in 1966, but Ford sat out much of the season because its single overhead camshaft was outlawed.

This year Chrysler will run the hemis, while Ford has said it will race with its old "wedge" engine installed in intermediate size Fairlanes.

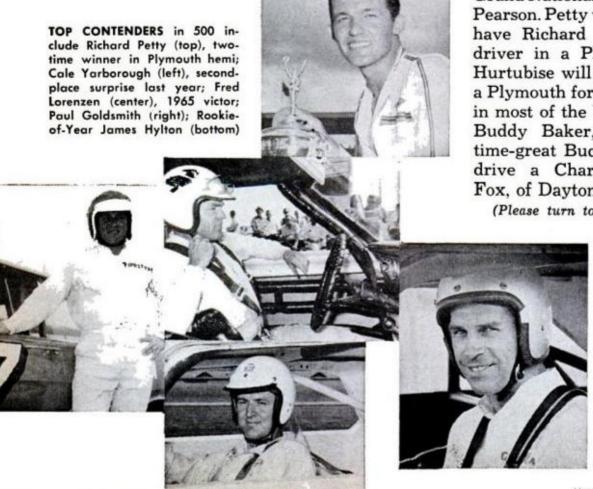
The Fairlanes will be constructed by Holman-Moody and assigned to teams for operation within a complicated, confidential financial and technical-aid program. The probable Ford lineup includes a car entered by Holman-Moody themselves for Fred Lorenzen; a car for Cale Yarborough, surprise second-place finisher at Daytona last

February, to be prepared by the crack Wood Brothers team; a Bondy Long Ford for Dick Hutcherson, who will replace former NASCAR champ Ned Jarrett, now retired; and a car for hard-charging Lee Roy Yarbrough. (No relation to Cale: their names are spelled differently.) Lee Roy's Ford will be entered by the retired moonshiner and 500 victor, the legendary Junior Johnson. (This was the early dope; after Lee Roy's 183 mph, Dodge may try to hang onto him.) There may be a fifth Fairlane assigned to the Banjo Mathews team; it may end up being driven by USAC star A. J. Foyt. USAC drivers Mario Andretti, Billy Foster and Gordon Johncock will probably be in Fairlanes too.

Though Chrysler's budgets may not be quite as generous as in the past, it's a good bet the hemis will again operate from the pits of Ray Nichels, Cotton Owens and Lee Petty. Nichels' drivers will again be Paul Goldsmith, in a Plymouth, and Sam McQuagg, winner

> of last year's Daytona Firecracker, in a Charger. Owens will field a Charger for Grand National champ David Pearson. Petty will, of course, have Richard as his No. 1 driver in a Plymouth. Jim Hurtubise will probably run a Plymouth for Norm Nelson in most of the big races, and Buddy Baker, son of alltime-great Buck Baker, will drive a Charger for Ray Fox, of Daytona Beach.

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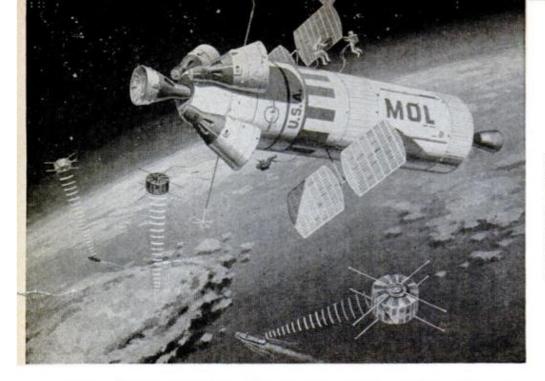
# THE NEXT FIVE YEARS IN SPACE

John Glenn rocketed into orbit just five years ago this month. Since then we've successfully launched two-man crews, completed rendezvous and docking maneuvers. What will the next five years bring?

By WILLY LEY

FIVE YEARS AGO, on Feb. 20, 1962, Col. John Herschel Glenn became the first American to orbit the earth. His Mercury capsule, *Friendship-7*, went around three times. The flight is remembered vividly for the trouble he had. Toward the end, an indicator light falsely announced that the heat shield was loose.

Five years ago the main question was whether the flight could be done. For the next five years, with all eyes focused on the moon, the question is when it will be



# 1968

FIRST MOL (Manned Orbiting Laboratory) will be orbited. Air Force astronauts, first military men in space, may stay aloft 30 days. In background are unmanned navigation, weather and communications satellites

done. How attitudes change so soon! The best guess is that the LEM (Lunar Excursion Module) of the Apollo spacecraft will touch down late in 1968 or early in 1969.

Saying that there will be a base on the moon or that a large manned space station will orbit the earth is no longer a "prediction." It is simply a statement about things to come.

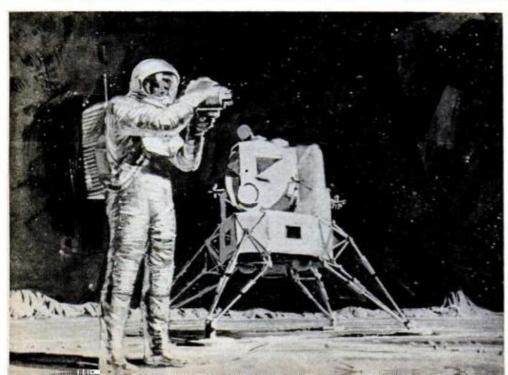
The build-up for all these events began 10 years ago when the first artificial satellites went into orbit. Since then, many things have been accomplished. The U.S. Navy reported in 1966 that its system of navigation with the aid of satellites is both operational and accurate. Communication satellites are operational and so are weather sat-

ellites. The Armed Forces have satellites in orbit that will report on the takeoff of large missiles, and they have other satellites that will report on atomic explosions in space.

In the years to come many more unmanned satellites and space probes will be put into space, but the big events will be manned space flights.

Considered "impossible" by many critics as late as 1960, manned space flight has proceeded smoothly to rendezvous and docking in orbit. The only drawback so far is in the space suits; they are not versatile enough. There may have to be at least three kinds of space suits: for inside the capsule, outside the capsule and on the moon.

One would be a general-purpose suit

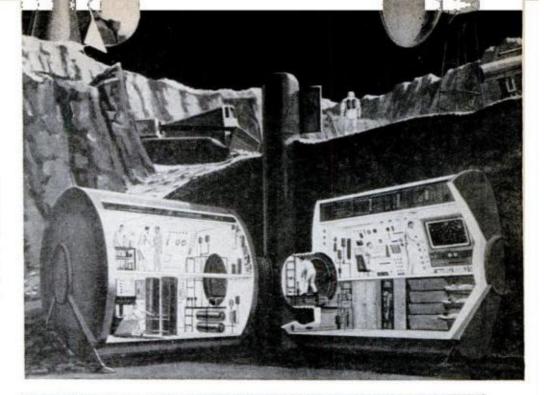


# 1969

FIRST LANDING on moon by American. One astronaut will leave LEM (Lunar Excursion Module) and explore surface, collecting samples and photographing area. After four hours, another astronaut will relieve him

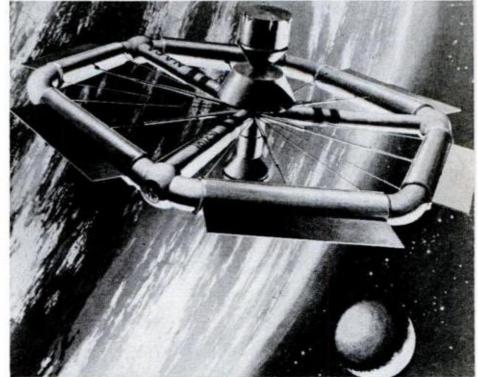
# 1970

LUNAR RESEARCH LAB operates. Here experiments under lower gravity conditions and complete vacuum can be carried out. U.S. industrial firms have already prepared list of projects they'd like to try on moon



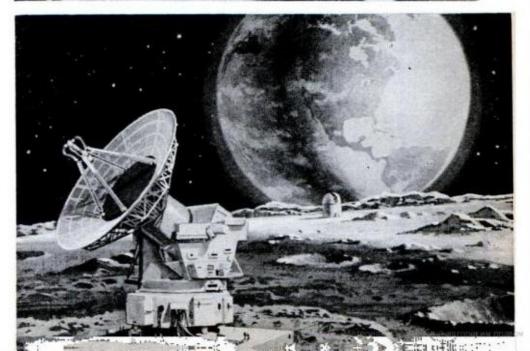
# 1971

SPACE STATION. First large manned station may be mongrelized from spent stages of rocket boosters or created new for permanent orbit where manned "earthwatching" or other experiments can be carried on



# 1972

RADIO TELESCOPE and astronomical observatory will be established on moon. They may, under lunar conditions, discover things that would be impossible to find by observation from earth due to gravity, atmosphere



to be worn while in flight. The second type would be designed for assembly work in space. It would not be bodyfitting but might be spherical or cylindrical in shape, with a large number of different tools mounted on the outside.

The "moon suit" has to be something different again, because conditions on the moon are not the same as in orbit. First, there is gravity. (The pull at the moon is one-sixth what it is on earth.)

Second, there is no atmosphere on the moon.

Third, the temperature of the lunar surface is probably minus 150° F. in the middle of the lunar night, while it will be around plus 200° F. at noon.

The last two points are the most important. A man on the surface of the moon will be exposed to about three times more radiation from the sun, because of the lack of an atmosphere, than a man on earth on a cloudless day. It is of utmost importance that a moon suit not be heated up by the sun's rays—which means that it must reflect close to 100 percent of the radiation.

But what would these men be doing on the moon? First of all they would build a base. It would be nice if a cave could be found, but on the moon—which never had much air and probably never had freely running water—caves are not very likely. Therefore, the first building of the lunar base—which will be mostly underground—would be a structure against the side of a cliff.

Once a lunar base has been constructed, researchers will have a laboratory with features enabling them to carry on projects that are nearly impossible on earth. The reduced gravity is one. There is no way we can construct a laboratory on earth where the gravitational pull is different from the norm.

A second important feature is the near-perfect vacuum on the lunar surface for laboratory experiments of any desired extent, free of charge. A poll among industrial firms found a surprisingly large number of companies already have projects in their files (of course they did not say what these projects are) for which they would gladly rent space on the moon.

At times, laymen ask whether lunar (Please turn to page 212)

# THIS WAS JUST FIVE

IT DOESN'T SEEM THAT LONG, but it was five years ago that John Glenn climbed into Friendship 7 and became the first American to go into an Earth orbit



GLENN ROCKETED from the pad at Cape Kennedy (then Cape Canaveral) on Feb. 20, 1962, and took his place beside Lindbergh as an American pioneer



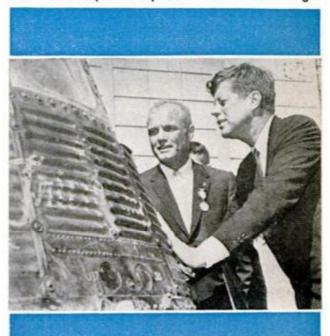
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	U.S.	Feb.	20-Feb.	20.	1962	3				mins.	Friendship
	U.S.	May	24-May	24.	1962	3				mins.	Aurora 7
	U.S.S.R.	Aug.	11-Aug.			64				mins.	Vostok III
		Aug.	12—Aug.			48				mins.	Vostok IV
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			15—May	16.	1963	22				mins.	Faith 7
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YEARS AGO

THE FLIGHT, except for a problem with the heat shield, was as near perfect as it could be. Splashdown was routine, within few miles of pickup carrier

NOW YOU KNOW how long ago it was. John Kennedy was president—a year and a half away from death—and inspected capsule with Glenn after flight



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**AUTOMOBILE TEST** 

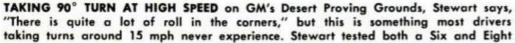
Jackie Stewart tests...



# Pontiac's Flashy

... and he tests it right up to the limit. He says that during high-speed runs "one of my passengers asked politely to be let out, thank you"





HOOD-MOUNTED TACH made big impression on Stewart, from race-driver's viewpoint. "For most cars," he says, "this is where the speedometer belongs. The driver need not take his eyes from the road to read the dial—an important safety feature"





PONTIAC'S NEW FIREBIRD isn't just another entry in the "long-hood, short-deck" class of personal cars that seemingly have caught America's car-buying fancy. To the contrary, it's an interesting car on its own merits, possibly because of several unique design features. But more about these later. Right now, let's talk tests.

I drove two Firebirds, both convertibles, one powered by a high-performance version of Pontiac's 230-cu.-in., overhead-cam Six, the other by a 400-cu.-in., pushrod V8. The ohc engine is rated at 215 hp at 5200 rpm, the V8 318 hp, also at 5200 rpm. Both engines had single four-barrel carburetors.

The Six had a fully-synchronized manual four-speed gear-changer, manual steering and manual front disc brakes. The V8 had an automatic transmission, power steering, and power brakes (also front discs).

I tested the cars on a hot November day at the General Motors Desert Proving Grounds near Mesa, Ariz. The course set aside for PM included a banked, circular five-mile track (making possible some rather dazzling speeds, by the way),





FOLD-UP TIRE THAT INFLATES WHEN NEEDED is Pontiac's unique solution for Firebird "mini-trunk," which otherwise would be eaten up by spare tire

a straightaway ideal for acceleration and braking tests and a "traffic" layout featuring left and right-hand corners typical of both street and highway intersections. So I had ample opportunity to try just about all types of driving during the tests.

In acceleration trials I found the V8 Firebird a very good performance car. Despite a full tank of fuel and one passenger, I averaged 0-30 in two seconds, 0-60 in 7.4, 0-100 on 17.1.

The smaller Six wasn't nearly as quick, but it was running under handicaps that hardly allow a proper comparison—I had two passengers aboard and the carburetor was badly out of adjustment, causing the engine to run roughly at all speeds. In fact, during the cornering tests I made later on, I found that the fuel was cutting out completely. But, for what they are worth, here are the acceleration results with the Six: 0-30 in four seconds, 0-60 in 11.8, 0-100 in 35.

Both cars did quite well in a series of panic stops from 70 mph. On the first panic stop with the Six's manual brakes, the offside front brake at first appeared to be locking. But then it equalized itself, the kind of recovery that can be expected from disc brakes in that they improve as they heat up. Also, a characteristic of discs is quick recovery from brake fade. Required

pedal pressure was not too heavy.

The brakes on the V8 gave me the impression I wasn't getting as much feel of the road as I'd like. My tests were made on dry pavement, yet I think it would be difficult to apply the power brakes on a panic basis under wet road conditions without locking the wheels. This is not a criticism of any one car, but of most American cars fitted with power-braking systems. Called for on such systems, I think, are antilocking devices.

On the Six, I found the manual steering to be a bit heavy, which could be tiring in traffic. It may be that this condition is augmented by the big-footprint tires. On the other hand, the power-steering system on the V8 was too active, too insensitive, in my opinion, to road feel.

Again, however, I personally think this applies to all U. S.-made cars with power steering. I believe power-assisted steering, rather than full power, would be more acceptable to most drivers. Power-assist provides easy maneuverability at low or parking speeds, but reduces its effect at higher speeds, providing a much better feel of the road. This system is used on large, heavy trucks and, I think, belongs on passenger cars as well.

Both cars handle quite well, affording neither oversteer nor understeer. I think a slight understeer is best for the average motorist in that it tends to warn him in time to slow down or even apply brakes when taking a turn. I found quite a bit of roll in both cars during high-speed cornering. Keep in mind, however, I was attempting to push the cars through the sharply angled corners as fast as I could; so fast, in fact, that at one point one of my passengers asked politely to be let out, thank you.

One thing I am unhappy about in the Firebird is the somewhat clumsy manual gear-changer. It tends to make difficult what should—in a car of this type—be a smooth, easy run through the gears. But I have this complaint

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PM Owners' Report . . .

# Dodge Charger

Popular Mechanics asks the men who own 'em, tallies up their praises and

gripes and concludes that the average Charger owner is a happy one—fastback styling gets big votes and beefs are few

By BILL KILPATRICK, Automotive Editor

NEVER LET IT BE SAID Detroit's marketing men don't know exactly what they're doing. As takers of the car-buying public's pulse, they've gone to bat with their employers on behalf of the so-called "youth/performance" market, the result being a whole lot of hot-selling, sporty, personal-type cars frankly styled and powered for the young-at-heart.

The Dodge Boys elbowed their way into this lucrative market about a year ago with a snappy '66½ fastback called Charger. And if the ages given by Charger owners replying to PM's survey questionnaire prove anything, they prove Dodge's marketing minions were right on the money.

Over 50 percent (55.2, to be exact) of the owners reported their ages as ranging from 20 to 34. The largest segment within this group (24.8 percent) said they were between 20 and 24. The conclusion to be drawn, apparently, is that Dodge is selling the car for bubble-gum wrappers. Either that, or—as anyone selling anything can verify—today's young people have money to spend. In this instance, lots of it—the Charger's basic price being about \$3200.

What do these "kids" think about the Charger? They love it. They like



HANDLING CHARACTERISTICS of Charger were specifically praised by a high 47.5 percent of owners



CHARGER'S STANDARD TACHOMETER, although used little, if at all, by great percentage of owners, rated high as troublemaker; replacement took months

the way it looks and handles, like its comfort, ride, features and performance. Typical of the raves expressed by owners is this comment by a 26-year-old Wisconsin salesman:

"It's a beautiful car inside and out—well engineered and well put together."

A 22-year-old Army lieutenant calls his Charger "the best road car I've ever owned."

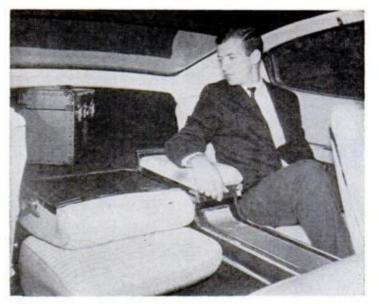
All isn't sweetness and light, however. Youth not only will be served as a matter of course, it speaks right up when it thinks things aren't right.

After terming the Charger "the best of any car in its class," a 24-year-old New Jersey lab technician reported "many, many rattles and squeaks, road and wind noise is high, the windshield and rear window leak, the speedometer ticks and the needle bounces, and I've lost various pieces of chrome off the car at highway speeds."

A 22-year-old Minnesota appliance repairman commented that the "paint and chrome are on the cheap side" and added that "quality on the whole could be improved quite a bit."

Other owner complaints pointed to poor rear visibility, high gasoline consumption, an awkwardly placed front ashtray and mediocre-to-indifferent dealer service.

Almost half (47.2 percent) of the owners replying to PM's questionnaire said their Chargers were powered by the 383-cu.-in. engine. Reported mileage with this engine was 13.9 mpg. The next most popular engine (34.2 percent) was the smallest



REAR-PASSENGER REACTIONS to styling were overwhelmingly favorable with only few complaints on legroom, plenty of praise for fold-down rear seats

offered throughout the line, the standard 318-cubic-incher. Mileage here averaged 15.8 mpg, highest of all engine choices. Other engines reported were the 361 (16.5 percent), the 426 "Hemi" (1.7 percent) and the 440 (0.4 percent). Mileage for the 361 was 14.8, 11.1 for the 426, and a flat 10 mpg for the 440. Mileage overall for all engines averaged 14.6 mpg.

A whopping 87.9 percent of the Charger owners reported having console-mounted automatic transmissions. Remaining transmissions were divided, 7.6 percent having the four-speed manual, 4.5 percent the three-speed manual.

A summary of the likes, dislikes, opinions and general driving and ownership experiences of Charger owners replying to PM's survey appears on the opposite page. Percentages listed reflect the frequency with which owners mentioned specific items. The summary is based on a total of 1,206,637 miles of both around-town and cross-country driving.

Charger owner comments pertaining to likes and dislikes about their cars are listed below in order of frequency mentioned. The boldface asides are mine.

Heading the like list with a percentage of 52.9 are praises for the Charger's styling and appearance.

"Have had more compliments on its looks and styling than any car I've ever owned."—Nebraska salesman.

"Nice style, more luxurious than comparable cars in the same price range."— Wisconsin general serviceman.

"A sharp-looking car."-Air Force,



VERSATILE LUGGAGE AREA running from trunk to front seat is used for everything from stowing hunting and camping gear to an area for sleeping

New Hampshire.

Following styling and appearance, 47.5 percent of the owners had kind words for the way the Charger handles.

"Has a firm feel on the road, corners well, isn't tossed about by ruts or bumps."

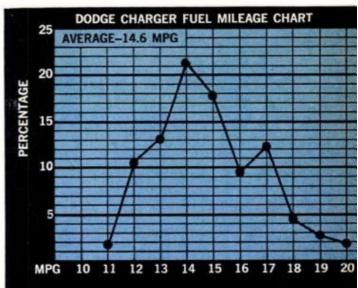
—New Jersey graduate student.

"Handles very well for a large car."— Kansas electronic technician.

"Wonderful maneuverability in traffic."

—Virginia secretary.

Next on the list of praises at 45.2 percent were raves for the Charger's ride and comfort.



FUEL CONSUMPTION averaged out to 14.6 miles per gallon for all owners polled. For small percentage of owners with 440 Magnum engine, figure fell to 10

"Provides an easy, relaxing ride."—Florida sheriff.

"A nice ride and very comfortable."— Iowa minister.

"Hard to beat the Charger ride."—Tennessee factory worker.

"Very smooth and stable."—North Carolina student.

Many Charger owners (20.2 percent mentioned it) had nice things to say about the car's power. Most who commented accordingly reported feeling they had plenty to spare.

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# Summary of Charger Owners' Reports\*

Total Miles Driven1,206,637 Average mpg14.6	Excellent	Bucket seats? Like95.2
Specific Likes: Looks/styling	Fastback window?	Dislike 4.8
Handling	Rear vision impaired27.8 Looks good15.4	Is Charger your only car? Yes51.3
Comfort/ride	Okay/no trouble15.4 Makes back-up difficult8.1	No48.7
Fold-down rear seats	Okay when used to it 6.1 Distortion 6.0	Other cars owned:
Good mileage10.8	Too flat (dirt, snow) 5.6	Dodge
All-'round performance10.8 Specific Dislikes:	Tinted back window? Good, like it	Plymouth
Finish, workmanship, leaks 23.8	Excellent	Ford 8.8
Poor rear visibility 9.9 Poor economy 9.4	Necessary 7.0 Could be darker 4.8	Pontiac
Front ashtray location 8.5 Standard tires (too small). 7.6	Relaxing 2.6	Buick 4.4 Chrysler 3.5
Rattles 7.2 Dealer service 6.3	Use of fold-down seats? As station wagon47.4	Others13.1
Wind noise 4.5	Sleeping	Age distribution of owners:
Specific features: Tachometer used?	For children	15-19
Little/don't use it34,3	For camping 5.6 For luggage 5.2	25-29
Check rpm/speed 26.5 Manual shifting	Like retractable headlights?	35-39
Performance check 7.8	Yes97.4	40-44
Check economy 7.4 Check auto. trans 4.3	No 2.6 Had trouble?	50-54 3.9
Tachometer location?	No83.8	60-64 2-1
Okay, good62.2	Yes16.2	65 plus 2,6

<sup>\*</sup>Where applicable, percentages may not add to 100 percent due to rounding and/or insufficient sample.

WEIGH-IN FOR KART AND DRIVER after winning a fast, tough race at Riverside, Calif. This Bultacopowered kart goes onto scales to make sure that total weight conforms with the track's regulations



VITAL PARTS ARE EASY TO GET AT; simply lift the one-piece body with fingertips. Lightweight fiberglass makes streamlining a snap. A McCulloch 75 engine powers this baby. Bodies are custom-made

unusual entry is this wedge-shaped kart with saddle gas tanks installed on each side. Tanks and front panel are made of aluminum. Two Chrysler engines power this machine. The big tires are 8x16s



# Glassy, Klassy Karts

Sporting five forward gears, 300-cc engines and fancy GP or formula bodies, these streamlined little bombs are burning up Western tracks.

By DANIEL C. FALES

Photos by John E. Boykin

WITH FIBERGLASS BODIES, motorcycle engines and speeds topping 100 mph, these snappy little karts are no longer kid stuff. The tiny terrors are fast and fun to drive, although mishaps occur as in any high-speed sport. But drivers feel these new karts are safer than other types because of protective wheel and engine coverings.

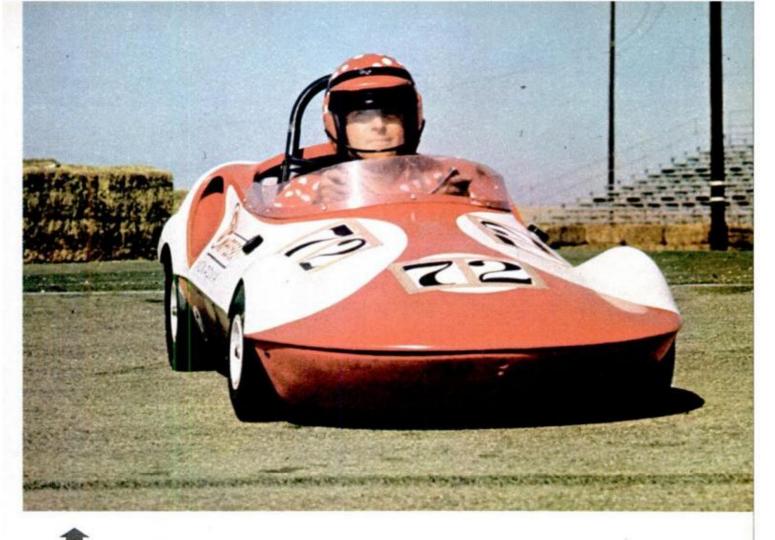
These coverings are made of "glass" for three reasons: (1) karts are speeding up; thus, the need for streamlining; (2) karts used to look unfinished; but sleek hoods and bodies turn the ugly ducklings into beautiful racing machines; (3) fiberglass is light in weight.

Like racehorse and jockey, kart and driver must weigh in before and after each race. Kart and driver must not weigh more than track rules specify.

Some karts use two engines for a total capacity of 250 to 300 cc. Engines turn up 10,000 rpm. These mighty mites use 8x16 tires with tread pattern suited to particular kart specs. Racing them is becoming big-time sport.

POPULAR MECHANICS

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NEW BREED OF KART is this tiny body racer awaiting call to post for marathon race, Body karts and old-style open karts race together, but new streamlined racers will win every time because of design

and faster qualifying speeds resulting in better post positions

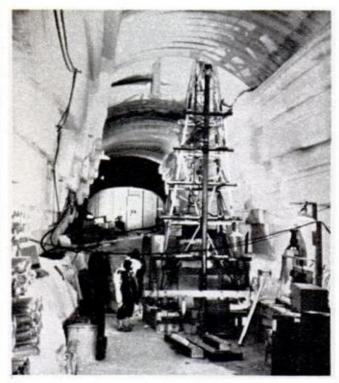
IT'S IN THE PITS that the pre-race action takes place. This nifty kart has been fueled, checked and given a last look-over before start of high-speed, grueling race. Fancy karts are racing on tracks across the country, but are es-

pecially popular on West Coast



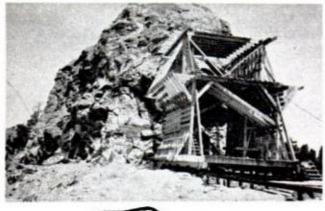
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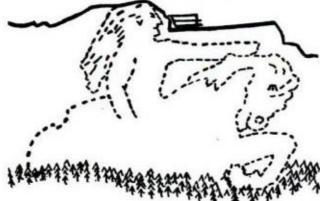




# Army digs through 10,000 years of ice

By drilling completely through the Greenland ice sheet—a distance of almost a mile—Army researchers were able to take a core of gravelly soil (left) that is believed to have been Greenland's surface 100 centuries ago. The Army kept its drilling equipment in a subsurface trench (right) as protection against severe arctic weather. Most of the penetration of the ice cap was done with a thermal drill that melted its way through.





# Movable sculptor

Working on a 27-ton movable platform (top), sculptor Korczak Ziolkowski drills holes for dynamite—then backs the rig away for the explosion—as he works on the Crazy Horse Memorial in the Black Hills. Diagram shows platform in relation to monument.



# Mountain makers

The Bavarian mountain police built a plaster mountain recently so they could demonstrate how they go about rescuing stranded or injured mountain climbers. The rescue demonstrations took place during an exhibition given by police in Hannover, Germany.

# Helicopters

Here is Popular Mechanics' salute to our fighting whirlybirds, including a two-page painting of them in action

By Kevin V. Brown

THEY WERE STILL in swaddling clothes in World War II. They were baptized (in blood) in Korea. Today, in Vietnam, they are fully grown, and our war effort would be getting no-

where without them. They are the helicopters, the awkward, ugly ducklings of aviation.

They are many things to military
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FULL-COLOR ACTION PAINTING, done expressly for PM by the famous aviation artist, Ed Valigursky, appears on pages 108-109. See how many choppers you recognize, then turn to page 227 for identification

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CH-47 CHINOOK opens up and unloads heavy artillery close to front-line action in Southeast Asia

men. They carry troops or cargo, to safe, spacious airfields or to small, isolated clearings hacked out of the jungle within sight of the enemy. They hover over the fighting, spotting targets for the faster, heavily armed jets to strike. They also carry arms and, when the jets aren't around, they go in themselves with machine guns firing and rockets blasting.

If the helicopter did none of these things, it would still be indispensable. Never in the history of warfare has there been such an efficient angel of mercy. It can deliver medics and medicine to the very scene of the action. Once there, it can pick up the wounded and carry them away from battle.

Further, it can go behind enemy

lines to pick up stranded flyers forced to bail out or crash-land, and reel them in from swamps, from treetops and from the sea.

All services use helicopters—which alone is a testament to their universal value—in a variety of configurations for a variety of duties.

Choppers are doing the job, and probably the one that's doing more than any of them—if for no other reason than sheer numbers—is the ubiquitous UH-1 Iroquois. It's the most widely used helicopter in Vietnam, and is probably the most versatile. The UH-1B is armed, usually with machine guns and rocket pods, and in most cases works organically with ground units. That is, it is an integral part of

CH-46 SEA KNIGHTS unload Marines amidst clouds of dust before going back again for more





UH-ID IROQUOIS, usually troop carrier, doubles as ambulance here, hoisting wounded soldier aboard the ground action as much as tanks and artillery.

Its sister ship, the UH-1D, is usually used as a troop carrier, and the Marines use the UH-1E as an assault weapon like the 1B with machine guns, rockets and grenade launchers.

What makes the Iroquois so popular, even though it's one of the slowest and smallest choppers in Southeast Asia, is that it presents a smaller target and its quick reactions can get it in and out of smaller areas with less hazard.

An updated version of the 1B, the Huey-Cobra (see cover), will soon make its bow. Its streamlined body carries more firepower and it has more speed (180 mph.) and greater range.

The CH-47 Chinook may be the workhorse of Vietnam, carrying troops and cargo in a wide variety of missions. One spectacular duty is to trans-

port artillery to keep up with the action. Where these heavy weapons would otherwise move slowly overland by truck, the Chinooks airlift them in minutes. There is one case of Chinooks moving an artillery unit four times in one day to keep it in a battle.

The new CH-54 Skycrane has appeared, too. Awkward looking, it can easily lift a CH-47 which has been doing most of the heavy lifting in Vietnam. A unique feature is a detachable pod, which could be left in the battle zone, rigged as a hospital unit or command post.

Other cargo troop carriers include the new CH-53 Sea Stallion, CH-46 Sea Knight, the venerable bananalike H-21 Workhorse now being phased out, CH-37 Mojave and UH-34 Choctaw.

All helicopters can be used for observation or reconnaissance; two have this as a specific duty. The older OH-13 Sioux will soon be phased out by the new bubble-bodied OH-6.

The HH-43 Huskie has a unique chore: to drop firefighters over landing areas and douse fires in crashes.

The HH-19 Chickasaw and UH-2 Seasprite are primarily rescue aircraft, although any chopper can fill this role, but the most famous is the SH-3 Sea King, or "Jolly Green Giant." It is building up legends in its own time.

All in all, a beautiful panorama of ugly ducklings. ★★★

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# YOUR OWN PRINTS OF PM'S VIETNAM COMBAT PAINTINGS

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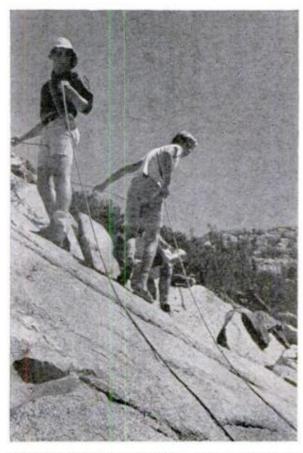
YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE RUGGED to climb a mountain. I climbed a 13,768-foot peak on the Palisades Glacier last summer, and I'm neither young, strong nor brave. It was my first climb; I did it on my 40th birthday, and I'm the guy who cannot bear to stand near the railing of a high terrace.

Frankly, the hardest thing about climbing a mountain is getting to the mountain. After you have hiked 13 miles—all uphill—with a 50-pound pack to get to the climbing camp, and then trudge another five or six miles—all uphill—to get to the base of the mountain, the actual climbing is just a series of nice long rests.

Like any complete novice who wants to try his hand at mountaineering, I was concerned about getting expert instruction. There are three excellent climbing schools in the United States; the National Park Service operates schools and camp sessions at Mount Rainier in Washington and Grand Teton National Park in Wyoming. I chose a private camp operated by Larry Williams Mountaineering Guide Service in Big Pine, Calif.

I had my doubts about this venture. By the time I reached the climbing camp at Sam Mack Meadow I was ready to forget the whole thing and go back to a nice, sensible sport like dominoes or basket weaving. I was completely exhausted, I felt at least 70 years old, and I was surrounded by mountain peaks that were very high—and straight up and down. The young, muscled college-age boys strutting around the camp did nothing to cheer me up, but when I saw a little five-year-old girl who had hiked effortlessly up the same trail with her own little pack, and her 110-pound mother who had done the same thing with a big pack, I was absolutely dismayed.

Surrounding Sam Mack Meadow are precipitous rock walls. The college boys kept eyeing them with relish, while I stared at them in disbelief. I felt a moment of panic on the morning of the first session when Larry Williams



RAPPEL TECHNIQUE of sliding down a stationary rope is first practiced on an easy rock face



REAL THING is accomplished the same day, and after basic training it is a simple maneuver

came forward with great coils of rope over his shoulders, but it passed when I was told that all basic instruction would be held on flat ground.

I was heartened considerably when the entire morning session was devoted to safety.

Bespectacled and soft-spoken, Larry Williams exudes confidence. A high school science teacher during the winter and mountaineering guide in the summer, he teaches with a blending of technique and philosophy. "Climbing a mountain is not a combat," he says, "not man against nature. It is true that the mountain is a challenge, but this is only because it is an obstacle that can be overcome by human technical

knowledge. When it is done correctly there is never any danger in mountain climbing."

#### First lessons

The first lessons were in handling a rope, tying a few knots such as the half-hitch and figure-eight, and how to belay. Each climber has a 10-foot length of %-inch nylon rope which he ties snugly around his waist. Attached to this is a carabiner, an oval-shaped aluminum ring with a snap link. To tie into a rope, the climber simply makes a loop in the rope with a figure-eight knot and snaps this into the carabiner that is attached to his waist rope.

