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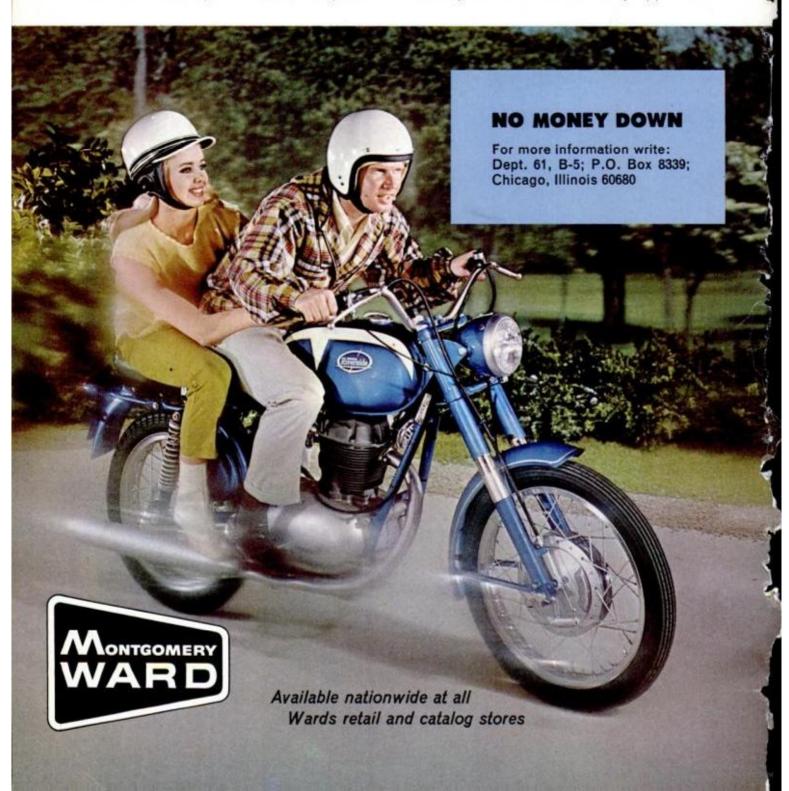
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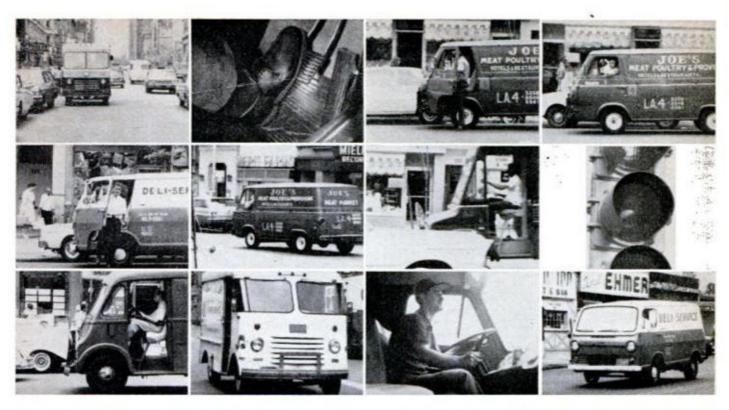
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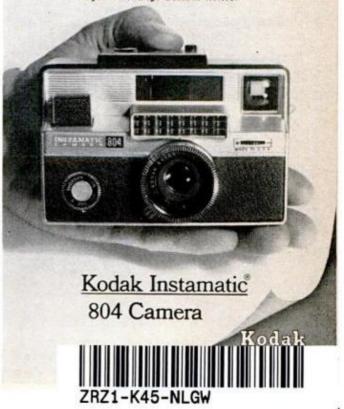
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Test (page 119, May PM).

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Dorado or Bass?

I've been given new hope by your article *They Dive* for *Wrecks* (page 92, March *PM*) and a letter in your May issue suggesting that the lost submarine off Block Island is the *Dorado*.

My father, Fireman 2/C Joseph Vernarsky was aboard the *Dorado*. I was five, and my sisters, three and four, when my mother saw him off. I have waited 24 years to be able to sleep nights over that sub.

Could you please put me in contact with the men who dived on that wreck? And ask them not to blast it.

Weirton, W.Va. Joseph A. Vernarsky

In 1944 I was on a ship standing by to sink a submarine if it didn't sink from the effects of an acoustic torpedo dropped from a TBM torpedo bomber. The submarine was the Bass, and the location was near Block Island. The submarine was on the surface, and a device was placed on it for the torpedo to home in on. As far as I know, all watertight doors were closed, and one torpedo sank the submarine.

If the torpedo damaged just one section and all watertight hatches were closed, there would still be air in the other sections—thus causing it to rest lightly in the water (as described).

Stockton, Calif.

M. E. BECKER

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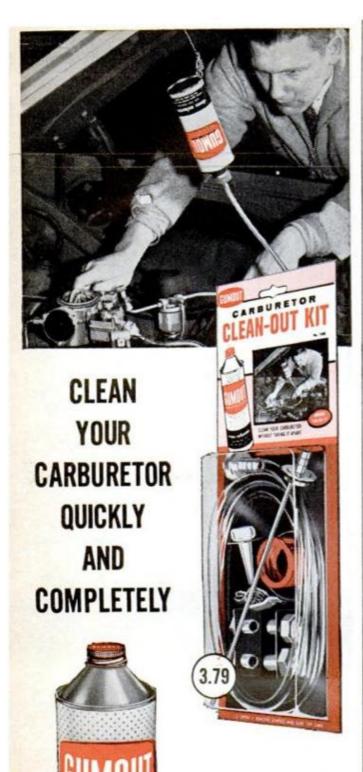
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Seattle, Wash. H. Schubring

Some of our competitors have "Detroit boys," but we don't, so maybe it's something you're eating that's making you sick. We agree that manufacturers need criticism—and we criticize 'em (this issue for example). But, things being the way they are, we're really not as optimistic as you about getting cars at half the price.

Tension in the bathtub

In Model Glue Propels This Bathtub Tugboat (page 162, May PM), you describe a toy boat that goes by itself in a bathtub if a volatile substance is applied to its stern. The author seems uncertain of the reason for its forward movement.

Some of the volatile material flows over the surface of the water at the rear, drastically reducing surface tension there. Since the surface tension at the bow remains normal, the tension there pulls the boat forward.

Paramus, N.J.

AARON B. MILLER

Just like a little nervous tension around the office keeps us moving?

After all, it's their word

In your article, World's Wettest Drydock (page 152, May PM), you state that the name of the ship being restored is Wasa. However, I've seen the named spelled Vasa. Could you straighten me out on this?

San Diego, Calif.

JOHN EATON

You can take your choice; we went along with the Swedes. The Swedish name is Wasa, and it's pronounced like the anglicized version, Vasa.

More light on timing

I believe Mr. Schultz goofed in Timing Techniques (page 166, April PM). He has his test lamp hooked in parallel, and the lamp should burn when the contacts are open, not when closed (as would be the case in a series connection of the lamp). Palmdale, Calif. Charles A. Mason

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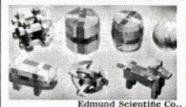
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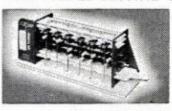
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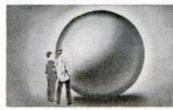
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to the eyebrows. At adolescence, however, the forehead becomes gradually 'naked.'" As in humans, adult male macaques have the shiniest skulls.

BUILDING BLOCKS OF LIFE, possibly life itself, may exist on the planet Jupiter. That's the thinking of NASA scientists who have simulated Jupiter's atmosphere, which is believed to contain ammonia and methane, and passed electrical charges through it. The result: organic molecules that need only water to turn them into the more complex building blocks from which life can develop.

The temperature range of Jupiter's lower atmosphere (0° to 212° F.) would allow for the existence of liquid water. Much evidence suggests that the earth also had an atmosphere of ammonia, methane and water some 4.5 billion years ago and that lightning set off chemical reactions.

GLASSY FRAGMENTS having common properties have been found on the ocean floor in areas as far apart as the waters off Australia, Japan and Africa. Some of the fragments, called tektites, were found by Columbia University scientists who say they probably came from a huge object from space that exploded over the earth some 700,000 years ago.

FIBERGLASS BOATS keep growing. Though technicians at one time considered fiberglass suitable only for small-craft construction, you can now order a 1000-ton, 200-foot ship from a British firm. Key to the big size, say the Britons, was the development of a hollow plastic brick. The six-inch square bricks are used to build the core of the hull. Then they are covered with sheets of fiberglass.

DISEASE-SPREADING MOSQUITOES will be gone from the United States by 1973, reports the Public Health Service. The Aedes aegypti, carrier of yellow fever, dengue and hemorrhagic fever, has been the target of a \$23 million attack since 1964.

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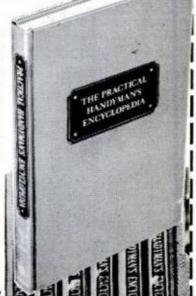
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Phew!

Whenever I use the heater in my 1965 Corvair, I get an odor similar to that of burning gas or oil. I find no leaks in the motor compartment. Any suggestions?—Rick Greenstein, Chicago.

You're not the only one, Rick. This is a common problem, and I've heard of two reasons for it. First, any oil that gets on that engine and begins to smolder will transfer fumes to the passenger compartment. The only safeguards against this are a clean engine and sealing all holes between engine and passenger compartment. The trouble also occurs when there's a blown cylinder-head gasket.

Dashing a stall

Have you ever run across a 1966 Ford Fairlane that keeps stalling although apparently tuned to perfection? The carburetor has also been ripped apart, but nothing has been found. I know a problem like this is tough to diagnose, but your opinion would be appreciated.—Bernard Christy, Drums, Pa.

The reasons for stalls, of course, are many. However, here's one that many people overlook. You don't say whether your car is equipped with an automatic transmission. If it is, stalling problems have been solved by installing an external dashpot on the carburetor. The purpose of a dashpot is to close the throttle slowly to idle position regardless of how quickly you cut your foot off the accelerator pedal, thus preventing a stall possibility.

Rumbling rear

I have a 1963 Chrysler New Yorker equipped with a sure-grip differential. There's a continuous loud rumbling noise coming from the rear axle. Four new shocks and rear wheel bearings have been installed. The differential has been opened and inspected. Nothing has helped. Do you have any ideas?—Dr. H. E. R., Paterson, N. J.

Assuming everything's mechanically okay and the rumble is in fact coming from the rear, is it possible that you're not using the special additive grease made for

a nonslip differential? I think your first consideration is to make sure the rear axle is filled with this special sure-grip lubricant—part No. 2585318.

Giving it a boost

I have a 1960 Falcon that has a singleaction fuel pump. I want to install a fuel pump with a vacuum booster (doubleaction) to improve windshield-wiper action. Is it possible? — Alvin Anderson, Mendham, N. J.

Easy. Buy the part from a Ford dealer so you get the right one. Then, hook one line from the intake manifold to the booster part of the pump, and the other line from the booster to the wipers.

Getting to the core

I recently bought a 1964 Olds F85. It has a leak in the heater that the garage has failed to cure. Is this an inherent failure or what?—G. R. Rohmberg, Fitchburg, Mass.

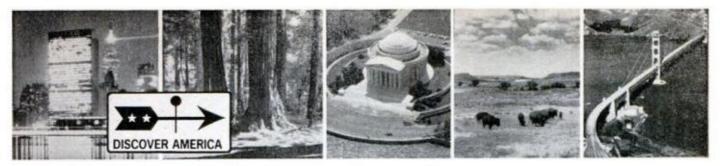
The first thing to check is the cylinder-head water outlet thermostat. Make sure it's not stuck in the closed position. If it's okay, check the nipple at the rear of the intake manifold. If it's colored black (yours probably is not), it means you have the new improved engine cowling that was issued to stop this problem. The new cowling results in higher water pressure. A restrictor was also incorporated in the heater water line as a correction to the heater core leaking problem.

Dear Reader:

As you know, Automobile Clinic tries to help you solve your car problems. It doesn't matter who comes up with the answers. So when readers tell us how to do it, and the information checks out, we like to tell you about it.

For example, Harry E. Voelker of Two Rivers, Wis., says he may have the answer to why some Volkswagens stall in rainy weather (Auto Clinic page 24, Jan. PM). He had the same problem, but, as he tells us: "I replaced the original carbon train ignition wiring with good old copper wire. I haven't had a bit of trouble since. In fact,

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Several readers, like Mike Andler of Cle Elum, Wash., have heard loud whistling sounds from beneath the hood. It's a toughie to diagnose by mail, but we tried and advised Mike of the usual causesbelts, cooling system, etc. Mike found the source of the whistle in his 1963 Chevy himself, and his experience is a good one to stick in your bonnet.

"Tell the people who have trouble," he writes, "to check the bolts on the intake manifold. One of mine was loose. A little tightening was all I needed to get rid of the

teakettle.

Don Whitten of El Centro, Calif., thought our answer to the Winter-Weary VW problem (page 36, Sept. '66 PM) was "outstanding" . . . but. "Having been in Alaska for three years as a mechanic," Don writes, "I know of one item you didn't mention. Between the fuel pump and block there's a plastic thing I call the fuel pump push rod guide.

"After a period of heating and cooling, the block develops cracks. Moisture gets in and freezes. The push rod will then travel up, but the spring in the fuel pump will not return. The result is no start."

Heat prostration

I can't keep the front-pipe muffler tightened to the manifold of my '62 Rambler Classic wagon. Lock washers don't hold it. My teeth are rattling, so help, please. -Rolland Witzberger, Barberton, Ohio.

It's a common problem with this car, but it's not being caused by loosening of the nut. The trouble is that the pipe ball end can't take high manifold temperatures and is collapsing. Rambler's issued an exhaustpipe insert (part No. 3205629) that acts as a heat shield to stop the trouble. Service letter 64-9 (April 10, 1964) has the details, so refer your Rambler mechanic to it.

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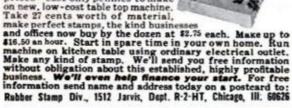
You put both feet in your mouth when you told us to drain the fluid from a Chevrolet's Powerglide transmission every 12,-000 miles (page 26, Jan. PM). It's not possible. Even the manual says the fluid lasts

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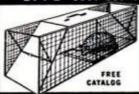
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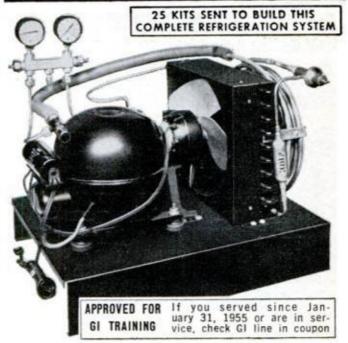


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AUTOMOBILE CLINIC

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the life of the car and need not be drained. -John Ussery, Lincoln, Neb.

No matter what the manual states, that fluid must be drained every 12,000 miles. Chevy is so firm about this point that it issued a service bulletin (TSB 66-5).

Models built after midyear '64 have drain plugs in the sump. On models built prior to this-like yours, with no drain plugs-you drop the oil pan to drain the fluid. It must be done to prevent failure of transmission clutches.

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- '65, '66 or '67 Chrysler or Fury owners should check carefully after a front-end adjustment or wheel alignment. There is a front-fender wheelhouse to the upper control arm seal that protects the engine compartment from road splash. If the seal is not clipped to the frame side rail in the correct manner, it can contact the front brake hose and rip it apart.

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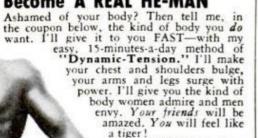
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Those sweating sashes again!

Our home has steel casement sashes that sweat. Last winter, the water wet the frames, sills and the wall underneath, staining the plaster and loosening the wall-paper. The house is only one year old and we must find some way of preventing this damage. Can you tell us the cause and remedy?—C.E., Ala.

Ever notice the beads of moisture that quickly collect on a glass tumbler filled with cold water or a beverage on a warm summer day? Water collects (condenses) on the frames and panes of the sashes for precisely the same reason that it collects on the tumbler. The surface of the latter, cooled by its contents, is colder than the air with which it is in contact. Moisture in the air surrounding the glass is cooled to the dew point and condenses on the surface. The air in your rooms is warm and moisture-laden; the sash is relatively cold. Thus condensate forms on the frames and panes.

Most steel sashes can be provided with tight-fitting storm sashes and this usually solves the problem. The storms must fit tightly so there is no leakage of warm air into the space between the sashes. If your heating equipment is gas-fired, be sure it is properly vented to the outside.

No flowers

Two years ago we planted a wisteria vine which has grown quite well but never flowered. It's in a well protected location and has been cared for as recommended at the time of planting. Can you tell us why it doesn't flower?—F.M., Ohio

Perhaps you are in too great a hurry. It's just possible your plant hasn't reached the flowering stage yet, especially if it originally was a seedling and not a grafted plant. Although it hardly seems likely in your locality, it is possible that the buds have been "winter-killed." At any rate I would suggest you give it another season's growth before deciding on a replacement.

Tile over wide flooring

I've purchased an old home. The rooms upstairs are floored with wide boards that are rather rough. Some are cupped, with

cracks and openings between boards. I'm thinking of laying tile in all the upstairs rooms and the hallway. My problem is to prepare these old floors. Can you help with suggestions?—E.L., Md.

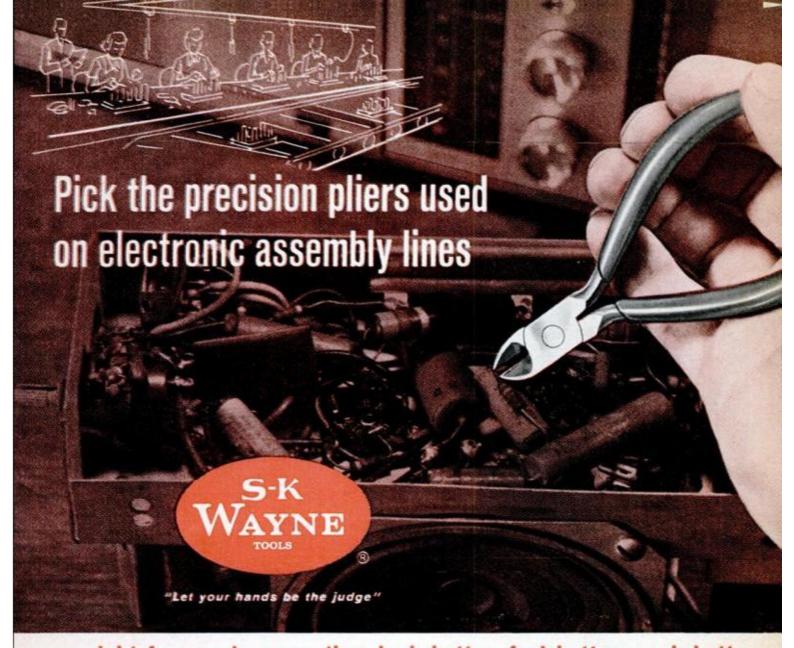
First of all, it will be necessary to level the old flooring. Usually this can be done by nailing along the edges of the boards, but if not, the flooring will have to be sanded in order to provide a flat surface for overlayment. Any depressions at wear points should be over filled with wood putty and sanded. Also any chance knotholes, splits or other defects should be filled in with a wood putty or otherwise repaired. In any event the old floor should be strengthened by new nailing. (Baseboards should be removed, of course.)

You have a choice of ¼-in. plywood or hardboard of the same thickness for underlayment. In most cases, tempered hardboard is the better choice for laying over an old floor, although plywood is acceptable. In any case, the underlayment must be nailed solidly; otherwise, squeaks may develop in time. Try to plan and cut the pieces of the underlayment so that you do not end up with a narrow strip at the walls or in a doorway. Also be sure the underlayment is nailed down uniformly with no offsets at the joints.

Dingy floor

My oak floors are beginning to show signs of wear. The finish is still there but they look a bit dingy, especially in the more heavily traveled areas. I don't want to refinish them entirely if I can avoid it. How can I brighten them up a bit?—P.R., Colo.

Offhand, it's difficult to say what is the one best procedure, except that I would not use a mop or scrub brush. It might be permissible to wipe the floors with a damp cloth well wrung out in water to which a pinch of detergent has been added, but it won't do to wet the floors as you would in mopping or scrubbing. Wiping in this fashion will remove most of the accumulated dirt which probably accounts for most of the discoloration. After wiping in this manner go over the floors with a cloth wrung out in clean water to remove any detergent residues. There also are floor cleaners with a wax base that are quite effective at cleaning and brightening up worn and dingy hardwood floors, if the instructions on the container are followed in detail. Other than sanding and refinishing these are about the only steps to be taken and, of course, can be considered only temporary. ***



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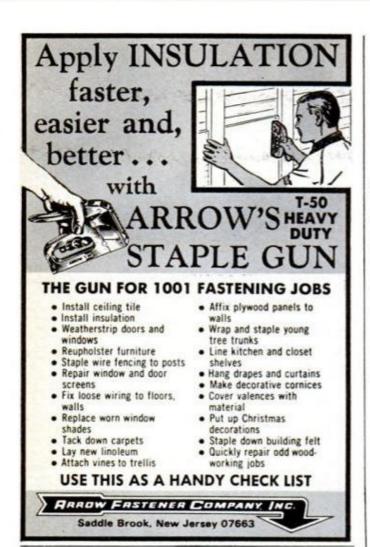
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A NONSKID BRAKE DEVICE has earned patent 3,311,324 for Robert A. Horvath. It senses the point at which a car's wheels are about to skid and then cuts off the brake pressure. Unlike most antiskid devices, the new system adjusts for different road conditions. It senses both vehicle deceleration rate—useful on dry surfaces—and deceleration of the wheels themselves—necessary on slippery surfaces.

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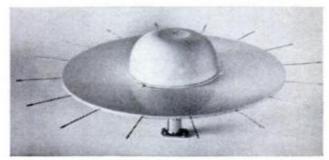
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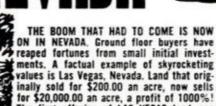
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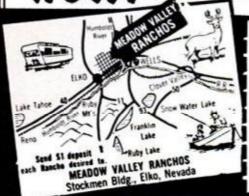
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OUTDOORS BY DAN FALES

ALMOST EVERY SPORTSMAN I know has been looking for waterproof leather boots. Starting this month, their search is over. Browning Sporting Arms Co. is marketing such a boot. Browning thinks its new leather treatment process and new design is good—so good, in fact, the company is guaranteeing the boot against leaks.

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ADVENTURE PLUS is now available in some of the most beautiful country in the United States. Tex McClatchy and Joe Lemon are offering a combined boat and Jeep trip from Moab, Utah, through Canyonlands. For \$25, you can spend half a



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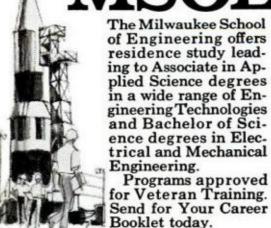
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By Gordon Carroll

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How much can you earn?

Jobs for writers range from \$6,000 to \$35,000 a year, depending on ability and experience. Staff writers on magazines earn \$7,000 to start. Editors with experience earn \$15,000 or more. If you free-lance, you can sell your work to newspapers and magazines for fees up to \$3,500. For those who reach the top, the rewards are truly substantial. Max Shulman received \$250,000 for the movie rights to one of his novels. Rod Serling has a contract with a television network that runs into six figures.

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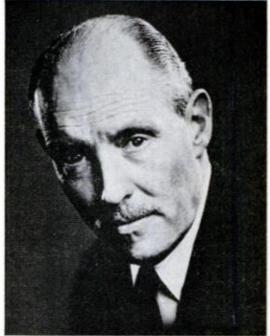
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LISTENING POST

SAFETY-CAR PROJECT of Republic Aviation is nearing the construction stage. The division of Fairchild-Hiller is working on final plans for a prototype car supposed to protect driver and passengers in a 50-mph frontal crash. The car isn't any more attractive than were those originally proposed by Republic last year as part of its safety-car study for New York State. Head-on, the car—like its predecessors—resembles the top half of an airplane fuselage. Project manager George Hildebrand seems more interested in the car's safety features than in what it will look like.

Unique feature of the car is the steering column, located in the center rather than the left side. Driver, however, sits in his customary spot with the wheel in front of him. This is accomplished by a cross member connecting the column and the wheel.

First two-and-a-half feet of the four-wheel drive car are taken up with what Hilde-brand calls an "impact absorbing structure." He says car has a "relatively small" engine, but that it will accelerate normally and hit 100 mph top speed. Present plans call for construction of a prototype fleet of 15 units, probably starting next year.

SIDE COLLISIONS should now be the main target of safety researchers, according to a traffic accident research team at UCLA. Team member Arnold Siegel says the problem is to make the sides of a car rigid enough to prevent collapse of the driver/passenger compartment. "The auto industry is well aware of the problem," says Siegel, "but is still two or three years away from a solution." Behind increasing attention to side collisions are what Siegel calls "giant improvements" in windshields, steering columns and instrument panels, all of which have combined to markedly reduce injuries in the event of frontal impact.

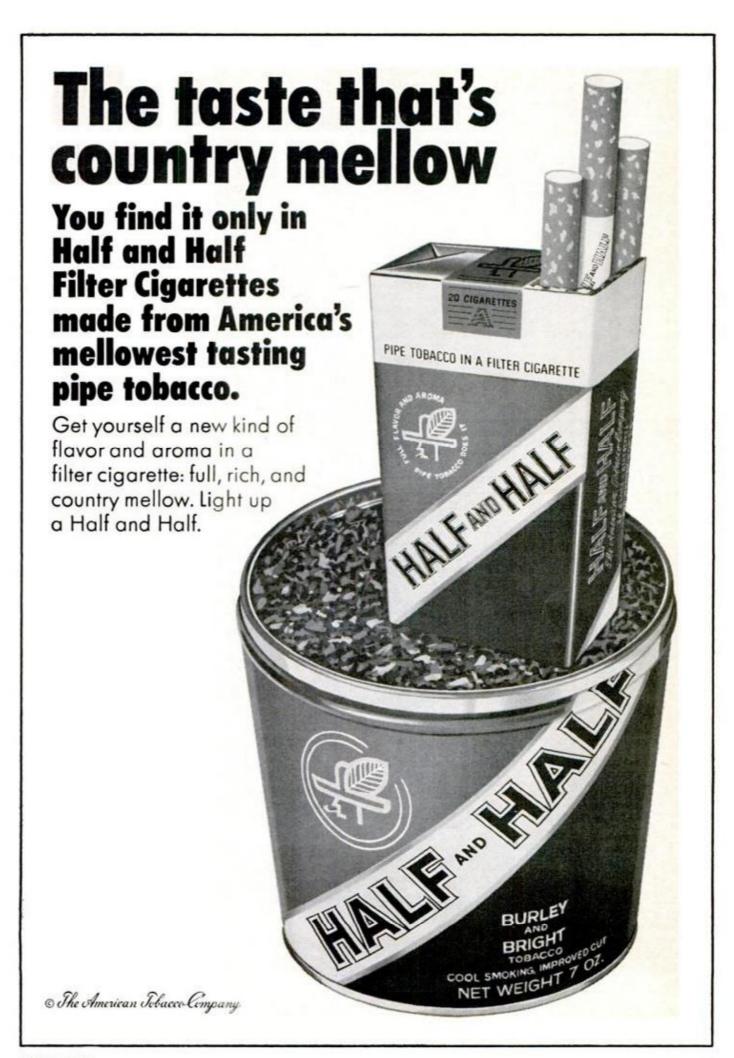
FUEL CELLS as automotive power will make their appearance within the next five to ten years, according to Russian scientist V. S. Bagotzky, of Moscow's Academy of Science. Not everyone agrees. General Motors has developed an experimental truck using a hydrogen-oxygen fuel-cell power system, but doesn't see a feasible application of the system in the foreseeable future. GM's idea truck has enough range and performance, but the system is too bulky and sharply reduces payload. Also, it's a bit dangerous. Fuel cells produce electric power through continuous chemical reaction.

MECHANICAL DEFECTS may be the cause of more auto accidents than has been supposed. A Southern California study disclosed that of 140 cars tested, 18 percent had serious defects. Most often found? Bad brakes. A Swedish study indicates similar results. In the first 16 months of motor vehicle inspection in Sweden, 1.6 million cars were checked. Less than one percent flunked the test outright, but of those that did, 90 percent failed because of brake troubles.

A LARGER VOLKSWAGEN—bigger than any present VW models—is a distinct possibility. A VW market researcher says that "as soon as the volume in the higher priced area increases to the point where we can use our production facilities to their fullest extent, we'll bring out a model to fit that market." When? "In five years—the early '70s, or by 1975," he said.

A WANKEL ENGINE may yet show up in a production Mercedes. "We have overcome many of the initial disadvantages of the rotary engine," says one Mercedes official, but he admits the firm hasn't "completely solved the emission problem." The prestigious German automaker is testing a Wankel-powered sedan, but won't forecast when—or even if—it will reach the production stage. But, don't be surprised. The Wankel engine

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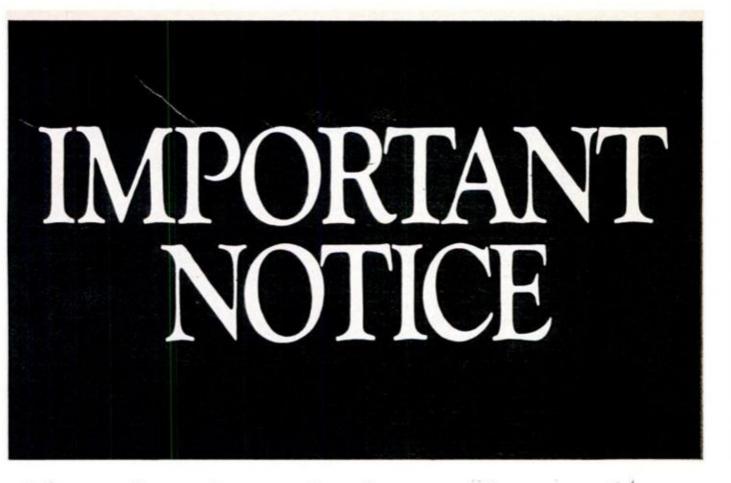
YACHT DEALERS are slated to sell Avanti automobiles. The South Bend, Ind., firm that has been producing the Stude-baker-designed Avanti says yacht dealers "are selling a product that—pricewise—complements ours." The Avanti sells for \$7000. How are yacht dealers going to handle service? Firm says service can be handled by other Avanti dealers who specialize in selling and servicing.