Learning the belay really takes the terror out of climbing. In a practice



HOW TO TIE KNOTS and handle a rope is the first lesson at climbing camp where safety is emphasized



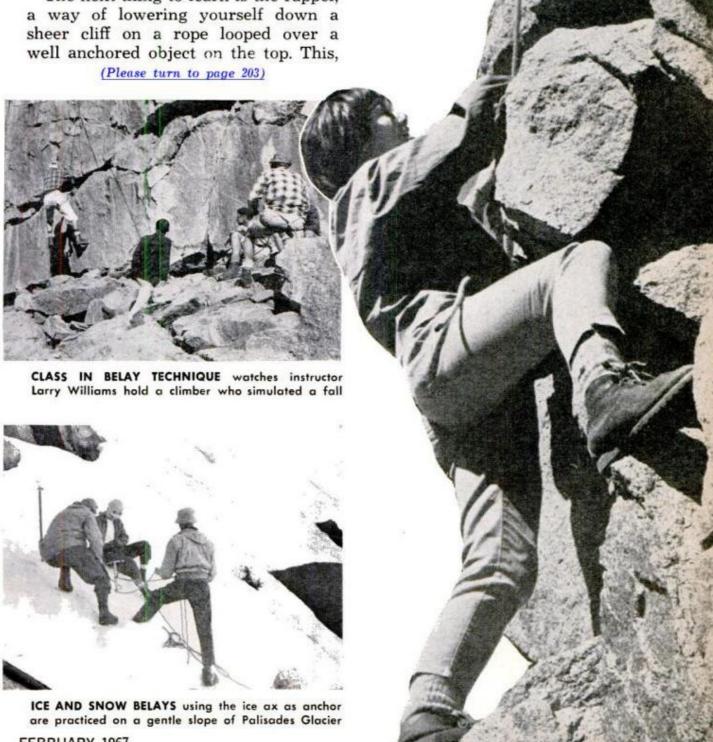
CRAMPONS are long steel spikes that are strapped to the boots for hiking across slick ice and snow



STRENGTH AND SAFETY of the friction belay is demonstrated on flat ground by two men using all their power in an attempt to pull the belayer from position. It took five men finally to dislodge him

session, the belayer sits down with feet solidly braced against a rock. He passes the rope behind him, letting it run over his hips and guiding both ends through his hands. As many as three men grip one end of the rope. The man on belay grips this rope firmly in his right hand; the loose end is slack in his left. As one of the young men shouts "Falling!" the belaver crosses his left hand over the right, creating a "friction lock," and the others try to pull him out of his position behind the rock. He cannot be budged.

The next thing to learn is the rappel,



YOUNG MOTHER put a

few of the older men to

shame scaling vertical

faces, leaping into belays with split-second warning

to men above her-"Hang

on I'm going to jump!"-

and then she would jump

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#### **NEWS BRIEFS**





#### No damage to hides with cold branding method

New way to brand cattle employs intense cold rather than heat. Main advantages, says the Department of Agriculture scientist who developed the method, are that the hide is not damaged and the animal suffers no pain. Branding irons are cooled (as shown in left photo) in liquid nitrogen or in a bath of dry ice and alcohol to temperatures as low as minus 69° F. Applied for about 30 seconds, the iron kills cells that produce pigment in skin and hair. Hair falls out where the brand is made, but a new growth appears in about three weeks. Containing no pigment, the new hair is white. Brand marks seen in second photo were made in testing the effectiveness of irons composed of various metals. Because it is painless, the method has been successfully used in branding cats, dogs and even sea lions.



#### New high-speed mountain highway

Drivers in the Swiss Alps won't have to negotiate the nerve-racking hairpin turns of the Old St. Gotthard Pass after this spring. In July it will be replaced by a modern road—the new Tremola Pass. A nearly completed section of the new highway is shown.

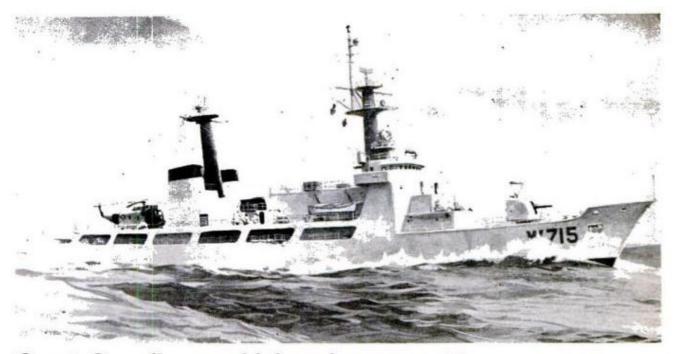






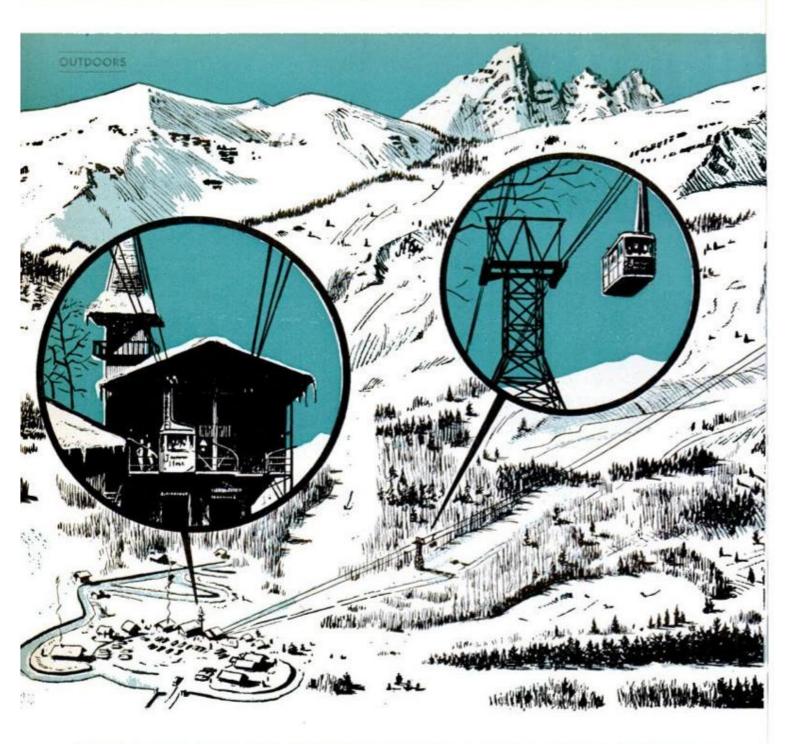
#### Wheel wizards put on show in California

This trio of Los Angeles daredevils can lay claim to being the champ "wheel walkers" in the country. With their big bikes precariously balanced on their rear wheels, they can go through all the gears and hit speeds of 50 mph. They often go in for drag races. The trio's leader is so adept that he can maintain a one-foot stance for distances up to a quarter of a mile. A well coordinated rider can become an accomplished wheel walker in about a year, the three experts say, "if he tries hard and has enough nerve."



#### Coast Guard's new high-endurance cutter

The twin-screw **Hamilton**, first of a new class of Coast Guard cutters, will operate at speeds up to 28 knots. Scheduled for recent completion, the 2800-ton vessel is the first major United States ship to have a combined diesel and gas turbine propulsion plant. A closed-circuit TV system allows men on the bridge to see what is happening in various parts of the ship and to transmit data visually. All bridge equipment is mounted in consoles for ease of operation. In addition to combat hardware, the **Hamilton** carries oceanographic equipment, including depth sounders, special graphic recorders and a bow-mounted, wave-height sensor.



#### **AMERICA'S LONGEST AND HIGHEST**

#### High in the Tetons, Jackson Hole's new aerial tramway is an alpine adventure

SOARING AMONG the lofty peaks of the majestic Teton Range in western Wyoming, the new aerial tramway at Jackson Hole Ski Area is a major engineering feat.

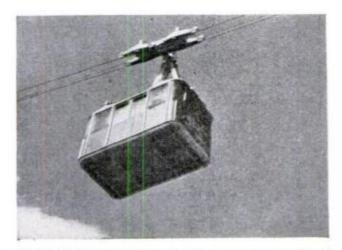
Five steel towers, from 45 to 165 feet high, were constructed on incredibly rugged terrain. These towers support the electric-driven cables from which two 63-passenger enclosed cars are suspended. It took two years and \$2 million to complete the installation.

Now in full operation, the tramway whisks tourists and skiers to the top of 10,924-foot-high Rendezvous Peak in 20 minutes, giving them a dramatically intimate view of the mountain peaks.

-Stuart James



#### THRILL RIDE



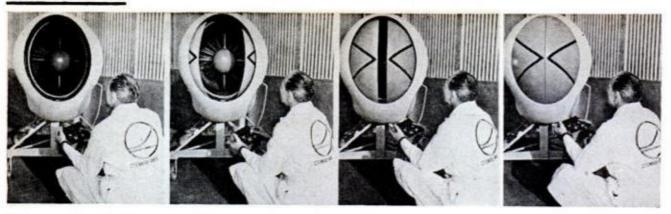
SUSPENDED from cables, the 63-passenger car "flies" smoothly toward a major peak in the Teton Range



AWED BY SPLENDOR of the lofty peaks, passengers leave car for half hour of sightseeing at the top

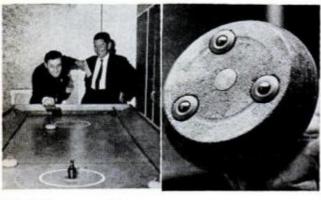
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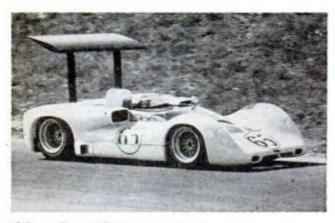
#### Clamshell doors 'feather' jet engines

Flame-out or power failure in one engine of a multiengine jet aircraft is no more serious than power failure in one engine of a prop plane, but it can be a nuisance. Props can be feathered but the jet turbines go right on windmilling, creating drag. Now, new clamshell doors, which lie flush with the engine walls when open, close off the inlet when the engine fails, reducing drag by as much as 30 percent and minimizing damage to the engine mechanism. The doors are operated by an auxiliary powerplant, called the Jet-Pak J3402.



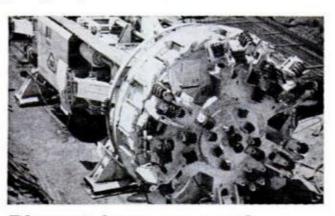
#### Table curling

Played on ice by Scots and others, curling has now achieved table manners. Miniature curling stones, using ball bearings to glide on, are slid across a plastic-topped table rink. The new version of the old game is called Minocriet and follows the same rules; the closest stone to the tee wins.



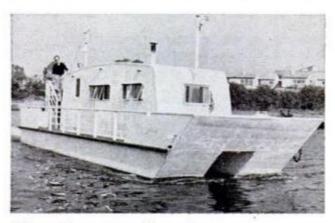
#### Single-wing racer

Mounted at the rear, an airfoil "wing" keeps Jim Hall's new Chaparral racing car on the road at high speeds, forcing the car down so all four wheels maintain contact with the pavement. Hall has one foot operating the accelerator, the other the wing.



#### Biggest bore on earth

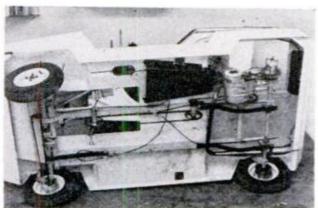
Betti bites and she's a big fat bore. So big, in fact, she bored a 20-foot diameter hole through a New Mexico mountain in record time. Kept on course by a laser-beam guidance system, the 64-foot-long machine has 43 cutting bits. As Betti drills ahead, a series of buckets moves the chewed rock to a belt.

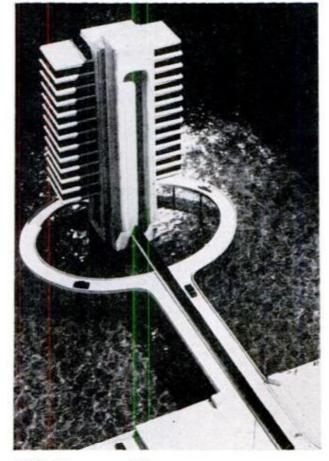


#### Floating trailer home

To get the best of both worlds, an English family who liked their trailer home converted it to a houseboat by removing its wheels and mounting it on a floating hull. The hull is powered by a Ford V8 engine which drives a stern-mounted paddle wheel.







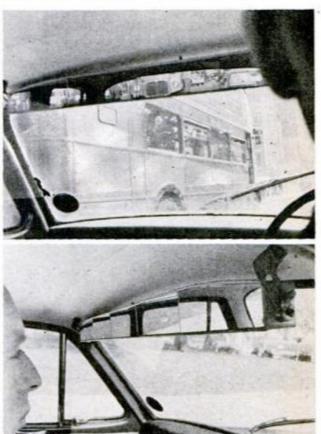
#### Offshore office

To relieve congestion in urban areas for new construction, an architect proposes to erect a multistory office building 200 feet off Jersey City in the Hudson River. It may start a trend to submerged building lots.



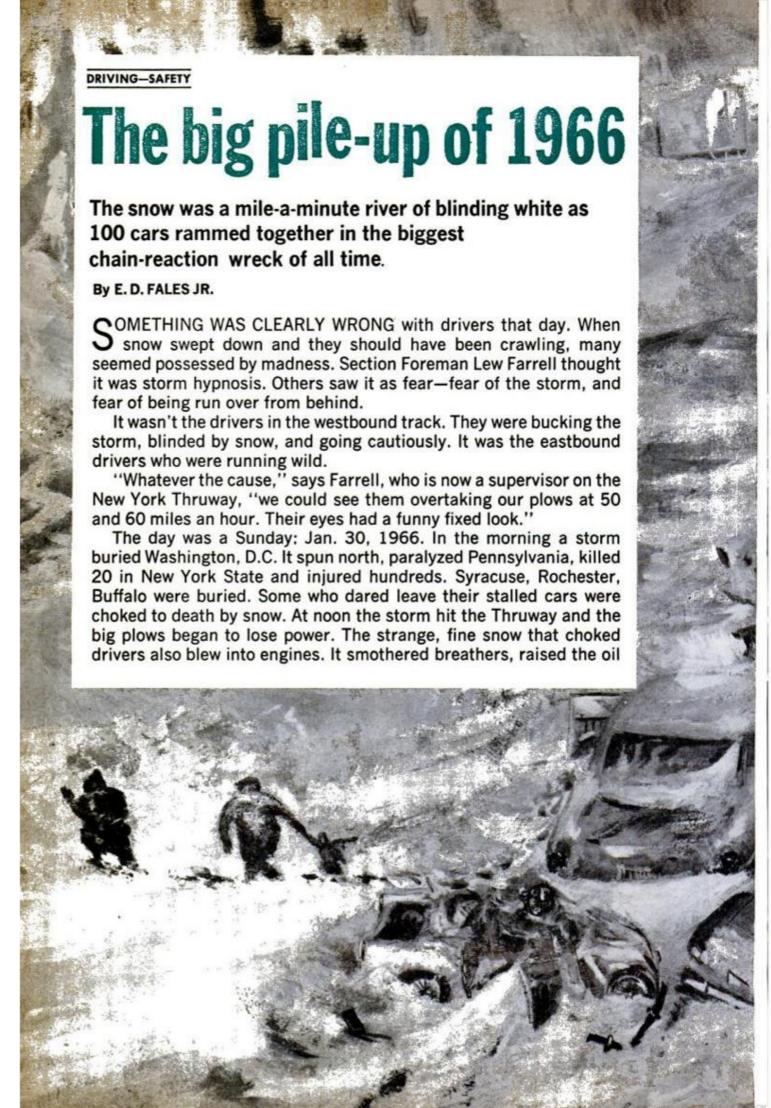
#### Out of gas? Then pedal

Ah, the French! A new miniature car, weighing less than 200 pounds and measuring only 6½ feet long, has bicycle pedals and a chain drive, but this is only a front—or an underneath. It's just to get around French regulations. The car really has a three-hp engine which speeds it up to 28 mph, but the pedal-drive classifies it as a "cyclomoteur" so it does not need a license. It comes in two versions, a modern open-top for \$1000 and an old-fashioned "fin-siecle" for \$1200.

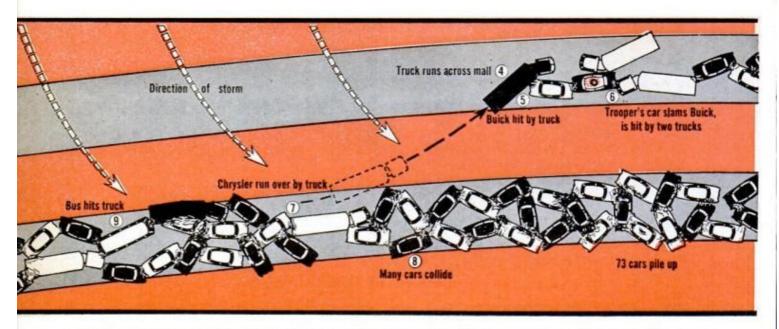


#### Wall-to-wall mirror

Five mirrors, set at angles, give British drivers a wall-to-wall rear view of the road. The full 180°-vision system has been fitted in police cars in several British cities. They say it promotes safer driving.







HOW PILE-UP IN ROCK CUT GREW: It began at 3:58 p.m. when '63 Ford convertible (1), overtaking plows,

At 1 p.m., near Milepost 208, death struck. A westbound Volkswagen carrying two honeymooners hit a wreck. level and choked the carburetors. The Thruway, one of the world's best run roads, was jammed with students returning to classes, sailors returning to ships. There were frightened families from California, New Mexico, Canada, Florida.

At 1:00 p.m., near Milepost 208, death struck. A west-bound Volkswagen carrying two honeymooners hit a wreck. When the young bride stepped into the snow, a tractor-trailer knocked her down. After that, the wrecks drifted in. The road became plugged. All along the 559-mile system wrecks, jams, spin-offs now came thick and fast. In the bright "war room" at Thruway headquarters in Albany, 20 of the nation's best operations men listened in disbelief to calls from patrol cars, plows and wreckers.

At 2:15 p.m. someone said, "Can't we close the road?" But closing to avoid one disaster can touch off another. How do you strand 20,000 travelers, many without warm clothes, medicine, food—or money? There was no "right thing to do." A decision was made: Keep the plows fighting as long as possible.

At 2:30 Buffalo Div. control called Albany: "Wind is up again. Visibility has dropped to zero."

As night came, the Albany duty officers had three worry spots: First, Indian Castle, 60 miles west, where 1400 were trapped in a restaurant. Suppose fire started, or heat went off? Next: Weedsport, N.Y., 200 miles west, where one of the Thruway's best supervisors was lost and feared dying in the drifts. Finally, there was Batavia Rock Cut.

On the Batavia section, between Buffalo and Rochester, the storm was causing sheer havoc. On one side road a few miles from the Thruway, a father and daughter left a stranded car. The wind knocked them down, stuffed their throats. Another group of motorists got to safety, but one man, left behind, found it impossible to get out. The wind built a tomb 25 feet high over his car.

Into such havoc, late in the day, rushed hundreds of mo-

One man, left behind, found it impossible to get out. The wind built a tomb 25 feet high over his car. CARS BATTERED beyond repair are examined by trooper. Some wound up in this condition when they cracked up. Others folded when plows, of necessity, hurled them aside to clear highway

Photo by Charles Sellers— N.Y. Thruway



A westbound trooper, L. D. Mac-Connell, reported: "I'm at Milepost 387½. I've been hit and shoved into a car ahead. And they're piling up all around."

flame barriers a half mile west of the cut. Continuing, they dropped off a flare every 100 feet. As they topped the grade at the entrance to the cut, their radio brought the urgent cry of a trooper calling Buffalo control: "Red flash!"

A red flash is like an SOS. It stops all radio talk. Then came the message. A westbound trooper, L. D. MacConnell, was reporting: "I'm at Milepost 387½. I've been hit and shoved into a car ahead. And they're piling up all around."

An ominous silence followed. Then came one more call: "Buffalo, this is awful."

Farrell jumped into the pickup, put it in gear. His heart sank. Milepost 387½ was in the heart of the cut itself. Both the east and westbound tracks were plugged. And motorists were racing into danger from both directions.

Drivers whistling into the cut that day hit a half-solid river of snow moving on the wind. Engineers call it a "snow pinch." In blizzards, snow does not lie. It flows in an enormous river. When the wind is pinched off by forests, hills or cuts, this river tumbles straight down. The cut was starting to fill up.

When the red Ford spun out, a woman in a following car hit her brakes. So did a frightened young woman in a Chrysler, and a college boy in a Volkswagen. So, too, did the driver of a big meat truck from Sioux City.

The meat truck hit a car. The trucker climbed down, ran back lighting flares. He heard a roar, saw another truck come up, front wheels turned, skidding. It jackknifed, slid past him out of control. A motorist heard a sound "like having an airplane come down at you. All of a sudden—I never saw it; I just heard the noise—a truck was on me. I felt my car being shoved. We slid to a stop. I ran to the rock wall. For 10 seconds there was dead silence."

Then, pandemonium. A tractor-trailer pushing two cars

"All of a sudden— I never saw it; I just heard the noise—a truck was on me." got through on the left. The cars hit the wall and folded like accordions. The tractor-trailer jackknifed. A truck spun into the center mall, then headed for the west lane, directly toward a line of 30 oncoming cars.

Back in the east lane there was the ugly, flat sound of a body being hit. The meat truck driver from Iowa was struck, run over twice and sent bouncing through the snow. Thirty feet away a truck came by skidding on top of two cars. The college boy from the VW, running back with a flare, was hit. Then his VW was smashed. A driver-education teacher stopped his car and ran to help.

"I heard a roar and saw a truck skidding toward me," he told police. "When I came to, people were throwing coats over me. I was pinned under a trailer axle. All around me people were groaning. I could hear cars still colliding."

A cross-country bus came to a stop, brakes screeching. A truck hit it, hurled it into a truck ahead. The back window of the bus blew out from air compression. The whole front end fell open. People poured out, some in pain. Cars began to be tossed up the cliff, leaving chrome hanging from the rocks. In one place cars were piled two deep, with people in them. In other places they were three deep. As collisions occurred, some were knocked around like tenpins. Hoods flew up, windows exploded, wheels went rolling.

A young woman sobbed hysterically: "That's my car!" She pointed to a pile of metal 2½ feet high, the Chrysler, run over by a truck.

Over on the westbound track the driver of a Buick got his toll money ready. He told his family, "If we can get through this cut . . . "

Just behind him, Trooper MacConnell, in Patrol Car 7164, saw a shadow fall across the road. Out of nowhere came the runaway truck from the eastbound lane. MacConnell saw the Buick's brake lights flash. Then there was a sickening thud. The Buick humped up and fell back. The truck had hit it head-on.

MacConnell himself was hurled against the seat. His car, rammed from behind by another truck, flew forward and hit the Buick. Then a third truck came up on his right side, creasing his doors. All at once there was a third hard jolt.

The truck behind him had been hit by a car.

Then, in rapid order, came 24 more collisions behind him. "You could feel each one," he reported. As soon as his car held still he sent his red flash to Buffalo.

Not until he tumbled out did he realize the force of wind. A 30-mile snow wind is impossible to face. This one was 60. In the Buick a man and boy were moaning. The truck driver was bleeding. From the other track he began to hear sounds like explosions, but he could see nothing. He ran back to his radio. "Buffalo," he pleaded, "send me ambulances. It's happening all over."

When eastbound Trooper Owen Bowers heard the red flash,

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## HOW GOOD IS THAT PANTEE?

Some are excellent, some are misleading and some are frauds. It will pay to know exactly what your guarantee means each time you buy

By CLIFFORD B. HICKS



FULLY GUARANTEED! Auto crash victim was happy to learn that faulty tie rod, which caused crash, was cheerfully replaced by automobile manufacturer

So You're sizzling Mad! You want to clobber the dealer who sold you a "fully guaranteed" gadget that turned out to be a lemon. Or maybe it's the manufacturer who won't back up his guarantee.

Wait.

Before you indict anybody, consider the number of products you've purchased that have far outlived their guarantees. And consider the number of dealers and manufacturers who have backed up the promises they make on those impressive little "diplomas."

Occasionally you may honestly feel you're being taken. Before you touch off the fireworks, make sure you have a clear understanding of what the manufacturer has promised.

Today's automobile guarantees, for example, are excellent; but do you know precisely what yours says?

Consider the case of a man who bought a new car recently, and proudly drove it out of the dealer's showroom. Less than 100 miles down the highway, the end of a tie rod snapped. The car swerved off the road and bashed into a tree. The owner reread the guarantee in his hospital bed.

According to the guarantee, he was entitled to receive, absolutely free, a brand new tie rod. Period.

A guarantee or warranty (today the terms are used interchangeably) can be worth a big fat nothing to you, or can be as valuable as a fistful of \$100 bills, depending upon what it says and how well the guarantor backs up his promises.

Here are some of the questions that rear their pointed heads as soon as customers and dealers start yammering at each other over the terms:

• Did you read the guarantee before you bought?

That's the time to understand a guarantee. "The customer should not rely on the words 'guaranteed' or 'fully guaranteed,'" explains Kenneth B. Wilson, president of the National Better Business Bureau. "It is the guarantee itself which counts. This he

should read and fully understand."

Before you buy a guaranteed product, read the fine print and find out:

Who guarantees the product. (Dealer? Manufacturer?)

What he guarantees. (Entire product? Sealed components?)

How long he guarantees it.

What he will do if the product fails to live up to the claims he makes for it. (Replace it? Repair it? Refund?)

What it will cost you, if anything. (Service charge? Labor charge? Postage or freight?)

 Why is postage or freight a consideration?

It depends on the product. Recently, power mowers sold by mail order were guaranteed (repairs would be made free) but the purchaser had to pay freight charges both directions. One owner discovered that it would cost him \$16 freight for "free service."

Service charges can also be sleepers. One customer bought a section of garden hose "guaranteed for 10 years." When the hose failed, he discovered that it not only had a prorated guarantee, but that he had to pay mailing costs and a \$1 "service charge." The hose had cost him 99 cents.

 Have you faced the fact that you the customer—may be wrong?

An irate homeowner frequently will attempt to return a guaranteed airconditioner because it fails to bring the temperature down to the anticipated level. There's nothing wrong with the conditioner; the customer tries to save dough by purchasing a unit too small for the space.

Remember, too, that guarantees apply only to defects in the product, not to how the product is used. Your wife hollers that your new washing machine is a lemon; you call a serviceman and he finds that a nail has clobbered up the works. He is fully entitled to charge you for the service call and the repairs, and you are entitled to holler at your wife that she's a lemon for not discovering the nail you left in your pocket.

When some customers get a lemon that is guaranteed, they feel they are entitled to a brand new replacement. Usually they are wrong. Most manufacturers do not promise a replacement, but only that the product will be kept operating for a stated period. This may mean replacement, but it more often means repair.

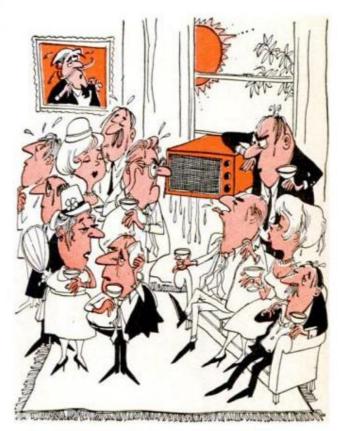
Occasionally a guarantee, when you angrily haul it out of the files, will provide a pleasant surprise. If your freezer goes on the fritz within its guarantee period, you may find that all the food stored inside also is guaranteed.

When does a guarantee begin?

Usually on the date of purchase, although in the case of major home appliances it may be the date of installation. Often you register the date yourself by mailing in a registration card.

• Can the customer cheat at least a little by holding the registration card a few months before mailing it?

Shame on you. If you expect the manufacturer to be honest with you, be honest with him. Anyway, you'll have trouble getting away with it;



NO SWEAT? Yep, lots of sweat if you purchase airconditioner too small for room you want cooled. Guarantee does not cover your poor judgment

most manufacturers key their guarantee-registration cards by color or number. They can easily determine from their files whether your card was mailed within a reasonable time of purchase. If in doubt, they can ask the dealer to check his sales records.

• Must you fill out the questionnaire on the registration card?

No, not in the view of the National Better Business Bureau. Some manufacturers use the registration cards as tools of market research, and their cards are almost as prying as incometax forms. All that you're required to provide to validate the guarantee is your name, address and the date.

• If you buy on the installment plan, is the dealer more likely to live up to his guarantee?

This is a common fallacy. When you buy a high-priced item on time payments, the retailer usually sells your papers to a finance agency, which thus becomes the lender. The agency doesn't give a hoot about the guarantee—that's a problem between you and the dealer. Some finance companies are collecting, right now, on three-year contracts for shoddy products that gave up the ghost within the first year.

• If repair work is performed under a guarantee, is it, too, guaranteed?

Sometimes; sometimes not. Often

you won't find out without asking. If the sealed unit of your refrigerator breaks down within a four-year guarantee period, the replacement unit may be guaranteed for another four years. If it is, insist that the serviceman note it in writing.

Many major appliances are sold with a one-year guarantee and an "extended warranty." This glamorous phrase merely means a service contract. Whether you will make or lose money on it is as much of a gamble as pulling the lever of a slot machine.

What is a "lifetime guarantee"?

The Federal Trade Commission takes a dim view of lifetime guarantees, unless that phrase is backed up by clear and specific language.

The most frequent question about lifetime guarantees is: Whose life? Is it the life of the product? (If it is, the guarantee is meaningless, because as soon as the product breaks down its life is over.) Is it the life of the purchaser, or of the car or home upon which the product is installed? "Lifetime" alone means nothing.

For still another reason, the NBBB and the FTC take a leery look at anyone offering a "lifetime guarantee." How, they ask, can the current management of a firm bind some future

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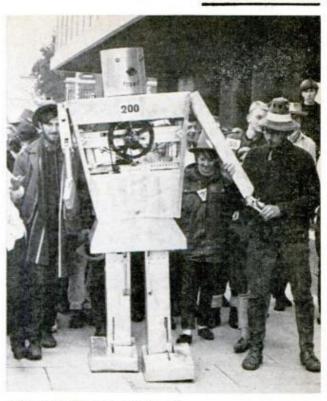
GUARANTEED BONANZA! Guarantee on freezer may also replace spoiled food if freezer quits and ruins it





#### Underground resistance

Though it may look as if it belongs in space, this 6000-gallon tank will spend the next 20 years underground storing gasoline for a filling station. Fiberglass and polyester resin give the new tank excellent corrosion resistance, says Owens-Corning, the manufacturer.



#### Rambling robot

Rodnee could hardly expect to go for a walk without gathering a crowd—which he did in London's Whitehall. Rodnee is a 140-pound robot who can move his arms and head. He also "enjoys a walk," according to his inventor, Chris Southall, an engineering apprentice.





#### It gets easier and easier—going up

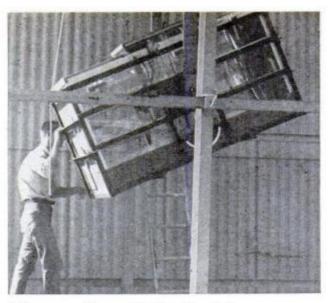
Lifts for the Mount Snow, Vt., ski slopes are taking the look of futuristic spacecraft. The automatic telecabine (left) allows skiers to ride with their skis on while it carries them 8000 feet up the mountain. The six-passenger aerial tramway cars (right) carry passengers from Snow Lake Lodge to the base of the ski runs. The two cars on the tramway operate at a speed of 1000 feet per minute. Both lifts were built for Mount Snow by Savio-Carlevaro Co. of Italy.

#### **NEWS BRIEFS**



#### British show new tank

Britain's new heavy tank, the Chieftain, sports a rotating turret that provides the tank commander with 360° vision. Chieftains are scheduled to be sent to Germany to replace the Rhine Army's Centurion tanks.



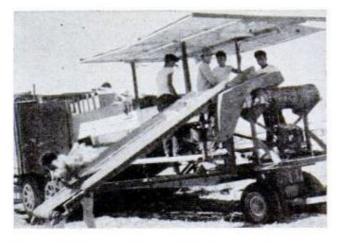
#### Clear view into hold

New ways of stowing grain are tested by the Coast Guard in this Plexiglas model of a ship's hold. Tilting the model simulates lists that occur in ships when the tricky cargo shifts at sea. New safety requirements may result.



#### Laser gyroscope for ships

New application for the laser is in threeaxis gyroscope, the first operational device of its kind, that is now being tested by the Navy. The gyroscope senses the roll, pitch and yaw of a ship—motions that affect accuracy of search radar and weapons systems.





#### Rolling onion packer

To speed the shipment of onions to market, an Arizona farmer built a 45-foot mobile shed that can be rolled right into a field. Onions picked by hand are brought to the shed where they are sorted, washed under high-power sprays and crated for loading on truck.



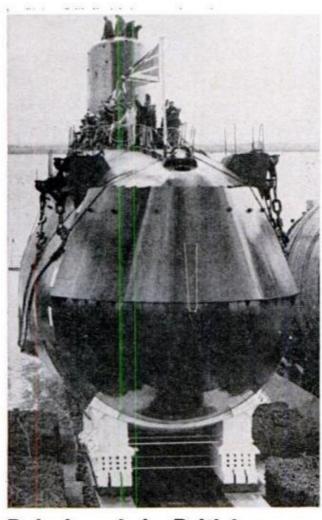
#### Slow roll in big wheel

Motor pulls large outside wheel of "moon wheel," as inventor calls it. Built strictly for fun, it moves slowly on level grade but, says its builder, it really rolls downhill.



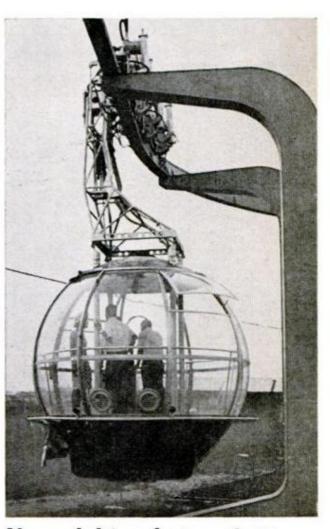
#### Autogyro uses air for power

Compressed air through jets at tips of hollow rotor blades power this German test vehicle in vertical takeoffs and landings. Conventional engine is used for forward flight.



#### Polaris sub in British navy

Newest vessel to join Britain's naval fleet is the H.M.S. Resolution whose blunt hull is seen sliding down a slip in a shipyard at Barrow-in-Furness. The staunch-looking ship, which was named and launched by the Queen Mother, is Britain's first Polaris sub.



#### New sightseeing system

Diesel engine underneath gondola provides power for this Japanese sightseeing monorail, eliminating the need for power-supply stations. Instead of a fixed rail, the system uses cables. One car is designed to hold about 30 passengers.