16,000 CARS have been replaced by Volvo in the past 12 years, not because of defects, but because of the company's unusual "guarantee" on cars it sells in Sweden. The replacement plan amounts to a free five-year, \$80-deductible accident insurance policy. Since it went into effect in 1954, the plan has cost Volvo over \$60 million. This apparently has been money well spent, Volvo feels, because sales have climbed up and up. As with other cars sold in Europe, Volvos carry a six-month guarantee against defects. But to this the company adds a five-year "guarantee" against damage from accidents or vandalism. Should such occur, the owner pays the first \$80, the company all the rest.

About 450,000 cars have been covered by the insurance, and of these about 250,-000 have been damaged. In 16,000 instances, owners received new cars. Volvo has been thwarted by local rules in efforts to apply the plan to other countries in which it sells cars. SAAB, to remain competitive in Sweden, now also offers the same sort of protection.

ALUMINUM ENGINE development, sidelined by concentration on the emission control problem, won't get going again 'til next year. Look for results about 1970.

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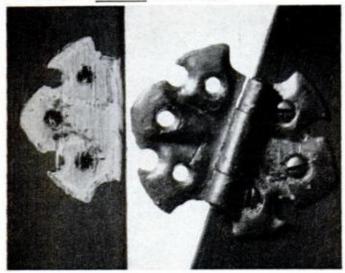


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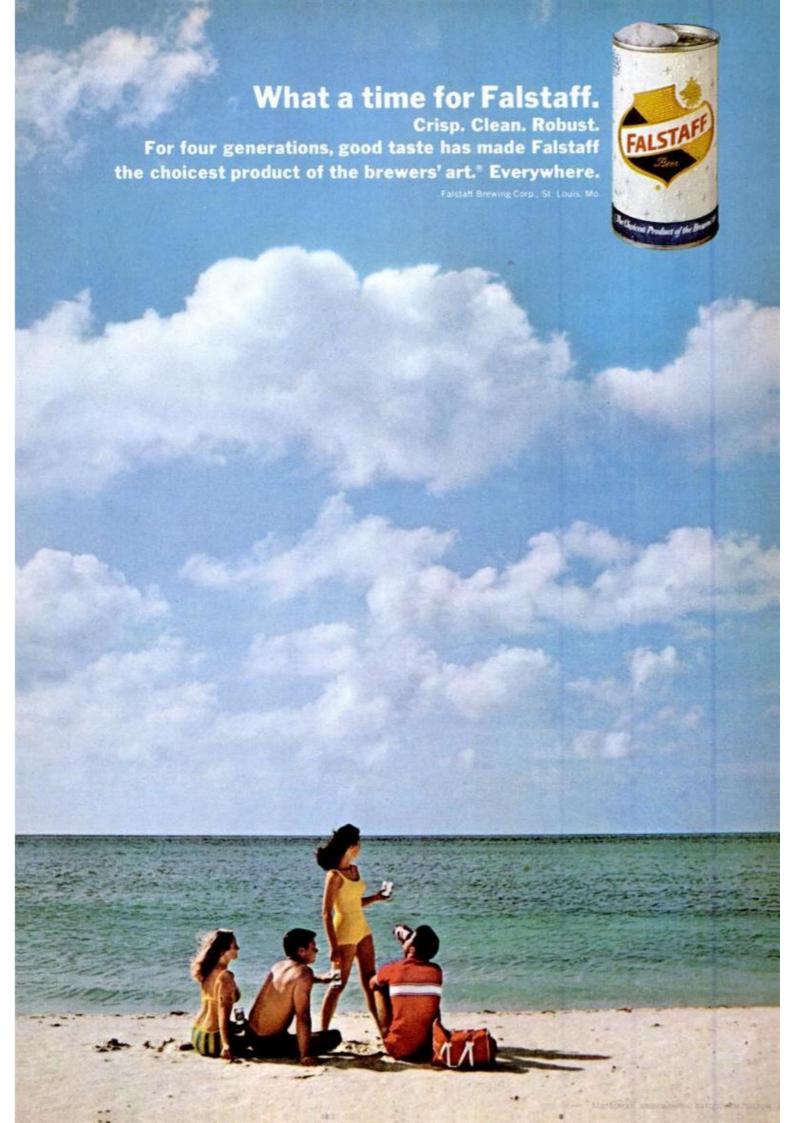
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- Q. Do you think that kart racing is a good way to learn how to drive race cars?—Steve Woodland, Downey, Idaho.
- A. Karts can teach you a lot about racing-car driving. They touch on many of the phases of full-size car racing. However, after a certain point, they teach you more about kart racing than about other forms. I've always maintained that, in the beginning, virtually any kind of experience is valuable.
- Q. I'm 17 and in high school. Do you think a guy in high school should be able to purchase a car, especially when he likes them a lot and knows how to handle them?—Dave Kast, Fort Wayne, Ind.
- A. Yes, I do think a guy in high school should be able to purchase a car. However, it's a qualified "yes," because it really boils down to the question of whether or not a 17-year-old can assume the real responsibility of owning and driving a car. He or she must maintain serious and mature judgment at all times and control over distractions of all

kinds. Concentration on safety comes first. Some 17-year-olds can do it; some can't.

- Q. Was the Parnelli Jones' Ford that won at Riverside this year an overhead-cam engine? Why does NASCAR let the Fords run dual quads and the Chrysler hemis only a single four-barrel? Would it be a fairer race if both ran dual quads? —Mel Nicolai, Sacramento, Calif.
- A. Parnelli's Fairlane was not an overhead cammer, just an improved version of the old faithful 427 wedge pushrod Ford. Only NASCAR could give you an official interpretation of the current rules, but originally I believe it was done in an effort to keep all the cars on an even, competitive basis. That is, the Chrysler products used to put out more power on one carburetor than the Fords did on one carburetor. But recently, it seems to be more of a tossup.
- Q. Does a man need perfect eyesight to become a driver in SCCA and Grand Prix racing?—J. R. Crane, Philadelphia.
- A. There are many examples of great drivers who don't have perfect eyesight, or wear glasses—just as is the case in many sports. I would recommend that you have no worse than 20/20 vision, whether or not you need glasses to achieve it. Excellent vision, depth perception and peripheral vision are important to any driver, and many racing organizations or organizers require that participants pass stiff examinations before competing.
- Q. Just what is the new Ford 351-inch engine? Is it a reworked 390 or 352? Is it intended for competition, and can it be swapped easily for the 289?—Ellis Couch, Lawrence, Kans.
- A. It's an enlarged 289 and should be an excellent competition engine, both from the

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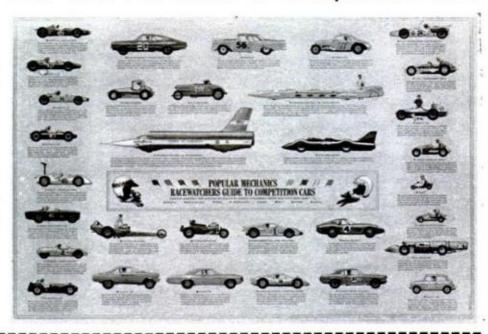
- Q. I like cars and racing more than anything, but my parents don't want me to become a race driver. My mother says racing is just for kicks, but I don't think so. I know your column in Popular Mechanics isn't a personal advice column, but what do you think?—Ron Smith, Fairborn, Ohio.
- A. Racing is a very serious business. People are fortunate if they enjoy what they do for a living. A racing-car driver who devotes himself to the business is a professional, much the same as a lawyer, ballplayer, teacher or businessman. Getting to the top of the field requires a lot of study, work and desire. All the best drivers get a kick out of racing, but they don't race just for kicks.
- Q. Why didn't Jerry Grant drive for Ford and for All-American Racers? Also, can we expect enlarged versions of three-liter Honda, BRM,

Gurney-Weslake or Ferrari engines at Indy?— Nick Blake, San Jose, Calif.

- A. Jerry left AAR to accept a position as number one driver for Friedkin Racing Enterprises of Escondido, Calif. His sponsor runs Chrysler products in stock-car racing, Chevrolet power in his sports car and Ford power in his Indy Eagles. I expect to see either enlarged versions or slightly smaller, supercharged versions of the Formula I engines you mention make their appearance at next year's Indianapolis 500.
- Q. I recently ran across an advertisement (enclosed) for a device that supposedly would allow you to drive for an incredible number of days on a single tank of gas. I just can't understand how such a claim can be made, and if it is true, why isn't every motor vehicle in the country equipped with it?—Elwood Barker, Presque Isle, Me.
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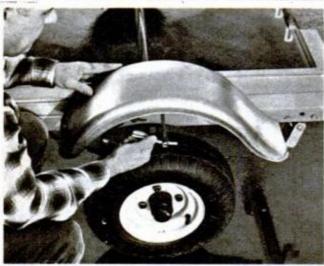
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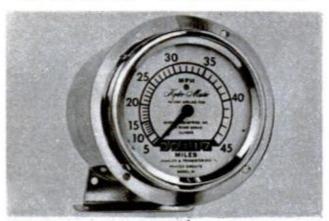
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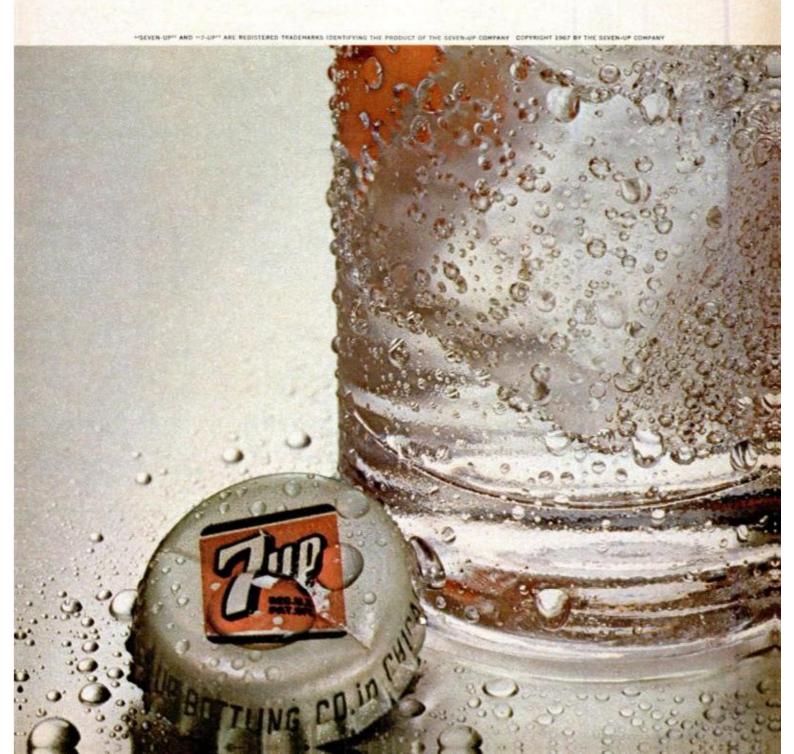


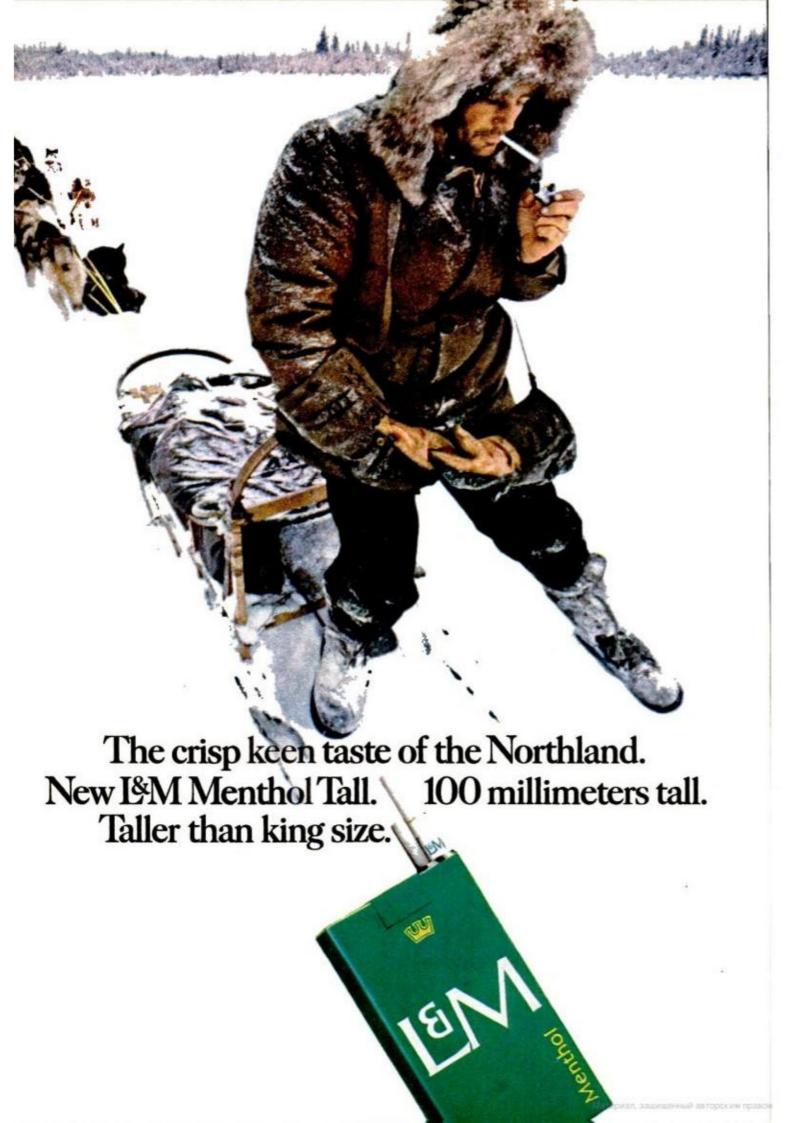
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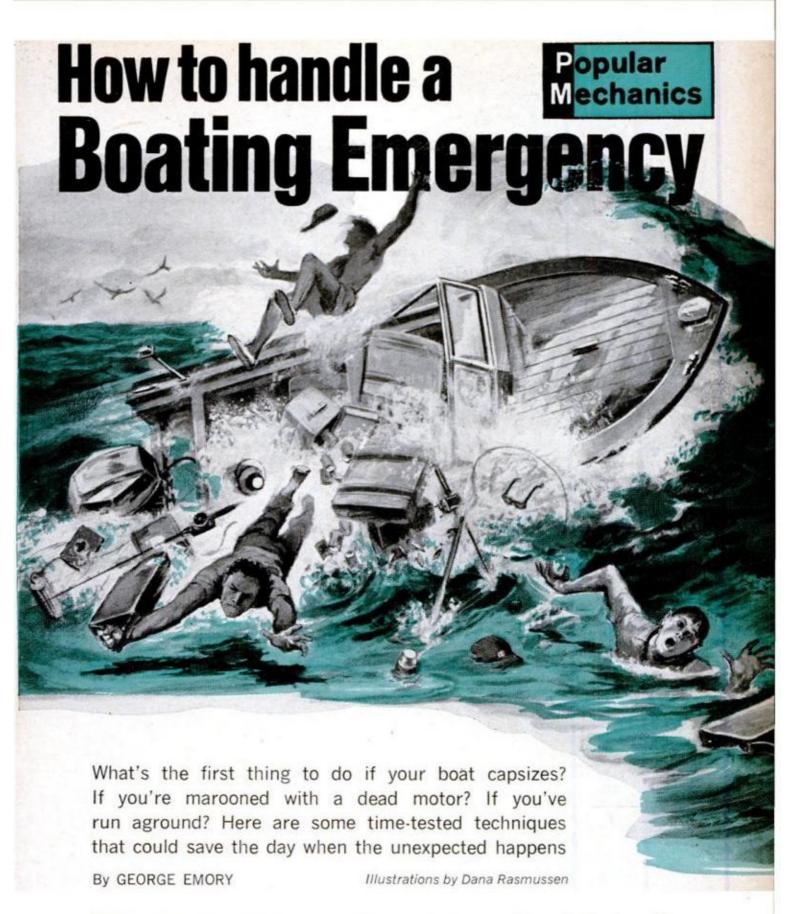


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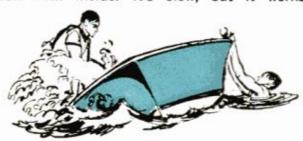
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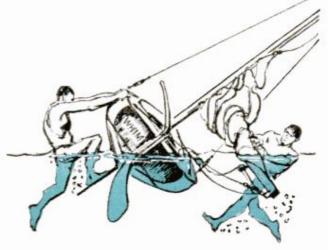
COUNT HEADS IMMEDIATELY. If anyone is missing, check behind or under the boat. Don life preservers or grab floating cushions. Gather everybody around the boat and make them stay there. (Swimming for shore is risky. It's always farther than it looks.) To right boat, push down on one side to impart a rollover motion. But be careful not to get hit.