# weekend projects

Bagful of ideas for do-it-yourselfers that will add

By JOHN CAPOTOSTO



# Metal brick ties nailed to studs Gravel

#### 1 Brick planter

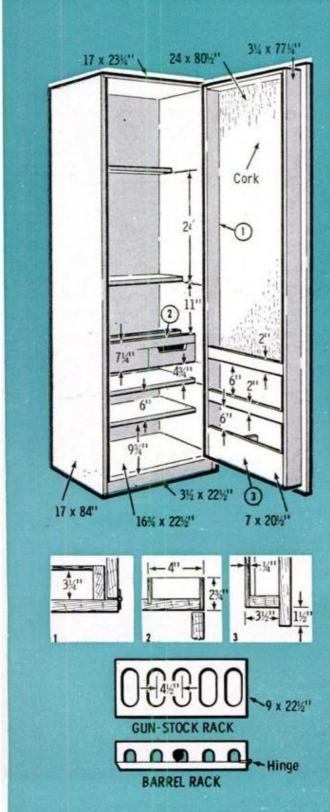
Greenery adds a smart decorating touch to a foyer, particularly when grown in a brick planter. Half bricks are used to make a curved one like this, full bricks to make a rectangular one. Start with a base of brick and build the courses on it.

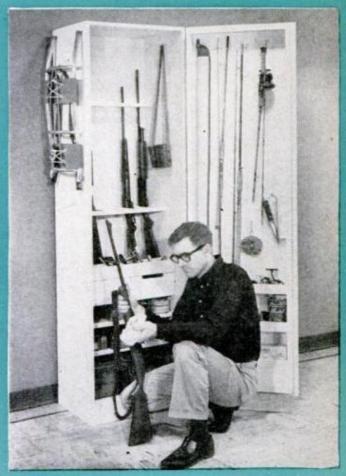
Note how the back wall is tied to the studs with metal wall ties which are nailed to them and then embedded in the mortar. Mortar joints can be raked or struck with a joint iron. Bag mortar mixes are perfect for a brick job of this size since all you need to add is water and you're ready to go.

### to improve your home

#### both convenience and eye-appeal to their home sweet homes

Technical illustrations by Will Eisner Associates



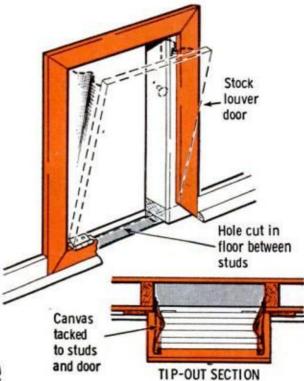


#### 2 Hunting-gear closet

Your home arsenal is safely off limits to the family when kept padlocked in this handy free-standing locker. It has a rack for five rifles, there's a drawer that can be be locked for storing your hand guns and ammunition and there are shelves aplenty for the rest of your hunting paraphernalia.

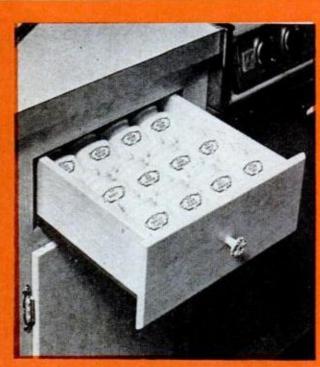
Most of it is made from 34-in. Douglas fir plywood; the back, shelf fronts and drawer bottoms are 14 in. The one thing to remember in building the door is that there has to be 1-in. clearance all around for it to close properly when hinged.

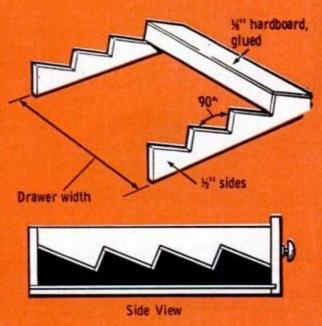




#### Kitchen laundry chute

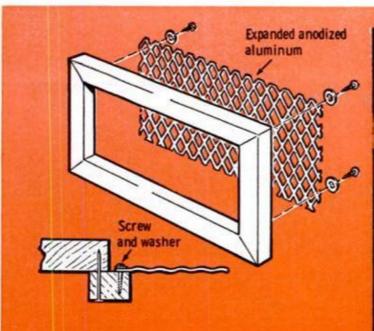
A tip-out laundry chute direct to the basement can be a real stepsaver in the kitchen for tossing dish towels into a hamper. After cutting the opening in the wall and sawing out part of the plate, cut the hole through the floor. Hinge a louvered-shutter door to the bottom member of trim framing the opening. Triangular-shaped pieces of canvas tacked to the door and studs form the sides of the chute when the door is tipped out.





#### Spice-rack drawer

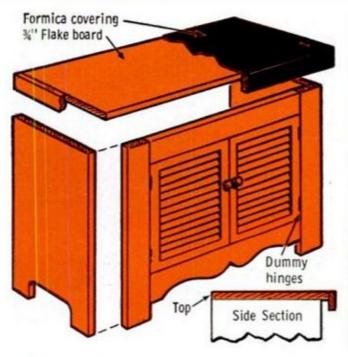
Your jars of spices are all in plain view for quick selection when you make a stepped rack to fit a kitchen drawer. The rack is simply a couple of notched side members joined with hardboard strips. Jars determine the size and depth of notches.

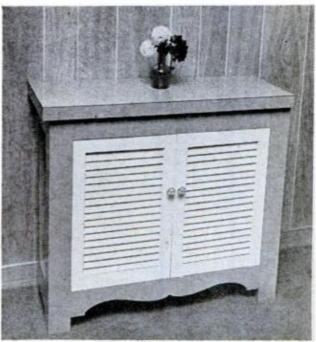


#### **5** Sink-cabinet vent

To vent a sink cabinet and keep the contents dry, cut through the apron, then back opening on the inside with a decorative, expanded metal grille and trim the outside with a mitered frame of wood.



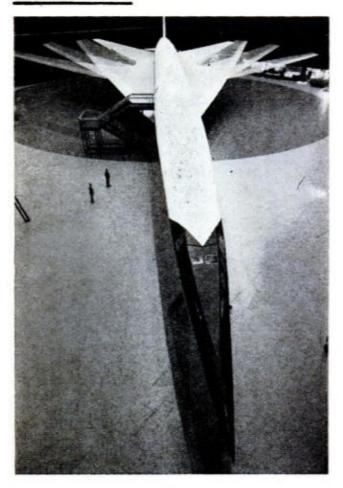




#### **6** Radiator enclosure

An ugly radiator, tall or short, can be camouflaged in summer by an attractive enclosure resembling a storage cabinet. The doors—a couple of ready-made shutters—are dummies. Plastic counter laminate applied to the top adds a slick surface. Although they can be used, wood enclosures are not too practical for use the year round.

#### **NEWS BRIEFS**





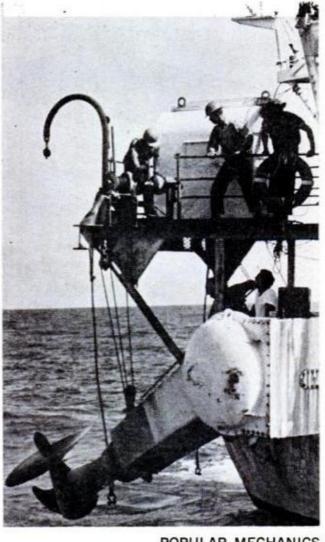
#### SST-inside and out

Mock-up of proposed supersonic transport demonstrates variable-sweep wing for subsonic, transsonic and supersonic flight and long, slim fuselage which will seat up to 350 passengers. Overhead rack will store carry-on luggage, which now must be placed beneath seats. Also planned in this version are wider seats for, Boeing says, the wider passengers who will be traveling the air lanes in the 1980s.



#### A deep record

Using computers to start and stop four outboard propellers (like the one shown momentarily out of the water at the right), an exploratory drilling ship maintains its position directly over the hole in waters too deep for conventional anchors. It has set drilling records of up to 4354 feet in the Gulf of Mexico.



POPULAR MECHANICS





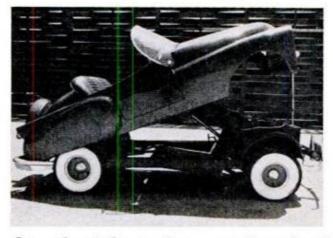
#### Watercycle

Part speedboat and part motorcycle, a unique watercraft was designed by a motorcycle mechanic primarily for running the rapids in Oregon's Rogue River. The high position gives better visibility. An old Ford V8 engine powers a jet unit for operating in shallow water and is controlled by an accelerator on the handlebar grip.

#### Go-anywhere vehicle

Mounted on an endless track, pneumatic tires carry a utility vehicle over any kind of surface, soft or hard, by rolling, floating or paddling. Primary uses will be in exploration or maintenance in remote areas or in military and rescue work. It was built by the Development Div. of Clark Equipment Co., Cassopolis, Mich.







#### An electric auto—and only \$53,000!

Actually, when it's mass-produced, the maker hopes to market this electric car for \$2300. The one shown here was built to a special size, then gold plated. Called the BMW (not to be confused with the Bavarian car) for Boulevard Machine Works of North Hollywood, Calif., the machine consists of a chassis, a glass-fiber body (which lifts up entirely to reveal the works), eight three-cell batteries and two two-hp motors, one on each rear wheel. The batteries have a special electrolyte solution which BMW prefers not to discuss. But with it they claim the little auto will go 75 miles on one four to eight-hour "refueling"—a recharging at any 110-volt outlet—and the batteries will last five years with two changes of electrolyte.

# 15 ways to cure ROUGH IDLE

#### The problem's in the fuel or ignition system or in the engine itself. Here's how to find and fix it

By MORT SCHULTZ

DIFFERENT DRIVERS call it different things: "rough idle," "rolling," "lopping" or "missing."

Whatever you call it, pinpointing the cause of your car's jitters is easy. Most readers of Saturday Mechanic can do it themselves.

There are at least 15 different ills. To cure some, you'll need a tachometer, a dwell meter and a vacuum or compression gauge. But for the most part, you'll only need various inexpensive gauges and tools. You'll also want to know certain tune-up specifications for your car. Ask any good mechanic or look them up in an auto manual (Motor's or Chilton's, for example) in a library or gas station.

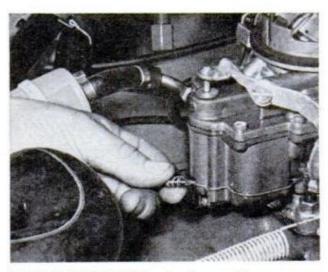
1. Dirty air cleaner. If idling gets rough and you haven't replaced your air cleaner in the last 10,000 miles (less if you drive dusty roads) look for the trouble in the air filter. Air to the carburetor passes through this cleaner. A clogged filter limits air intake, upsetting the air-fuel ratio. A simple test is to remove the filter and see if idling smooths out. If it does, spend a few dollars for a new one.

2. Wrong adjustments. The throttle stop screw and the idle mixture screw sometimes get out of whack. The throttle stop screw controls idling speed, while the idle mixture screw governs the amount of fuel that mixes with the air inside the carb. To make these adjustments, you'll need a tach, your car's idling rpm specs and a warm engine.

Hook up the tach and adjust the throttle stop screw until the tach reads midway in the idling speed rpm specs. For example, if the specs call for an idle of 500 to



SMOOTH IDLE IS AFFECTED by carburetor throttle and mixture adjustments. Both can be screwdriveradjusted using tachometer to determine correct rpm



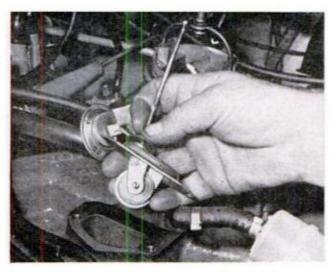
IDLE MIXTURE SCREW that is damaged is sure source of rough idle; it's a sneaky one that's too often overlooked when you're troubleshooting carburetor



NEW AIR CLEANER seems too simple a way to smooth out rough idle, but it restores proper fuel-air ratio

550 rpm, you should set the stop screw so that the tach reads about 525 rpm.

Keep the tach connected. Turn the idle mixture screw clockwise until engine speed falls off because of a reduced fuel mixture. Then turn the screw counter-



AUTOMATIC CHOKE MALFUNCTIONS can cause fast idle and stalling, as well as rough idle. Here, thermostat spring is removed from housing in manifold

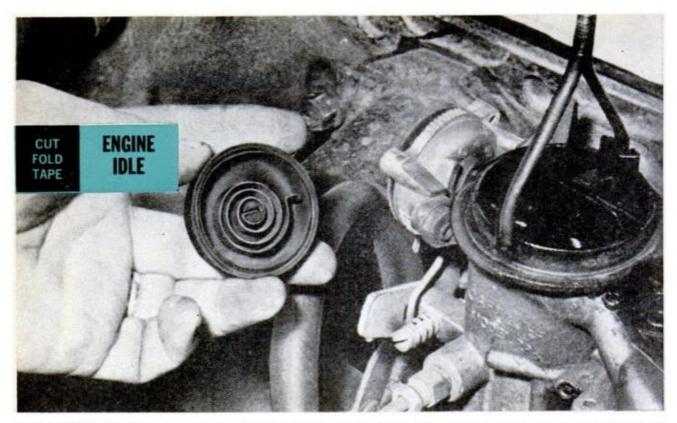
clockwise until speed again falls off, this time because of an enriched mixture. Do this slowly and count the number of turns from "reduced-mixture" fall-off to "enriched mixture" fall off. Now turn the screw clockwise again until it's midway between the extremes.

If you have a second idle mixture screw, give it the same treatment. One-barrel carbs have one idle screw; two-and four-carbs have two.

Check the tach. If the engine speed is now above specs, turn throttle stop screw counterclockwise until correct idling speed shows on tach.

 Damaged idle mixture screw. If you can turn the screw all the way in and the engine still won't stumble and stall, remove and inspect the screw. If bent or grooved, replace it.

4. Bad fast-idle adjustment. A cold engine needs a faster idling speed to avoid stalling. But a fast idle that's too fast wastes gas, and stresses cold engine parts. If it's too slow, the engine will lope and

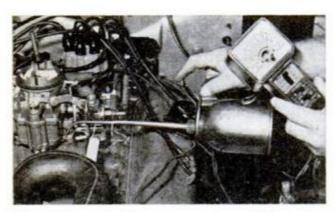


THERMOSTAT SPRING of carburetor-mounted automatic choke is set in the end cap. Here, the choke valve is actuated directly by a shaft through carburetor casting rather than by rod as in manifold-mounted type

stall. So, check your fast-idle specs, and hook up your tach. Start your cold engine and adjust the fast-idle screw until rpm is up to specs.

5. Poorly adjusted choke. The automatic choke allows a butterfly plate in your carburetor to close, then open, as the engine warms. In a cold engine, the plate is closed, cutting the air intake and providing a rich mixture for starting. But if the choke is set so the mixture is too rich, the plate won't open fast enough after starting, thus causing the engine to flood and "roll." A too-lean choke set will cause starting problems for lack of gas.

Every manufacturer gives a choke-set spec, such as "on the center index mark,"



AIR LEAKS, an insidious cause of rough idle, affect fuel-air ratio. You'll know you have one if use of an oil and kerosene mixture causes an increase in rpm

"one notch rich" or "two notches lean."

Because there are two different types of automatic chokes, there are two ways to make this adjustment.

One type, used on most Ford and Chrysler cars, works through a thermostatic coil spring inside the intake manifold. This spring is connected to the butterfly plate in the carb by a choke rod. Unhook the choke rod from the choke-shaft lever. Unbolt the thermostatic spring housing from the manifold. Loosen the mounting-post locknut. Now, turn the mounting post until the index marker on the disc is positioned to specs.

The other type, used in most General Motors cars, has the thermostatic spring mounted right on the carburetor. It's enclosed by a cap usually held by three screws. To adjust, loosen the screws and turn the cap to the correct index mark.

After adjusting the choke, make sure it's not damaged by checking its operation. With engine cold and off, hit the accelerator pedal once. The butterfly plate should close. Now start your engine. The plate should slowly open until it's completely open (vertical) when the engine has become warm.

If the butterfly valve doesn't close and open, look for dirty or damaged parts in the choke assembly. You may find a bad thermostatic spring, a bent choke rod (in Ford and Chrysler chokes), a bad heat tube (in GM chokes) or even a binding choke piston.

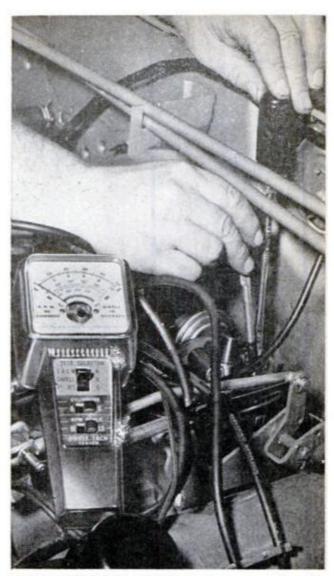
6. Air leaks. This sneaky little problem is overlooked by many mechanics: yet checking for it is child's play. A hidden air leak can lean out the air-fuel ratio and in extreme cases cause burned valves.

Mix a 1 to 1 ratio of SAE-10W oil and kerosene. Squirt it around the carb base and intake manifold. Hook up your tach and start the engine. If speed increases (tach needle will show it and you may hear it) you have an air leak, temporarily sealed by the mixture. You may even be able to see the oil mixture drawn in through the leak. Tighten all mounting bolts and try again. If the same thing happens, suspect bad gaskets or, in extreme cases, a warped casting.

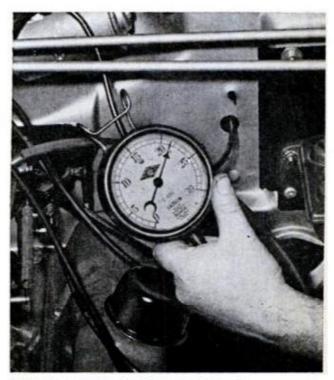
- 7. Stuck float. A carb float level set too high admits too much gas. One set too low starves the engine. Either way, the airfuel ratio is upset. A stuck float means the carb must be removed from the car. You can then make sure the float is free to move, and check its level setting with a float gauge.
- 8. Dirty carb. If, after all other checks on your carburetor and after checking your gas line filter, your engine still doesn't seem to be "taking" the gas, you face the prospect of dirt in your carburetor. This means you'll have to remove the carb, rip it apart and clean it. If this is necessary, it is a good idea to rebuild the carb while you're at it. There are many rebuilding kits available in the auto supply stores.
- 9. Bad dwell angle. If ignition spark is getting to your plugs too early (or late), you'll have the roughest idle in town. Timing the ignition spark is directly related to the "dwell angle"—the number of degrees of distributor cam rotation during which points remain closed. If points open too soon, the spark comes early; if too late, spark is retarded. To check dwell angle, you'll need a dwell meter and your car's specs for "dwell angle at idle speed." This is usually given as a range in degrees, such as 22° to 24°. The best setting for idle is smack in the middle, though anywhere in the range will do.

Hook the dwell meter into the ignition primary circuit, between breaker points

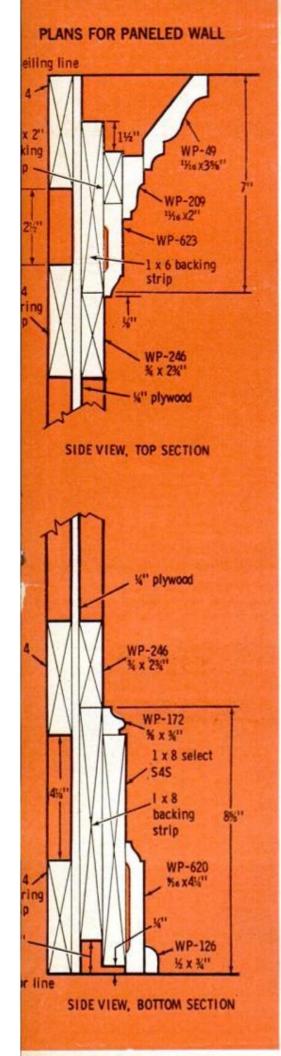
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ENGINE IGNITION TIMING is determined by distributor components. Here, point gap is adjusted and dwell angle is checked to insure right timing



STEADY VACUUM-GAUGE READING taken on engine with hydraulic valve lifters indicates properly closing valves; leaky valve would cause reading to pulsate



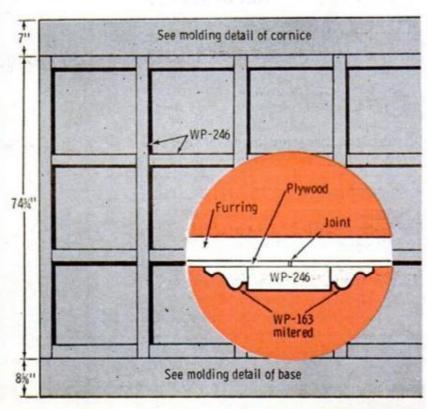


PLAIN WALL takes on elegant appearance, as pictured at the right

Plain wood paneling can't match the beauty of this built-up wall of lumber, plywood and molding which anyone can install.

By WAYNE C. LECKEY

## **How To Mold**





## **Character Into Drab Walls**

HERE'S ELEGANCE PLUS when it comes to a wood-paneled wall. To look at it you'd say it's a custom mill job. But that's where you're wrong. It's nothing more than a combination of plywood panels, lumber and standard moldings assembled in a manner that makes it a cinch for the handy homeowner to install.

You start by applying 1x4 furring strips horizontally to the existing wall, placing two along the ceiling, two along the floor and two in between on 24-in. centers. Next, figure the number of full 4-ft.-wide plywood panels that can be placed along the wall's length. There's little likelihood you'll come out even, so whatever space is left is simply divided equally at the ends by centering the full panels.

Now you cover the entire wall, floor to ceiling, by nailing the plywood to the furring with 1½-in. brads. The starting panel is placed in the exact center of the

wall, and the brads are kept in areas where they'll be covered later.

Standard screen stock is used to form the recessed squares. Center the vertical members over the joints of the plywood and cut the horizontal ones to butt between. Now, stock cap molding is mitered like a picture frame to fit inside each recess and nailed with brads.

The section views show the order in which the cornice and base parts of the wall are built up. Common boards provide the backing for the three moldings which are used to create the cornice. The backing member at the base is faced with a clear 1x8, then capped and faced with the white-pine moldings specified.

Finish your wall with stain plus a coat of clear sealer, then stand back and admire it.

A large plan, plus additional information for building the wall, is available for 50 cents from Western Wood Moulding Producers, 2041 S.W. 58th Ave., Portland, Ore.

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## The 1967 Boats: Fast

Spectacular new hulls, new big-push power, a gaggle of new gad-



LUND K-20 NEW YORKER, a 120-hp stern-drive runabout, is a monocoque-type design of thick, .080-in. aluminum. An outboard New Yorker is also available

DONZI F-14 is a scaled-down 14-ft. version of the Donzi deep-vee ocean-racing hulls designed for fishing. With 120 hp, it does an economical 40 mph





## bottoms, more push

gets and gear-it's going to be a great year to get out on the water

By ART MIKESELL, PM's Boating Editor

YOU'RE NOT ALONE if you're confused by the tremendous variety of boats available this year. Practically everyone else feels the same way. Never have so many radically different hull shapes been offered in any one year. Every company seems to have at least one sophisticated new bottom design, sometimes even two or three. Some of them are illustrated on the following pages, but this is only a small sampling. I just ran out of space.

Also, most of the familiar labels used to describe a hull have gone out the window, for all practical purposes. You'll see a great number of trihulls this year, but the word is less specific than it used to be. The most noticeable thing about today's tri-hulls is how different each one is from the next. (Incidentally, remember when the cathedral was the only design with three bows? When somebody mentioned cathedral, you knew pretty well what he was talking about. Life used to be so simple.)

The same goes for vees. You'll find them in all degrees of deadrise, from deep to shallow. Some are smooth, some have a few strakes and some have many. The strakes may be wide or narrow, run parallel to the keel or follow a curve. Some have horizontal surfaces, some are set at an angle. The number of possible combinations is almost unlimited.

Even sail, that most conservative section of boating, is beginning to show more variety and far-out thinking, especially as more and more manufacturers of powerboats are adding sailboats to their lines.

The best way to get an idea of the variety this year—I'd call it the "great hull explosion," but that sounds a little negative—is to take a random look at what a few companies are offering.

Starcraft has a total of 51 different models in the 1966 line, ranging from



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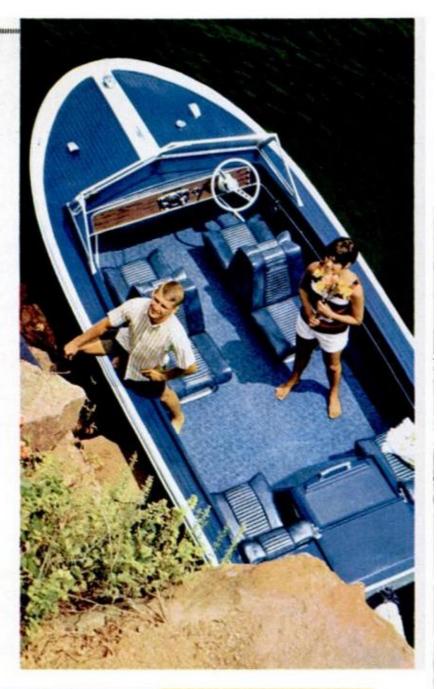
#### Runabouts -

a 9-ft. pram up to a 21-ft. cruiser. Included in that 51-boat line are no less than five separate power-boat bottoms, plus canoes, sail-boats and fishing boats. Last year, Starcraft sold over \$25 million worth of boats, so it must be doing something right.

Thunderbird, the old-timer in the tri-hull business, has four models in either stern-drive or outboard versions and two models available only with stern drive. The biggest T-Bird in the line is the 22½-ft. Iroquois with 225-hp MerCruiser for \$6620.

Formula, a division of Thunderbird, offers two outboards and four stern drives. I would have included a picture of its little No. 170 outboard, but none was available at press time. I haven't had a chance to try it, but the bottom lines looked clean and promising.

I ran into the same problem of photos vs. deadlines with Traveler. Its new 15-ft. Panther has an interesting bottom configuration which designer Doug Van Patten describes as an "acrofoil"—a combination of Greek and Middle







MFG CORVETTE II, a new 15-ft. runabout rated at 80 hp, has a refined CV (cathedral-vee) hull described by the designer as "the only deep-V cathedral hull form that utilizes the 25° of deadrise that has proven so successful in the deep-V hull form." The high-riding sponsons come into play only when the hull starts to list, thus limiting unnecessary bottom drag



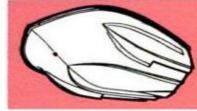
GLASSPAR FLYING V-175 is a hard-chine deep-V—a basic V shape which slices through rough water with longitudinal steps to provide greater lift and faster planing. The authorated model sells for \$1595. Equipped with 120-hp MerCruiser, this 17-ft. beauty goes for \$3695. Incidentally, Glasspar now offers full five-year warranty



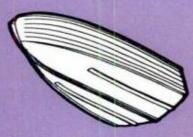


BUEHLER CABALLERO, a 16-ft. propless "ski jet" deep-V, comes equipped with a floor-mounted throttle and a stretched engine box which is padded for sunbathing. You can buy this jet boat in either 175-hp or 210-hp versions for under \$5000

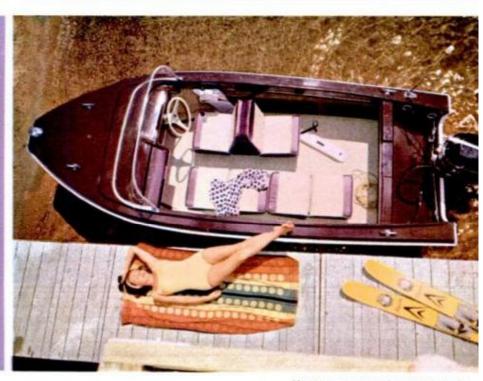




CHRYSLER CHARGER 151 is a 15-ft. deep-V with two longitudinal strakes and a flat delta keel for extra lift. The two forward "step-sponsons" provide stability and cushion downward entry into water when the going is rough



CRESTLINER MARAUDER features a "Stabilized Vee" hull—another V-step combination to achieve top performance and a smooth ride in rough water. Rated to 65 hp, it's just over 14½ ft. long and carries a price of \$895. The interior hull sides, floor and side panels are all color-styled with a vinyl covering. Flotation provided is a gas-resistant plastic foam



English meaning "high planing." Doug spent 20 minutes explaining it to me at the Marine Trades Show, using terms like "polyparaboloid" and "edge effect." It looks something like a deep vee with short strakes (risers, they're called) running from the chine and curving slightly in toward the keel. The idea is to improve the ride and seakeeping abilities, but it would take pages to go into the theories involved. Outside of the Panther, Traveler is sticking with last year's highly successful line.

Glasspar is another company carrying over last year's line, with minor style changes and improvements.

Lund has a new 20-ft. New Yorker model in both stern drive and outboard power, but the rest of the line is just about the same as in 1966.

Century introduced a wild new boat at this year's New York show. Dubbed the Trident, it's a skin-divers' special with a bow that opens down to form a water-level diving platform. Photos weren't available at press time, but check future issues for more on this '67 wonder.

Glastron has four new powerboats and a new "super-sailboard" in its 21-boat line for 1967. The tri-hull Swinger pictured on page 146 comes in stern drive and outboard versions. (You'll find a test article on this one in next month's PM). The others are a 15-ft. Swinger-like runabout and a 14-ft. vee-hulled runabout. Even more important to many dollar-minded shoppers, Glastron is announcing a number of price reductions for this year.

Crestliner's vice-president and general manager, Darrell Cameron, recently announced that "in the under-20-ft. class, Crestliner has in its 1967 line a type and style of boat to meet every buyer's needs, desires, preferences." With 27 basic models from 12-ft. fishing boats to 19-ft. cruisers, he can't be too far wrong.

Four new ones this year are: a 16-ft. "family cruiser" with open cabin; a 15-ft. runabout; a longer, beamier version

### Sailboats



LARSON-REGATTA 132 is 13 ft. long, has a beam of 55-in. and carries 85 sq. ft. of Dacron sail. Completely cartoppable, it still offers a cockpit that is large enough for more than just your feet. The mast, boom, rudder and centerboard are aluminum

#### Cruisers



BUEHLER BAR HARBOR, 24 ft. of V-bottom jet "day cruiser," features streamlined styling by Virgil Exner. This jet-set dreamboat is propelled by a three-stage Turbopower unit with engine options of 290 to 325 hp, carries 60 gal. of fuel and has foam flotation



GRUMANN BALLERINA is one of several all-aluminum sail models in the company's 1967 line. The 12-ft. hull features foam-in-place flotation between the cockpit sole (floor, to all you non-salts) and the hull. All in all, a lot of sport crammed into 12 ft.



GLASTRON ALPHA is billed as a "super-sailboard."
The lateen rig has 98 sq. ft. of sail, and in case
you get too enthusiastic, the cockpit is self-draining
after a knockdown. Rudder and centerboard are
mahogany. You have a choice of blue or red deck



CHRIS-CRAFT SEA HAWK clipper, a new trunk cabin 25-footer, sleeps two and sells for under \$8000. Galley unit and head are options, and either a soft top or hardtop may be specified. With power choice of 185 or 210 hp, it will do either 32 or 34 mph



OWENS' MARAUDER is a beamy 27-ft. fiberglass express cruiser with full living accommodations for four. Galley includes large ice chest, full-size sink and two-burner alcohol stove. The dinette converts to a double berth; two others sleep in vee berths

of the 18-ft. Raider; and a stern-drive model of the 15-ft. aluminum Dane.

MFG goes into '67 with 34 models, four of them new: a 16-ft. runabout with a "tri-glide" hull; 15-ft. and 18-ft. runabouts with "cathedral-vee" hulls, and a 13-ft. hard-chine runabout. William E. Pearson, vice-president and general manager, states: "MFG offers one of the most diverse lines of hulls in the industry, with a hull design for any and every purpose."

This something-for-everyone philos-

ophy seems to be shared by most of the larger boat manufacturers, and it's one of the main reasons for the unprecedented variety of boats available today. Every company has its own ideas about the kinds of boats everyone might want.

The only sure winner in this big popularity contest is you. Somewhere in this avalanche of wild new design concepts, styling and technology, you're pretty sure to find the ideal boat for you.

#### More runabouts

LARSON SHARK is 16 ft. of "the best fishing platform ever invented," according to company's modest description. It's an extrastable "bihedral" hull equipped with twin bait wells, storage shelves and bow storage compartment, all dressed up with vinyl trim and floor mat. The Shark 160 sells for \$1025, the more deluxe 162 (with convertible top) for \$1195





TROJAN 24-FT. BIMINI, a rugged sport fisherman in the \$5000 class, is available with either conventional inboard or stern drive. It's small enough to be trailered, yet large enough to take you out to the best fishing grounds. The cockpit layout is simplicity itself—two bow bunks, a stern seat and lots of open cockpit for fishing

STARCRAFT DAYTONA, at top, a new 17-footer in the company's line of trihedral lapstrake "sportabouts," is rated to take a 110-hp outboard and sells for \$1525. It's shown here with the 14-ft. Explorer, a smaller, less plush model rated to 40 hp and priced at \$555. Both are "big" boats with maximum of useable space



## **HOW TO BUY**



How do you tell a good boat from a not-so-good boat? Here's some expert advice backed up by a total of 100 years' experience with all kinds of boats.

SHOPPING AROUND for a boat is one of those pleasant springtime things. You thump hulls, talk boats with the dealers, possible take a test ride. Maybe you buy, maybe not. Either way, it's been a fun day.

It's even more fun if you know what you're looking for. The following how-to-buy articles on five special types of boats were written by experts. They're packed with specifics which will be helpful even if your boat has to be a compromise design.

For lack of space, we've omitted the pros and cons of aluminum, fiber-glass and wood. It's important, though, so read up on the arguments before you start shopping.

Remember, somewhere there's a boat that will suit your needs and pocketbook. The problem is finding it, and that's not really a problem. It's fun.—Art Mikesell



How to buy a

## RUNABOUT

By JACK SEVILLE

ANYONE IN THE MARKET for a runabout today had better forget yester-day's criteria of just what a fun boat should look like.

First of all, your boat may not have a foredeck. Some of today's best runabouts use the space for another cockpit. You'll get more out of it as a seating area than as a rope locker. It also makes a first-rate place to stand when casting a plug.

No matter what the configuration, though, never buy a boat without taking it out for a test run. While you're finding out what kind of a ride it has and how well it handles, you can check out some of the other important features from the cockpit.

The steering, for instance. Be sure the wheel gives positive control without too much play or too much travel. Otherwise, when maneuvering at any speed you'll have to make like a pretzel bender.

A firm seat that holds you erect and gives good visibility in all directions is a must. So is a footrest.

Today's runabout may or may not have a windshield. If there is one, it should be sturdy enough to support a passenger who might grab it when thrown off balance. And if it's fitted with glass, rather than Plexiglas, it should be shatterproof.

A full set of gauges is a good deal, but only as good as the instruments themselves. If there's a tach, ask the dealer to

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# How to buy a SAILBOAT

By JOHN WESTLAKE

IF YOU'RE THINKING of buying a sailboat, it's probably safe to assume you've been sailing at least once or twice with a friend and know a little something about his boat. This is a good starting point, but when shopping for your own boat, you really ought to familiarize yourself with some of the hundreds of other sailboats available today.