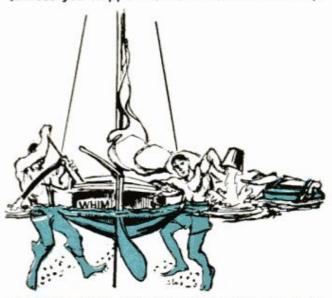
once RIGHTED, YOU CAN BAIL out the hull provided the gunnel is even slightly above water. If transom cutout is submerged, have passengers bear down on the bow while someone bails the well. Use anything handy for bailing—drinking cups, tin cans, hand splashing or even the bilge pump if it wasn't lost during capsizing. After you've made a little progress, boost the lightest man aboard to bail from inside. It's slow, but it works.



ROUND-CHINE BOATS can be cleared of considerable amounts of water by rocking them from side to side. Spilled passengers grip opposite gunnels, and those on one side bear down while those on the opposite side let the boat rise so that water spills out over the low side. A few such rolls will remove enough water to allow one man to scramble aboard (over transom) and finish bailing from inside.



RIGHTING A SMALL SAILBOAT is easier than righting a runabout. Just place your feet on the centerboard, grip the gunnel with both hands and pull the boat right side up. However, if your boat has an aluminum mast which isn't completely sealed at the ends, slip a buoyant cushion under the tip as soon as possible after going over. This will keep the mast from sinking and turning the boat completely upside down, which will make it considerably harder to right. While you're still in the water, empty the hull as much as you can by splashing or bailing. Then reboard over the transom to avoid capsizing (unless you happen to be an old hand at it).



WATER-FILLED SAILBOAT may be likely to flop over again when you're bailing. To help prevent this (and to make the boat easier to right), sails should be dropped and center-board lowered completely before you haul the boat right side up. With some hulls, it's possible to turn the boom into a stabilizing outrigger by lashing it to a cleat at right angles to the boat and placing a buoyant cushion under the end. The important thing to remember in any capsizing is not to exhaust yourself trying to do the impossible. If you can't right the hull easily, hold on and wait for rescue.

YOU'VE HIT SOMETHING AND HOLED THE HULL . . .



IF THE HOLE IS FORWARD on a planing hull, it may be possible to keep it above water while running for shore simply by maintaining planing speed. In choppy water, it's a good idea to have somebody crawl up under the foredeck and stuff a rag into the hole or block the opening by pressing a handful of rags over it. Just hold a steady planing speed, avoid sharp turns and you'll have no trouble.



HOLE IN THE COCKPIT which can be reached from inside should be plugged with rags or articles of clothing which can be held in place by having a passenger stand on them. (For that matter, boats have made shore from miles away with a small hole plugged by somebody simply pressing his foot over it.) If the boat has a self-bailer, use it. Have passengers bail or man bilge pump. Boat speed will depend on location of hole. Start slow and check flow as you increase speed. Aim for least leakage.



for a hole in cockpit can sometimes be made by wedging gear under a seat to hold preserver cushion against the leak.

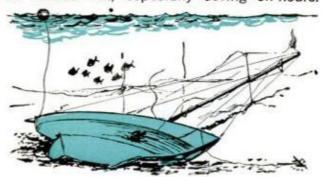
IF YOU CAN'T MAKE IT to shore and you're in a boat that can sink completely (like a sailboat with a heavy keel), get as close to land as you can before going over the side in life preservers. Before you abandon ship, trail a long line astern with a float tied to the end; a plastic oil container might be a likely choice here. This float will serve as a marker for salvage operations. If you have time, also take a "fix" on land objects to help locate boat.



HOLE NEAR THE CHINE can sometimes be lifted above the water by shifting passengers and gear to heel the boat. Even if the hole doesn't rise above the waterline, the flow will be reduced by bringing it nearer the surface. As with any hole, block the flow by stuffing the hole with whatever you happen to have at hand —sweaters, jackets, bathing suits or other articles of clothing. Then head for shore at low speed, keeping the holed side up on turns and swinging wide to avoid taking on extra water.



HOLE UNDER FLOORBOARDS which is inaccessible from the cockpit must be plugged from the outside, though shifting weight may also be of some help. Assuming the water is calm and you're a good swimmer, shut off the motor and go overside. You'll probably have to locate the hole by feel. If small, stuff a rag into it. Use a cushion or a pad of rags as a patch for larger holes, holding it snug against leak by drawing a rope tight around the hull. Then start bailing and make for shore. If possible, head for nearest beach, since a badly holed boat may sink at dockside before it can be hauled out, especially during off-hours.



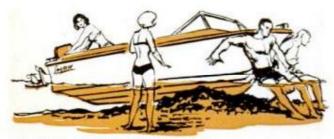
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YOU'RE HARD AGROUND ON A BAR . . .



for hull damage, fuel-line leaks or spilled fuel, especially if the impact was hard. Then tilt up the lower unit or stern drive and make sure the cooling intakes aren't fouled. Before trying to push off, pump out bilge to lighten the boat and move passengers aft (assuming you've grounded at the bow). Use a paddle, boat hook or water ski to pole off, facing to the side or aft to avoid falling overboard.



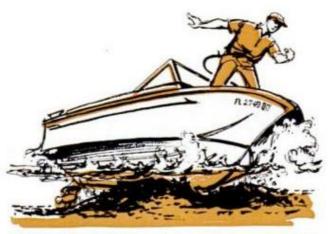


IF YOU CAN'T POLE OFF, leave one person aboard who knows how to handle the boat and have everyone else who can swim go over the side. This can lighten the boat by as much as a quarter of a ton. To get free, squat with your back against bow, then push up and back as you straighten your legs. (Don't try it in a mucky bottom.) When boat is free, swim to it.

IF YOU'RE GROUNDED AT THE STERN, use a pole or anything else handy to pry the bow around so you're headed in the opposite direction. Remember that the best way off is almost always the way you came on, since your hull has already plowed the channel. No matter where you're grounded, chances are it rises still higher ahead of you. Use a rag pad over the gunnel to avoid marring it when prying. When headed in the right direction, use the same kind of prying action at the transom to walk the boat toward open water. If you have passengers, of course, move them up to the bow to take weight off stern while prying.



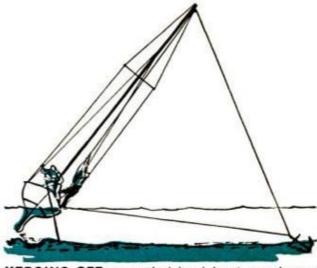
IF THE BOTTOM IS SOFT, shift passengers to one side to tilt boat. This raises the deepest point of hull (especially one with a deep-V) and may free the boat enough so you can pole back to deep water. When free, hand-crank motor with switch off and and listen for sounds of internal damage that might be worsened by electric starting. If all sounds right, start the motor and check cooling outlet to make sure the system is working right. If you lost a prop blade and don't have a spare prop aboard, run for shore at lowest rpm that provides headway.



IF YOU'RE ALONE and grounded on a mucky bottom, there's a good chance you can work the boat free by rocking it from side to side. The safest way to do this is to stand in the cockpit with feet spread wide apart and rhythmically shift your weight from one foot to the other until you feel the boat begin to rock. Once you've got it rocking, throw your weight into the rhythm to make it rock harder. If you're grounded at the bow and have to rock from the foredeck, tie a lifeline around your waist. When the hull breaks free, pole off.



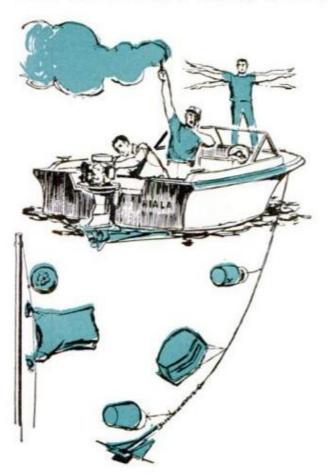
IF AN OUTGOING TIDE grounds your deep-V runabout or deep-keel sailboat on a sloping bottom, shift passenger weight and loose gear to the high side so that the hull will settle toward this side. If the boat settles on the low side, the incoming tide is likely to flow over the lower gunnel and swamp the boat instead of lifting it free. When the tide comes in, redistribute gear so hull trims out right.



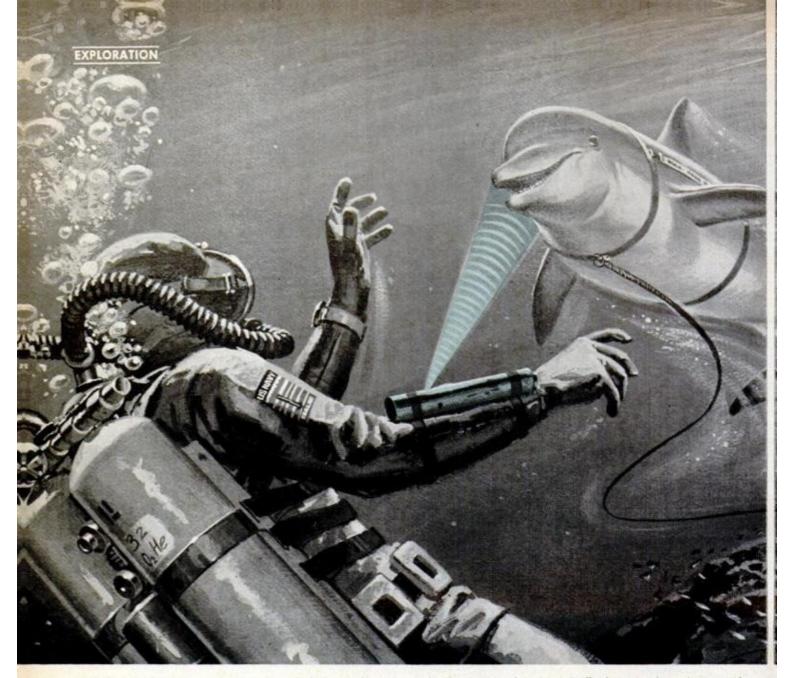
KEDGING OFF grounded keel boat requires a dinghy to carry anchor out. Double lines, above, tilt keel up to make poling off easier. For more efficiency, use pulley block, below.



YOU'RE ADRIFT WITH A DEAD MOTOR . . .



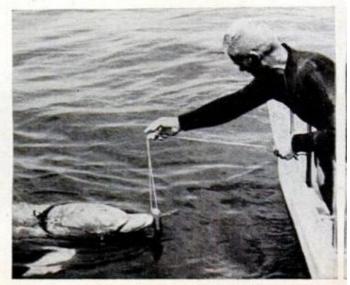
DROP THE ANCHOR, even if it can't possibly reach bottom. Before you do, though, tie any unneeded gear to the anchor line-an empty picnic cooler, the motor cover, even articles of clothing-to boost the sea-anchor effect. Dragging all this junk through the water on the anchor line will slow your drift, and this is mighty important if you're being blown toward open water or a rocky shore. To signal for help in daytime, face toward any boat likely to see you, extend your arms straight out at shoulder height and raise and lower them about once every second. This motion is clearly a signal and unlikely to be mistaken for a friendly wave. To make your signal even more obvious and visible over a greater distance, tie an article of bright-colored clothing to the end of a fishpole or paddle and wave it at about the same rate. If you have a horn or whistle aboard, sound long repeated blasts. Two other established emergency signals which any sea captain would recognize (though others might not) are a circle flown above a rectangle or an ensign (flag) flown upside down. Your best bet for signaling in any emergency is a flare or a smoke signal. Any boat in offshore waters, or even on a large lake, should be equipped with both. Marine stores stock flare kits from \$6 to around \$30. If you're a big-water boater, it's a good buy.



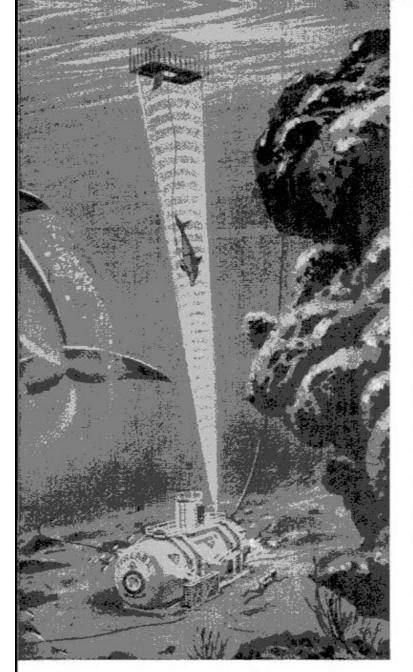
LIFEGUARD TUFFY swims to a stranded diver, dragging a homing line after him. Tuffy locates diver by sound

TUFFY-The Navy's Deep Sea





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signal from transmitter attached to the diver's arm

Lifeguard

Friendly dolphins—the mammals with the high IQ— are being trained for undersea rescue missions.

By TOM STIMSON

Illustration by Howard Schafer All photos by U.S. Navy except as noted

FRIENDLY DOLPHINS, like friendly dogs, are easily trained. They respond to praise, enjoy being petted and are highly intelligent. Here one learns to home on acoustic device, like dog to whistle JULY 1967

"UNDERWATER EMERGENCY! One of our divers has disappeared and he's almost out of oxygen! Please send Tuffy down to find him!"

Seconds later Tuffy's sleek, streamlined shape plunges down to the Sealab structure on the ocean bottom. Here a big plastic ring, dangling from a reel of line, awaits him. The canny porpoise pushes his snout through the ring and immediately speeds off into the darkness, trailing the line behind him. Moments later the lost diver comes walking across the sea bottom to safety, following the line Tuffy brought him.

That's the rescue that Tuffy's trainers expect him to perform during the Sealab III experiment planned for late this year. The simulated emergency will be a demonstration, but it could be in grim earnest.