You can divide all these sailboats into two main groups-keelboats and center boarders. I'm leaving out catamarans (twin-hulled) and trimarans (threehulled), because I wouldn't recommend either of these as a first boat for a beginner. Their sailing characteristics are unique. Learning to sail on a multihull is a little like learning the glockenspiel as a first musical instrument. To a certain extent, the same objection applies to small "boards"—surfboards sailing equipped with a mast, sail and centerboard.

A keelboat has a fixed fin (ballast keel) projecting down below the hull to grip the water and prevent the boat from sliding sideways. This fin is weighted with lead or cast iron which lowers the center of gravity.

A centerboarder has a movable fin of wood or metal which can be pulled up through a slot in the keel into a "well" or "trunk" inside the boat. The top of this well is above the waterline, so water rises inside but can't enter the boat. As a rule, the fin has no extra weight.

Generally, keelboats are slower and (Please turn to page 156)



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### FISHING BOAT

By PAT RICHARDS

AS A FISHERMAN, you have a lot going for you when picking out your first boat. Almost any boat will do a fair job for fishing, so you can't go too far wrong. More important, though, you've probably used dozens of boats—rented or owned by friends—before you set out to buy one for yourself.

If you're like most first-time buyers, you'll already have a pretty good idea of what you want or need before you do any serious shopping. In case you haven't reached that point yet, here are a few suggestions to mull over.

If your fishing is done with finesse—with flies or light tackle on small, quiet waters—you'll want a shallow-draft boat that will slide quietly along a shoreline or drift easily down a stream. Your best bet would be a canoe or a "johnboat-type" cartop boat, the first if you want delicate maneuverability, the latter if you want to stand and cast, as most fly fishermen do.

The canoe will take more skill to operate and will be more expensive. An 8 to 12-ft. aluminum cartopper johnboat is the lightest, most stable and least expensive of fishing craft.

If you fishing runs more to general types on a variety of inland waters, and if you like to take someone along, you'll want more boat than that.

Best bet for general use, then, is a more conventional hull in the 12 to 16-ft. area. They're light enough to carry on a cartop, yet big enough to take a 10-hp outboard

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### SKI BOAT

By PAT CALLAN

WITH MORE THAN 9 MILLION water skiers in America today, there are bound to be a number of different opinions on just what characteristics the ideal water-ski boat should have. However, every skier agrees that a good towboat is extremely important, especially for beginners. With first-time skiers, it can make the difference between a funpacked introduction to an exciting new sport and a discouraging failure.

The American Water Ski Assn. has been working with boat manufacturers on developing suitable tournament rigs for quite some time. Some of the most frequently mentioned requirements are:

—Broad, flat planing surface for quick planing, clean wake, and high-speed capability.

—Responsive steering for good performance on turns.

—Low freeboard for maximum visibility and easy boarding.

—Ample storage for skis, belts and line.

-Nonskid cockpit floor.

—Proper equipment (rear-facing observer seat, rear-view mirror, a sturdy tow pylon and a water speedometer).

—Sufficient power to pull the skier.

A good ski towboat answering this general description is a hull in the 16-ft. class with a 60-hp outboard. Such a combination will give you a chance to advance from the beginner stage—riding on two skis inside the wake—to slalom runs and even simple tricks.

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### **CRUISER**

By JACK SEVILLE

JUST ABOUT ANY BOAT that provides sleeping space, sanitary facilities and cooking equipment, all under shelter, can be called a cruiser. When shopping for one of these boats, you'll have to measure your pocketbook against how much cruising capability you want. To go farther and cruise in comfort for longer periods, independent of shoreside facilities, you're going to want to be able to stand up to your full height, stretch out on full-size beds and enjoy most of the other comforts of home.

Naturally, big boats with all these comforts cost more than smaller cruisers with fewer comforts.

One escape from this dilemma is to buy a houseboat and use it as a combination vacation home and a cruising boat. Another is to put up with sitting headroom in the cabin of a small cruiser and do your leg-stretching in the open cockpit, letting that area serve double duty by adding a canvas cover and side curtains.

Before you make your decision, however, go over all the manufacturers' literature you can lay your hands on. Hit the boat shows and check your local dealers.

Note the equipment listed as standard. How many necessities are listed as optional extras? For example, does the base price include all the safety equipment required by the Coast Guard? If not, you're going to have to buy it separately.

Then, try before you buy. Go over the boat with a fine-tooth comb, noting the

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check the calibration before you buy. Give the speedometer a two-way scrutiny on a measured mile. On four-cycle engines, you'll also want an oil-pressure gauge and an engine temperature gauge.

If there is a foward deck, make up your mind now that there are going to be occasions when you'll have to get out on it to tie up, or to drop or retrieve an anchor. Don't settle for a deck that isn't going to give you sure footing. If it bends underfoot, look out. If it is slippery, turn thumbs down.

Most manufacturers install a label indicating maximum safe load and maxi-(Please turn to page 220)

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heavier, harder to take out of the water for servicing and harder to trailer. They usually draw more water than centerboarders, so there's more danger of running aground. And once aground, a keelboat is harder to sail free.

On the other hand, they're safer because of the lower center of gravity. Being heavier, keelboats have more momentum and won't stop dead in their tracks when meeting an oncoming wave, as many centerboarders do. They have the feel of a big boat. Finally, there's no centerboard well, which is not only an obstacle but a source of leakage.

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and carry two or three men with their gear. In addition, they're seaworthy enough to be comfortable on a choppy day, or to run home through a squall.

A compromise possibility, with shallowdraft delicacy but enough hull and freeboard for most inland waters, is a bigger johnboat hull, anywhere from 12 to 18 feet. Even at that size, they're light enough to be easily handled, and still the least expensive boat for the size.

If your favorite water is a big lake, a rough stream, or shoreline salt water, you'll need still more boat. With heavier gear, a bigger outboard (or possibly two)

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It's true that you can pull a skier with a smaller outboard than this, and with children it's even possible to give a good tow if the proper propeller is used. With adults, however, more power is required.

Trying to learn to ski behind an underpowered towboat is a frustrating experience, and if the beginner is easily discouraged, his first time out may well be his last.

The reasons for the other requirements are obvious. A quick-planing bottom cuts down the amount of time the skier has to hold against that strong pull of the boat, before he reaches a plane and stands up;

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provisions for creature comfort, but also being super critical about safety features.

Your cruising range is going to be dependent upon fuel capacity and fuel consumption. Your aim should be sufficient power to obtain comfortable speed at ¾ throttle. Does the boat of your choice carry enough fuel to cover your local cruising conditions? How about the fresh-water capacity? And is there stowage space for normal needs of "house-keeping," plus a little extra?

Look for good access to the forward deck. The hatch should be large enough to allow you to get through, and it should

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#### BE SURE TO CHECK . . .

	<ul> <li>□ Flotation: sufficient to keep boat afloat when filled with water and maximum load. (Check specs.)</li> <li>□ Fuel and engine compartment: vented according to latest Coast Guard regulation. (Read it before you go out shopping.)</li> <li>□ Stowage space: adequate to hold skis, fishing tackle or anything else you plan to carry.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>□ Fuel capacity: related to fuel consumption of engine used to give desired cruising range.</li> <li>□ Deck hardware: through-bolted.</li> <li>□ Engine: properly matched to hull to give desired running speed at ¾ throttle.</li> <li>□ Driver's seat: should have footrest and permit good visibility in all directions.</li> </ul>
The second secon	<ul> <li>□ Standing rigging: stainless steel and without kinks.</li> <li>□ Turnbuckles: heavy enough for boat to be heeled over 90° by hauling on the main halyard when boat is afloat.</li> <li>□ Running rigging: Dacron or some other non-stretch synthetic.</li> <li>□ Centerboard trunk: completely rigid.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>☐ Keel bolt heads: bear on large washers.</li> <li>☐ Cockpit: large and deep enough for adults to move fast (especially in centerboards).</li> <li>☐ Dimensions: must be correct if boat is a "one-design" you intend to race. (The class secretary can supply you with specs.)</li> <li>☐ Sails: Dacron, properly fitted (when main is hoisted fully, boom should be horizontal).</li> </ul>
はないので あるかいおいけんだ	<ul> <li>☐ Seating arrangement: matched to the type of fishing you do most.</li> <li>☐ Capacity: adequate for your normal fishing group. (If three or four, consider going together on a couple of small boats.)</li> <li>☐ Motor: sufficient to power hull properly, yet small enough for trolling. (On large boats, consider using two—one for each.)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>☐ Hull shape and size: takes roughest kind of water in which you'll be using the boat. (If you have to cross a big lake to reach your spot, buy a hull for lake crossing.)</li> <li>☐ Portability: judged realistically, if it's important in your fishing. (Can you and a friend really get it on and off a car easily, or do you need a trailer?)</li> </ul>
THE PROPERTY OF THE PARTY OF TH	<ul> <li>☐ Hull: large enough to take safely an engine with adequate power for skiing.</li> <li>☐ Transom: wide and flat-bottomed for quick takeoff and clean wake.</li> <li>☐ Freeboard: low for easy boarding and maximum visibility.</li> <li>☐ Seating arrangement: include at least one rear-facing seat for an observer.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>□ Storage compartments: large enough to hold belts, line and other gear. (If they won't take skis, you can sometimes add racks inside the cockpit if space is there.)</li> <li>□ Cockpit floor: nonskid textured surface.</li> <li>□ Engine: powerful enough for full range of skiing activities from beginner stage to slalom or trick runs.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>□ Power: sufficient to give comfortable speed at ¾ throttle.</li> <li>□ Engine compartment: well-vented and large enough to give access for service.</li> <li>□ Fuel tanks: located in a well-vented area, equipped with shutoff valves.</li> <li>□ Foredeck: easily accessible and free of unnecessary obstructions: ponskid surface.</li> </ul>	☐ Fuel capacity: to provide the desired cruising range. (Divide it by mpg.) ☐ Electrical fuses: should be accessible; system should be wired for shore current. ☐ Hull configuration: suited to water conditions in which you'll be using boat. (Get some ideas by wandering around your local wards and marinas.)

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#### YOUR OUTBOARD MOTOR...

## Those new black box ignitions

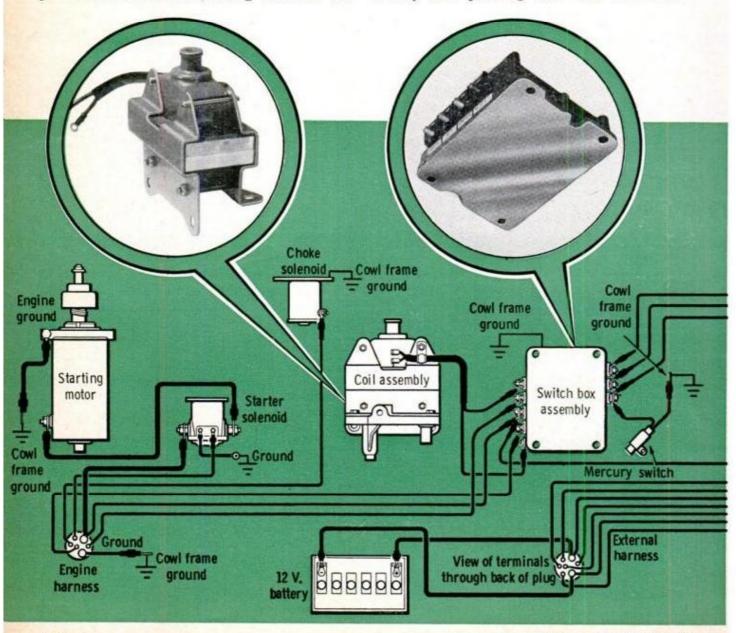
Foolproof starting, smoother operation, more miles per gallon—these are just a few advantages of the new CD ignition systems. Here's how they work By HENRY B. NOTROM

C APACITOR-DISCHARGE ignition is the hottest current development in outboard engineering, and from all reports, this is only the beginning.

First introduced as standard equipment on two Mercury engines last year, it's now available on four Mercs, one Johnson and one Evinrude. The reasons for this growing popularity are immediately obvious when you take a look at the unique advantages of CD ignition:

• It eliminates conventional breaker points and condenser, along with all the maintenance required by such parts.

- Sparkplug life is dramatically extended. With CD ignition, you measure plug life by seasons rather than hours. (A Mercury demonstration engine equipped with CD ignition has run plugs with more than 700 hours on them. They still fire like new.)
- Operation under adverse climatic conditions is no problem. CD ignition can operate an engine at temperature extremes you'll never encounter (low as minus 100° F., high as 260° F.). In addition, high humidity and pouring rain will not affect

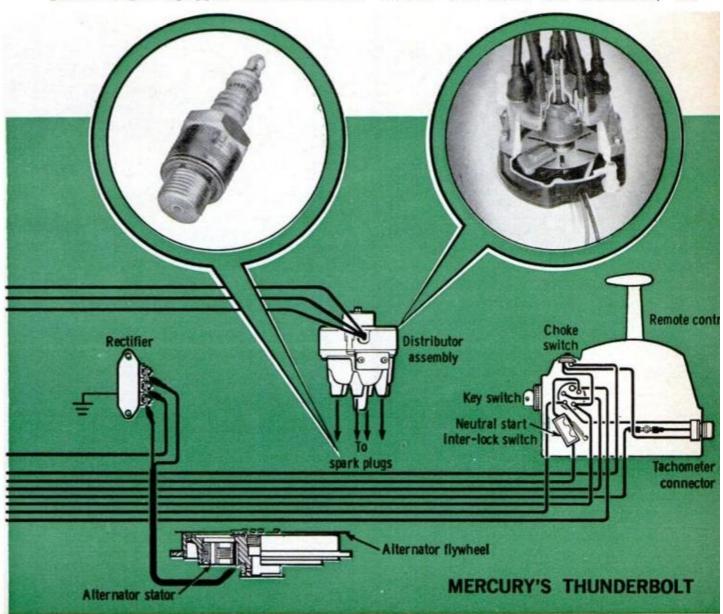


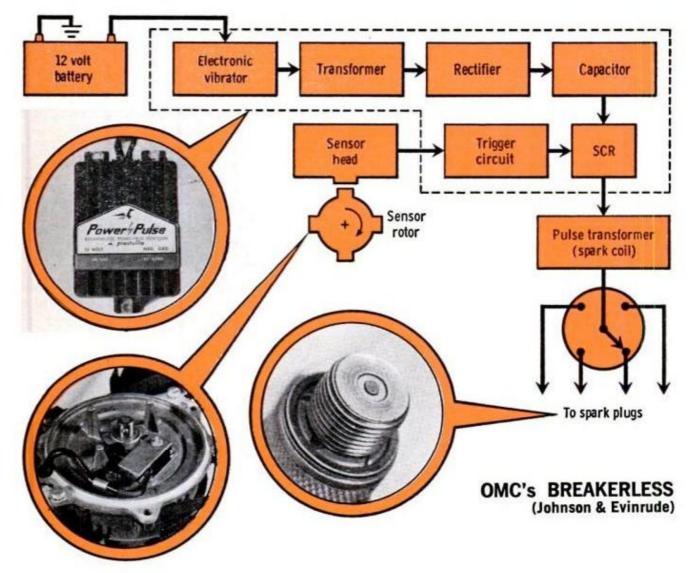
performance. Neither will a dousing by salt spray.

- Operation with a rundown battery is no longer a problem. CD ignition will start an engine that has a dragged-down battery as long as the battery can put out enough juice to let the starting motor turn the engine over.
- CD ignition maintains an even output under all conditions of boat speed, load and battery charge. It won't, for example, be burned out by a battery that gets a dose of overcharging under day-by-day operational conditions.
- Operation under adverse engine conditions is no problem either. Capacitor-discharge ignition will fire an engine that has an excessively lean or rich fuel mixture, or one that is running on an improper gas-to-oil ratio.
- CD ignition allows lower idling speeds, as much as 100 rpm below that of a comparable engine equipped with convention-

- al distributor with breaker points and condenser.
- Preignition and all its consequences are things of the past. Peak bearing loads are minimized, and so are abnormally high piston temperatures.
- Spark timing is permanently set at the factory and never varies, because there are no breakers in the distributor. If disassembly and reassembly become necessary, re-establishing correct timing is a cinch.

For example, with Mercury six-cylinder models having CD ignition, you rotate the flywheel until the timing mark—a straight line stamped on the side surface with a white dot above it—is in a straight line with the center of the crankshaft and distributor pulley center. An arrow on the pulley is pointed at the timing mark on the flywheel. After the timing belt, plate, cap, washer and screw are reinstalled, the





screw is tightened to 60 in.-lb. Spark advance is then adjusted by means of a timing light in conjunction with the timing decal on the cowl support.

Don't get the idea that capacitor discharge, as such, is new. It has been around on the fringes of the automotive industry for about five years. Kiekhaefer had CD ignition on some Mercury military engines back in World War II.

Although none of the manufacturers are talking in specific terms about how their latest CD systems operate, we can get a general idea by examining wiring diagrams. (According to the manufacturers, the reason they can't get too specific is because patents are pending on several of the components and disclosure might jeopardize the patent agreement.) We can also fall back on our knowledge of automotive CD ignition systems.

Let's peek at the system used by Johnson and Evinrude. Johnson's CD ignition is

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#### WHAT THE COMPETITORS SAY ABOUT CD

McCULLOCH. "We looked at systems like this during the past several years, but we are in no hurry to come up with one. It isn't really needed in McCulloch engines. Most of our outboards are two-cylinder motors. Our top engine is a three-cylinder 75-hp job. When you get into four and six-cylinder motors, such as Mercury, Johnson and Evinrude, need for CD ignition would exist."

—William B. Burkett, vice-president, engineering.

HOMELITE. "We have no plans for a capacitordischarge ignition system, because our engines are different than others. Ours are four-cycle engines, as you have in automobiles, while other outboards are two-stroke. I think CD is a good system for the two-cycles, but we just don't need it in our motors."—A spokesman for Fisher-Pierce.

CHRYSLER. "Chrysler views overall performance as the prime requisite in engineering outboard motors. Emphasis at Chrysler Outboard has been on reduction of weight, enhancing overall engine strength for maximum endurance and on the provision of new model choices for the consumer each year. Our ignition system has performed dependably in both normal use and high-endurance applications and will satisfy consumer performance demands."—A company spokesman.

## How to avoid getting in trouble with your boat

The Coast Guard's chief of search and rescue pulls some grim case histories from his files to illustrate what can happen when weekend boaters grow careless

By CAPTAIN JOHN M. WATERS JR.\*

Illustrated by Edward W. Hanke



Official Coast Guard Photo

"Boating is a great sport, and with normal precautions, a safe and relaxing one. Yet last year, 1360 Americans died in pleasure boating accidents, most because they didn't use life preservers. Half the people in the United States can't swim 50 feet. With a life preserver, however, anyone can stay afloat indefinitely. Of course your best insurance is to avoid accidents by observing these 10 common-sense rules of safety: 1. Know your boat

- 2. Carry proper equipment
- 3. Run at safe speeds
- 4. Keep good lookout
- 5. Respect the weather
- 8. Don't overload
- Secure boat correctly 7. Keep boat in shape
- 9. Take enough fuel
- 10. Obey the law."

-Capt. John M. Waters

THE ALL-TIME RECORD for lost craft may well be held by an illfated Long Beach to Catalina motorboat race in the late '50s.

Over 100 boats set out for the run, but fog set in, unexpected and heavy. En route from Yuma, Ariz., to San Diego on a routine flight, we were given orders to divert to the Catalina Channel. There were, said the San Diego controller, "some boats lost."

As we were approaching the channel, San Diego advised that 55 boats were missing. Soon the figure was upped to 70. There was considerable doubt, for the race committee, supposed to be checking in the arrivals at Catalina, got tired of waiting and went on up to the planned barbecue.

As we flew over the channel in the fog and darkness, the sight was weird. Flares were being fired all over and several Coast Guard cutters were towing strings of boats which had run out of fuel.

All boats were recovered, but the last

was not picked up for three days. It had overshot Catalina by 40 miles.

In 1964, Coast Guard Search and Rescue (SAR) units responded 41,666 times to requests for assistance. Five years before, only 21.337 sorties were made.

At first, the reason seemed simple: too many amateurs on the water. But the Coast Guard analyzed its investigation reports on fatal accidents and came up with some disquieting facts. From hundreds of grim case histories, the operation analysts created a composite "corpse."

He (literally correct, for men outnumber women nine to one) was 35 and no rank amateur. He had spent at least 500 hours operating small boats, had no physical handicaps, was in the prime of life and a family man.

The typical accident occurred in midafternoon in coastal waters during a July weekend. Avoiding the coast would not have helped him, however, for his chances of disaster would have been almost as great on inland lakes and rivers. The holiday notwithstanding, he was sober.

He had nothing or no one to blame but himself. The weather was good, winds

<sup>\*</sup> Condensed from Rescue at Sea by Capt. John M. Waters Jr., Van Nostrand, \$5.95.

light and seas smooth. Neither the 15-foot boat nor the 40-hp motor had any defects.

Suddenly, he capsized. His boat was overloaded, passengers were not seated properly, and he was cruising at an excessive rate of speed. In not paying enough attention to other nearby boats, he had probably violated the Rules of the Road. Faced with a collision, he made a sharp turn and the boat went over.

In the water, he found himself and his passengers without lifesaving devices. Though he was a fair swimmer, some of his passengers were not, and they drowned quickly. He lasted only a short while longer. Some of the victims were members of his family.

Being human, pleasure boatmen usually avoid the subject of accidents. Recreational boating is for pleasure; why spoil it with unpleasant subjects? But case histories are like vaccinations—a mild exposure may prevent serious consequences later.

Even professional seamen are not immune. In Hampton Roads, a heavily loaded Navy liberty boat swamped in high seas with a heavy loss of life. A Coast Guard boat, servicing buoys in Alaska, capsized and two men drowned. Dozens of other reports prove that experience is no guarantee against the sea.

The files contain hundreds of other cases, but capsizing is only one cause of death. Second place goes to falling overboard. This does not always happen in a 10-foot sea.

A cabin cruiser was tied securely to a pier in good weather when, after cocktails and dinner, a guest noted that the flag was still flying from the stern. He jumped up on the stern, grasped the staff and tugged. It popped loose, and the guest went into the drink. He did not come up.

When the body was recovered, an autopsy revealed that the guest had struck his head as he fell, probably knocking himself unconscious.

Most deaths from falling overboard occur because life jackets are not worn. Presently approved life vests are rather heavy and bulky, and are uncomfortable in hot weather; but regardless of discomfort, life jackets should be worn by nonswimmers. Children should never be in a boat without one on.

Foundering takes a regular annual toll. Though often caused by rough water, it can occur in smooth seas if the boat is overloaded. In July, 1933, the 63-foot launch Sno Boy was reported overdue on a fishing trip out of Kingston, Jamaica. On this small boat were 55 people, 50 bundles of bamboo poles, 99 drums of gasoline, 68 drums of water, and 19 tons of ice. A wide search finally turned up only a few pieces of debris. The boat was believed to have foundered with all hands. No bodies were ever recovered.

Fire at sea is a terrifying thing, even on a large vessel. In a small boat, there is literally no place to go but overboard. In most cases, fire is caused by fuel leaking into the bilges, where the vapors mix with air to form a highly explosive mixture. Boats are supposed to be equipped with flame arrestors on the exhaust and with bilge ventilating systems to clear out these fumes. With reasonable care an explosion need not occur.

A fuel explosion like the one off Miami Beach is not easy to forget. The telephone



call came in from a guest at the Eden Roc Hotel, reporting an explosion on a boat offshore. We were airborne in less than three minutes, and sighted the column of smoke as we passed over the coastline. Arriving on scene, we could see small pieces of debris scattered for several hundred yards. The explosion had been shattering. A fishing boat had arrived, and I brought the big Sikorsky chopper to a hover over it. An injured man was floating by the stern, held up by lines tended by two men on the boat.

He was still alive but so badly burned that the rescuers were unable to lift him into the boat. The rescue basket was lowered from the helicopter into the water, and they gently eased him in. After a fast flight, the basket was lifted out of the helicopter and carried into the emergency room at Mercy Hospital.

How did it happen? He had started the

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engine without checking the bilges. Gasoline vapor had accumulated there and a spark from the starter, or a backfire from the exhaust, had ignited the explosive mixture. TNT could not have done more damage.

As waters become more crowded, collisions between boats, or between boats and swimmers, become more frequent. The seriousness is compounded by the high speed at which many boats travel. Several tragic accidents have occurred when boats towing water skiers ran among



swimmers. A boat propeller turning at high speed is a lethal butcher tool.

On inland lakes and rivers where many boating accidents occur due to speeding, Coast Guard forces are meager, and are likely to remain so until the coasts and oceans can be adequately protected. The Coast Guard has encouraged the states to take over some of the responsibility for boating law enforcement, but they have, with a few notable exceptions, been extremely reluctant to take over any federal activity unless it has a revenue-producing potential. We do know, however, that strict enforcement of safety regulations will make boating safer.

All the education, enforcement and coaxing in the world can do little to prevent the incidents caused by extremes of human behavior. Melvin West of Jackson-ville, N.C., was an example. Despite warnings by the Coast Guard of the inadequacy of his boat, equipment and lack of navigation gear, he set out in October, 1957 for Bermuda in a 17-foot, 30-hp outboard boat. The distance was nearly 700 miles, and that area of ocean is often rough in the autumn.

On the 19th, when he was overdue, a search was launched. Two days later, a merchant ship located him and gave him supplies after he refused to be picked up. He had no idea of his position. On the 24th, his family requested further search, and on the 27th, he was located by Coast

Guard aircraft, out of fuel. He wanted to continue but was refused further fuel, and he and the boat were taken aboard the C.G.C. Rockaway.

Several months later, he tried again. This time, despite extensive search efforts, he was never located.

In midsummer 1965, Robert Manry set sail in his 13-foot boat, the *Tinkerbelle*, to sail the Atlantic alone. Solo crossings had been made before, but probably never in so small a boat. After a number of narrow escapes, he arrived safely in Plymouth, England, and was greeted as a hero. Prior to his sailing, we had alerted our European Search and Rescue colleagues that it was probably just a matter of time before we would start getting the overdue reports and requests for search. Fortunately, we were wrong in this case, but in most of these ventures, we aren't.

While Manry was en route to Europe, another solo amateur sailed up the Pacific Coast for Sitka, Alaska. Several weeks later, his boat was found drifting 200 miles off California, and there has never been a clue to his fate.

The week that Manry arrived at Plymouth, a 30-foot sailboat was sighted



drifting helplessly in the Pacific by the Japanese freighter *Kiyo Maru*. The lone occupant, John Kennaugh of Oakland, Calif., told a harrowing tale.

He had attempted to sail from Seattle to Oakland, but was becalmed and drifted helplessly for 20 days. Then a series of storms hit, ripping off the sails and disabling the boat. When he was sighted by the freighter, Kennaugh said that he was "completely shot physically. I just couldn't have survived another storm."

Occasionally, there are incidents where it is difficult to decide whether to laugh or cry. In September 1965, a yachtsman was

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## New Gadgets and Gear For Your Boat

YOUR DEALER'S SHELVES will be bulging with new products this year, so before you tackle the job of fitting out for next season, stop in and look them over. You'll probably end up buying something that will make the job easier.

For instance, Tempo has an extensive line of reconditioning items packaged in aerosol cans, everything from upholstery cleaner to gasket cement and battery cleaner. Also, if your boat doesn't conform to the new Coast Guard ventilation requirements, take a look at Tempo's fuel and engine compartment ventilation kit. Installation is simple.

A more offbeat item previewed at the Marine Trades Show is a do-it-yourself windshield-tinting kit. It's an acrylic coating in an aerosol can, and while it may scratch, the maker claims repairs are simple. It's from World Glass Tinting, Inc., Box 7847, Houston, Tex.—Art Mikesell



TWO-IN-ONE LIFE JACKET has two flotation systems, a foam-plastic lining and air chambers which can be inflated by CO<sub>2</sub> cartridge or mouth. From Sears



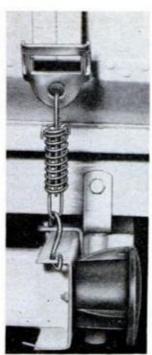
BRIGHT-WORK KIT is a three-step system for care of hardware—polish to remove oxidized material, cleaner to prepare for finish and clear coating to protect surface. It's manufactured by Turco Products, Inc., Div. of Purex, 24600 S. Main St., Wilmington, Calif.



HANDEE HITCHES from Peters and Russell are synthetic rubber straps with stainless-steel clips molded in each end. Four 10-in. hitches sell for \$3.25

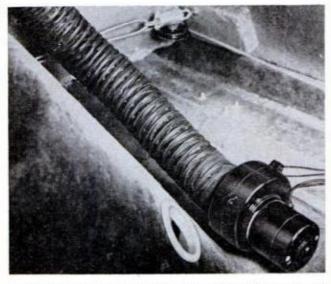


ULTRALIGHT FUEL TANK from Chrysler Outboard is made of polyethylene, weighs 50 percent less than steel tanks. Standard equipment with Chrysler motors

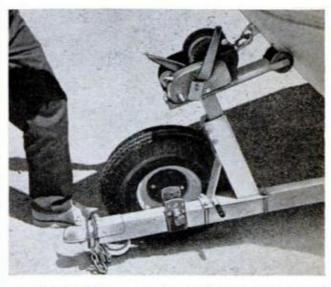




TRAILER TIE-DOWN has tension spring on one end and cam-action lock on the other. Priced at \$4.35 to \$5.35 from Dutton-Lainson Co., Hastings, Neb.



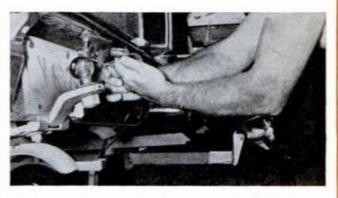
SELF-CONTAINED BLOWER unit moves 150 cu. ft. of air per minute to clear engine and fuel compartment of explosive vapors. Sold as "Breezie Junior" by Peters and Russell, unit operates on 12-v. d.c.



SPARE-N-DOLLY is a dual-purpose, spare-tire mount which also serves as a dolly to simplify moving boat and trailer. Available in many sizes, it sells for \$6.50 and is made by Dutton-Lainson Co., Hastings, Neb.

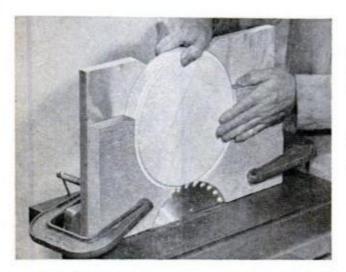


SPRAY-ON TEFLON lubricant for use on sliding hatches, chocks and controls is clean and durable. Called "Skipper's Glide," a handy 6-oz. aerosol can sells for \$1.98 from Saber Products Corp., Mamaroneck, N.Y.



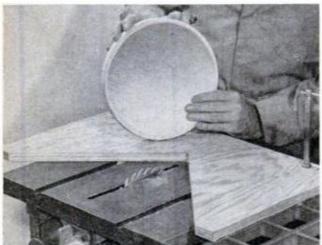
CONNECTOR KIT for hooking up trailer lights to car wiring includes connector, bracket, color-coded wiring and three splice connectors. It costs \$4.75 from Valley Tow-Rite, Inc., 27 E. Vine St., Lodi, Calif.

### Don't Sell Your



Far from limited to just plain ripping and crosscutting, your table saw is full of hidden talent when teamed up with wooden jigs and fixtures.

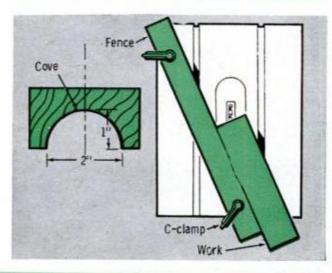
By WAYNE C. LECKEY
Technical illustrations by Barry Wiedenkeller



RABBETING A DISC is normally a job for a shaper, but your saw can do it in a pinch. The upper photo shows the semicircular jig needed. To start, the disc is lowered easy-like into blade, then rotated slowly.

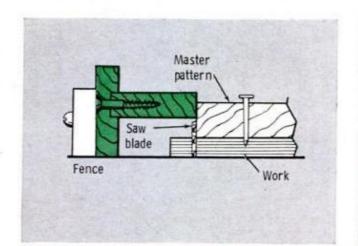
If you should want to make a saucer cut in a disc, the work can be hollowed by rotating it slowly face down over the blade in a V-jig clamped in front of the blade. Here you take 1/16-in. bites at a time,

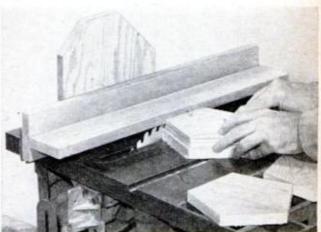




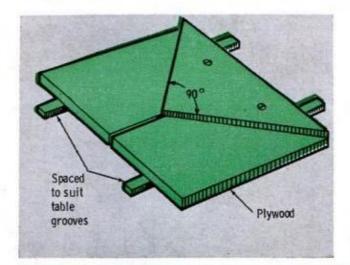
MAKING COVE MOLDING on your saw is possible by passing the workpiece repeatedly across the blade at an angle. The wood fence can be positioned to form the cove down the middle of the work, which is then ripped lengthwise into two pieces. The coving is formed by successive passes over the blade, cutting no more than 1/16 in. with each pass. A combination blade works best.

### Table Saw Short





PATTERN SAWING is a fast way of duplicating straight-sided work in quantity on your table saw. Whether you make two or ninety-two, each piece will be exactly alike. The setup requires an overhanging wood fence, which is clamped or screwed to the saw's fence, and a master pattern of the part to be duplicated. The points of two nails driven through the pattern embed in the wood to anchor the work. As the detail shows, the wood fence is aligned flush with the face of the blade, and the blade is raised just high enough to handle the thickness of the work. Clearance under the fence must suit the thickness of the work, and the pattern must be thick enough to ride along the fence. The work, of course, must be cut up beforehand to the approximate size and shape of the master pattern; in the photo, pentagon blanks have been roughed out.





A MITER JIG is faster and more accurate than your miter gauge for making right and left-hand miters. The detail and photo show two different ways to make one. Runners are added to the underside of a plywood platform and then the saw is used to make its own slot. Fences are positioned on the platform so they form a perfect 90° angle at an exact 45° angle to the slot.

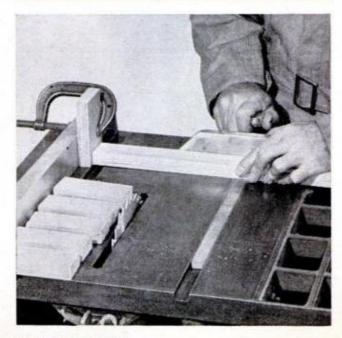
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### to speed these familiar jobs



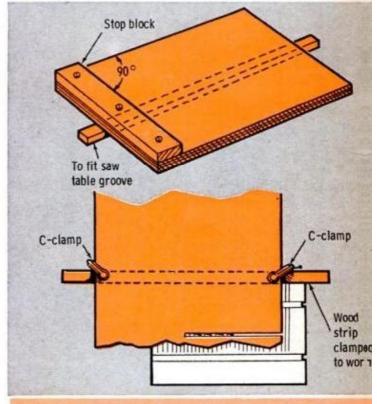
PLACE THE MITER GAUGE backwards in the table slot when crosscutting a wide board on a small saw. This utilizes all of the table in front of the blade to provide maximum support to the work.