The Sealab III aquanauts will live, and work, at depths of 400 feet or more where very little light filters down from the surface. It's conceivable that a diver who walks out into the darkness could become lost. Other aquanauts, searching for him, might not reach him before his oxygen is consumed. Nor would the lost diver dare an emergency ascent to the surface. That would kill him, for he's conditioned to the pressures of the deep. Decompression will require several long days when he ends his stay below.

At Point Mugu, Calif., F.G. Wood Jr. explains how Tuffy is being rehearsed for fast underwater rescue. "Woodie" Wood is head of the Marine Bioscience Facility at Point Mugu's Naval Missile Center. "Tuffy has been trained to respond to one kind of signal first, then to another. For instance, when an acoustic homing device is sounded at the Sealab structure, Tuffy will swim down to it from his floating pen on the surface. Here he'll pick up the ring on his nose. Meanwhile the 'lost' diver will have turned on his own sound signal, of a different pitch. Tuffy won't respond to it until he has the ring, then he'll swim right to the second signal.

"Underwater, a human can't hear an

DOCILE DOLPHIN rolls over on back while diver adjusts his harness. Lifelines can be hooked onto harness, or dolphin can snare a hoop which has a lifeline attached and trail it after him

DEPTH TESTS proved Tuffy could go at least 550 feet deep. He tilted wheel set at that depth, turning off homing buzzer. Trainers believe he can go deeper

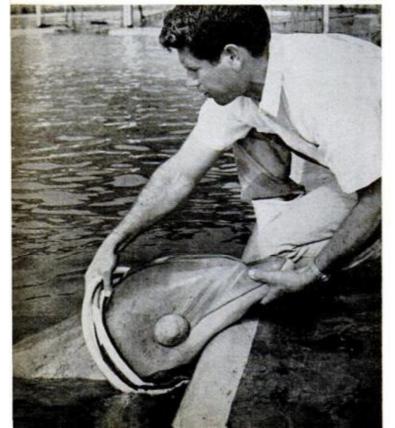
TUFFY HOMES in on "stranded" diver during practice run. Diver reaches for hoop which has lifeline. Homing signal device is attached to his left forearm



acoustic signal from very far away. And he can't determine its direction. A porpoise can detect the same sound more than a quarter of a mile away, locate it, and swim straight to it."

Tuffy the porpoise (actually he's an Atlantic bottlenose dolphin) is a key animal in an intriguing research program. The Navy is investigating the idea of teaching marine animals to do useful work. The idea isn't as farfetched as it seems, for land animals that once were wild (such as dogs,

'BLIND' PORPOISE, its eyes covered with cups, can still locate and retrieve hoops by echo detection Marineland of the Pacific



horses and oxen) have all been domesticated and taught tasks for which their special abilities fit them. It's hoped that the marine counterparts of some land animals can be trained to become useful team members in the Man-in-the-Sea program.

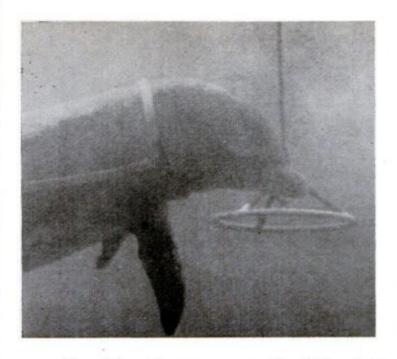
"You could almost say that some porpoises have been domesticated already," says Wood. "Last Fourth of July weekend we locked two porpoises, Tuffy and Peg, in their floating pen a quarter of a mile offshore, and then on the morning of the Fourth we found that the pen's gate had been opened. The two animals had disappeared.

"We started an emergency air-sea search and broadcast a plea for all small craft to be on the lookout for them. The porpoises had been trained to follow a small boat.

"The first break came the next day. A Navy helicopter with a wet-suited trainer riding as passenger sighted a porpoise 30 miles up the coast. This was Tuffy, easily identified by the crescent-shaped scar on his right side. The trainer dropped into the water close by and turned on his call signal to keep the porpoise close until the lab's boat arrived. Then the trainer helped maneuver Tuffy into a sling, to be hoisted safely on board.

"But Peg was still missing. There was one report that she had been seen off Anacapa Island, 15 miles offshore. Two

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days later she was seen again, following the wake of a small boat near the entrance of Port Hueneme only a few miles up the coast. Some of our lab people boarded the boat and led Peg the six miles back to Point Mugu, where she swam docilely into the floating pen."

Already, Tuffy has proved he can serve as an efficient diver's helper. He put on a star performance during the 1965 Sealab II experiment. Wearing a harness to which messages or small tools were attached, Tuffy would streak from the surface to the Sealab living quarters 200 feet below and make his deliveries, all in response to buzzer signals.

As part of the same program Tuffy would dive to an aquanaut on the bottom, wait while one end of a line was tied to his harness, and then seek out another aquanaut who was hiding in the depths about 50 feet away. This diver would detach the line and attach a message, then Tuffy would head for the surface. The entire underwater trip required only one minute and 10 seconds.

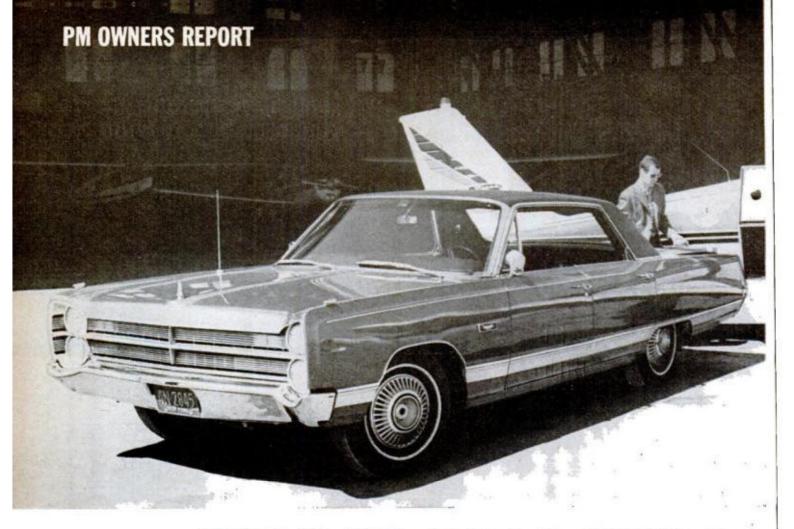
To learn how deep Tuffy could dive, the Point Mugu scientists once rigged up a buzzer that could be lowered from the surface. The buzzer, together with a mercury switch, was installed in the hub of an automobile steering wheel, which was suspended from the end of an electric cable. The idea was that when Tuffy heard the buzzer he would swim down to the wheel and tilt it at least 30°. This would break the mercury contact and turn off the buzzer, telling the people at the surface that Tuffy had reached the depth at which the wheel was positioned.

"Tuffy learned to do this easily," says Wood. "Working on the surface, the trainer turned on the buzzer and Tuffy swam over to the wheel to investigate the noise. Then the trainer blew a whistle and rewarded Tuffy with a fish. Wanting another fish, Tuffy swam over to the wheel again. But this time there was no whistle, no reward, and so the porpoise knew he had to do something more. He nudged the wheel with his nose. The whistle was blown and he got another fish. Tuffy nudged the wheel again. No whistle, no reward. Eventually Tuffy tilted the wheel enough to turn off the buzzer. Then he got a reward.

"It took 12 tries for Tuffy to learn what was wanted, and the whole step-by-step training program was completed in 15 minutes. Then the wheel was lowered in the open ocean to succeeding depths, finally to 550 feet. Each time, Tuffy descended to the wheel and tilted it properly. We still don't know his maximum diving depth. The program will be continued in the future."

In a more recent experiment, dolphins

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PLYMOUTH

handling's a wow, economy a woe

By BILL KILPATRICK, Auto Editor

A MILKMAN in New York State is just the fellow auto advertising copywriters and car salesmen envision in their sweetest dreams. Answering PM's questionnaire about his new Plymouth Fury, the milkman wrote, "I feel like a million when I get behind the wheel."

You can almost see the ad, can't you? Beaming face, self-satisfied grin, hands gripping the wheel like a man reborn, glowing copy—the works?

One wonders, however, what sort of visions haunt the dreams of car peddlers when confronted by such indignant customers as the North Carolina office worker who wrote, "Have had three rear ends put in since I bought the Fury on Nov. 8, 1966." An ad that's

based on that statement would make interesting reading, I imagine.

Too, the ad men might well ponder how they'd handle this comment from a North Carolina businessman:

"Judging from the trouble I've had with the car, I'd say the factory needs to revamp its design department and change efficiency experts."

As regular readers of our Owners Reports know, those we survey aren't the least bit timid about sounding off. Buyers of the 1967 Fury, including the I, II, III, Sport Fury and VIP, for example, aren't hiding their lights under any bushels when they speak out in praise of the way their cars handle, a quality earning a Frequency-of-Mention Rating (FMR) of 49.8 percent, the way





OWNERS PRAISED DASH LAYOUT, interior styling, comfort, but some dislike ignition switch location

FURY:

they're styled (an FMR of 42.3 percent), and their comfort (36.3 percent). Nor are they bashful when it comes to beefing about poor gas mileage (22.1 percent), poor workmanship (15.4 percent), and wind noise (9.4 percent).

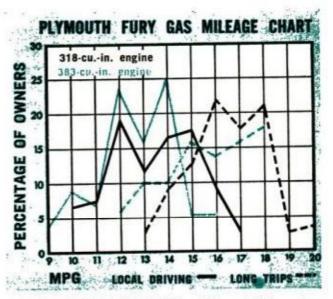
"Handles beautifully on highway and country roads," said a Missouri hatchery manager. These sentiments are echoed by a Nebraska teacher: "On the road, the car is part of you; you don't have to fight it to drive it."

A Michigan salesman, however, said, "My Cadillac gets better mileage than the Fury." Along the same lines, a Kansas farm manager said his Fury "... uses more gas than my six-cylinder Ford."

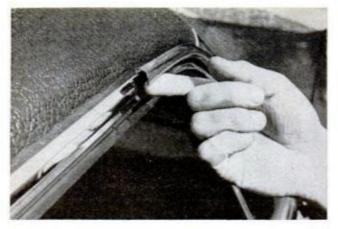
A summary of these and other likes, dislikes and general driving experiences of Fury owners surveyed by PM appears on the next page. Percent-



BODY STYLE TOPPED LIST of reasons for buying the Fury, although body workmanship was big complaint



LOCAL AND TRIP MILEAGE for 318 and 383 engines were 13.4 and 16.6, and 13.0 and 15.8, respectively



SPECIFIC WORKMANSHIP COMPLAINTS included loose chrome and molding fit; example is raingutter

ages listed reflect the frequency with which owners mentioned specific items. The summary is based on 1,425,719 miles of local and long distance driving.

Fury owner comments pertaining to their praises and complaints about the car follow, again in order of frequency mentioned. Boldface asides are mine.

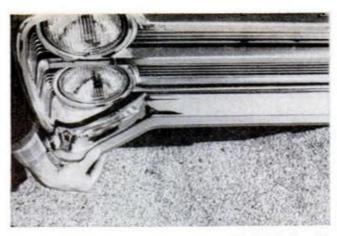
As mentioned, heading the list of owner praises is the car's handling.

"Easy to handle, even though it's a big car."—New Jersey teacher.

"Holds the road extremely well at high speeds."—Michigan secretary.

"Handles like a more expensive car."

—New York apparel designer.



SMART, GRAY RUBBER BUMPER PROTECTOR length of bumper merited praise for being inconspicuous

Next, owners have kind words for the Fury's styling.

"Beautiful car."—Kentucky farmer.

"Best styling in the low-priced field."

—Minnesota bartender.

"A great ego-booster."— Nebraska educator.

Comfort came in for bouquets, too.
"It's paradise after being cramped in some of the cars presently being made."
—North Carolina professor.

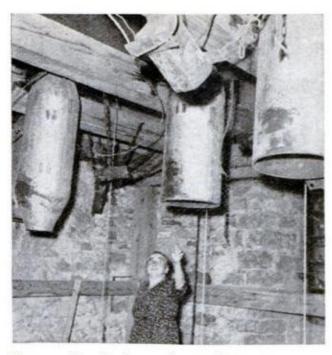
"High-backed bucket seats are extremely comfortable."—New York communications worker.

"Passengers have talked about how (Please turn to page 186)

Summary of Plymouth Fury Owners Reports*

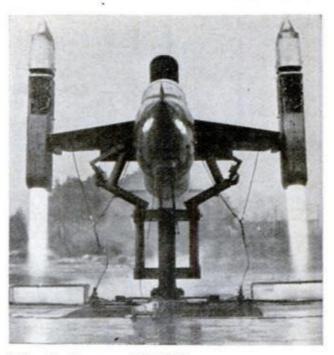
Total miles driven1,425,719	Had mechanical trouble?	Size 5.0
Average mpg: 318-cuin. engine15.0	Yes51.6%	Pour anathon Form 2
318-cuin. engine15.0	No48.4	Buy another Fury? Yes87.6%
383-cuin. engine14.4		Yes87.6%
	What kind of trouble?	No12.4
Specific likes:	Windshield wipers14.3%	
Handling49.8%	Carburetor 9.8	Other cars owned:
Style	Oil leaks 9.8	Plymouth16.2%
Comfort	Transmission 8.9	Flymouth
Comfort	Electrical 8.0	Chevrolet12.6
Ride35.3	Power steering 8.0	Chrysler 9.9
Reliability21.9	rower steering 8.0	Ford 9.0
Economy18.9	Voltage regulator 7.1	Valiant 8.1
Power13.4	Brake action 6.3	Rambler 6.3
Roomy 9.0	Brake drums 6.3	Volkswagen 6.3
Road "feel" 8.0	Ignition 5.4	Pontiac 4.5
Interior styling 7.5	Door fit 5.4	Dodge 4.5
Quietness		Comet
Dash design 7.0	Dealer service satisfactory?	Corvair
Dash design 7.0	Yes66.4%	Corvair 3.6
Specific dislikes:	No25 5	Age distribution of owners:
Poor economy22.1%	"So-so" 6.4	
	"Not back yet" 1.8	Under 20 1.4%
Workmanship15.4		20-24 5.0
Wind noise 9.4	Why the Fury?	25-2911.5
Road noise 7.4	Why the Fury? Style35.6%	30-34
Brake action 6.7	Past experience34.2	35-39 8.7
Tire quality 5.4	Price/value14.6	40-44
Steering/unit 5.4	Performance	45-49
Dealer service 4.7	Reputation 8.2	50-54 9.6
Ignition location 4.0	Know dealer 6.8	55-59
"Rattles" 4.0	Handling 5.9	60-64
Underpowered 4.0	Ride	65 and over 6.9
Underpowered 4.0	Kide 5.0	65 and over 6.7

^{*}Where applicable, percentages may not equal 100 percent due to rounding and/or insufficient sample.



Swords into plowshares

Unexploded bombs from a 1945 air raid on Pforzheim, Germany, have been disarmed, emptied of explosives and hung in a church belfry. The tone of the empty shells is very good for calling people to worship.



Tied-down VTOL

Just as rocket engines are given static tests before flights, the Germans gave a new Dornier VTOL a ground test with the craft attached to a stand. Thrust measurements were taken as engines rotated from horizontal to vertical.