NEVER USE THE FENCE itself as a stop in gauging length of duplicate pieces. The work will wedge between fence and blade and be thrown at you with great force. Always butt it against a block attached to the fence so there's safe clearance for the pieces when mass cut.



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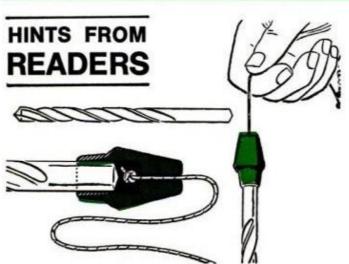




A SQUARING BOARD comes in handy for cutting a straight edge along irregularly shaped leftovers from your jig or bandsaw. It's nothing more than a sliding platform fitted with a runner to ride in the table slot to support the work as it's passed through the saw. Naturally, you shouldn't use the fence for this.

Such a jig is good for fairly small pieces, but where you have need to square up the edge of a large plywood panel, a straight strip is clamped to the underside and guided along edge of the saw table itself. Strip placement is dictated by size of table, plus what's required to true up the ragged edge.

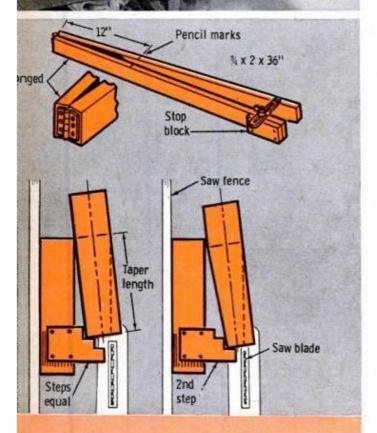




#### Improvised plumb bob

Even if you own a commercial plumb bob, you probably use it so seldom you can't lay your hands on it when a need arises. You can convert a twist drill, prick punch or nailset into an effective bob by slipping a pencil eraser on its "non-working" end, after threading a stout string through a hole punched in the closed end. A knot keeps the string (fishline is ideal) anchored.—John Russell Jr.

CUT FOLD TAPE SAW TRICKS



TAPER RIPPING requires a jig to hold the work at the required angle as it goes through the saw. Details above show two jigs: one a two-leg, hinged affair, the other a stepped block. Both have a straight side that rides the saw's fence. The hinged jig is set by measuring across the legs at a point 12 in. from the end. By opening it 1 in., you'll have a setting to produce a 1 in. per ft. taper.

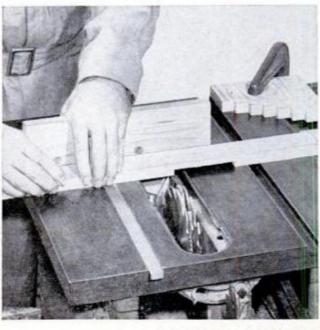
The non-adjustable stepped jig is good for work tapered on four sides, such as legs, since it saves constant resetting. The work rests in the first notch for the first pass, then in the second notch.

### Learn to use your miter gauge

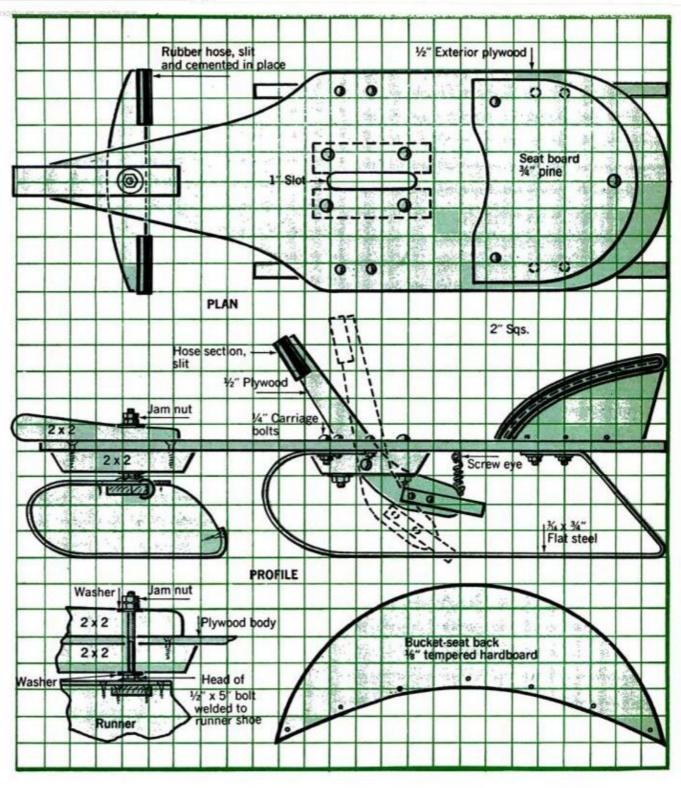


WORKPIECE CREEPING is difficult to prevent when making angle cuts greater than 45°. The smart craftsman will cement a sandpaper strip to the face of his miter gauge for a better nonslip grip.

EXTRA WIDE DADOES in duplicate work come out exactly the same length each time if you clamp a stepped stop block to the saw-table corner. Precut to suit the dado blade and length of dado, the block gauges each successive pass by resting work in the next step. The last step sets the exact width.



POPULAR MECHANICS

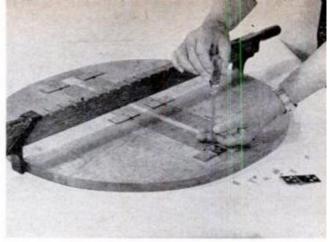


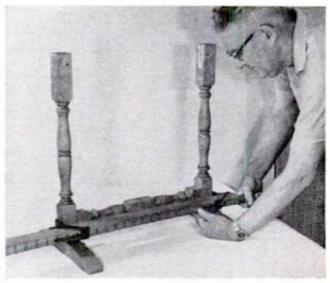


#### Trap flying fragments

When chiseling concrete or rock, it's best to protect yourself from fragments that fly up from the tool point. But working through a rubber shield, such as a scrap of inner tube, is clumsy since it hides the impact point. Instead, use a piece of screen about a foot square, slit at the center to pass the point of your cold chisel or star drill. You can see through it.







LAY LEAVES UNDERSIDE UP, clamp, install hinges (top photo). Next, glue trestle feet on both legs and, when set, join these assemblies with the lower stretcher, clamping as shown

# **Build this butterfly-trestle table**

First made by early colonial craftsmen, it's quite at home with present-day furnishings

By W. CLYDE LAMMEY

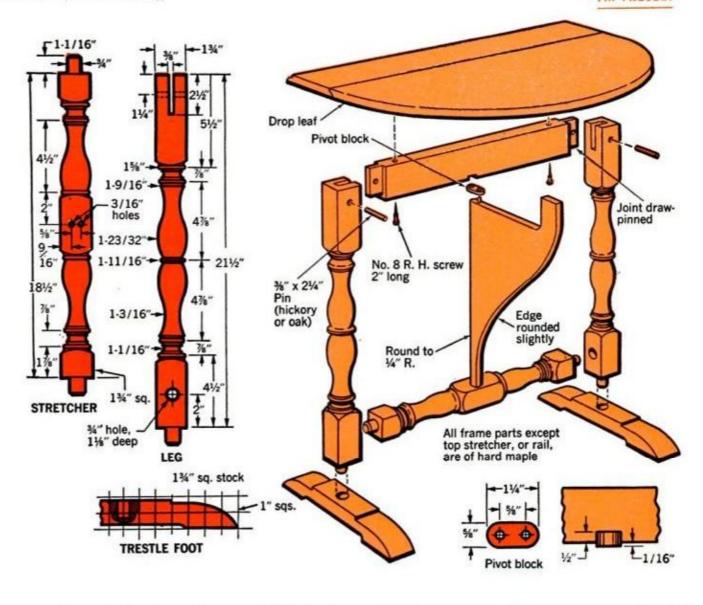
THERE'S NO TELLING just when the drop-leaf top and butterfly wings were added to the trestle tables of early colonial times, but these design features provided a happy solution to the pressing space problems of the day. Folded, the butterfly-trestle table stores in a closet or takes a minimum of floor space; open, it trebles as a serving table, an end table for a reading lamp or a decorator piece for den or family room.

Dimensions altered slightly from the original sizes are given here to adapt the

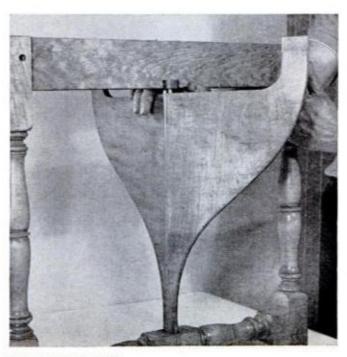
table for modern-day homes. Only three turnings, all from stock of the same sectional size, are used. All parts of this table are of selected maple except for the pine top stretcher.

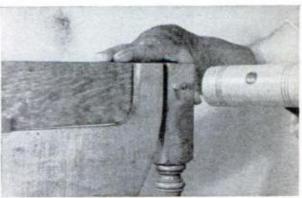
The top-rail-to-leg joints are drawpinned. All others are glued round-mortise-and-tenon; this way you turn the tenons on the ends of the turned members and drill holes to form the mortises, eliminating the time-consuming square mortises and tenons required for pinning.

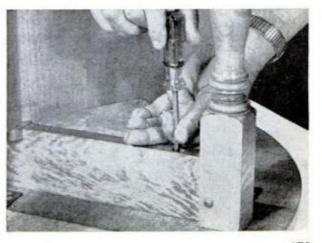
The trestle feet are cut from the same



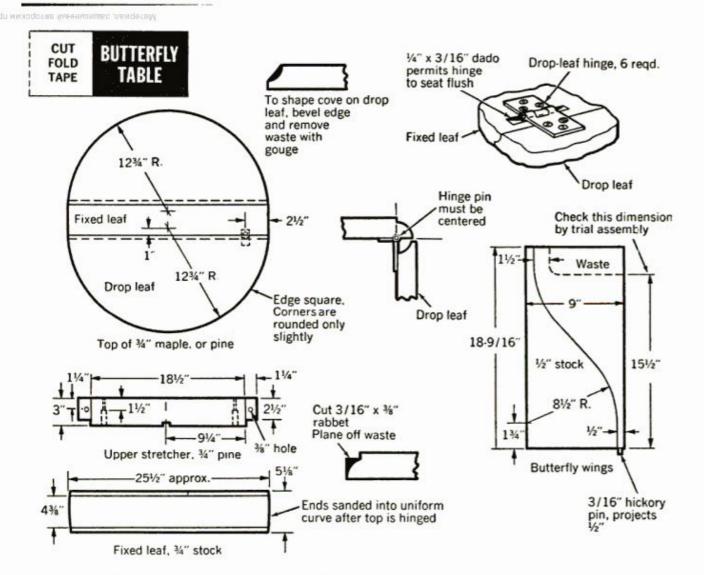
WITH ONE END of stretcher raised slightly, locate wing pivot pins in the pivot block holes (below). Using no glue, drive the leg draw pins home (right). Glue and screw top stretcher to the fixed leaf (lower right)







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size of stock as the turning squares. Make the three turnings first. The round mortises can be drilled before turning, but cut the open-end mortises for the upper rail afterward. Do a clean job of turning the legs and lower stretcher and sand thoroughly while the parts are still in the lathe; a rough turning won't stain well.

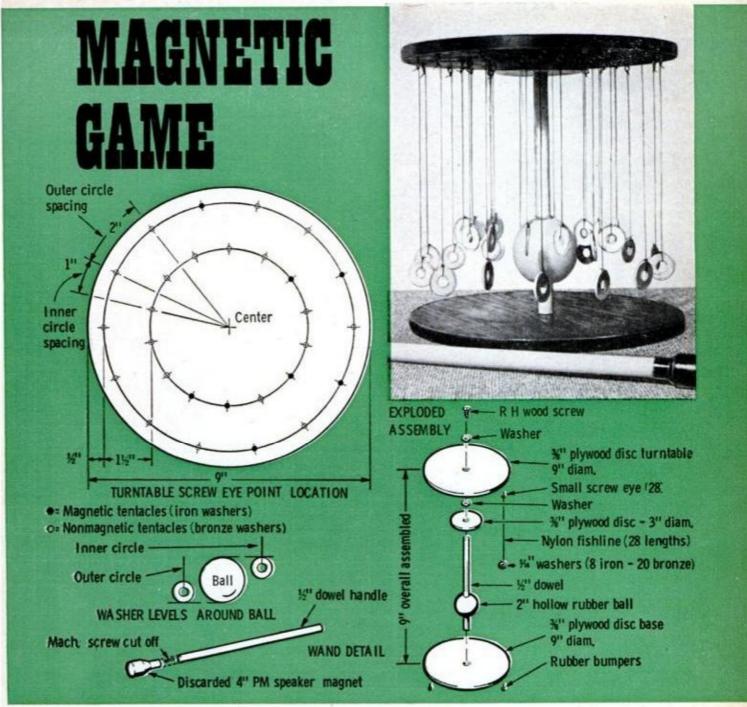
Cutting the tenons on the top rail to a snug, sliding fit in the mortises takes patience. Drill holes through the mortises and tenons for the draw pins slightly off center so the pins draw the joints tight when driven home. Drill counterbores edgewise near the ends of the rail for screws that will join the fixed leaf of the top. Then cut, fit and drill the pivot block and glue it in place.

Next, make the wings and determine the one dimension so indicated by a trial assembly of the frame. Cut away the waste and glue in pivot pins—two to each wing. Sand the near meeting edges of the wings to a ¼-in. radius and round the outer curved edges slightly.

If you have a router with matching cutters, the drop-leaf joints pose no problem, but hand tools call for extra care. The two small details suggest procedures. To set the hinge leaves flat, you'll have to recess the barrel in stopped grooves, as sketched at top right. Place the three leaves, underside up, on a flat surface, tighten a bar clamp lightly across the widest part and screw three pairs of equally spaced hinges in place. Then sand the leaves on both sides and even up the edge of a true curve.

Assemble by gluing and clamping the trestle feet to the legs, then join these units with the lower stretcher. Finally, screw the fixed leaf to the upper rail.

Many craftsmen prefer to stain and seal at this stage, when parts are easier to handle. Use any stain suitable for maple. If you apply a penetrating stain, wipe off the excess as directed on the container to avoid a mottled appearance. Apply and wipe off until you get the desired shade. Let the stain dry 24 hours before applying sealer. This, too, should dry completely before you rub lightly with sandpaper or fine steel wool in preparation for a semigloss or wax finish.



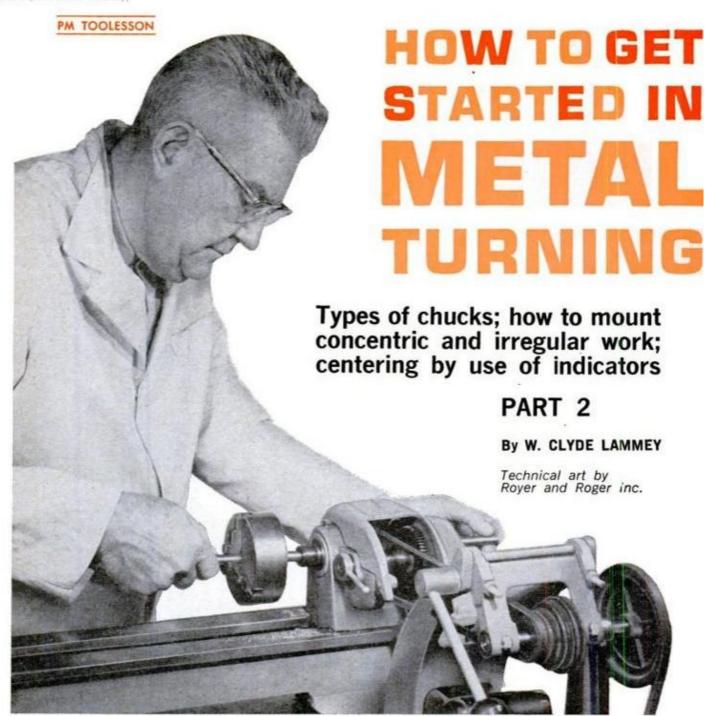
THE NAME OF THE GAME is "Portuguese Man-of-War," and you can make it to test your steadiness and luck. To score, a player must pass a magnetic wand through the maze of look-alike washers on the ends of the tentacles and touch the rubber ball in the center, thus "killing" the man-of-war. However, he loses a point if he is "stung" in the process—if one or more of the washers sticks to the wand.

The secret, of course, is that while some of the washers are common iron, most are bronze which won't be attracted to the magnet. Since they are all the same size and painted alike, no one can tell which will "sting" and which are safe.

To lay out the screw-eye locations, swing both circles on the upper disc and mark 1-in. spaces around the circumference of the disc. This will make 28 approximately equal spaces. Next, radiate lines through these marks and the center of the disc. The screw eyes are located at alternate intersections of the rays with the outer and inner circles.

The wand is made from a permanent magnet salvaged from a discarded 4-in. PM radio speaker (you can find one at almost any radio shop). Most contain a threaded hole in the small end. Use a machine screw with a matching thread to mount it to the dowel, snipping off its head and coating it with glue before you screw it into the end. If desired, reinforce this joint by wrapping it with tape.

-Merton H. Slutz



TO AVOID DROPPING CHUCK when mounting, clamp it on round stock that will pass through spindle

USE OF GEARED CHUCKS is the next step in learning to operate a metal lathe. How to prepare and mount work between centers and grind cutting tools appeared in Part 1 last month.

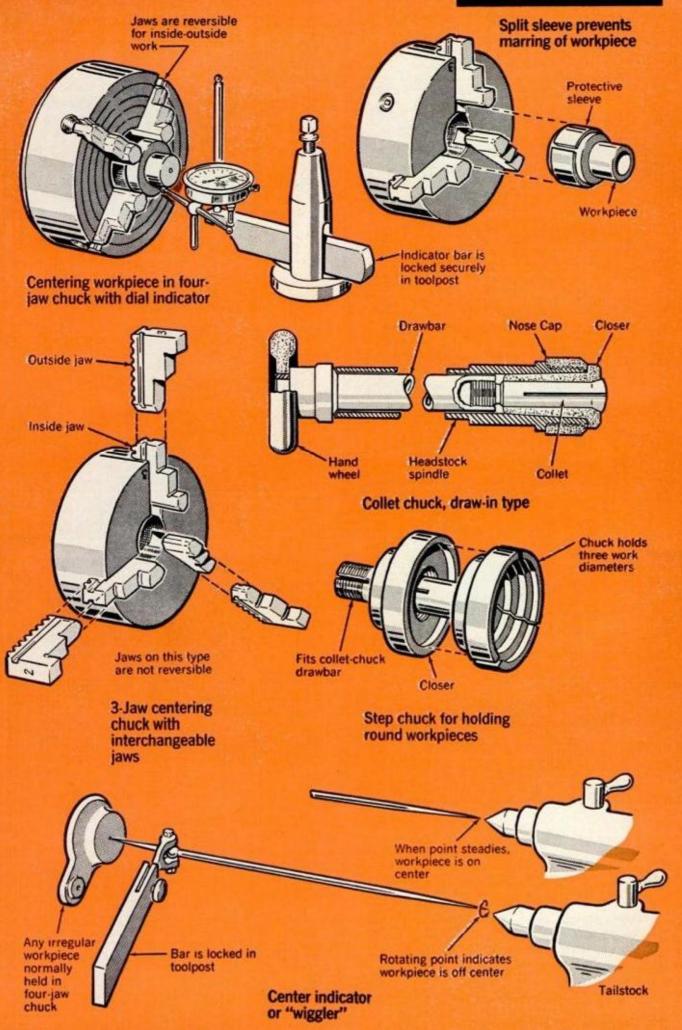
Work that cannot be mounted between centers and driven with a dog usually is chucked for machining. Chucks for everyday work are of several types, all operated manually with a special wrench.

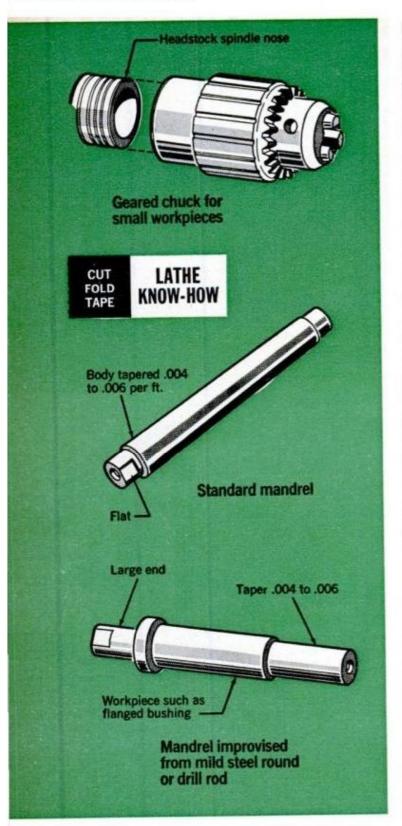
Perhaps the most common is the fourjaw chuck on which each jaw is operated individually. These usually come with a set of jaws that can be reversed to hold inside or outside work ("inside" and "outside" refer to the way in which the jaws engage the workpiece). Concentric rings, equally spaced, are machined on the face of the chuck to help center the work.

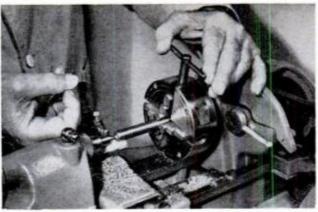
Next in common usage is the universal, or scroll, chuck on which the three jaws are self-centering. Turning the T-wrench in the single actuating socket on the chuck body moves all three jaws simultaneously. When they close on the workpiece it is automatically centered. Such chucks are accurate within .003 or less and come with two sets of jaws—for inside and outside work. Some miniature scroll chucks have one reversible set.

In addition to these two common types there are spring collet and step chucks;

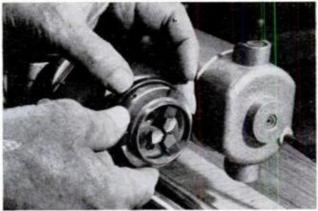
#### TYPES OF CHUCKS



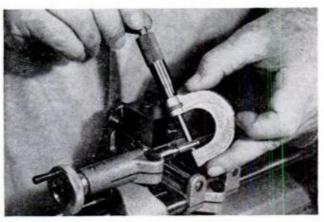




TAILSTOCK CENTER used as indicator for centering in four-jaw chuck. Workpiece is center-punched or center-drilled. Method not acceptable for close work



GRIP INSIDE OF WORKPIECE with jaws of universal chuck by backing them out, rather than running in. This permits both facing and edging of the workpiece



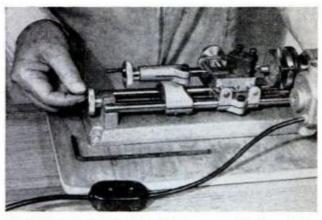
WHEN YOU MUST COME CLOSE, use a mike, especially on small-diameter work where it is more difficult to "feel" a caliper. Be sure of the reading

both are actuated by a spindle drawbar and also a geared chuck (similar to a drill chuck) that turns onto the spindle nose and is ordinarily used for "live" drilling operations, with the work supported by a pad held in the tailstock.

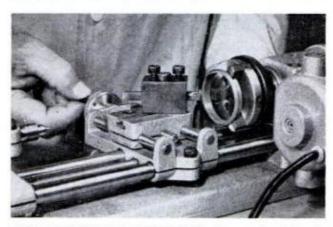
The collet chuck also is widely used in the machining of small parts requiring close tolerances. Spring collets range from about ½ in. up, the sizes usually increasing by 16ths. The step chuck is really a collet-chuck accessory. It is threaded to fit the collet-chuck drawbar and each unit is designed to hold two or more sizes of rounds, such as discs or small gear blanks, for machining. Both collet and step chucks are especially useful for repetitive work; the workpiece can be locked quickly in place in the collet, where it is automatically centered, then machined and released by a short turn of the handwheel. Model-



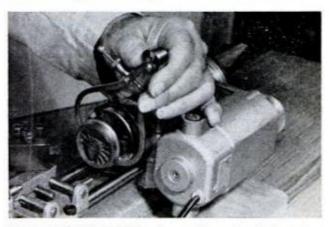
CHALK OR PENCIL MARK method for centering in four-jaw chuck. Here line is not continuous, shows work is off center. Not acceptable for close work



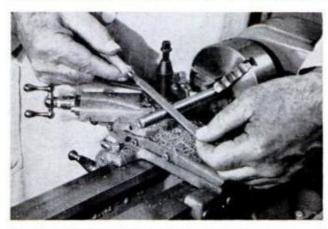
MACHINING CHUCKING LUG on model loco drive wheel. Work is held in outside jaws of three-jaw chuck having reversible jaws for inside-outside work



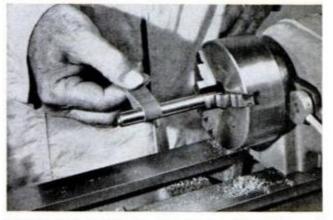
GRIP OUTSIDE OF WORKPIECE for a final backfacing operation by reversing the jaws. On most universal chucks, the jaws would be interchanged



ON ORDINARY WORK not requiring close tolerances, diameters can be checked quite accurately with caltpers. Finger sensitivity largely determines accuracy



MAKE MANDREL FOR AVERAGE WORK, when you don't have ready-made one handy, by filing a taper on round of drill rod that has been center-drilled



FINISH THE TAPER by smoothing with a loop of fine abrasive cloth, checking the diameter frequently until you have the correct taper of .004 to .006

makers, experimenters and metal-working hobbyists find these chucks useful for machining small parts.

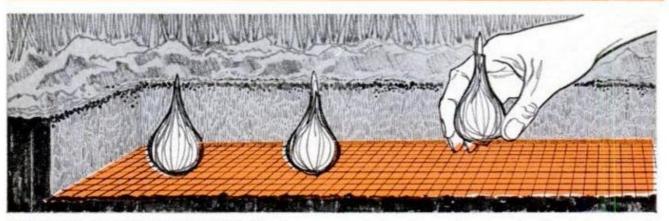
When working with the independent four-jaw chuck, you rough-center the workpiece, with the concentric rings on the face of the chuck aiding in placement. For ordinary work not requiring close tolerances you can use the tailstock center as an indicator when the workpiece has been center-drilled or center-punched.

The usual procedure is to set two adjacent jaws and then work the third and finally the fourth to bring the workpiece to dead center. With care, this can be done quite accurately.

Another fairly accurate method is to rough-center the work and then hold a piece of colored chalk or a china-marking pencil on the tool-holder. The pencil point should just touch the high point of the

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## Solving home problems

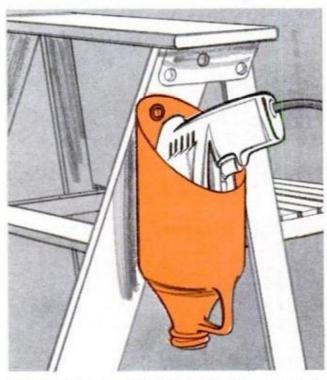


YOU'LL FIND ALL YOUR FLOWER BULBS after flowers have withered if you plant them over ½-in. gal-

vanized wire mesh covered with 4 in. cf soil.
Pull the mesh, and the bulbs will come up free of dirt



TROUSER LEGS from worn-out slacks make good carryall bags. Have your wife sew together the uncuffed ends and run ropes through cuffs for easy toting



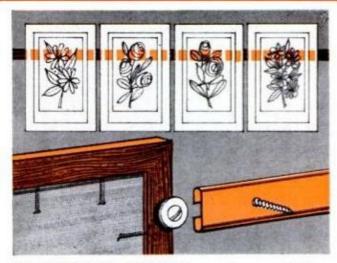
LADDER-MOUNTED HOLSTER made from a plastic bleach bottle holds your drill while you work on a ladder. Cut away bottom of bottle, bolt to ladder



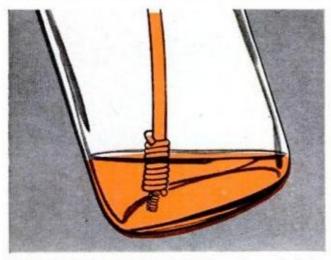
FOOD WON'T STICK in freezer or tumble out when door is opened if it's kept in a dish drainer. Only four wire legs touch the ice, so drainer won't freeze

to the shelf. You can inspect the food easily by pulling out the entire drainer, so there's less chance of forgetting something in a back corner

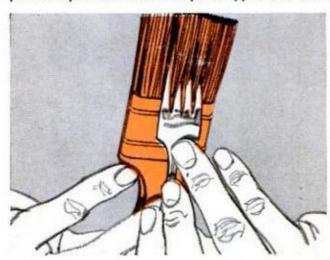




TO HANG SMALL PICTURES in a neat row and allow easy switching, screw a straight section of flat curtain rod, slotted side out, to wall. Two screws with washers behind each picture frame slide inside rod



WIND A FEW TURNS OF SOLDER on the end of the tube that draws liquid from jar in your garden-hose sprayer. Weight of solder will keep tube in deepest part of liquid even when the jar is tipped as shown



OLD KITCHEN FORK helps clean paint from a brush. Comb bristles with the fork while you rinse brush in water or paint solvent (depending on the paint)

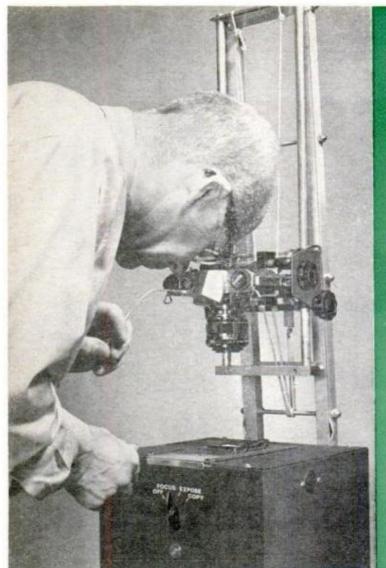


FOOTREST bolted to the frame of your lawnmower will help you get the mower started again when it bogs down in a clump of high grass. Make the footrest from 1/2x3/4-in. steel, bending it as shown



SWEEP CATERPILLAR NESTS off trees with fiber kitchen brush on a pole. Discard brush handle, drill holes in one end of long pole, insert brush prongs in holes

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# MAKE THIS COPIER

for slides...
titling...
correcting
exposure...
prints from
transparencies

By Frank L. Greenwald

Technical art by Philip F. Huy

DUPLICATING FILM MATERIALS costs a pretty penny when you have to do it on the outside . . . and even then, you won't get some of the custom effects possible when you build this copier.

Build the unit, mount a 35-mm camera (preferably a single-lens reflex) and add electronic flash; then you can:

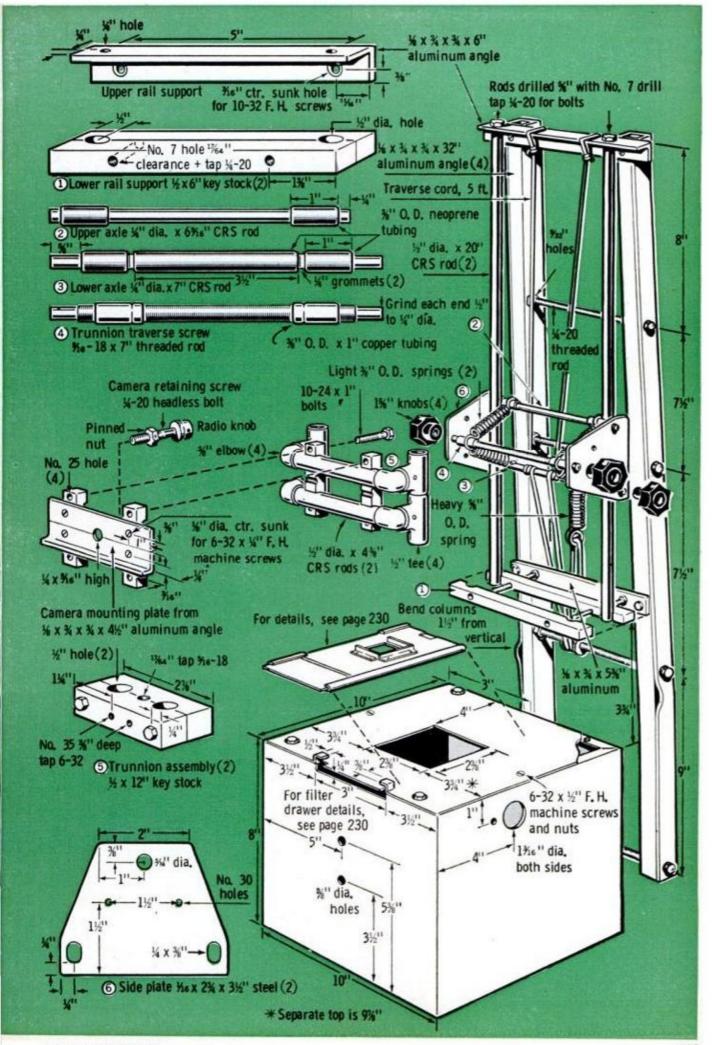
- Duplicate positive transparencies from 16 mm to 2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> in. square.
- Reduce from larger transparencies.
- Correct for under or overexposure when copying transparencies.
- Produce title slides, using slides, postcards or artwork.
- Make color negatives from original transparencies.
- Make black-and-white negatives from original transparencies.

To accomplish this handsome set of objectives, you'll need a set of extension tubes, a reverse adapter and a filter adapter.

A rangefinder camera is adaptable to this setup as long as it has an opening back to permit focusing and composing on a ground glass placed at the film plane and has an interchangeable 50 or 55-mm

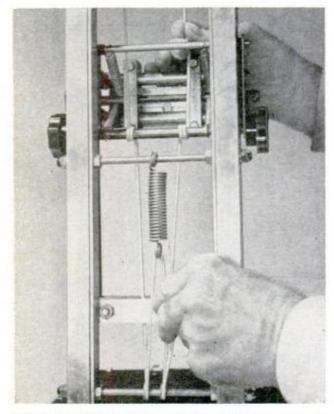
Start construction with the utility box. Drill the holes for the tube sockets that will hold the auto-bulb copying lights on the sides, the line and sync cords in the rear and the switch and "ready" light in the front. The cord holes should be fitted with rubber grommets. Note that the switch is located in one of the two sides having no sheet-metal screw in the center. Then cut the slot for the filter drawer.