London watchmen carry an alarming nightstick

A London firm has invented a nightstick that can trigger an alarm at police headquarters. A radio transmitter is located in the handle. Just a push of a button (right) activates the radio. A signal is transmitted that trips a relay and sounds an alarm. Help is immediately rushed to the officer. Burgot Automatic Alarms of London is producing the sticks. The firm hopes to manufacture a smaller version of the nightstick which would be fountain-pen size.

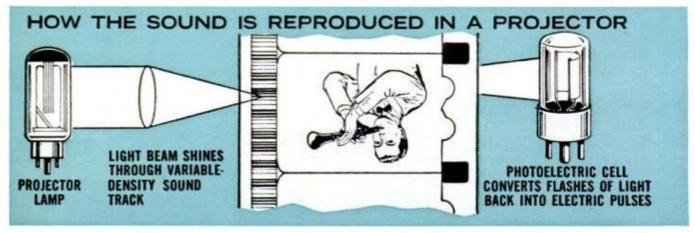
Coming: Home Sound

Optical recording, once far too costly for amateur use, thanks to a tiny light-generating diode. Result:

By PAUL WAHL

HOW OPTICAL SOUND IS RECORDED ON FILM



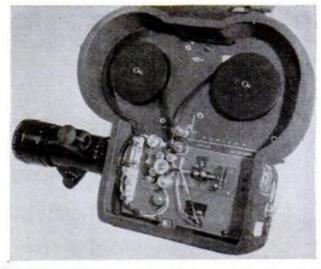


I MAGINE watching your own movies and actually hearing the roar of a speedboat as it flashes by on the screen. Or the sound of your son or daughter playing a musical instrument. Or the gay talk and laughter of people at a party. Such fascinating possibilities are not far off. A new system of low-cost optical recording promises to make 8-mm home sound movies practical for the first time.

Hollywood has been making talking pictures for more than 40 years, but most home movies are still silent. Cost is the reason. Today's lowest-priced sound camera sells for just under \$800 and uses special magnetically striped film.

The new sound system is based on a tiny electroluminescent diode pioneered by the Norton Co. of Worcester, Mass. Smaller than a match head, the silicon carbide diode changes electricity into light. It completely eliminates the complicated lamp, mirror and lenses that make conventional optical sound too costly for 8-mm home equipment.

In the new system, minute electrical pulses generated by sound waves striking a microphone are converted by the diode

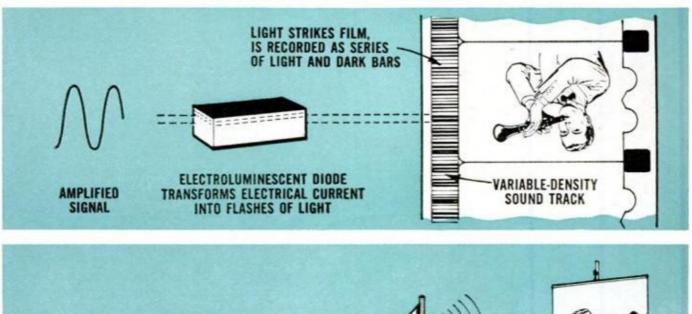


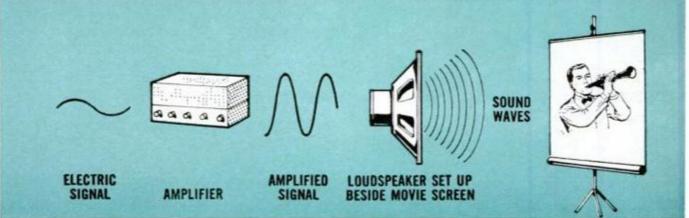
BARELY VISIBLE, a tiny Norton diode is wired into a standard Auricon camera for recording tests

Movies for Everyone

now promises inexpensive 8-mm sound equipment, Hollywood-type talkies shot right in your own home

Technical art by ZIK Associates, Ltd.





into flashes of light. The flashes vary in intensity according to the intensity of the electrical pulses. The flickering diode produces a series of light and dark bars along the edge of the film. These bars are

SMALLER THAN A MATCH HEAD, the diodes must be handled with tweezers, take up virtually no space

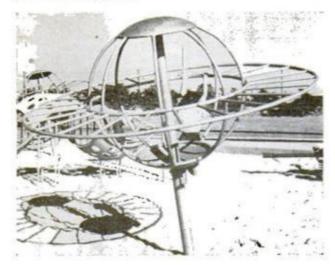
known as a variable-density sound track.

When the film is projected, a lamp inside the projector shines through the light and dark bars, recreating the original pattern of flickering light. The flashes are converted by a photoelectric cell back into electrical pulses. These, in turn, are changed into sound waves by the loud-speaker alongside the screen.

Because the picture and sound track are recorded simultaneously on the film, synchronization is perfect, and there is no need for a separate magnetic sound track.

Once in production, the diodes are expected to add less than \$25 to the cost of a sound camera using ordinary Super 8 film. The only other components you'll need will be a conventional microphone and amplifier for recording and a projector equipped for playback. How soon will sound movies actually reach home screens? Possibly in as little as one to two years, say hopeful engineers.

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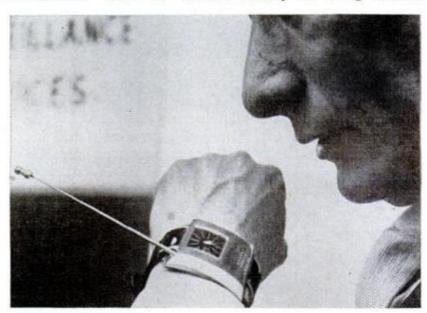




Space for play

The residents of Wantagh, N.Y., call their playground "Cape Wantagh"—and with good reason. It's loaded with enough space vehicles to take dozens of young astronauts on imaginary voyages to the moon every day. There's even an unidentified flying object (upper left) that exercises youngsters' arms and shoulders while traveling to wherever flying saucers go. At left is a rocket climber and rocket slide (the wings are for sliding), and above are moon craters, for climbing under and over. The new playground was built on reclaimed marshland as part of an \$8 million recreation area for Nassau County on Long Island.

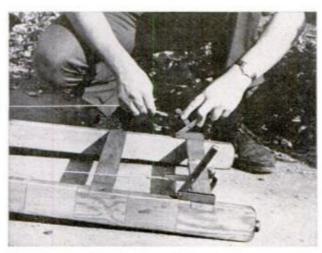




Timepiece for talking

Anyone who reads comic strips knows that Dick Tracy has been using one of these for years. Now the wristwatch radio transmitter has moved out of the cartoons—like the flying belt and spaceship—to become an operating bit of hardware. Powered by an ordinary hearing-aid battery, the new wrist radio broadcasts on a preset FM frequency, putting the wearer in touch with anyone near a receiver on the same wavelength. When the telescoping antenna is extended, transmitting range is about 200 feet. The transmitter can also be used to activate a remote-control switch that will enable the user, for example, to turn on his house lights while he's still in his car or turn on television from his bed.







Roll-up ladder fits in a car trunk

A 12-foot ladder that rolls up into a neat bundle small enough to fit in the trunk of a car (upper left) unrolls at the work site and holds people like a ladder should. The ladder is composed of hinged wooden sections which, when the ladder is unrolled to its full length, are held in place by wires that are pulled taut by ratchets (lower left). A center hinge enables the user to "bend" the 12-foot sidepieces and form a six-foot stepladder (right). Weight of the unit, which is a British invention, is 28 pounds.

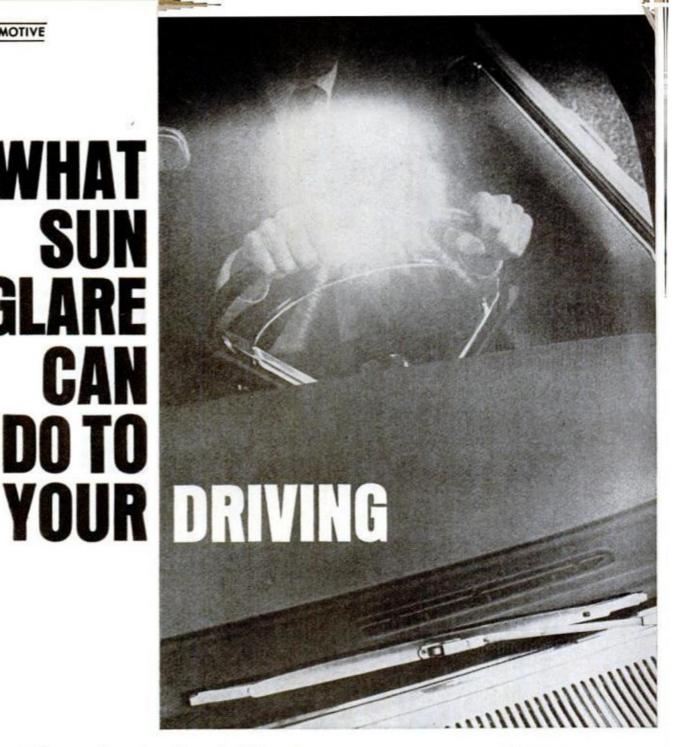




Two real stoppers from Belgium

A bracelet attached to a driver's wrist (left) and a radar antenna both have one purpose: to stop the car before the motorist inadvertently gets into trouble. The bracelet monitors the driver's physical condition. If he falls asleep or shows the effects of too much celebrating, the control box sets off audible and visual signals. If the driver ignores them, gas is gradually cut off until the car stops. The radar setup applies the car's brakes if it gets too close behind another vehicle. Inventor of both devices is Jean Geebelen of Liege, Belgium.

WHAT SUN GLARE DO TO



A carefree day in the brilliant summer sun can leave you blind as a bat once the sun goes down. What's more, eye damage is cumulative and may take days to repair itself

By JIM BERRY

Illustrations by Roger Chapin and ZIK Associates, Ltd.

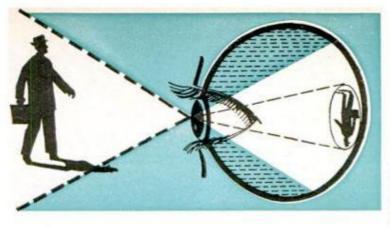
TYE WERE DRIVING home after a pleasant day and evening at a sun-drenched Cape Cod beach. Traffic was light, and I was concentrating on the white dashes of the median strip as I barreled down the dark highway preceded by the dim beam of my headlights. Then, the white dashes faded out. Suddenly, I heard a screech of terror from my wife and felt the car pitch

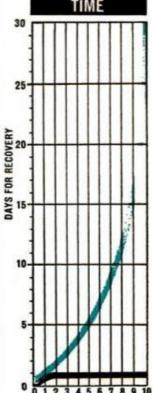
violently over the road's shoulder, through a barbed-wire fence and into a field.

At the point where the faint median strip had disappeared, the road curved to the left. But I had driven straight ahead. Toll: One badly scraped car and misaligned wheels and two badly shaken passengers.

There was good reason why I missed

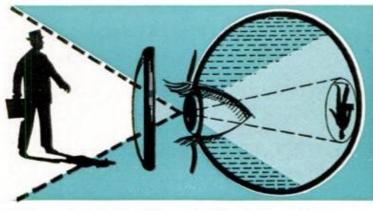
LIGHT SOURCE





RECOVERY

LIGHT SOURCE



LIGHT PASSES THROUGH eye lens (top), strikes retina, bleaches out photosensitive pigment needed for night vision. Sunglasses (bottom) filter out glare, protect pigment. Graph approximates recovery time from glare

the turn. I—like millions of other unsuspecting drivers—had been a victim of what is becoming recognized as a dangerous and little-appreciated driving hazard—night blindness. My wife, who had worn dark sunglasses throughout the day, saw normally and spotted the curve. I hadn't worn sunglasses and—unknown to myself—had been practically blind ever since the sun had gone down.

Prolonged night blindness, while news to most of today's drivers, was first recognized in World War II as a dangerous killer.

As the war progressed, reports of deadly night accidents mounted. Pilots lost sight of the dim night horizon and crashed; Army truck drivers missed turnoffs and drove into ditches while on lights-out convoys; seamen couldn't see buoys and missed enemy patrols that normally should have been spotted.

To find out why, the armed services formed the Vision Committee, an emergency study group that probed the reasons for nighttime mishaps.

One of the committee's first studies took place at Florida's Pensacola Naval Air Station where ophthalmologists tested a group of Navy men who had spent leave time on bright Florida beaches. Every man flunked a simple night-vision test. Another investigation took place at Quonset Point, R.I., location of a lookout post staffed with servicemen handpicked for their keen sight. All were seriously blind at night; a few had only 10 percent of their normal night vision. Questioning revealed that the day before the test was given, the men had worked in bright sunlight shoveling snow.

Finally, adding all the gathered facts together, the Vision Committee fingered a simple cause for night blindness: sun glare. Its recommendation to prevent the affliction was equally simple: wear dark sunglasses in bright sunlight.

Other researchers looked further into glare's deadly effect on nighttime vision. In Atlantic City, N.J., a group of lifeguards not wearing sunglasses was tested for night seeing ability

every day for a week. Within two days after the swimming season started, the vision of these men had deteriorated by an average of 50 percent; some guards were more than 90 percent blind at night.

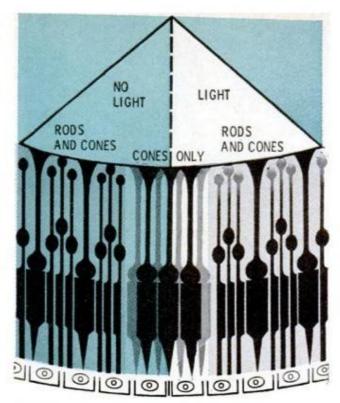
Two important facts emerged from the Atlantic City tests. First, people vary in their recovery time from glare exposure. Dark-haired people with dusky complexions suffer the least effect; blue-eyed blonds the most. Second, the longer the glare beams into unprotected eyes, the longer the time needed for normal night vision to return. Typically, a full week passed before the lifeguards' night vision returned to normal. But some men took a full month before they could see at night with their usual acuity.

The cause of night blindness due to glare lies in the activity of a photosensitive chemical called visual purple, or rhodopsin. The eye uses two sets of cells—cones and rods. In bright light, the eye sees with cones, which are concentrated in a pinhead-sized area of the retina. In dim light, cones are insensitive, and the rods—which are grouped around the cones and more lightly spread throughout the rest of the retina—take over. Rhodopsin, a chemical cones don't have, is what gives the rods their fine sensitivity.

Rhodopsin molecules, biologists have found, are highly unstable in light. When struck by even dim light rays, they split apart into vitamin A and a protein called opsin. This breakdown of rhodopsin molecules stimulates the rods' nerve endings, resulting in sight.

As rhodopsin breaks down, the rods manufacture more. In dim light, the rods reach a balance between depletion and production of rhodopsin. In strong light, regeneration of the chemical can't keep pace with its destruction, and the rods' supply completely bleaches out. The normal eye takes about 20 minutes to fully build up its rhodopsin quota again. But in the meantime, the eye is partially blind.

When glare—a dazzling flood of



DURING DAY, eye sees with cells called cones. At night, eye uses rods, sensitive to dim light and the source of rhodopsin production. Prolonged exposure to glare affects rhodopsin, causes night blindness

bright, reflected light that blankets the entire retina-strikes rods, another and imperfectly understood effect takes place. Somehow glare impedes the production of rhodopsin, perhaps by paralyzing the rods' nerves. Depending on the amount of glare absorbed, the eye needs anywhere from a few hours to a full month before manufacture of rhodopsin swings into high gear again. Until it does, night vision ranges from poor to practically nonexistent. Because daylight - or cone-vision is relatively unimpaired by glare, most people assume their night vision is also normal. Yet, they may in fact, be driving at night while dangerously blind. The ultimate form of this type of blindness is, of course, snow blindness.

Even sunglasses won't help prevent night blindness if they're not dark enough. This is also true of polarized glasses. If the eye can be seen through the colored lenses, the sunglasses won't filter out enough glare to protect eyes. Sunglasses should have other features,

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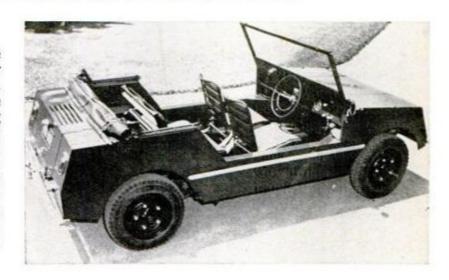


Mini instruments for full-grown minstrels

Martin Zahl, a Berlin watchmaker, and his son give "small" musical recitals. They play violins that range in size from 2¾ inches to 8 inches, plus a miniature grand piano, clarinet, concert zither, accordion and a complete set of percussion instruments. Mr. Zahl claims these are the smallest musical instruments in the world. They're played just like full-sized ones and have similar tones. The violins are carved from 300-year-old wood. Mr. Zahl says that he hopes to become a musical clown on television with his pint-sized instruments.

Down-under VW

An off-trail version of the Volkswagen is being built for the back country in Australia. This new heavy-duty vehicle is equipped with swimming tanks for crossing rivers and lakes. It will also be equipped to tow a trailer. Name and price are not yet fixed, but the price is expected to be lower than that of the "Beetle." The car will be available soon from the Volkswagen plant in Melbourne, the firm says.



Air-cushion gig

During a series of 10-day Mediterranean cruises from Gibraltar this spring, the Cunard liner Sylvania carried an unusual cruise launch-a nine-ton, 68-mph Hovercraft. The 48-foot air-cushion vehicle was used to convey passengers ashore or on sightseeing jaunts at ports of call. It can carry 38, and has a range of 230 miles. According to Cunard, ships in service out of U.S. ports may also be equipped with the Westland sometime in the future.



The world-renowned inventor and former speedboat king is still cranking out tomorrow's ideas. His latest is an electric car.

By JOHN FIX

FOR YEARS a strange phenomenon has persisted among South Florida motorists traversing MacArthur Causeway, between Miami and Miami Beach. They stop on a shoulder of the road and sit gazing at a pine-girded blob of land in Biscayne Bay. At times they have been heard to mutter, "Wonder what the old boy's up to now," and occasionally a pair of binoculars will make a timid appearance.

For the blob of land is Fisher Island, the carefully guarded hideaway estate of multimillionaire inventive genius Gar Wood, who at one time was the world's greatest speedboat racer. His island has been the scene of strange goings-

on that have piqued the curiosity of South Floridians for nearly three decades. The 87-year-old Wood, who lives alone on the 230-acre island—except for a corps of servants and the daytime assistance of three mechanical engineers-holds more U.S. patents than any other living American.

Recently a rumor was confirmed: Gar Wood has perfected a commercially feasible, battery-powered electric automobile. Gar himself admitted that a bodyless prototype of such a vehicle was even then scooting about the paved roads of the island, always behind the screen of Australian pines.

Later, Wood released figures and permitted a few photographs. The auto, he reveals, is 9 feet, 10 inches in length and weighs 450 pounds, not including the batteries which weigh 65 pounds apiece. Those batteries are eight 12-volt lead-acid conventional storage batteries connected in series. They may be recharged from an ordinary house current at a cost of about 20 cents. The car has a top speed of 52 mph and is powered by two specially designed 90-volt, 2-hp d.c. motors.

Gar won't talk about the cruising range per battery charge for his vehicle until road tests are completed, but he chuckles as he remarks that if the results of preliminary tests were to be disclosed, excited auto bigwigs

GAR WOOD at wheel of one of the Miss Americas with which he won eight straight championships would be sloshing a watery pathway to his door. And with the use of the more efficient (but considerably more expensive) batteries that have been developed in recent years, Gar points out, the range might be extended many times. Gar is trying to keep costs down and he hopes to be able to market a battery-powered auto with fiberglass body that will sell for less than \$1500.

The secret of the economy, speed and smoothness of Gar's electric auto is a simple patented device which he invented two years ago and put to work successfully in battery-powered golf carts, where jolting starts and battery heating have been dangerous and annoying problems.

The device is the Gar Wood Power Control Unit, and it works in conjunction with a foot accelerator. It has no rectifiers, no solenoids, no electric switches nor any electronic devices. It enables the battery-powered auto to glide quietly through five forward speeds and five speeds in reverse. A full voltage is fed continuously to the motors; changes in velocity are accomplished by a reduction of amperage. Side benefits are the extension of battery life and-since there is no heating-the use of lighter-gauge wiring.

The experimental auto bears a neatly engraved, chromed plaque labeling

IN 1926, Wood (right) and three companions raced from Miami to New York, beating fastest train then running



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Gar Wood

it as the "Gar Wood Super Electric Model A." Except for a scarcely perceptible motor whine, the Gar Wood Super Electric Model A is virtually noiseless. "We'll get rid of that with a fiberglass housing," promises the inventor. And, as anyone knows, the electric auto gives off none of the toxic gases of the combustion engine.

The news of Gar Wood's latest exploit in the automotive engineering field may come as a shock to a lot of folks who, if they think of him at all, somehow picture Gar Wood as a tottering shadow of the imaginative man who pyramided a \$200 invention of the hydraulic hoist for dump trucks into a \$50 million fortune and later built speedboats that set records.

The Gar Wood of today is as fascinating as his Fisher Island retreat. He rises at 5:00 o'clock each morning, breakfasts and bathes. Promptly at 7:30 he bobs jauntily down the pebble-strewn drive of his palatial home and vanishes behind the windowless doors of one of the island's huge workshops. There the wrinkled, white-thatched little man spends the day, making calculations, setting gauges, lazily watch-

GAR WOOD TODAY, at 87, gets down to the workshop daily where he continues to create new designs, including electric auto



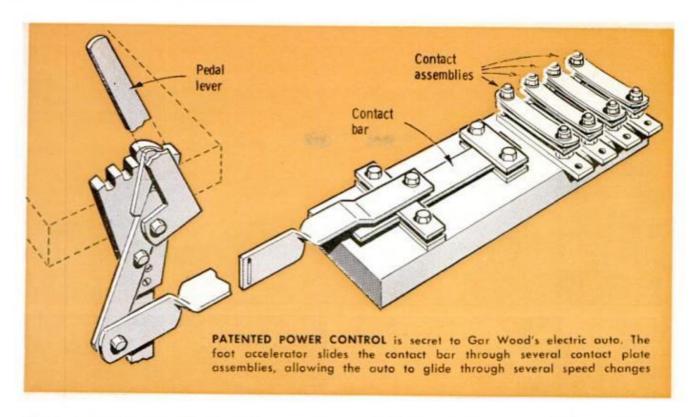
ing curlicues of steel grind off a giant lathe or, just as often, fiercely arguing algebraic factors with a member of his staff. This is the pattern of tinkering that catapulted Wood from the obscurity of the Minnesota backwoods.

Gar Wood at 87 is physically active and more mentally alert than many men half his age. His memory for names and places and dates is uncanny. He can reminisce for hours on his intimate associations with such inventive greats as Henry Ford and "Boss" Kettering. His deep voice is as mellow and strong as when he was piloting power boats of his own design to world records 40 years ago. He drives his own car about the island and on the mainland, but cataracts-since removedobliged him to give up the last of a series of 10 twin-engined Albatross amphibious planes. He has logged some 7600 hours of solo flying time in 36

Gar Wood was born in Mapleton, Iowa, in a family of 13 children. His father had been a sea captain and when he grew restless for the sea, he took his family to Lake Osakis, Minn., bought a steamboat and operated a 10-mile trip up the lake for tourists. At 8, Gar was herding cows for \$40 a month.

At 12, he was rowing fishermen about the lake for \$1 a day. At 17, he was piloting an inspection boat on a translake railroad construction job. It was on the latter that his inventive genius was awakened. He designed a downdraft carbureter—possibly the first of its kind—and was able to outrace the other inspection boats.

The Wood family moved to Duluth. Gar took a job with the local telephone company and in the evenings studied automotive engineering. When he figured out an easier way to cut V-blocks for engines, a jealous instructor had Gar kicked out of school. At



22 he went to St. Paul and opened a Ford dealership. He sold 10 cars the first year but was obliged to close down because he couldn't get adequate deliveries. Wood sued the district distributor and won the case in court.

Gar taught automotive engineering. He sold lightning rods to farmers. He invented an induction-coil device to demonstrate their effectiveness. In 1911, he won his first big boat race, the Mississippi Power Boat Regatta, with a speed of 32 mph—a world record.

One day while purchasing gears to build more lightning-rod demonstrators, Gar stumbled onto his first big invention and one that was to establish his fortune: the hydraulic hoist for dump trucks.

He had watched a burly truck driver painfully hoist the front end of a Pierce-Arrow truck, using a cumbersome rotary jack to angle it so that its load of coal would slide off.

Gar set to work. He spent 50 cents for a 4½-foot by 5-inch cylinder intended for use in a printing press. He bought a bottle of glycerine to use as hydraulic fluid, since in the bitter cold of a Minnesota winter, oil would assume the viscosity of tar. For two days he struggled with the idea for the hydraulic hoist. Then he had it. He

asked the coal company if he might use one of its trucks for a test. At the appointed hour the owner arrived at the company's dirty, ramshackle garage, accompanied by a group of partying friends, all elegantly attired and in gay spirits. Gar requested that they stand in the truck, to simulate the weight of the coal.

Gar inserted his hoist under a front axle, breathed a prayer and gave two mighty pumps. The front end of the truck shot into the air and precipitated all the fugitives from the party onto the greasy floor. No one was hurt; no one was angry. The laughing guests demanded repeated demonstrations.

Gar Wood made more than \$1 million on the lift the first year. Money kept rolling in enabling him to return to his early love, powerboat racing. He designed and built the Miss Detroit boats and 10 Miss Americas which he piloted to eight straight Harmsworth Trophy victories and five world speed records. Gar's speeds ranged from a 92.83 mph in 1928 to the then-fantastic 124.91 mph in 1932.

In the 1930s he designed a powerful launch for the Navy, demonstrating it personally for Franklin D. Roosevelt. Roosevelt was enthused but

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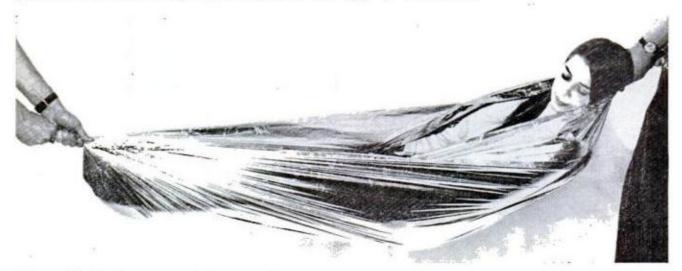






Start your engines, and away we go-to nowhere!

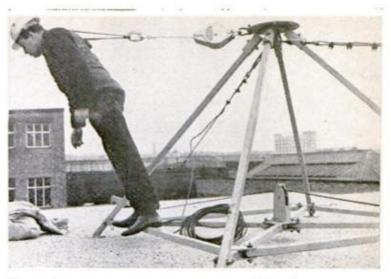
Complete with sound effects and a synchronized movie of the track, a racing-car simulator in England trains drivers on the intricacies of racing. The driver learns to use his accelerator, engage gears, apply brakes and steer around sharp corners on an authentic track. (It's Brands Hatch in the top photo.) The driver's reactions are transmitted to a transparent turntable at the rear of the projection screen. There's a complete layout of the track on the table (lower right) and, around the edge, is the scenic panorama of trees, grandstands and so on. The table tilts and turns, in response to the driver's movements, and the resulting scene is projected on the screen, giving him a realistic view of where he is going and how fast. If he goes off the track, a red light flashes at the edge of the screen.



'Sandwich wrap' for astronauts

Lightweight, compact and sturdy aluminized plastic sheets, five-thousandths of an inch thick, may be used for space rescue work. When folded, a sheet can fit in a pocket, but unfolded it can carry an adult, and its reflective surface retains more than 90 percent of the body's heat. This suggests other uses for campers, climbers and stranded motorists. The exact composition of the material is a government secret.





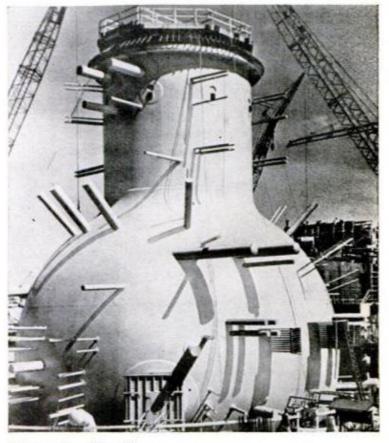
Rooftop workers get a brake

British roof workmen are saved from falls by a freeturning but self-braking device that reacts to any sudden change in speed, like that caused by a fall from a ladder, and locks its cable to prevent any more from unspooling. The pyramid anchorage (right) is secured in place with special clamps at the end of wire ropes, and the let-out spool is attached to the top to allow the workman normal freedom of movement.



Buff's buskins

Being a 5-foot, 1-inch soccer fan has its disadvantages, so a Yorkshire man designed metal elevators for his feet for watching the weekend matches. He found they have other uses, too, such as adding to his reach for washing his auto.



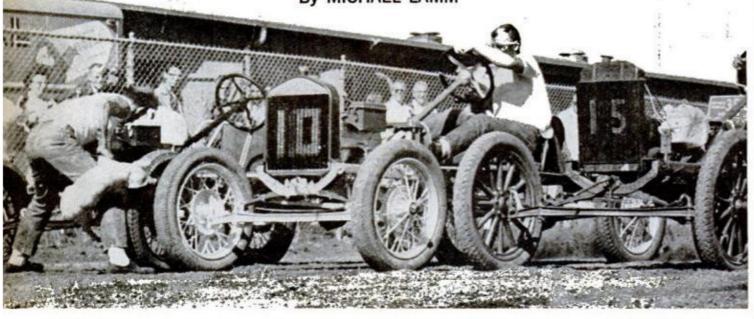
Atomic flask

It's an old-fashioned shape, but in this case the contents are space-age stuff. The bottlelike housing is an atomic reactor constructed in New York State on the edge of Lake Ontario. The 650-ton powerplant, when completed in 1968, will produce 600,000 kilowatts of electricity, a power output that's equal to that obtainable from six million tons of coal.