Turning to the superstructure, cut four 32-in. lengths of aluminum angle for the column box girders, taking care in the drilling and bending to insure that you have two inner and two outer members. Drill 316-in. holes 1/2 in. and 71/2 in. from the bottom of the inner pieces. Attach





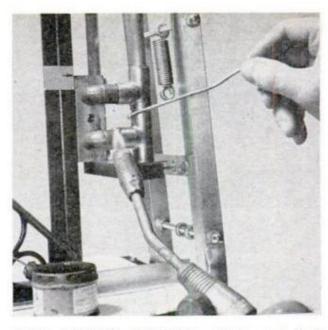
FOR TRAVELING-CARRIAGE FRAME, remove about % in. from one end of tee in each pair and join with ½-in. I.D. x ¾-in. bronze bushings. Insert 1½-in. bushings at other tee points as reducers



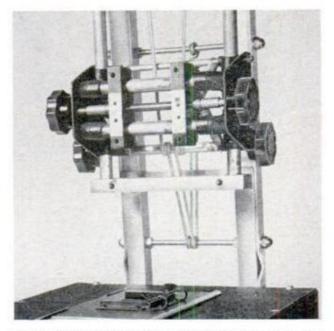
WINDLASS MECHANISM makes use of traverse drape cord in a pulley arrangement tensioned by a spring. Before tying the second end, pull cord down below the spring and work all slack up past the carriage

these girders to the utility box, backing up the screws with a scrap bar from the aluminum-angle stock. Install a similar piece 5%-in. long as a stretcher 3% in. above the base, followed by the upper rail support at the top.

Next, add the rest of the girders and install the threaded-rod stretchers. At the top behind the rail support, merely bolt the girder halves together. Slide a pair of ¼-in. open-edge grommets onto the second stretcher from the bottom. These will serve as pulleys for the cord windlass.



ALIGN CARRIAGE ASSEMBLY vertically and horizontally with trunnions mounted on loose rails. Solder tee-to-elbow joints first, check rail positions again and then solder the elbow-to-trunnion rail joints

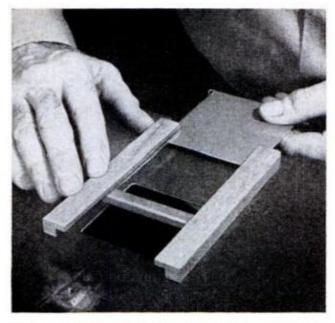


ONLY CAMERA PLATFORM IS MISSING in this view of the carriage. It is screwed to the trunnion faces, which are spaced 2% in. on centers, so that the camera-base screw will clear the traverse screw

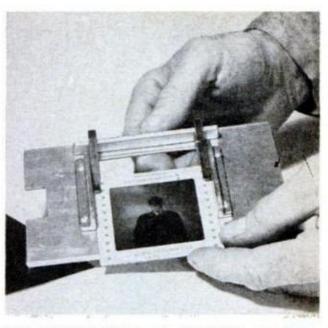
Crimp ¼-in. grommets in the open terminal loops of the heavy spring and slide one end onto the third stretcher.

With one more step, you reach the first construction plateau. Form the key stock into the lower rail support and, while you're at it, the carriage trunnions. Then drill and tap the upper ends of the ½-in.-dia. cold-rolled steel (CRS) rails.

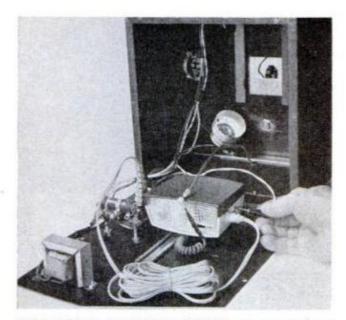
Place the lower ends of the rails into the lower support and install on the aluminum stretcher. To do this, pass 2½-in. pieces of ¼-20 threaded rod through the



FILTER DRAWER, illustrated on page 230, is used as a template to position the drawer guides, which are secured with flathead wood screws. Note soldered nut, which holds the track retaining screw



ONE SLIDE HOLDER is needed for 2x2-in. mounts for 35-mm slides and another for 234x234-in. mounts for 120 film. Each is equipped with spring clips to hold the mounts. Finish top with flat black enamel



GUTS OF THE ELECTRICAL SYSTEM are mounted on the bottom panel. Reflector (right), which slides into the track in front of the electronic flash, also handles the viewing light seen inside the box

White poster board

10-32 x %"
machine
screw (2)

Rivet hole

Strobe and reflector track
%" x 5½" 16-ga. alum. or steel

clearance holes in one piece of the support and thread them into the other piece. Run nuts up to the support and tighten on the ends of the rails. Add two more nuts to the rods so they rest against the stretcher and then two more to the rear of the stretcher to hold the rods in place.

Now, you can turn to the carriage assembly. Slide the tee assemblies (shown in photo on opposite page) onto the rails and bolt the rails at the top. Then adjust the rails with the rear nuts on the abovementioned \(\frac{1}{4}\text{-20}\) threaded rods in order

to insure that the rails will be vertical.

Into the middle connections of the tees.

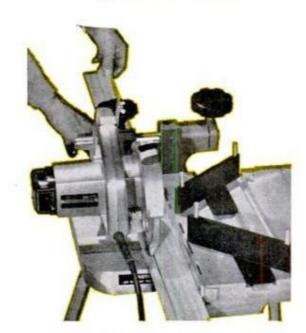
after coating all joints in this assembly with soldering flux, insert ½-in. pieces of ½-in. copper tubing as reducers, followed by ¾-in. pieces of ¾-in. copper tubing and the ¾-in. elbows. Insert the ½-in.-dia. CRS trunnion rails into the elbows. Then mount the trunnions on these rails, positioning them next to the elbows. Adjust the copper fittings to bring the trunnions to the same height, using shims

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# Electric trim saw puts miter box to shame

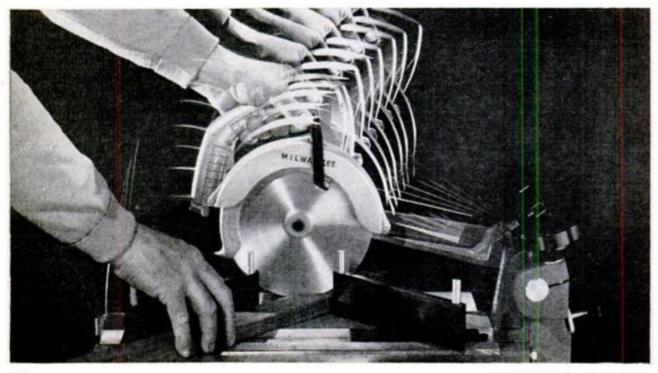
By WAYNE C. LECKEY



NO CUMBERSOME THING to tote from room to room, compact machine weighs but 45 lbs., stows legs for carting from job to job. All parts lock in place

FAST CHOPPING ACTION. Counterbalanced saw swings down through material, makes miters up to 3% in., square cuts up to 5% in., shaves 1/100 in.

SAW LOCKS in lowered position for ripping, clamp holds trigger for continuous operation. Rips to center of 12-in. board



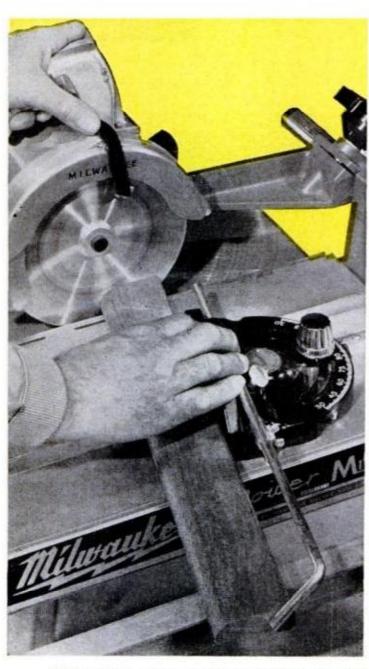
THE MITERBOX has always been a carpenter's best friend when it comes to trimming out a room. But look what has come along to make it obsolete!

Called a miter table by its maker, the Milwaukee Electric Tool Corp., this power "chop" saw relegates the hand miterbox to the horse-and-buggy age for fitting door and window trim. In seconds the carpenter can now produce perfect-fitting inside and outside miters (plus square cuts) that are hard to match with a miterbox. And while the rig is really a cut off saw. it can rip to the center of a 12-in. board.

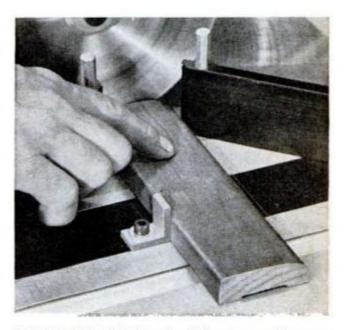
It's designed to handle any shape molding, wood or nonferrous (brass, aluminum and bronze) metal. Long work is supported by a table extension, there's a protractor unit for odd-angle cuts and it can shave as close as a block plane.

Clever are the folks who designed it, for the cutting blade is actually their *Model* 6331 heavy-duty, 7-in. contractor's saw which can be detached from the table for regular roughing-in use. Thus, it's not standing by idle between trim jobs.

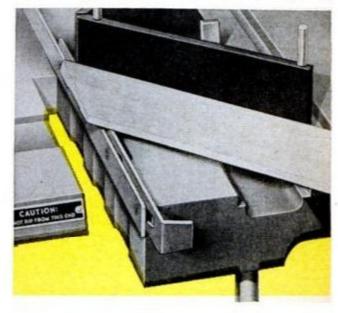
As for toting from job to job, its three tubular legs unscrew and stow with the machine so it can be carried as easily as a suitcase. The price, miter table only, is \$124; complete with Milwaukee's 7-in. portable saw, \$198.50.



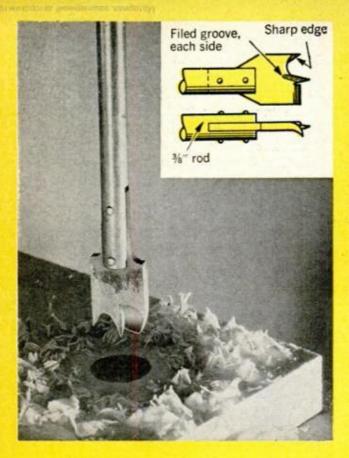
ODD ANGLES, other than 45 and 90°, are cut with work held against an adjustable protractor unit

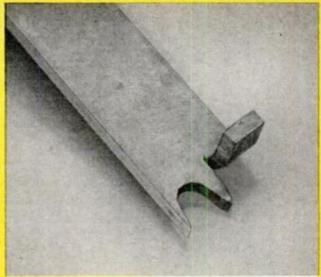


PRESET MITER FENCES, plus 90° stop, provide automatic setting of work without need for adjusting

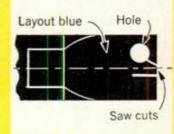


UNDERCUT SLIDE BAR elevates work at line of cut to remove backwood for perfect, tight-fitting miters

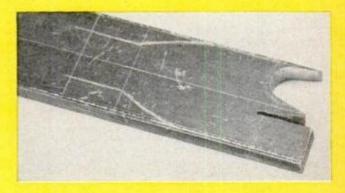




BEFORE SAWING blank to final shape, hole is cut open as in photo below, then end is heated and bent up as shown in photo above. Rivet sawed-out blank to shank before filing



# AUGER BITS



NEXT TIME YOU NEED a wood-boring bit for a special-size hole, borrow an idea from granddad's day and make your own.

Start with a plate of flat tool-steel stock. For bits around 1 in. in diameter, ½6-in. stock is about right. It's sold as "ground flat stock" by tool-supply companies and hardware outlets. Tool steel is easily hardened and tempered, or you can use low-carbon steel and treat it with a case-hardening compound.

This type of bit pivots around a central point and has a sharp tip, like the end of a knife blade, for cutting the hole circumference. A cutting edge between the tip and point, and at right angles to the bit axis, is for clearing the hole. Length of the flat portion of the bit can range from about 1½ in. upward, depending on hole size.

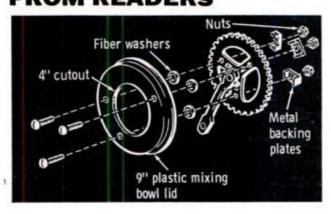
To fashion the bit, coat the steel with layout blue and draw the general outline of the blank. Then drill a hole as the first step in forming the point and circumference-cutting tip, and make the saw slots. File the rounded notch, the point and the cutting tip to shape, and bend the portion which forms the main cutting edge at almost a right angle (this is best done with the metal red-hot).

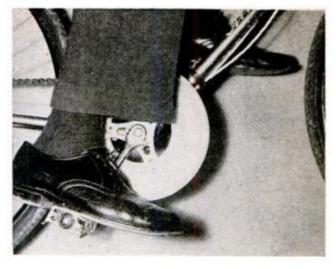
The blank must then be necked down and riveted in a slot in a rod that forms the shank. The cutting edges are filed and ground to final shape, and the bit is hardened and tempered to a light-purple color.

A refinement illustrated in the top drawing is to file two grooves, one on each flat surface, so as to form sharp edges along the center point. These grooves can be made with a slender round file. They help the bit penetrate the wood, especially when you use it in a hand brace or drill.

-Walter E. Burton

#### HINTS FROM READERS





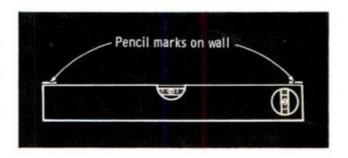
#### Replacement chain guard from mixing-bowl lid is rustproof

When a chain guard on a family bicycle must be discarded because it's rusted through or damaged, you can improvise a quick, inexpensive replacement from a plastic lid for a 9-in. mixing bowl. Just cut a 4-in. hole in the center of the lid and drill three or four mounting holes to line

up with the sprocket holes. Use fiber washers under the nuts or metal backing plates which are bent to fit over the spokes of the sprocket. Your new rustproof guard will spin as you pedal, but it's larger than the sprocket, so keeps your pants leg from catching under the chain.—Jack Wiley

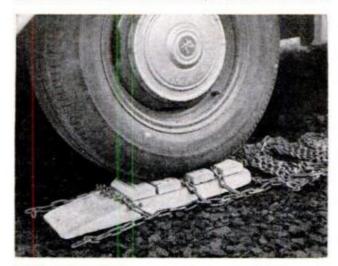
#### Is your level on the level?

A quick test for accuracy in your level is to place it against a flat wall and adjust it horizontally to center the bubble. Mark along the top at both ends. Then turn the level end for end and line it up with these marks. If bubble centers as before, the level is true.—Wilfred Beaver



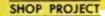
#### Cleated-plank ramps speed job of installing tire chains

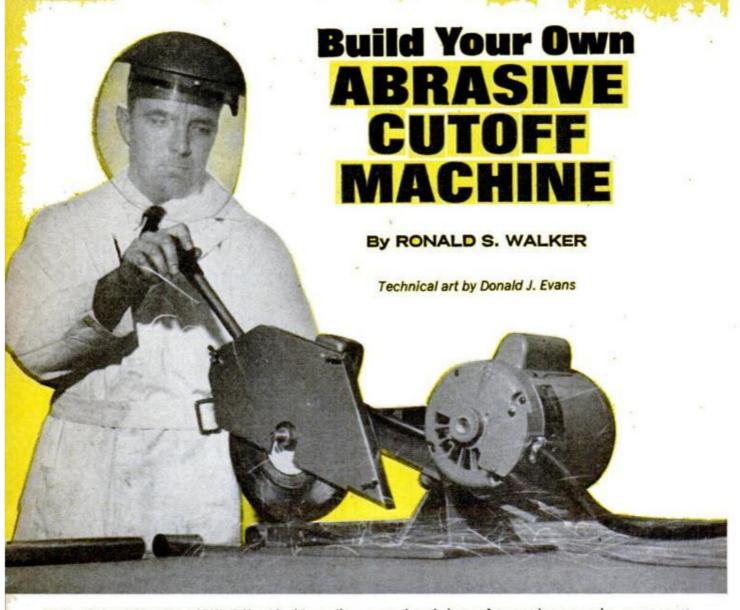
Make yourself a pair of cleated platforms and you'll find that tire chains go on in a jiffy. Cut a couple 2x4s about 20 in. long and nail four ¾x1½-in. cleats across each after sawing a long bevel at one end. Place these in line with the rear wheels and lay the chains over them, with the fourth and fifth crosslinks between the cleats, as shown in the left photo, below. Now when you run the wheels up onto the cleats (right photo), the chain is still free to move since the tire is not resting on the links. That guarantees you plenty of slack to permit easy buckling when you toss the chain up around the tire.—Arthur R. Tanner, Jr.





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YOU CAN MAKE THE SPARKS FLY with this easily operated tool, but safety mask or goggles are a must

YOU CAN ZIP THROUGH STEEL with this portable abrasive cutoff saw in a fraction of the time it takes with a hacksaw.

It's relatively lightweight and you can make it with a minimum of machining. The tool is based on a winning design in the Award Program for Progress sponsored each year by the James F. Lincoln Arc Welding Foundation of Cleveland.

The design uses \%-in. hot-rolled steel for the baseplate and \\(^1\)4-in. for the arborand-motor base. As a result you get good stability, enough thickness to prevent distortion during welding and enough bite for screw threads.

The hinged pivot is welded to both plates where the weight of the motor will only slightly overbalance the weight of the arbor end of the assembly. For this reason, make the hinge, but do not weld to either plate until after the mandrel, blade, guards, handle and switchbox are at least temporarily mounted.

The pipe used for the pivot assembly is \(^3\mathbb{8}\)-in. nominal size. Since this gives you an actual inside dimension of .489 in., it has to be drilled or reamed out to slightly over \(^1\sigma\) in.

Run ¼-in. fillet welds from the sheet-steel pivot supports to a 3½-in. section of the pipe, using ½-in.-long skip welds to prevent distortion. For this and for welding to the plates, I used a ½-in. Fleetweld 37 E6013 electrode at 130 amps. Later, weld the 1¼-in. outer pieces of pipe to the arbor plate. Then the pivot rod can be inserted through the three sections of pipe. A punch mark in the center section will lock the pivot rod.

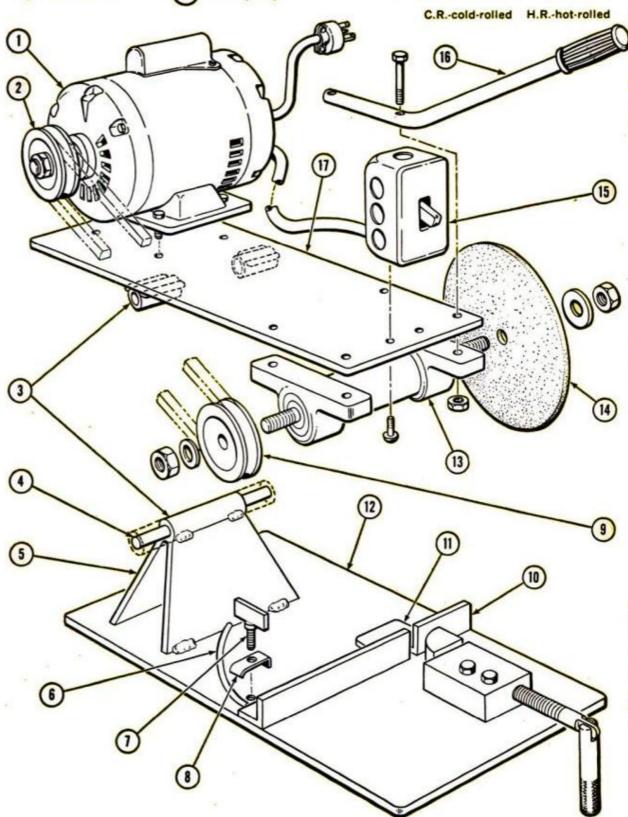
The one side and the top spacer strip of each guard are tack-welded on the inside about <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> in. apart with a <sup>1</sup>/<sub>8</sub>-in. E6011 electrode. Finish the outside corners of

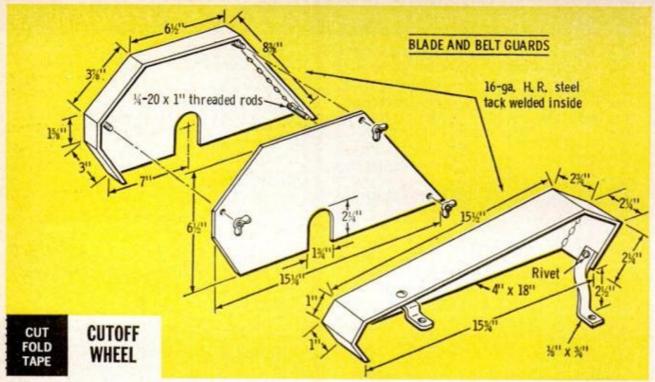
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#### ABRASIVE CUTOFF MACHINE

- 1 1-hp, 115-v. capacitor motor
- (2) 21/2" A pulley
- (3) 3/ax6" pipe
- 4 1/2x6" C.R. rod
- 5 1/4x3 1/4x6" H.R. steel (2)
- 6 1/4x11" C.R. rod fence guide
- 7 1/2×1/2×1/4"
  H.R. steel brazed
  to 1/4×1/2"
  capscrew
- 8 1/8x1/2x1 1/8" H.R. steel floating clamp
- (9) 21/2" A pulley

- 10 3/6×11/2" steel angle fence
- 11 14.x34x21/4" H.R. steel bridge
  - 12) 3/ex10x18" H.R. steel baseplate
- Sealed ball-bearing mandrel, %" shaft
- resin-bonded
  abrasive blade
  with %" center
- Grounded single-pole switch
- 16) 3/x18" pipe
- 17 1/4x61/2x173/4" H.R. steel



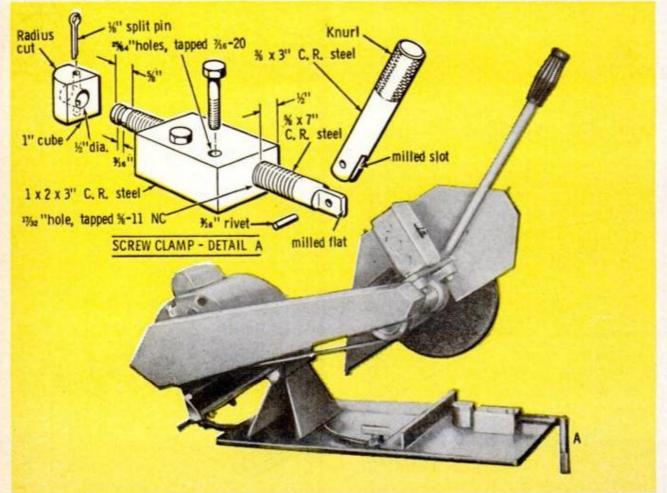


the joints smooth on a belt grinder or with a file. Then you can weld the blade guard to the arbor plate. Threaded \(^14\)-20 rods are welded inside as indicated to receive a cover plate held with wingnuts.

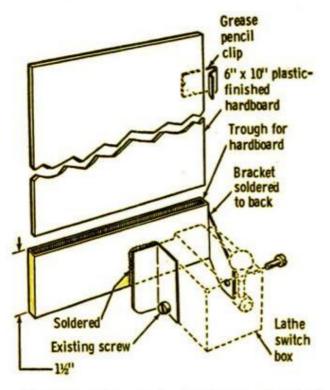
You may weld or bolt the tabs on the belt guard, but the lower ends should only be bolted to the arbor plate to facilitate changing the belt.

Bolting the operating handle instead of welding it to the arbor plate permits its removal for more compact storage.

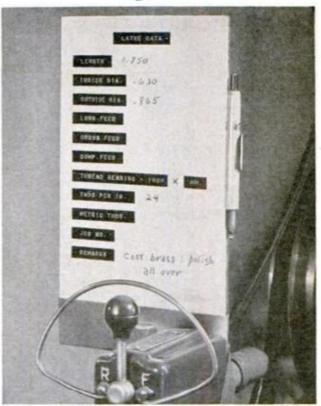
At the rear of the 10-in, angle iron that forms your fence and centered 7½ in. from the left end, weld and grind flush a ¾x2¼-in. tab of ¾6-in. steel. When the blade is used to slice through the (Please turn to page 233)

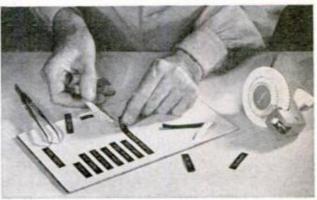


## Make a bulletin board for your lathe



A removable panel of white prefinished hardboard, mounted on your lathe, lets you record data on current jobs such as lengths, diameters, threads per inch, rate of feed, lever setting for automatic feed, and start and stop points for feed-screw micrometer-collar readings. This is a particular time-saver when machining identical pieces. Board bracketed to switch box slips out for marking with a grease pencil opposite tape labels. After a job, temporary data wipes off clean.—W. E. Burton





#### NEXT MONTH IN SHOP AND CRAFTS

PROJECTORS THAT BRIDGE THE 8-MM GAP. The latest amateur movie equipment is designed around new-format Super 8 film. But if you convert, what happens to your precious old movies? The answer is a projector that will show both film formats, and next month's roundup helps you pick one with the features—and price tag—best for you

CHECKER YOUR OWN GUN STOCK. Whether you prefer a simple point pattern or elaborate carving, you can transform any plain gun stock into a beautiful custom piece that'll also provide a better grip. An expert shows you what tools you need and how to use them

BUILD YOURSELF A SCREEN HOUSE. Patios are fine for parties, but when you yearn for a personal retreat you need a back-yard shelter for privacy and protection from insects and summer showers—without sacrificing fresh-air comfort. PM commissioned a well-known architect to design a screened haven with built-in storage for everything you'll need for relaxation—then we built it to prove you could. Full plans next month

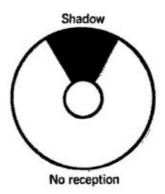
HOW TO TROUBLESHOOT YOUR STEERING LINKAGE. Vital to the safe operation of your car, the steering system is important for you to understand. March's Saturday Mechanic discusses the operation of all basic elements, from steering wheel to tie-rod ends, in showing you how to diagnose and cure the ills that can develop

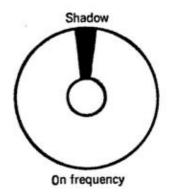
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#### Staying on the beam with

## TUNING

If your hi-fi rig lacks an electron-beam tube or an indicating meter, add one! The light patterns on the 6E5, at right, and EM84, opposite, show minimum shadow when you're right on station By WALTER SALM





THE IMPORTANT FUNCTION of a tuning indicator is to show you when your radio receiver is exactly tuned to the frequency you wish to receive. Tuning by ear may seem fine, but your ear is not as accurate as an electronic detector.

Proper center-of-the-channel tuning becomes even more important for FM stereo broadcasts. Slightly off-station tuning severely degrades the multiplex signal. If your component tuner or receiver or console stereo system doesn't have a tuning indicator, you can retrofit one into the existing circuits.

There are two types of tuning indicators: meters and electron-ray tubes. Each has certain advantages and disadvantages. The tubes are generally more sensitive than meters—they'll give more critical tuning and may be easier to use. But hooking them to your tuner is more complicated, and they draw an appreciable amount of power. Most tuner makers allow a safety margin in the design of their power supplies, so the tuning eye can be added without appreciably detracting from tuner performance.

Physically, the 6E5 is larger and draws up to 4 milliamperes, opposed to about 1.5 ma. for the EM84. But you might already have a 6E5 kicking around the house. It was used very frequently on the more elaborate prewar radio consoles, and its circular green "magic-eye" still peeps out of many modern tape recorders as a modulation level indicator.

The schematic diagram showing the connecting points for a 6E5 is of a typical FM tuner stage—in this case that of the EICO HFT-90. To power the indicator tubes, connect the filaments to the filament winding of the power transformer. Twist the filament leads together to cancel stray a.c. pickup. Find an appropriate B+ point of 200 to 250 v. You can find this with your vacuum-tube voltmeter or, if you don't have a meter, try one of the two B+ points indicated in the schematic.

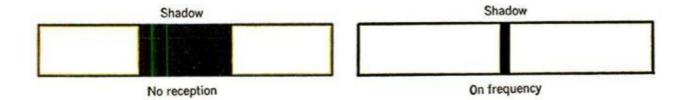
The signal fed to the tube grid is the AVC voltage, obtained here from the last intermediate frequency (IF) transformer (point E). Look at the schematic for your own tuner and you'll find a similar point to make the connection.

The value of resistor R1 will vary depending on the signal strength at the IF transformer terminal. For low signal levels, a 150-ohm resistor will give just enough isolation to keep the indicator tube from affecting the tuner circuit. For higher signal levels, use higher resistance values up to about 1 meg. If you notice shadow fluctuations on the tube that vary with the sound, add the .01-microfarad bypass capacitor shown in dotted lines in the schematic. The 1-meg. resistor between the plate and target may already be wired into the tube socket if you took it from an old radio. Check its value with an ohmmeter.

The EM84 is somewhat more sensitive than the 6E5, has a target pattern that is easier to use, and is a 9-pin miniature

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## INDICATORS



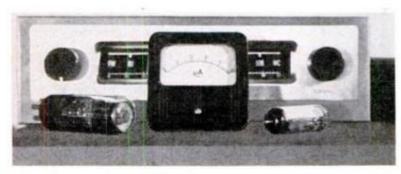
type. The tube is really two tubes in one envelope. One is half a triode amplifier which provides the signal for the indicator section. A 470,000-ohm resistor connects the target and plate of the two sections. The plate of the triode half feeds the ray-connected electrode (grid) of the other section. A series resistor ties the triode grid to the AVC point in the tuner. Again, the value of this resistor may have to be selected as before, between 150 ohms and 500K.

The meter as a tuning indicator is easiest to install—and easiest to ruin by improper experimentation. The schematic shows connecting points for two types of meters—signal strength indicator and

null point indicator. The advantages of meters over electron-ray tubes are that they draw very little current, require almost no additional hardware and are very easy to install. On the debit side, they are not quite as sensitive as most electron-ray tubes, since the meter movement has more mass than a stream of electrons.

Basis for a signal strength meter is a 50-microampere meter movement. You can buy the big easy-to-read or the small edge-reading type. Either is available from electronic parts distributors.

With the signal strength meter, connect the positive side to chassis ground and the negative side to the center terminal

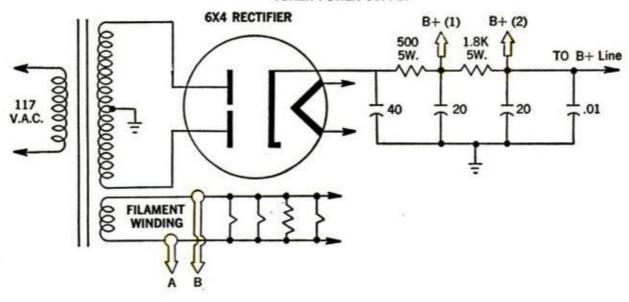


TUNING INDICATORS in front of EICO HFT-90 FM tuner are, from left to right: 6E5 electron-ray tube, 50-microampere meter movement and EM84 electron-ray tube. The EM84 is the same type of tube used in some newer color television receivers to indicate when the set is precisely tuned to a complex color broadcast signal

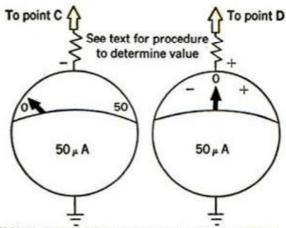
LAFAYETTE FM tuning meter requires a scant % x ¾-in. mounting area. The \$2.50 meter has 50-microampere sensitivity above and below center null point. Solder lugs are on back of case



#### TUNER POWER SUPPLY



CIRCUIT CONNECTIONS for the four types of tuning indicators at the right are keyed in color to the points in the schematic diagrams above. The power supply and the last IF and detector stages shown are those of the EICO HFT-90 FM tuner specifically, but are representative of most tuner circuits. When connecting either the signal strength or null-point meters, the value of the resistor between the meter and points C and D, respectively, will have to be determined experimentally using a substitute potentiometer; the procedure is given in text. The .01-microfarad capacitors, shown as dotted lines in the grid circuits of the 6E5 and EM84, are necessary only if the tube image fluctuates with the audio signal



SIGNAL STRENGTH METER NULL POINT METER
TUNING INDICATORS

of a 500,000-ohm potentiometer set at maximum resistance. (The potentiometer will be used to determine the value of the fixed resistor to be wired into the circuit between the meter and point C.) Now connect one of the other terminals of the pot to point C in the schematic.

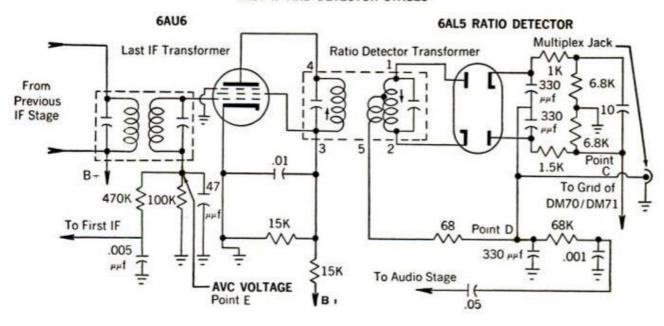
Tune in a strong station and then back off the pot slowly until the needle reads about 75 percent of full scale. Without changing the potentiometer setting, remove it from the circuit and measure its value with an ohmmeter. It will probably be somewhere between 100,000 and 300,000 ohms. Now wire a fixed resistor of approximately the experimentally determined value into the circuit.

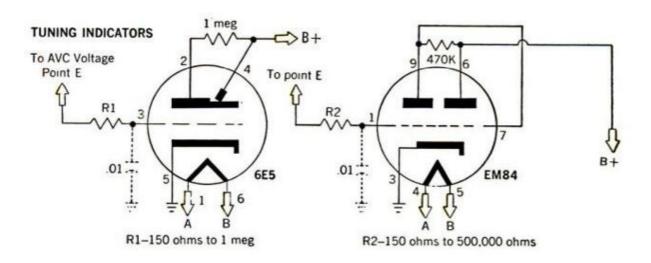
For the null-point indicator, you'll

need a 50-microampere meter with zero at the center of the scale. This time connect the negative side of the meter to chassis ground, the positive side to the pot center terminal and other side of the pot to point D in the schematic. The potentiometer adjustment will require some experimentation for a null point (zero).

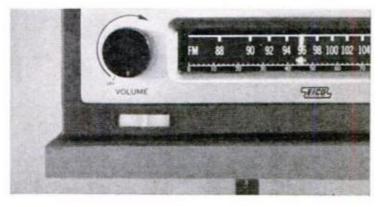
As you approach the center frequency of the station you're tuning, the needle will climb up the plus side of the meter and then drop back for an instant. This is the null point, the spot that you want. Adjust the pot so that the needle doesn't move much more than half the scale width on either side of zero. When you get the right setting, measure resistance and wire in a fixed resistor.

#### LAST IF AND DETECTOR STAGES



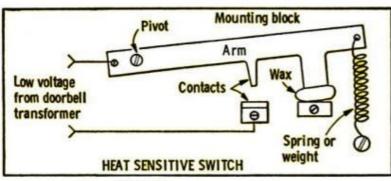






INSTALLATION OF EM84 INDICATOR TUBE in EICO HFT-90 Tuner is shown at left and above. Lower left corner of tuner immediately behind front panel allows adequate room for tube. Rectangular cut in front panel was made to correspond to dimensions of the beam on the surface of the tube. In making your own custom installation, locate tube—or meter—in a position convenient for wiring and viewing, and route leads to tube socket or meter lugs close to the chassis. If front panel cannot be worked easily, consider a mounting behind thin dial-face backing plate

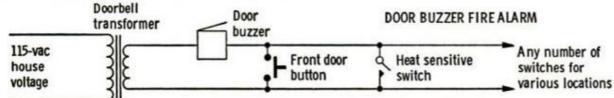
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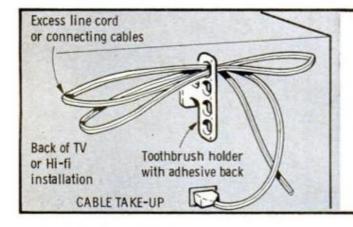


#### Door-buzzer fire alarm

A simple heat-sensitive switch wired into your door-buzzer circuit can alert you in the event of fire. The heart of the switch is a substance with low melting point that allows the circuit to close under heat conditions. Beeswax, for example, melts at 145° F.

-Harley L. Sachs





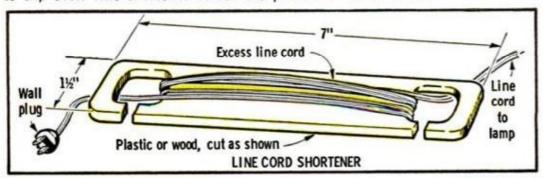
#### Slack wire take-up

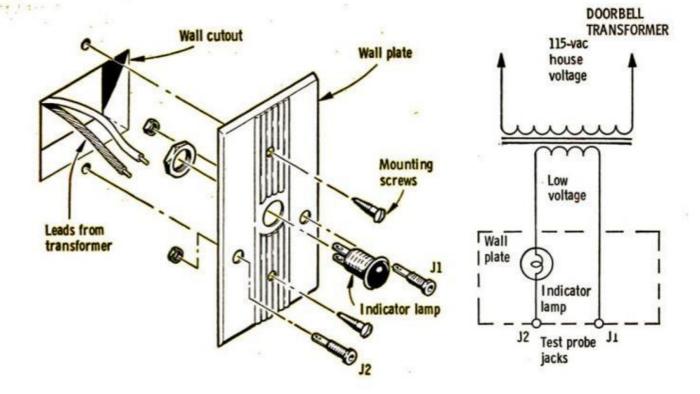
If it weren't for a few toothbrush holders, my TV room would look like a spaghetti factory. Interconnecting cables, power cords and speaker wire abound between the components on a bench heavy with portable TV, hi-fi tuner, amplifier, clock timer, tape deck and speakers. The holders press on the back of the equipment and keep things neat.

-Gene Weiss

#### Line-cord shortener

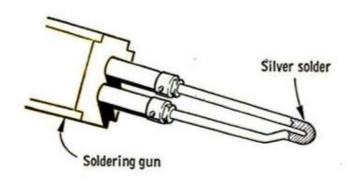
More often than not you decorate or rearrange a room and find lamps and appliances so far from the nearest outlet that you need an extension cord. Other times the outlet is so close that you have 4 or 5 ft. of slack cord to trip over. This shortener solves the problem.-M. W. Loftus





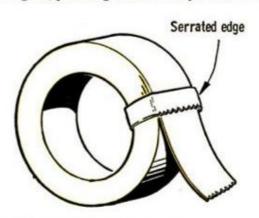
#### **Built-in continuity tester**

With a few inexpensive components you can forget about purchasing the test gear necessary to check out small appliances and other equipment where circuit continuity indicates proper operation. Use two test probes to pick off the low voltage supplied by your doorbell transformer and place an indicator lamp in series. When it lights, you've got continuity.—Gene Weiss



#### Permanent tinning

You can save countless jobs tinning the tip of your soldering gun by using a torch to flow silver solder over the tip. The tip will stay bright since normal soldering heat won't affect the silver.—Wilfred Beaver



#### Substitute tape dispenser

Each of your many rolls of assorted workshop tape can have its own dispenser. Just take a length of serrated cutting edge from the edge of a kitchen waxed-paper box and wrap it loosely around the tape roll.

#### Low-voltage night light

Another use for your seldom-used doorbell transformer is supplying low voltage to a 12 to 16-v. indicator lamp that serves as a night light. I mounted this one right in the wall in a dark hall. Naturally it is always lighted, but draws extremely little current. A switch could be wired in series to turn it off.

—Gene Weiss

Pilot lamp fixture with 12-16-V bulb

Wallboard, plaster or panel

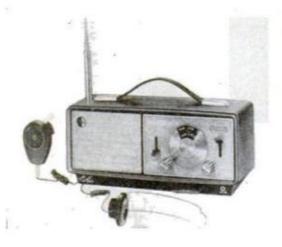
Leads to doorbell transformer

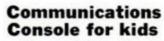
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#### HOW GOOD IS THAT GUARANTEE? (Continued from page 130)

management to obligations that may run on for generations?

Some so-called "lifetime guarantees" are valid when the qualifications on the guarantee are clearly stated. One of the major manufacturers of homebuilding materials recently started guaranteeing its siding "against cracking, chipping, crazing, blistering, flaking or peeling for the life of the building on which it is installed." Note the qualifying words. This is an excellent guarantee, primarily because it is highly specific.

Another guarantee is so good it has become a legend in its field. It states that if a certain cigaret lighter "ever fails to work, we'll fix it free. . . All you pay is the cost of mailing it to us-not one penny more. We will bear the cost of repairs and return postage." The company has backed up this promise so faithfully for so many years that their guarantee has become their primary sales tool. Now that's a guarantee.

 Do you have any protection beyond the guarantee?

In many states you do. Most states have statutes regarding "implied" (unwritten) guarantees and "guarantees of merchantability and fitness." Such laws are based on the theory that a manufacturer "implies" that his product is fit for the use for which it is sold, merely by putting it on the marketplace. Such laws provide possible redress for the citizen who suffers damage to body or property due to the failure of a product.

Many manufacturers attempt to evade implied warranties with written disclaimers. A typical example, which is part of a guarantee, reads: "There are no warranties applicable to (company), including but not limited to any implied warranty of merchantability or fitness for a particular purpose, other than stated herein. (Company) shall have no further obligation or liability with respect to the equipment or its sale, operation or use. . . . Despite such written disclaimers, suits brought in some states have been found in favor of the consumer.

 What can you do if you feel a manufacturer or dealer is not living up to a written guarantee?

Two agencies offer help.

The National Better Business Bureau (and its affiliated local organizations) will contact offending manufacturers and retailers. They have doggedly pursued numerous cases involving guarantees.

The Federal Trade Commission will fight cases through the courts at no cost to an individual or involvement of his name. However, the FTC will not tackle a case unless it is in the public interest; that is, unless significant numbers of citizens are involved, or unless a false guarantee gives one manufacturer or retailer an advantage over all his competitors.

Both agencies offer advice on what you can do if you honestly feel you've been gypped as the result of a guarantee. Putting their suggestions together, PM offers

the following recommendations:

1. Shop in cold blood. Buy quality, if

2. Read and understand the guarantee before you buy.

Staple the sales receipt to the guarantee, and file them in a safe place.

4. In case of trouble within the guarantee period, holler! Do it reasonably, not emotionally, but do it.

5. When you complain, follow the instructions on the guarantee.

6. If there are no instructions, take your complaint first to the seller. He's the man who took your money.

7. If you get no satisfaction, write a letter to the manufacturing firm. Give spe-

cific details.

8. Still no satisfaction? Contact your local Better Business Bureau if you have one. Keep your temper while you give the BBB representative all the facts.

9. If you bought the product by mail instead of over the counter, state your complaint in writing to the National Better Business Bureau, Inc., 230 Park Ave., New York, N.Y. 10017. Again, be specific.

10. Carry your fight one step further by contacting the proper agency of your state government. "Nearly all the states, says the FTC, "have statutes aimed at misrepresentation of products and services. And in some states these laws are enforced with vigor."

11. If you honestly feel that you have been victimized by a deceptive practice that may also deceive others, write a letter to the Federal Trade Commission. Washington, D.C. 20580. Give as many facts as you can.

If the matter comes to legal action, as presumably you hope, your identity will be protected; the FTC never brings an action on behalf of an individual.

If you exhaust these possibilities for action and still get no satisfaction, the chances are high that you are wrong, no matter how strongly you may feel. And a business deserves as much protection from an individual as vice versa.

 Is there anything you can do if a product collapses on the day after the guarantee period expires?

Start cussin'.

#### MOUNTAIN CLIMBING

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too, is practiced on a slight incline. But within an hour of initial introduction, you have to make a rappel off a perilously high rock. Strangely enough, the basic instruction is so sound and the method so practical, that you step off into space without a moment of hesitation or a twinge of fear.

The second day, the class takes to the rock walls around the camp, and it is here that theory is taught under actual

climbing conditions.

There's the jam hold, for instance. You simply slip your hand into a crack in the rock, flex your fingers and find that you can support your weight with ease. It is also astounding to learn that you can balance yourself quite securely by simply pinching a tiny outcropping of rock between the thumb and index finger.

Like every natural coward, my initial reaction was to press myself as closely as possible to the rock wall and hang on for

dear life.

#### "Climb with your legs"

"Lean back," Larry Williams said. He scrambles up and down the rocks like a goat, pausing here and there to give instruction and advice. "Try it. Let your toes take the full weight. You climb with your legs, not your arms."

I leaned out from the wall and, sure enough, it was easier. My feet did the climbing and the hands were used mostly

for balance.

After a few days of instruction we were off early in the morning for our first ascent—Mount Winchell. It took us five hours to reach the base of the mountain. All the way there the massive peak towered in the distance, looking like an impossible objective. And if this wasn't discouraging enough, there were the young bucks being helpful with statements like: "Boy, you sure do okay for a man your age."

The actual climb was not difficult. As Larry Williams explained: "You climb a mountain a small piece at a time. It is simply a connected series of small tech-

nical problems."

We reached the peak in two hours. The towering mass of rock was no longer so formidable. It had been an experience. I enjoyed the exertion. It was the perfect way to spend a vacation—high in the hills away from campgrounds and crowds. But I had an odd feeling of sadness, there on the peak, and the next time I climb a mountain—and I will—I won't go all the way to the top.



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#### NEW BLACK BOX IGNITIONS

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standard equipment on the four-cylinder 100-hp Golden Meteor; Evinrude's system is standard equipment on its four-cylinder, 100-hp Starflite 100S.

Battery voltage is fed into a black box (called the "pulse pack") that contains six components. For our purposes, let's consider these six as arranged into two lines of circuits that perform two functions.

One line of circuits consists of an electronic vibrator, transformer, rectifier and capacitor. It has the job of stepping up the battery's 12 v. to approximately 300 v. This voltage is "stored" in the capacitor.

The second line of pulse-pack circuits consists of a trigger circuit and a pulse transformer. Upon a timed signal from the sensor rotor and head inside the distributor to the trigger circuit, the 300 v. in the capacitor are switched over to the pulse transformer. The sensor rotor and head are the parts that replace conventional ignition breaker points.

#### Prongs replace points

The sensor rotor is a four-prong rotating device. Each prong services a cylinder. Each time a prong passes through the electrical field in the timing head, the sensor head sends out a signal for juice and a spark is produced. There is absolutely no mechanical contact.

The "message" for spark issued by the sensor causes a sudden discharge of voltage from the capacitor to the pulse transformer. The transformer steps up the voltage tremendously and instantaneously produces a very hot spark at the spark-plugs.

Following through from the battery, then, the 12 v. from the battery is increased to 300 v. at the capacitor and then to 20,000 v. at the sparkplugs. This voltage is delivered 20 times faster than in a conventional ignition system—in millionths of a second.

Rapid delivery of high voltage has the advantage of permitting even the dirtiest sparkplugs to fire. Because of the intense voltage and the fact that it is delivered so rapidly, voltage has no time to lead off, even through the foulest plugs. This means that no matter how dirty or fouled your plugs are, they'll fire.

Mercury has CD ignition in four of its 1967 models—the 50 (500 SS), 65 (650 SS), 95 (950 SS) and 110 (1100 SS) hp engines. The 50 and 65 are four-cylinder engines; the other two are sixes.

Generally, Mercury's system works like the Johnson-Evinrude setup. Battery voltage is fed into a low-induction ignition transformer and from there to a switch box.

What happens inside the switch box is something I don't know for sure, because no one at Mercury will say, but the setup establishes more than 40,000 v. of current for the sparkplugs. The distributor arrangement is a rotating slotted disc which does the work of conventional breaker points without mechanical contact.

#### Plug is integral part

The sparkplug used in the Mercury, Johnson and Evinrude capacitor-discharge ignition systems is an integral, important part of those systems. Although Mercury calls its plug Polar-Gap, Johnson calls it Center-Fire, and Evinrude refers to it as a "cold-running surface gap 360° arc plug," all are the same Champion L-19V plugs.

This is a very cold plug. The operating temperature of the electrodes and ceramic insulator is 800° to 1000° F. colder than that of a conventional sparkplug. This means that the plug doesn't glow red-hot in the combustion chamber as does a conventional plug. So, deposits from the use of leaded fuel do not reach a temperature at which preignition can occur.

The plug has a tip which is arranged into three rings. In operation, the center electrode receives the high voltage. A ceramic insulator forms the plug gap, and a large mass of metal running around the outside of the plug is the other electrode.

Spark travels from the center electrode to the outer electrode, making spark arcing considerably greater than that of a conventional plug. Because the sparkplugs have a 360° electrode gap, the rate of electrode erosion is reduced. Since the electrodes of the Champion L-19V are flush with the electrode nose, the plug is self-cleaning and never needs to be regapped.

#### Servicing CD ignitions

How tough is it to take care of this system? Not difficult at all. In fact, the only maintenance it needs is an occasional sparkplug change. But there are two other points to keep in mind:

 The battery must be securely fastened, and the battery cables must be tightly attached at all times. There must not be any break in the circuit or the CD system can be ruined.

 If there is an apparent ignition breakdown, the engine should be serviced by a dealer selling that make engine. Manufacturers stress that only a certified dealer should be allowed to work on the system.

When installing new sparkplugs, Johnson and Evinrude recommend tightening

to 17½ to 20½ ft.-lb. torque. Mercury suggests that plugs be seated finger-tight and then tightened to 20 ft.-lb. torque.

By the way, all three manufacturers state that if the L-19V plug is not available, you can substitute other plugs. Mercury says to use Champion L-4Js gapped to .030 in. with an unleaded fuel mixture. Johnson and Evinrude say to use Champion J-4Js gapped to .030 in. However, substitutions should always be replaced with the L-19V as soon as possible.

#### How good is CD?

Coming right down to it, then, just how good is CD? Based on all reports to date, it's great. During two years of in-the-field experience with CD, Mercury has received many enthusiastic and unsolicited comments like these:

"I think the 1100SS is great. I have used it several times for trolling at least five hours straight without any miss or sput-

ter."-Napa, Calif.

"We have used this motor for trolling for hours at idling speed in a tarpon rodeo held at Tampico, Mex. It performed perfectly and has excellent performance at all speeds."—Trinity, Tex.

And from a dealer:

"The model that I have been using since last spring starts instantly every time. It responds perfectly to every throttle setting. I have over 200 hours on this engine and haven't had to remove the sparkplugs yet."—Orlando, Fla.

#### More CD praise

Johnson also had some CD engines out in the field before the public introduction this year. After laboratory testing, 30 CD-equipped engines were sent to various people to be used informally for as many hours as they wished. With the exception of some early coil failures (which were quickly rectified), the comments were glowing:

"I haven't had to remove a sparkplug in 65½ hours of operation. This is the quickest starting motor I've seen. After the motor is warmed up, I tried to touch the starter without the engine starting. I couldn't. That flywheel wouldn't turn ¼ of a turn without the motor starting."—

St. Petersburg, Fla.

"Idling is remarkably better."-Pensa-

cola, Fla.

"This engine provides smooth idling and gives no apparent lag in acceleration."—Dick Pope, Jr., president of Florida Cypress Gardens Assn., which puts on four water-ski shows a day.

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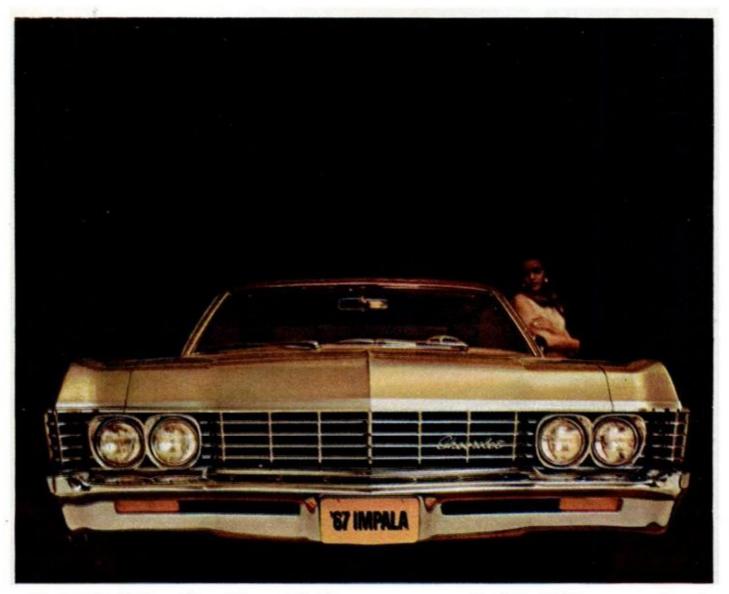
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#### INDEPENDENTS WIN AT DAYTONA?

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Richard as his No. 1 driver in a Plymouth. Jim Hurtubise will probably run a Plymouth for Norm Nelson in most of the big races, and Buddy Baker, son of all-timegreat Buck Baker, will drive a Charger

for Ray Fox of Daytona Beach.

Lincoln-Mercury is back after a twoyear absence from racing. Bud Moore, one of the few independents who has managed to hang in there near the top, will set up five Cyclones in his shop at Spartanburg, S. C. Dan Gurney drove one last month in seeking his fifth straight win in the Riverside 500, and has decided to run in the Daytona 500 after a twoyear absence. Dan will also tackle the 24-hour (Feb. 4) "Continental" in a Mercury, and the new Trans-American 300 (Feb. 3), in which he and Parnelli Jones will drive Cougars. If Parnelli runs in the 500, he'll be in a Cyclone.

When PM's scout swung by Moore's spotlessly clean, brick-front shop, Bud hadn't yet received his '67 Cyclones. His crew was rebuilding the '66 he had cam-

paigned independently last year.

"We'll convert it into a '67 with new sheet metal," he said, "and then we'll build four new ones. I think having Lincoln-Mercury back in racing is going to help make 1967 the greatest year in stock-car history."

Chevrolet will continue aloof from racing-publicly, at least-although Smokey Yunick will again have a Chevelle on the big speedways, with Curtis Turner behind the wheel. Other Chevelles will show up on the dirt tracks, but aren't likely to enter the more important races.

For the first time in two years there are few war clouds on the horizon. There could be a row if Ford makes a last-minute decision to enter its single-overhead engine—a powerplant Chrysler claims is not a production item. To make it eligible. Ford would have to produce and sell 500 units and risk protests from the safety lobby for offering the public such a potent package. (This applies to the hemi too, but it's already on the market.) Ford will begin the season with its wedge, which the rules permit to have two four-barrel carburetors. The more exotic hemi is restricted to one. Should the wedge not do the job, Ford has the OHC as an ace in the hole.

Because of similarities in Ford's and Chrysler's 1966 and 1967 models, the garages will build a minimum of new race cars. Mostly, 1967 sheet metal will be grafted on 1966 chassis, reducing costs.

NASCAR recently cleared the way for

Ford to use its heavier Galaxie chassis components on the Fairlanes. The latter are cut in half at the firewall, and a complete Galaxie front end, including frame rails, and suspension, is grafted on. Chrysler hollered that this was a violation of the spirit of stock-car racing.

John Holman, ramrod of Ford's stockcar operation, defended use of the Galaxie front ends. Standing in his immense 40,000-square-foot race-car "factory," he insisted, "It makes for greater safety. Besides, all the parts are Ford parts-all from the parent company-and all are

available over the counter."

Last year a great deal of subtle bodywork—in the form of slanted windshields and sloped front ends for improved aerodynamics—was performed to higher speeds. Many builders spent up to 50 percent of their time shaping and streamlining bodies that were supposed to be stock. The situation got so far out of hand that owners and drivers held a secret meeting last October to petition a rules change specifying that bodies could not be altered. NASCAR bought the recommendation, although everyone is allowed to fit a one-inch "spoiler" to his trunk lid to improve stability.

Cotton Owens, the mechanical genius behind David Pearson and a fine driver himself a few years back, likes the stiffening of the body-modification rules. PM's reporter talked to him in his new shop, also in Spartanburg, S. C. He was building a second Charger for '67.

"By leaving the bodies stock," Owens explained, "we can cut the cost of building a car almost in half. Their unit construction makes it hard to lower and streamline a Dodge or Plymouth. They (he meant Ford) can do it a lot easier because their cars have separate frames. They may have looked stock from the grandstand, but those 1965 and 1966 bodies were so modified they might as well have been specially built like those for Indianapolis.

Where does all this leave the independents? If a driver and mechanic are able to find a rich sponsor, they may be able to build themselves a new Ford or Chrysler racer equal to one of Holman-Moody's or Ray Nichels'. But they'd better have \$12,-

000 or \$15,000 to work with.

Because NASCAR rules say that 1965, 1966 and 1967 cars are eligible for Grand National competition, many independents will race in "used" equipment. Ford's plan to run Fairlanes in '67 left Holman-Moody with 20 leftover Galaxies at \$3000 to \$6000. But most "1966" Fords running last year were really converted '65s with

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#### METAL TURNING

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workpiece when the lathe spindle is rotated by hand. Move jaws slightly until the pencil scribes a continuous line.

When a machining job requires working within close limits, you must use more accurate centering methods. A center indicator, or "wiggler," gives good results when set up as shown on page 177. Center-punch workpiece, roughcenter it in the chuck jaws slightly until the indicator arm steadies as the work is rotated and you have it very close.

The dial indicator is more sensitive and faster, and it can be used on a greater range of work shapes. The workpiece need not be center-punched, since the actuating arm of the instrument can be located to ride on any smooth surface, inside or outside or on the face when it is necessary to test for out-of-true axially or radially. When the needle steadies you are quite sure the work is dead-centered.

#### Protect work with sleeve

A note of caution: Use a protective sleeve when chucking or rechucking workpieces that are fragile or partially machined. To protect the machined surface from the chuck jaws, cut a short sleeve from tubing with an inside diameter that will slip-fit the workpiece (or machine a sleeve to fit). Slot it as shown at the top of page 177 and slip on the part of the workpiece to be gripped in the chuck. The sleeve protects from marring and gives support to fragile work that might be crushed out of round in the chuck. Avoid overtightening the jaws, or both chuck and work may be damaged.

All-over machining sometimes presents a problem in holding the workpiece, such as a bushing. The first step is to bore, ream and face to specifications, with the bushing held in the chuck. Then remove the bushing and mount it on a mandrel that will take the bore of the bushing in a close press fit.

Ready-made mandrels come in many sizes, usually tapered from .004 to .006 per ft. For work not requiring extreme precision, you can make a mandrel as shown in the two bottom photos on page 179, tapering it to take the bushing. The latter should be a fairly tight press fit after the mandrel has cooled to normal temperature. Of course, the mandrel must be center-drilled and a flat filed or ground at the big end to assure that the driving dog does not slip when the work is mounted between centers for final all-over machining.

(To be concluded next month)

#### 15 WAYS TO CURE ROUGH IDLE

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and coil. Start the engine. If dwell angle reading is not falling within specs, stop the engine, remove distributor cap and rotor and adjust your points with a feeler gauge. Check maximum opening of the points when the moving point arm is on the cam lobe. Some distributors have a "window" which lets you adjust points without removing cap and rotor. If your distributor has it, you need only a dwell meter and special screwdriver.

#### Sparkplug troubles

10. Faulty sparkplug gap. If the gap is too wide you'll get a weak spark. If it's too close, you'll have fouling, shorting or preignition. You need gauges and specs for your type of plug. Remove plugs, clean them and adjust the gap to specs. Plugs should be new every 12,000 miles, cleaned and gapped every 6000.

11. Worn wires and boots. Dried out or ripped plug wires, or cracked plug boots, can cause a short circuit. Replace worn

ones.

12. Leaky valve. A valve that isn't closing properly isn't sealing off the combustion chamber. A broken valve spring is often the problem. Most cars use hy-

draulic lifters so the valve condition can be checked with a vacuum gauge. If your car has solid lifters, you'll need a compression gauge.

To check valves, let the engine warm up. Attach the vacuum gauge and start the engine, letting it idle. If the needle shows a steady pulsation, suspect a leaky valve.

#### Uncommon causes worth checking

13. Bad fuel-pump pressure. Too much or too little fuel-pump pressure upsets your air-fuel ratio. It's an uncommon problem, but worth checking with a fuel-pump pressure test. You'll need the fuel-pump pressure specification for your car.

14. Stuck manifold heat-control valve. If your car has a manifold heat-control valve to vaporize fuel, you'll find a counter-weight, usually beneath the carb at the exhaust manifold. Jiggle it to make sure it's working freely. If not, free it or

replace it.

15. A plugged PCV. For a full rundown on plugged positive crankcase ventilation systems see That Pesky PCV (page 108, Sept. 1966 PM). A plugged PCV affects engine breathing which must be unrestricted for smooth engine idle.

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#### NEXT FIVE YEARS IN SPACE

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explorers might discover unknown chemical elements. The answer to that question is "No." But, the probability of discovering different minerals or unknown compounds of known elements is high.

Minerals that formed under a different gravity and in a virtual vacuum are bound to be different in some manner. But even if none of these minerals is in any way directly useful, it is still certain that there must be compounds of common metals (like copper, aluminum or magnesium,) on the lunar surface. Again, the typical lunar conditions, airlessness and free solar energy, will make it easy to extract the metals from their compounds.

If a sufficient supply of a specific metal compound is found, it would not be difficult to set up a completely automated solar-powered smelter.

#### Self-supporting lunar base

None of these metals will be worth the cost of transportation to earth, but the point is that every ton of construction material that can be produced on the moon is a ton that does not have to be carried to the moon. With just a little luck, a lunar

base might be self-supporting.

The research that can be conducted in and from a lunar base ranges literally from astronomy to zoology; there is no science that cannot learn something new when research is conducted under lunar conditions. What are the colors of some stars when we receive their light without interference by the atmosphere? What is the percentage of X-rays in their light? (Our atmosphere is opaque to X-rays.)

How large will a crystal grow if the gravitational pull is less? Maybe the lesser gravitational pull will not make a difference, but we want to know. Does the impact of protons from the sun cause many short-lived radioactive substances to occur in the lunar surface? If so, what isotopes

will be formed?

Will a plant grow taller under the lesser gravity? If it does-which is likely-will it do so by having larger cells in its makeup or by producing more cells of the customary size? Will the gestation period of small laboratory animals be influenced by the reduced gravity? Will an amoeba grow larger before it splits?

To scientists, each question will suggest 10 or 20 more, none of which could be answered on earth, but all would be answered by a moon research station.

While the first landing on the moon will eventually result in the establishment of a research laboratory and an astronomical observatory, the activities connected with space flight itself will result in a large, orbiting manned satellite—a space station.

Such a station has been talked about for nearly two decades. Work on a multitude of satellite projects and on Project Apollo has pushed space-station plans into the background temporarily, but that does not mean they have been given up. In fact, the Air Force's only major space project-Project MOL. for Manned Orbiting Laboratory—is a kind of forerunner.

The idea is to have a large enclosed space in orbit, a cylinder measuring at least 20 feet in diameter and 40 feet in length. The MOL would have an airlock at one end, into which an adapted Gemini capsule can dock, so that the astronauts can enter the MOL through the hatch of their capsule. They will then have a large enclosed, air-filled space for extended ex-

periments in weightlessness.

In addition, there is a NASA idea of using the large fuel tanks in the upper stages of Saturn rockets as the basis of a small space station. These tanks would already be in orbit and the fuels they originally contained are neither poisonous nor odorous.

#### 'Earth watch'

A space station would have about as many different uses as a base on the moon. One of its most important uses can be called "the earth watch," a steady check on weather patterns (with meteorologists in the space station who not only report as do unmanned weather satellites, but who can interpret what they see), a check on such things as the drift of icebergs, and special services such as the spotting of ships and aircraft that are "lost."

The space station can also be used for astronomical work and for short-range research projects in physics and chemistry. Long-range projects would be handled better and more efficiently by the lunar laboratory, but for single experiments it will cost much less to transport a researcher or two to the orbiting station than it would to send them to the moon.

And there is one more use for the space station: Large satellites, especially for communication, that are to come, will need servicing and maintenance. The station would be a perfect base for inspection and maintenance personnel, while the spacecraft needed for this purpose would be orbiting alongside the space station.

Can all this be expected to be finished within the next five years? No, for it will never really be finished. But the foundations for all these things exist now and they can be expected to be well under way by the end of 1972.

#### TROUBLE WITH YOUR BOAT

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cruising 30 miles offshore when he detected gasoline in his bilges. Wisely deciding to drain the bilges, he very unwisely pulled the sea plug. Instead of the gasoline draining out, the sea roared in, and in the confusion, the startled yachtsman lost the plug, and the boat went down. He abandoned ship. Some three days later, a search craft located him, suffering badly from exhaustion and exposure.

Such a sequence is only believable in a Laurel and Hardy comedy, but many unbelievable accidents actually occur each year. To call the people involved "stupid" is an oversimplification and is, in most cases, incorrect. A man doesn't make enough money to own a large cabin cruiser by being stupid. Perhaps a better classification is that he is ignorant in a specialized area, and will not admit that his general experience doesn't cover it.

Basically, there are four "checks" that should be a must for every boatsman:

Check yourself. If you are new to the water, take a short course in boating and water safety. The Coast Guard Auxiliary, the U. S. Power Squadron, and the Red Cross conduct such courses free.

Check your boat and equipment. A free courtesy inspection will be made, if you request it, by the Coast Guard aux-



iliary. The inspector can also help determine what equipment is needed.

Check the weather. Call the Weather Bureau, not the Coast Guard, just before sailing. If the weather is doubtful, come back another day.

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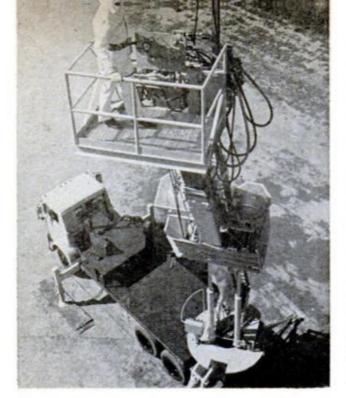


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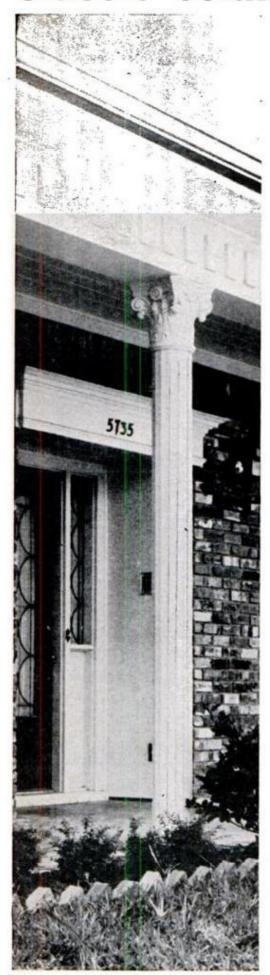
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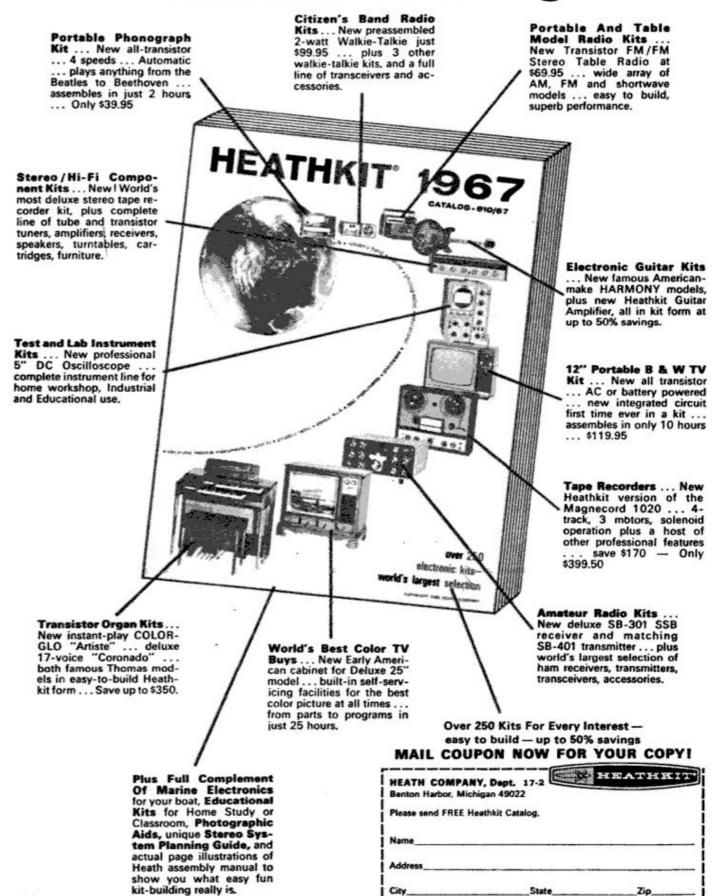
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## HOW TO BUY YOUR FIRST BOAT

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## RUNABOUT (Continued)

mum safe power. Consider the load you will want to carry and don't skimp on boat size. The larger it is, the more safety and comfort. And don't overpower.

We're discussing a boat that is supposed to get up and go, so choice of power can be critical. Should it be inboard, stern-drive, or outboard? Or should it be jet-powered? Jet power, without a prop or other sharp appendages, eliminates a source of danger to skin divers and skiers, and allows you to run your boat through shallows that will turn other boats back.

Prices for a 16-ft. outboard runabout begin at about \$1000. It will take that much again to bolt on a 75 or 80-hp outboard motor and another \$300 will get you the top end of the horsepower range. To get into a stern-drive runabout, with anything over 100 hp, will probably cost you \$3000 and up.

Does the boat you're considering have plenty of space for stowing sports equipment—skis, fishing tackle and the like?

Finally, you might want to consider a folding canvas top—sometimes it's as much a relief to get out of a broiling sun as it is to get shelter from a cold, pelting rain. And, with sun-lounge seats, side curtains and an adventuresome spirit, you can use it as a camping cruiser.

## SAILBOAT (Continued)

The centerboarder's main advantages, then, are "shoal" (shallow) draft and peppier sailing, plus being much easier to trailer and haul out for maintenance.

With these general characteristics in mind, the choice of a particular boat becomes largely a matter of your more detailed personal preferences and how much you want to pay. To give you some idea of what to expect, let's look at a representative example of each type.

Take the Bull's Eye, for instance. It's a fiberglass keelboat only 15-ft. long and quite tame because of its ballast and small sail area. The cockpit is large enough to take four adults comfortably on a day's sail. If you live near an exposed, rather rough body of water, this would be an excellent choice. New, a Bull's Eye goes for about \$2200. A used one can be found for under \$1000.

The Blue Jay, a 13-ft. wooden centerboarder, gives away security for thrills. It's especially popular as a first boat for training. In spite of its small size, though, it will still take three adults in the cockpit, and can pass a Bull's Eye. In this boat, it's advisable to stay in protected water with breezes under 20 mph. You'd better not be a novice if you exceed these limits, for unlike Bull's Eyes, "Jays" will dump the unskilled into the drink. New, about \$1000; used, roughly \$400.

A good general rule to keep in mind is that comfort and security generally work against sailing sharpness. As one increases, the other decreases. So the basic question in choosing a sailboat is which of these qualities is more important to you personally. And how much.

## FISHING BOAT (Continued)

and bigger fish to handle, you'll need 16 to 20 feet of hull with a good vee or round bottom and high freeboard for stability and dry running. Also a deep forefoot and wide bow flare to get you out of trouble in case of a blow. Rigged with twin middle-sized motors, or a big running motor and a small fishing motor, such boats take two to four men in comfort.

For really deluxe accommodations—though at a price—don't overlook the many "utility" runabouts on the market. Running from 14 to 20-ft., they offer very sophisticated and specialized hulls, many good built-in features, lots of deck and seating space, and are often available with stern-drive or inboard power from economical four-cycle engines. And don't forget their big attraction to many fishermen: They do double duty as a family runabout and ski boat, a good selling point with wives and families.

One great fishing boat often underrated by buyers is the stable, inexpensive, comfortable pontoon boat. It probably offers more square feet of deck for a dollar than anything else afloat.

Pontoon boats are harder to trailer and store than the more conventional hulls, but if you keep your boat in the water, they're great. It's like having your own private fishing dock and floating patio.

Another type of boat most fishermen overlook is the inflatable or folding boat. They're smaller and more expensive than rigid hulls, but offer great stability, easy portability and the easiest storage of all.

One happy thought: No matter what boat you pick, the fishing will be great!

## SKI BOAT (Continued)

if the boat skids or porpoises in a turn instead of responding quickly, there will be a loss of power on the towline and the skier will begin to sink. When the boat takes hold again and the rope snaps tight,

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it may be snatched from his hands.

Low freeboard not only makes it easier for a fallen skier to climb into the boat, but also simplifies picking up lost skis. In addition, it cuts wind resistance and gives the driver good visibility.

Having the right equipment is just as important. The tow hook, for instance, should be installed ahead of the motor near the center of gravity to keep the stern from swaying from side to side when the skier is criss-crossing the wake. The speedometer is actually optional for weekend skiing, but it's a big help when trying to maintain a constant speed.

Finally, make sure that your dealer equips the engine with the proper pro-

peller for skiing.

## CRUISER (Continued)

be constructed so that it can be dogged down tight-watertight. A chain pipe leading to the forepeak rope locker will avoid slopping mud on the V-berths.

Look for a sturdy bow rail and a strong safety-glass windshield. All decks should have nonskid surfaces free of toe-stubbers. To make side decks safe, there should be handrails along the cabin.

For cruising comfort, you'll want to be sure the boat doesn't act as a sounding board for excessive engine noise and vibration. As a matter of fact, too much engine noise or vibration probably means something has come unstuck, because today's engines are about 100 percent quieter than they were a few years ago.

Also in the comfort department, look for adequate provisions for privacy (twoway doors and draw curtains) and proper

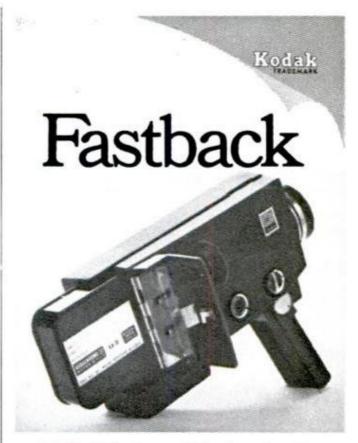
cabin ventilation.

For safety as well as comfort, make particular note of the boat's attitude underway. There should be good visibility from the helm in all directions and at all speeds. Watch out for a bow-high angle which can cut off forward visibility.

Choose a hull with enough beam to be stable. Perhaps a cathedral hull or another version of a multi-hull will provide the level ride and steady platform you want. If you choose a conventional hull, then look for a full high bow with plenty of flare forward to give you a dry ride.

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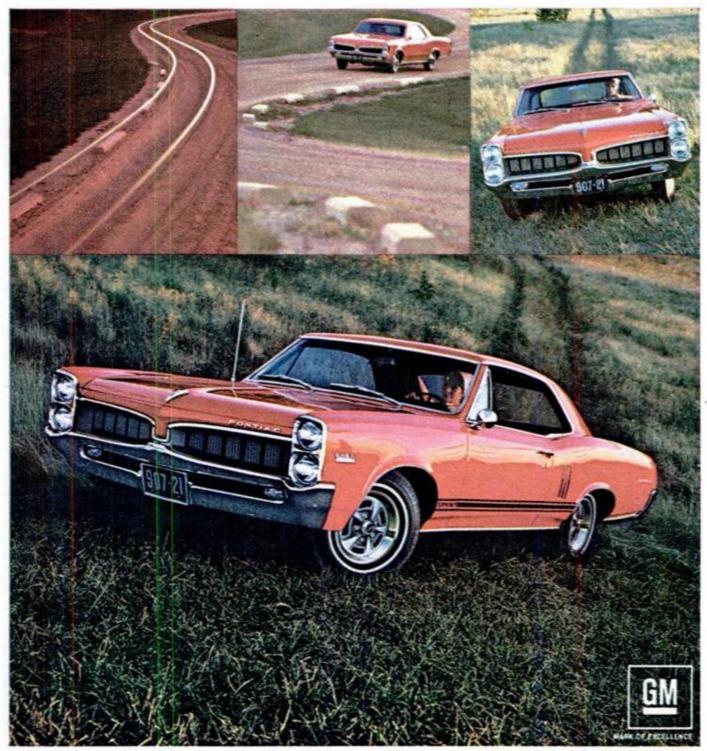
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## THE BIG PILE-UP OF 1966

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he found a plowed U-turn and started back. When wrecks stopped him, he got out, crouched behind them, and ran west into the cut. He could hear cars bumping.

Then he was caught in the snow pinch. Once he held his hand up. He couldn't see it. He began bumping into people running, some in shirtsleeves. A man ran by waving a flare, red sparks flying. Bowers bumped into another man who kept shouting, "Oh, I'm all right, I'm all right." The man's face streamed blood.

Then for a moment a gust cleared the air. It was not quite dark. As far as Bowers could see-a mile to the west-were wrecks.

He began to search the hulks for injured and dead. People were shouting, rolling in snow, climbing the cliffs. Others were being pulled into cars for warmth. The smashed bus was disgorging people.

One man in a car was shouting, "Do something! Call an ambulance." Bowers heard a calm voice say: "A dozen are on the way-if they can get here." He had found Trooper MacConnell. Mac-Connell's face was frozen.

They went to MacConnell's car and called Buffalo: "Isn't there any way you can close the road?"

Buffalo began telling all hands to stop all traffic. Then over the air came one plaintive protest: "How can we stop 'em if we can't even see 'em?"

The troopers then decided: With so many hurt MacConnell should begin ambulance runs. They pried his car loose, filled it with injured, and MacConnell set out to try to reach Batavia. Bowers, looking for casualties, kept hearing collisions.

And then he saw a Mars light.

Batavia's Genesee Memorial ambulance, after a remarkable run, arrived even while collisions were still happening. The crew jumped out with a stretcher. They were just lifting a woman when a car came out of nowhere, hit the ambulance and tossed it, a hopeless wreck.

Bowers peering into a shattered VW, noticed a wire wheel. "What's a wire wheel doing in a VW?" he wondered. He looked closer: A Triumph was inside it.

Then Bowers could no longer see. His ice-rimmed eyes froze shut and his hands were too cold to melt them. Presently he felt two warm hands on his eyes. As the lids thawed he saw the ambulance driver. They found a car that still had windows and put the injured woman in it.

All told, Bowers had counted 30 hurt. The problem now was to get these out and save the hundreds of others, who

could not leave, from freezing. Some 400 cars were stranded in and near the cut. In them were 1000 people without food.

Gas was running out; some cars were already frigid.

Other troopers arrived. Some wanted to break a trail to farmhouses a mile away. This was abandoned as dangerous.

A convoy of 20 cars was organized to run east with the wind. Only cars with good heaters, defrosters and plenty of gas were chosen. When women were afraid to drive, college boys were given the wheel.

This convoy went two miles and stalled. Another trooper's car was hit by a truck.

It was now decided to try to send a convoy west. It was only three miles to Batavia, but three miles into the wind. The plows broke a U-turn. Troopers Bowers and MacConnell, back turned for a second trip, briefed each driver: "Follow the taillight ahead, but don't hit it!

The wind rocked the cars as they turned, following the plow. When the motorists faced the wind they simply pan-

icked and quit.

This may seem strange to anyone who's driven in hard storms. But this was a near-hurricane, and that awful snowpinch, falling over the cliffs, splitting across windshields, was terrifying. In such snow it is impossible to know if you're turning right, left, or not turning at all.

## Third try is stopped

Then a third try was made. The convoy crept west two miles, then stopped. Plowman Hagan had hit a big drift.

Foreman Farrell, riding with him, came back to reassure drivers. "We've radioed for a big V-plow," he said. "Keep rolling back and forth while we wait, to keep from drifting-in." Soon the plow came.

In every crisis, troopers say, there is one "wise guy." The V-plow opened the drift, and the convoy was just starting to move when Farrell saw a woman cut out of line, shoot ahead-and stall. Then she spun her wheels. Farrell cried, "Oh, no!" She was hopelessly dug in. The road was plugged again. It was 45 minutes before the V-plow came back and got her out.

They put her back in line. This time, when Al Hagan got his plow started, Farrell looked back. Not a car was following.

But this time the plow kept going, for ambulances, doctors, rescue crews-and now food trucks-were converging from several towns. And a lane had to be open.

An hour later that frightened convoy crawled into Batavia behind a plowman on foot. The plowman held a lighted flare in one hand; his other touched the fender of the lead car, so he wouldn't lose it.

During the night a few more small

groups came out, including all of the injured. Back in the cut the troopers grouped people in warm cars. They doled

out gas, two gallons at a time.

Little by little, more rescuers arrived with blankets, medicine, sandwiches. A 150-vehicle convoy of plows, wreckers, ambulances, was en route from Albany. Hearses were ready, too, for it was felt sure that in that enormous pile of wreckage many would be found dead. When the storm eased at daylight a count was made. Of 325 cars that were stranded, 100 were wrecked. And of these, 70 were "totaled"-hopeless scrap. The snow on many lay 10 feet deep. Rescuers went from drift to drift digging for the dead.

Scores could have died that night. But the miracle revealed by dawn was: except for the young bride run over at Indian Castle, not one single soul perished on the Thruway. Credit in part the bravery of Thruway rescue crews after Trooper MacConnell's "red flash." Credit, too, the astonishing help motorists gave each other. "They were driving like crazy, but when the chips were down they were wonderful," says Bowers.

## Lessons learned from pile-up

It would be three days before the Thruway was open again. By next night when the big convoys were moving at last, these lessons had been learned:

A dangerous storm-hypnosis—and diz-

ziness-comes with heavy snow.

 Drivers going into the wind tend to panic. Those going with it gain a false sense of security because it seems calm.

 In snow, the speed differential causes trouble. When snow gathers no sensible car driver will go over 45 mph. Some trucks (with more traction) can safely go 55-60. And some drivers try to move at those speeds. But a fast car perils trucks because it may spin when overtaking.

Thus, in snowstorms our big pikes now need a fixed "storm-speed range" for all. A sensible range of 30-40 mph would stop

thousands of winter wrecks.

 Much better weather warnings are needed for drivers. Radio forecasts today are often skimpy, out of date. They should be given every few minutes.

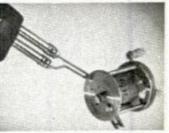
• Storm "red alerts" should be posted at road entrances and roadside service areas.

Bigger, faster plows are needed.

 But mainly drivers need to know the true danger of storms. If stuck on a highspeed pike in zero visibility while other traffic is rolling fast, you have only one choice: leave your car, put out flares (if safe) and run. When it really starts to blow, try to hole up in a safe warm place and wait it out!

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## PONTIAC'S FLASHY FIREBIRD

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with both the Camaro and Mustang, so

perhaps, it's me.

Also, I found the manual brake pedal too far away from the accelerator and much too high to reach quickly with my foot. Pontiac engineers tell me the new dual-braking system makes this neces-sary in that if one pair of brakes fails, quite a bit of additional pedal travel is needed to actuate the other pair of brakes. Still, I should think this could be remedied by raising the accelerator assembly to bring it closer to the height of the brake pedal. The pedal for the dual power brakes, by the way, doesn't have this objection.

The Firebird is based on the Chevrolet Camaro body shell, yet it features distinctive Pontiac paneling and trim, mainly up front. The car also offers a number of nice touches designed for comfort.

safety and convenience.

Both cars I drove had steering wheels that could be adjusted for rake, locking into any of seven different positions, a feature I find desirable for comfort.

## Plenty of safety features

Safety considerations are present in abundance. In addition to seat belts all 'round, an energy-absorbing steering column and a dual-braking system, plus many other items included in the typical "safety package," Firebird interiors feature recessed door handles in the armrests—out-of-the-way "in case," yet easy to get at if one wishes to open the doors. Another feature is that the front seats lock into place, thus helping prevent a person being thrown forward during abrupt deceleration.

Speaking of the seats, they don't seem to hold either driver or passenger in to any great extent-a weakness of almost all cars, I think. Personally, I'd prefer more lateral support than I find in any U. S.-built automobile. Yet all this may be nothing more than mild eccentricity on

my part.

One optional feature that appealed to me the moment I climbed behind the wheel is the location of the tachometer. It's directly in the driver's line of vision. Obviously, if it is going to be used to its fullest extent, this is where a rev counter

belongs.

Another innovation I liked is the Firebird's "fold-away" spare tire. The tire quite literally folds around the rim of the spare wheel, reducing by half the normal spare-tire size. This is important because luggage space in most cars of this type is at best somewhat cramped. A pressurized can of compressed gas is provided for emergency inflation of the "fold-away" spare. Installed, the tire is said to be good for 1000 miles.

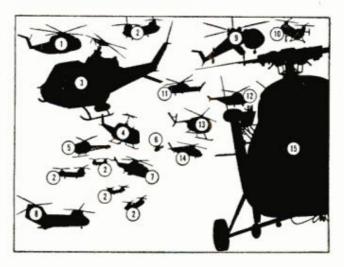
If yet more luggage space is needed, the back of the rear seat can be folded forward, providing a flat, carpeted deck upon which several small suitcases can be carried.

But regardless of its design innovations, the Firebird as a whole comes off as a fast and sporty means of travel, and without the discomforts of a true sports car. I found the car roomy and comfortable, with excellent driver visibility and a "big car" feel despite its 108-in. wheelbase. Overall, the Firebird fulfills admirably one of my personal requirements for any motor car-it must be relaxing to drive.

Pontiac calls the Firebird a sports car. Thankfully, it isn't. A true sports car is almost a racing machine, with ultra-quick steering and harsh suspension. But the Firebird, like its fellow personal cars, is really more of a GT (Gran Tourismo) setup designed to eat up the road at relatively high speeds over long distances. And this it does very well.

## HELICOPTERS IN VIETNAM

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- Sikorsky CH-53 Sea Stallion
- Boeing CH-47 Chinook
   Bell UH-1B Iroquois
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## DODGE CHARGER

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"Quick throttle response and terrific acceleration."—Kansas bank cashier.

## ► He has the 426-cu.-in. "Hemi" engine.

"Good passing power."—South Carolina machinery operator.

"Plenty of pep."—Louisiana electrical

engineer.

Sandwiched in among the most laudatory comments, oddly enough, frankly-stated gripes about poor paint jobs, water leaks, and generally poor workmanship. Combined, these complaints "enjoyed" a frequency-of-mention rating (FMR) of 23.8 percent.

"Too many things are left half done by the factory."—Navy, Maryland.

"Windshield molding wasn't properly installed. Water leaks into the trunk."-New Jersey college student.

## ► Many owners reported leaky trunks, one lady claiming a suitcase full of clothes had been ruined.

"Could have a better paint job and doors and windows could be better aligned."-Marines, South Carolina.

"Looking down the side of the roof line, it looks like an ocean wave."-California

machine operator.

Next on the dislike list at 9.9 percent was what owners considered poor rear visibility.

"I have difficulty seeing out the back window."—Ohio computer programmer.

"Difficult to park because of not being able to see out back."-Kansas salesman.

"Things are distorted through the rear window."—Tennessee fireman.

"Can't tell where the back of the car ends."—Texas department manager.

Complaints about poor gas mileage were next, racking up an FMR of 9.4 percent.

"Uses an awful lot of gas-71/2 miles to a gallon is not good mileage."—Texas secretary.

## ► You're right, it isn't. You should be getting much more even though you have the 383cu.-in. engine. Cry a lot.

"My gasoline bills scare me half to death."—Texas businessman.

"I get very poor mileage."-Kentucky salesman.

A somewhat surprising 8.5 percent of the Charger owners replying to PM's questionnaire commented on the construction and location of the ashtray. Typical of the gripes is this complaint by a California office machine operator:

"Front ashtray is in a bad location in that the airconditioning blows the ashes out. The tray itself is too shallow. Also, there's no ashtray on the passenger side."

Having bought the car, it figures that most owners would be tickled pink with the Charger's fold-down rear seat. They are, giving it an FMR of 14.8 percent.

"Carried a four-foot stereo outfit in back. Feature is especially useful as a bed for our child."—Louisiana secretary.

"Extra room has many uses. I've carried my set of drums in it many times."—Texas draftsman.

## ► Things must be booming in the draftsman business.

"Have carried many large items that just wouldn't fit in a regular car."—Iowa factory worker.

Most Charger owners had high praise for their car's interior styling. One, they think it's handsome and well finished, and two,

they think it's nice and roomy.

"The dash is the best engineered and the interior the most luxurious of anything in its price field."—Ohio technician.

"Instrumentation is good. The interior is great looking and very practical."-North

Carolina student.

Speaking of instrumentation, the majority of Charger owners said they rarely if ever used the car's standard equipment tachometer, a fact that won't exactly surprise anyone. Most of those who said they did use it have manual transmissions, using the tach in conjunction with changing gears. Owners did say, however, the tach is somewhat finicky and inclined to go out of whack. They report that replacement and/or service takes months in many

An overwhelming majority reported liking very much the Charger's retractable headlights. Only 2.6 percent said they didn't care for the idea, most fearing that the mechanism might fail at a critical time. However, only 38 owners reported any trouble, most difficulties involving one light being slower to turn out than the other. Of the 38 complaints, only five said the headlights stick every now and then.

Most Charger owners (59.9 percent) reported favorably on dealer service, grading it from "excellent" to "just okay." Those who didn't think much of it, however, complained mainly of what they considered their dealer's reluctance to devote time and money to repairing what he—the dealer—considered factory goofs. The following from a New Jersey laboratory technician sums it up neatly:

"My 'friendly' dealer explained to me that he couldn't fix the rattles because the factory would not reimburse him for his costs. Then, smiling, he told me I really ought to try and fix the rattles myself. To say I'm disgusted is putting it mildly."

Finally, it would appear that a basic, unadorned Charger is as rare as football practice in a retirement community. A big 67 percent of the owners reported their cars as being equipped with power steering, 48.8 percent said they had airconditioning, 45.9 percent had radios, 17.2 percent had power brakes, 15.8 percent the remote rear-view mirror, 15.3 percent a heater, and so on down the option and accessory line.

One owner, a young Army officer on duty in Nebraska, reported the options and accessories he ordered added about \$2000 to the car's basic price, but that despite the rather heavy bite, he considered his Charger "all-around, the very best car I ever hope to own."

In general, it would seem most Charger owners tend to agree.

## Locate Turkish Warship

What is believed to be an early eigh-Turkish warship has century been discovered by an Anglo-Israeli expedition in 30 feet of water at the mouth of Acre harbor, on the Israeli coast, near Haifa.

This was the culmination of a threeweek survey financed by the Wolfson Foundation, from which Dr. Edward T. Hall, director of the Research Laboratory for Archaeology, Oxford, England, returned in mid-December.

The wreck was found while the expedition was plotting the ancient submerged fortifications at Acre. The ship measures

about 200 feet in length.

Alexander Flinder, secretary of the British Sub-Aqua Club, and a team of six Israeli divers brought up bronze objects and a considerable quantity of wooden planking from it.

The fact that the planking was of pine, and the type of fastening used, indicates that the vessel was almost certainly a Turkish warship of about the 1675 period.

The find was made only two days before the British members of the expedition had to leave. Israeli divers and archaeologists are continuing the investigation with a view to a more ambitious operation.

While on the Israel coast, the expedition spent three days off Ashdod, in a vain search for a Canaanite ship of the

early second millennium B.C

Dr. Hall used his own yacht to test a new type of magnetometer which detects metallic anomalies on the seabed. It operates in a way very similar to the instrument now widely used by archaeologists on land except that it is towed in a torpedo-shaped container and transmits its reading to recording instruments on the yacht.



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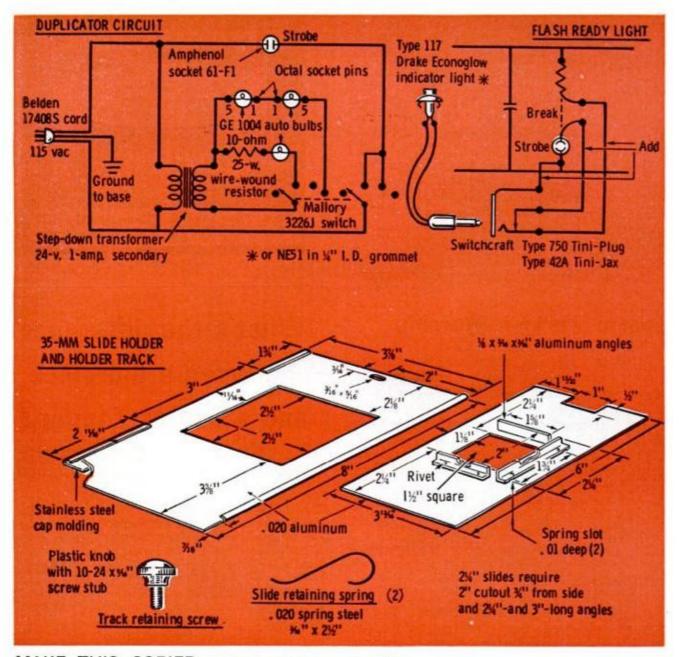
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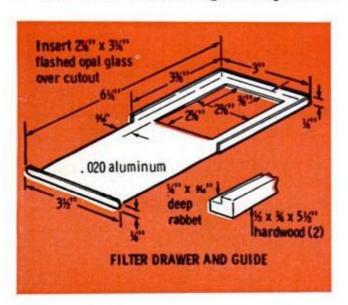
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under a tee if needed. Align the trunnion faces parallel to each other and perpendicular to the base, and slide the rails in or out to make the carriage sides parallel.



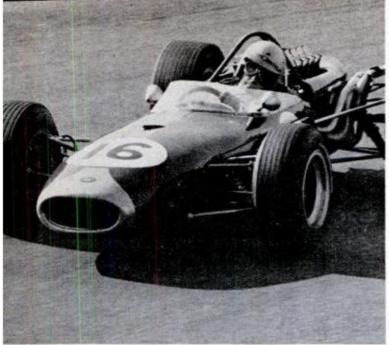
Then solder all joints, the rails last. Space the trunnions with outer faces about 2% in. apart and install the traverse screw with its spring sleeves. This is followed by the side plates, installed with their rear edges parallel to the carriage rails. Drill through the plates into center of the center branch of each tee, mounting plates with self-tapping screws.

To insure that the carriage has free travel, loosen the bolts at the top of the rails, raise the carriage to the top and retighten the bolts.

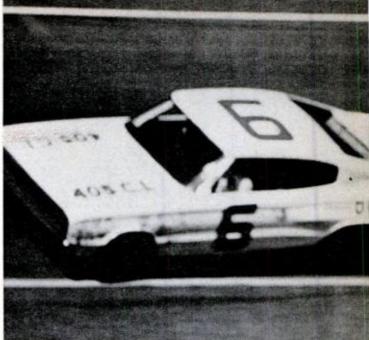
Next, remove one side plate, install the carriage axles and tension springs, replace the side plate and install the knobs. These springs are designed to eliminate play in the traverse mechanism.

The travel mechanism is a traversedrape cord tensioned by a spring. One end is attached to the upper crosspiece, run inside the upper axle, wrapped around

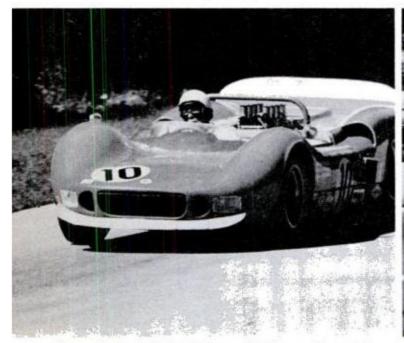
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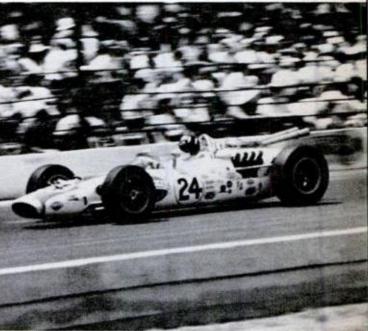
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the lower axle, passed around a grommet pulley, hooked to the spring and continued up to the crosspiece in similar manner. Before tying the second end, however, tension it with the spring. Turning the lower axle, then, will move the carriage in windlass fashion.

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parallel to the base.

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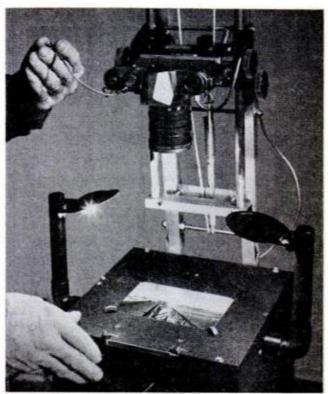
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## ABRASIVE CUTOFF MACHINE

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fence after assembly is completed, this "bridge" will hold the two halves of the fence together. Drill a 7/32-in. hole 7 in. from the same end and tap it for a 1/4-28 capscrew. This is a pivot, since we are now going to provide for adjusting the fence for miter cuts.

First, bend 4x11-in. rod to a 6%in.-radius arc and weld one end to the rear of the left end of the fence. This is a clamping guide. Now, position the front edge of the fence 71/4 in. from the front edge of the baseplate and scribe the plate at the left in front of the fence to facilitate

resetting the fence square.

For the floating miter clamp, bend a strip of \( \frac{1}{8}\times \frac{1}{2}\times 1 \frac{9}{16} - in. \) hot-rolled steel so as to make one leg with 3/16-in. clearance under it and the other with 1/8-in. In the center of the horizontal, drill a 32-in. hole for a 1/4-28x1/2-in, capscrew. Drill and tap a hole 1/4 in. behind the fence and 1/4 in. to the right of the curved rod to receive the capscrew. To turn it into a thumbscrew, braze a 1/8x1/2x13/4-in. steel tab to the top of the capscrew.

## Optional work clamp

The one part that requires machining is the work screw clamp, which is not essential to make. One end of the threaded steel rod requires a 1/2-in. flat milled on it to mate with a milled groove on the handle so that the latter may be pivoted to

clear the baseplate.

More important is the other end of this screw, which must be retained in the clamping-block hole, yet turn in it. Reduce the end of the rod to a 1/2-in. diameter for \( \frac{5}{8} \) in. Mill a \( \frac{1}{8} - \text{in.} \) groove \( \frac{1}{8} \) in. back from the tip. Then drill a 1/2-in. hole % in. deep in the clamping block and a 1/8-in. hole in the top of the block. This hole must intersect the 1/2-in. hole at one side and 1/8 in. from its bottom. A split pin inserted from the top will ride in the milled groove as the screw turns but will prevent the screw from withdrawing when the clamp is backed off.

## Baseplate stop for wheel

A steel bar can be welded to the underside of the arbor plate to stop the lowered abrasive wheel after it just nicks the baseplate. With limited use of the tool, however, it would take a long time before the baseplate will be cut through, since the motor will stall if forced into too wide a cut in the baseplate. At the time the wheel does cut through the plate, the slot could be welded shut and then ground flush.





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## INDEPENDENTS WIN AT DAYTONA?

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new body panels. This means they have had two seasons of hard competition and are not likely to be front-row contenders. Few 1966 Dodges or Plymouths will be for sale because they are being converted to 1967 models. Chrysler boycotted NASCAR in 1965 and built few race cars then. Ford converted most of its 1965 Galaxies to '66s. So there is a shortage of used race cars.

There are, however, dozens of 1964 Grand National cars around. NASCAR rules say only cars built during the last three model years are eligible, but because of the shortage of 1965s, the rules may have to be relaxed to let 1964s run.

Suppose an independent can't afford to build a new Ford or Chrysler and does not want to buy a beat-up, used machine. What are his alternatives? He could build a Chevelle, though the cost would be nearly as great as that of constructing one of the other makes and the job might be more complicated. For example, several Chevelles now competing use Ford suspension components because, being designed for racing, they're stronger.

This all means the true independent cannot expect to capture major races unless a fluke eliminates a dozen or so of the faster cars. The best he can hope for is that he will do such a good job that he will be invited to join a factory team.

A big problem in a race will be the speed gap between the top cars and the rest of the field. This month's 500 may see several cars qualify above 180 mph. Half a dozen more will do 177 or 178. Six or seven others will be over 170. Then there will be great gap. Many in the back rows will be 20 to 25 mph slower than those in front. One can only hope they don't get run over. It may be denied, but in past years, drivers of old cars filling up the back rows have actually been instructed to drop out with "mechanical trouble" after a few laps.

Both Ford and Chrysler will probably concentrate on major speedways. This means the Grand National races on short tracks will offer a good shot for the independents. Last year ex-mechanic James Hylton drove so well in a '64 Dodge that he nearly beat Pearson out for the championship and was named Rookie of the Year.

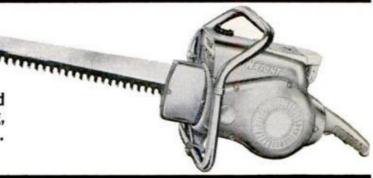
As Detroit participates less on the smaller tracks, it leaves the way clear for potential stars like Hylton to learn the ropes before moving on to bigger, richer races. In this sense, the future of the independent looks a little brighter.

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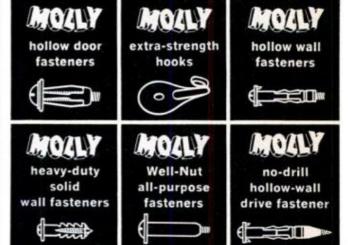
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prevent them from bottoming on the heads in the thin material.

Make the slide-holder track, slide holder and filter drawer as shown on page 230. Fasten the aluminum sheet to the

cap molding with epoxy cement.

The layout of the electrical system is fairly apparent from the photo on page 185. The optional electronic-flash readylight is positioned on the front of the box below the switch hole. The track mounted on the bottom accommodates both the flash unit and reflector. The terminal board is standoff-mounted.

The viewing light, mounted under the nut from the girder backup plate, is a socket from a 1960 Ford backup light with a biscuit cutter for a reflector. A dome-light assembly will work just as well. As with the flash, its light is designed to strike the reflector board. The light path from the flash to the reflector to the slide is about 8 in.

For reflection-copy lighting, I made lights consisting of octal bases from some worn radio tubes, copper solder elbows and copper (or plastic) tubing joined with epoxy cement. Auto dome lights are attached to the upper ends.

## How does the copier work?

With the switch off to the left, the transformer is on, but there's no power to the lights or flash. In the second position, "view," the viewing light is on along with the flash unit. Next, "expose," the flash unit is on, but the viewing light is off. Finally, the "copy" position with copy lights on, flash and viewing light off.

The filter drawer holds a flashed opal diffuser and any 3-in. gelatine filter square. For 35-mm and super slides, a 2-in. square mounted in a 3-in. card frame will suffice. With most electronic flash units, you'll need a Wratten 81A filter to kill the bluish cast.

In addition to adjusting image size, carriage travel is used for focusing, particularly when working at a 1 to 1 image ratio. The carriage traverse is another means of lateral adjustment.

A reversed 55-mm lens, a filter adapter, a reverse adapter and a 21-mm tube will provide a 1 to 1 ratio. A reversed 35mm lens in the same setup will enlarge a 16-mm slide to 35 mm.

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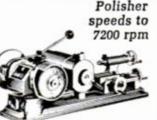
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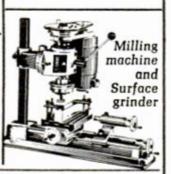
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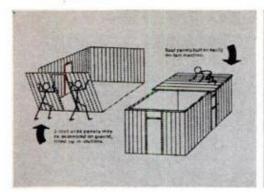
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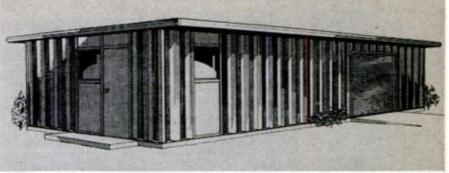
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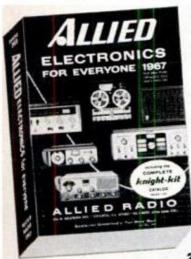
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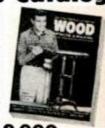
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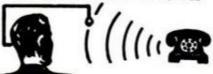
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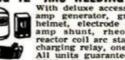


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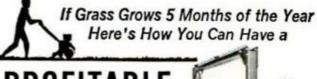
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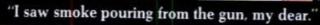


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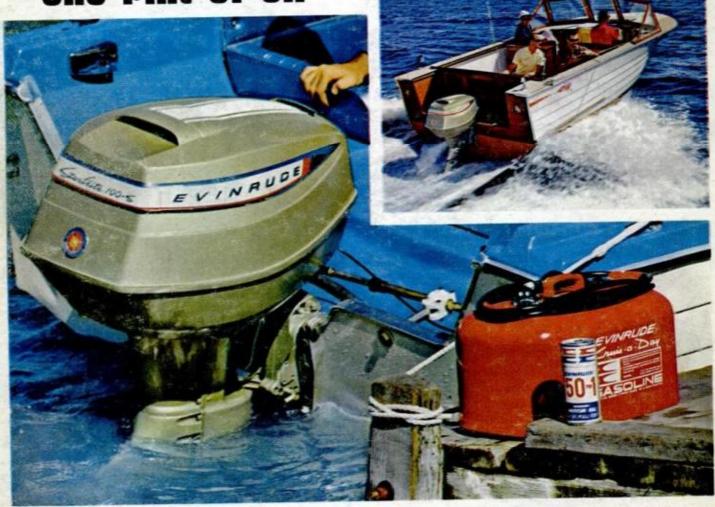


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