Hamming it up at

Stripped Model T Fords, drivers and pigs are all part of this zany race in Oregon

By MICHAEL LAMM



IT'S ALWAYS A WILD START as Model T Fords, drivers and pigs take off for a three-lap race at the Tillamook County Fair in Oregon. The whole race takes only 10 minutes, but it's an event that's anticipated all year

SENSIBLE PIGS AGREE that people who race Model T Fords must be pretty silly to begin with. But when race drivers insist on taking pigs along as passengers, it's a sure sign of failing judgment.

Yet pigs do race in Model Ts at the Tillamook County Fair on the Oregon coast. Each August, madness sets in as Tillamook residents stage what has to be the most ridiculous auto race in America.

Five stripped-down Model T Fords,

vintage 1918 to 1927, stand along the starting line with engines off. Ahead lies a one-mile dirt oval used for horse racing. On the inside rail, 10 pigs, weighing from 50 to 80 pounds each, wait in five pens. On the outside rail, five husky drivers listen for the starter's gun.

At the gun, drivers sprint across the track, grab a pig and crank the engine. They leap into their seats, make the pigs as comfortable as possible and speed off.

Finishing the first lap, drivers stop, turn

A LE MANS START sends drivers from the outside rail across the track to pig pens. Each driver picks a pig and heads for his vintage vehicle, hoping it will start EACH DRIVER must crank the engine with one hand while he holds the wriggling porker with the other. Many times, pig and engine are very uncooperative





a 'stock' car race



off engines, return pigs to pens, grab others, start engines and are off again. This is also done for the third lap.

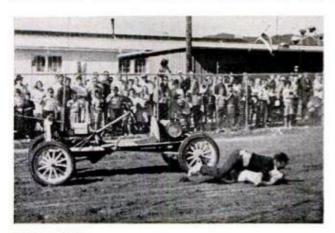
For all this, there are no prizes-neither sow's ear or silk purse. Still the competition is fierce and it's quite an honor to win.

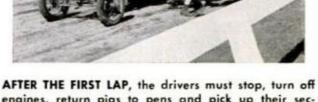
To continue this annual event, the county does subsidize the drivers somewhat by helping to purchase some parts.

Twelve Model Ts are race-worthy in this area. The cars are kept as nearly original as possible.

Pigs, likewise.

IF PIGGY GETS AWAY any time during the race the driver must stop and capture the escapee. The driver then returns to his vehicle and continues the race





engines, return pigs to pens and pick up their second riding companion for the second lap of the race

FRIENDLY COMPETITORS often don't park in an orderly fashion when it comes to replacing the secondlap pigs and picking up others for third and final lap



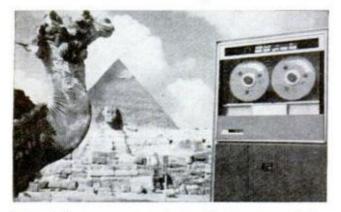
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Gates for the Rhine

Three large sluice gates—each 30 feet high—have been installed at the upper end of the Rhine River to control water flow and make the river more navigable. The half-cylinder gates are raised and lowered by electric motors.



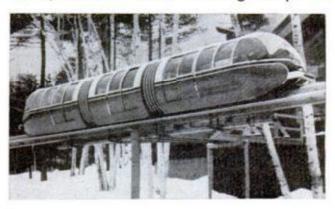
Probing secrets of pyramid

Suspecting that the Great Pyramid of Egypt contains tomb vaults that have never been discovered, scientists are measuring cosmic-ray paths that penetrate the structure and taping the results. They expect that computers, by analyzing the paths, will reveal the tombs.



Twelve-door freight car

Twelve sliding doors built into the new Ramco All-Door Car allow easy loading and unloading of freight. The doors may be positioned to provide openings of almost 25 feet. Above, a load of lumber is swung into place.



Year-round ski monorail

The skier's trip back up the hill is getting to be more and more comfortable—despite what he may encounter on the way down. This sleek, heated monorail is in service at Mt. Attitash, near Bartlett, N.H. The cars are also airconditioned for carrying summer tourists.



Tight formation produces three-in-one look

A tight, follow-the-leader formation of three U.S. Air Force F-104 Starfighters produces the illusion of a superfighter with three pairs of wings and three tails. The 1500-mph interceptors are part of the Air Defense Command's 319th Fighter Interceptor Squadron at Homestead Air Base, Fla. The Lockheed planes, carrying missiles and cannon, patrol the Gulf of Mexico.



Tin Goose returns in a STOL role

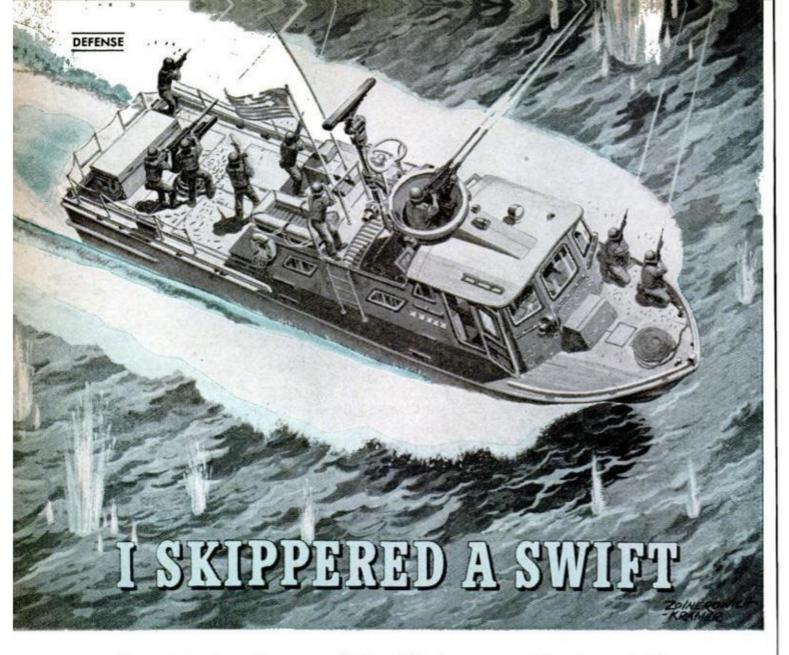
An up-to-date version of the famed Ford Tri-Motor—widely known as the "Tin Goose"—has appeared as the Bushmaster 2000, which can take off empty in 150 feet (600 feet while loaded). The new craft is a project of the late William Stout, designer of the original Ford plane; manufacturer is Aircraft Hydroforming, Gardena, Calif. The Bushmaster is described as a simple, grass-runway, freight-passenger airplane with high lift, plus short takeoff and landing capabilities. Its three 450-hp Pratt & Whitney engines push it along at a cruising speed of 130 knots. The plane is of all-metal construction, with corrugated aluminum skin riveted to the flanges of structural members. (Incidentally, 30 of the Fords are still in use.)





His master's voice stretches five miles

Rusty, a guard dog at the Royal Aircraft Establishment, Farnborough, England, can respond to his master's commands from five miles away. Rusty wears a two-way radio on his back. So far, Rusty can't answer by radio, but they're working on a way to enable him to bark back.



A combat veteran of the Vietnam waterways tells what it's like to fight in these speedy 50-foot boats

By LT. (J.G.) JIM STEPHENS

Illustration by ZIK Associates, Ltd.

AS USUAL, the situation went to hell fast. One instant, I was slouched back on the helm sipping a Coke; then I heard the first shot. And a second. Phwiiiiiip! Thweeee! Snipers!

Small geysers spewed up around us as bullets smacked into the water.

I grabbed the AR-15 under the chart table and yanked back on the lever. A black-clad Vietcong rose from a large rockpile on a sandspit a few hundred yards away. Another bullet hissed overhead. There probably were several other VC hidden in those rocks.

I flicked the safety latch to full automatic, and the gun roared to life. A half-dozen splashes walked through the light surf toward the black figure, and I blasted out the rest of the clip.

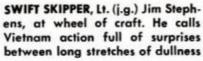
I shot a glance up and over my shoulder to see who was in the twin .50-cal. turret. The curly-haired 19-year-old radioman on lookout watch had already jacked back the slide handles of the heavy Brownings and swung the long black barrels toward the beach.

"Work over those rocks when we get turned around, Lackey!" I yelled up at

Jim Stephens, an Iowa State University graduate, served on Swifts from August, 1965, to November, 1966. He is now news director for radio station KBUR, Burlington, Iowa.

SWIFT CREW fires into known VC positions in Vietnam action. Swifts carry .50-cal. machine guns, an 81-mm mortar for lobbing white phosphorous shells onto beaches, plus rifles and other side arms. Their chief advantage, however, is their extreme maneuverability in shallow waters where only sampans play









BOARDING ACTION, typical duty of Swift crews, includes searching river craft, checking I.D. papers of natives. Before Swifts, VC had free access of river for transporting men and supplies. Sailor at left has sniper scope on his AR-15. Eyes on junk reflect fishermen's superstition that boats have souls and can "see" them through any difficulties



SWIFT NO. 4 had dubious distinction of being first major U.S. Navy craft lost in Vietnam war. It was sunk by estimated 200-pound explosive charge—one of hazards of water fighting—in Southeast Asia in Feb. 1966

the turret. I pushed the throttles all the way forward, and wrenched the wheel over toward the open sea. The 50-foot aluminum boat leaped ahead as its two 480-hp diesels roared to full power. The Swift heeled over sharply, and whipped through a full 180° turn inside a hundred yards.

A hand closed on my shoulder. "I got the helm," said the seaman, slipping on his sound-powered phones. He slid into his battle station behind the wheel. "Mount 52 standing by, with high explosive and white phosphorous ready for the mortar."

"Good! Steady as you go. We'll whip by, that rockpile and work it over."

A short time before, we had been routinely patrolling down the coastline, checking out 30-foot Vietnamese fishing boats. Seemed like it was always the same. Go aboard, search the boat, check everybody's identification, and maybe give out a few cigarets if you held up the boat awhile. It might go on like that for a couple of months. Complete boredom. And then. . . .

BLAM, BLAM, BLAM, BLAM! The radioman was putting his bursts right on target. The half-inch incendiary slugs spattered across the rockpile.

Just as the sandspit loomed off the starboard bow, small, black-clad figures leaped from rock to rock. More shots and more splashes came our way.

"Left full rudder!"

The twin .50s overhead swung about as the Swift heeled over again.

"Tell the bosun to load a round of phosphorous with all increments, and set the mortar at 12° elevation."

The helmsman swung around in his seat. "Mount 52 on target."

"Mount 52, shoot!" I ordered.

BLAM!! The speeding Swift shuddered as the mortar roared, spewing a cloud of gray smoke over the fantail. A brilliant flash lit up the rockpile like a giant flashbulb. Hundreds of streaks of flaming metal arched out in every direction from the fireball and enveloped a 30-yard circle. Four figures in black scurried down the sand toward a group of huts a few hundred yards away. The bosun swung the barrel of his .50 toward the fleeing VC.

"Mount 52, cease fire, cease fire," I growled at the helmsman.

"Tell Orton I sympathize, but we can't take a chance of hitting that village. Left full rudder—we'll head back to Chu Lai. Secure G.Q."

The rockpile was still smoking as it faded from view over the froth of our wake. We apparently hadn't taken any hits. The Swift steadied on course parallel to the sandy shoreline at normal cruising speed for the hour-and-a-half run to base.

It's a remarkable boat, the Swift, and a brand-new type for fighting a brandnew kind of watery warfare.

Actually, that isn't quite true. The first Swift made its appearance—under another name—back in 1955 as a 50-foot crew boat to service offshore oil rigs in the Gulf of Mexico. It was spectacularly successful, combining high speed, great maneuverability, the ability to operate in either deep or shallow water, and excellent stability.

When we found ourselves deeply involved in Vietnam, it became apparent that the Vietcong were making major use of the rivers and coastal areas as water highways to move personnel, ammunition and supplies. An incredible number of ramshackle homemade fishing junks ply these waters, and any one of them, at any given moment, could be loaded with arms instead of fish. We had virtually no way to stop them; you don't use a destroyer or even an 82-foot Coast Guard cutter to stop and search a six-foot reed boat sneaking close along the shoreline, at least with any degree of efficiency.

It turned out that the offshore oil boats, already designed and in production, met the ideal specifications for a patrol boat in Vietnam. About the only substantial change was to arm them with 50-cal. machine guns and an 81-mm mortar mounted horizontally as a cannon. On a similar crash basis, crews were assembled for what would be the Navy's smallest craft. As a result, I suddenly found myself in command of a Swift in Vietnam.

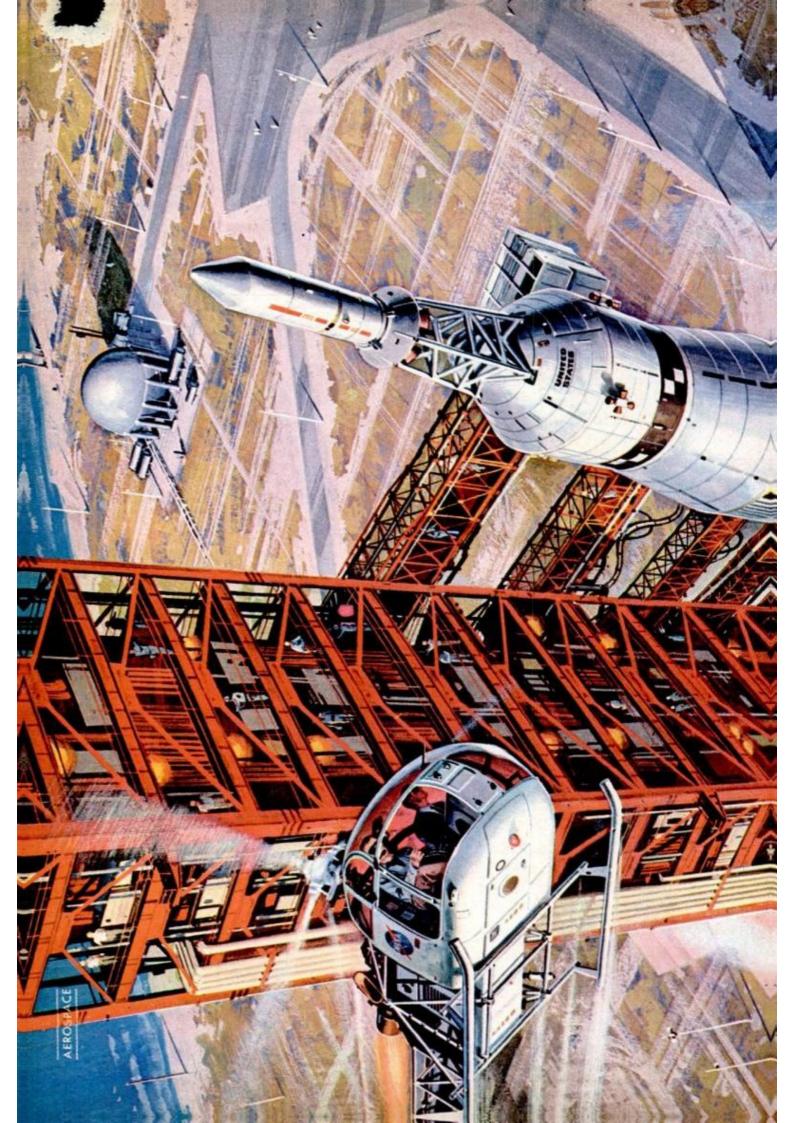
Obviously, the Vietcong both respect and detest our little fleet, or they wouldn't try to sink us with mines and harass us with sniper fire.

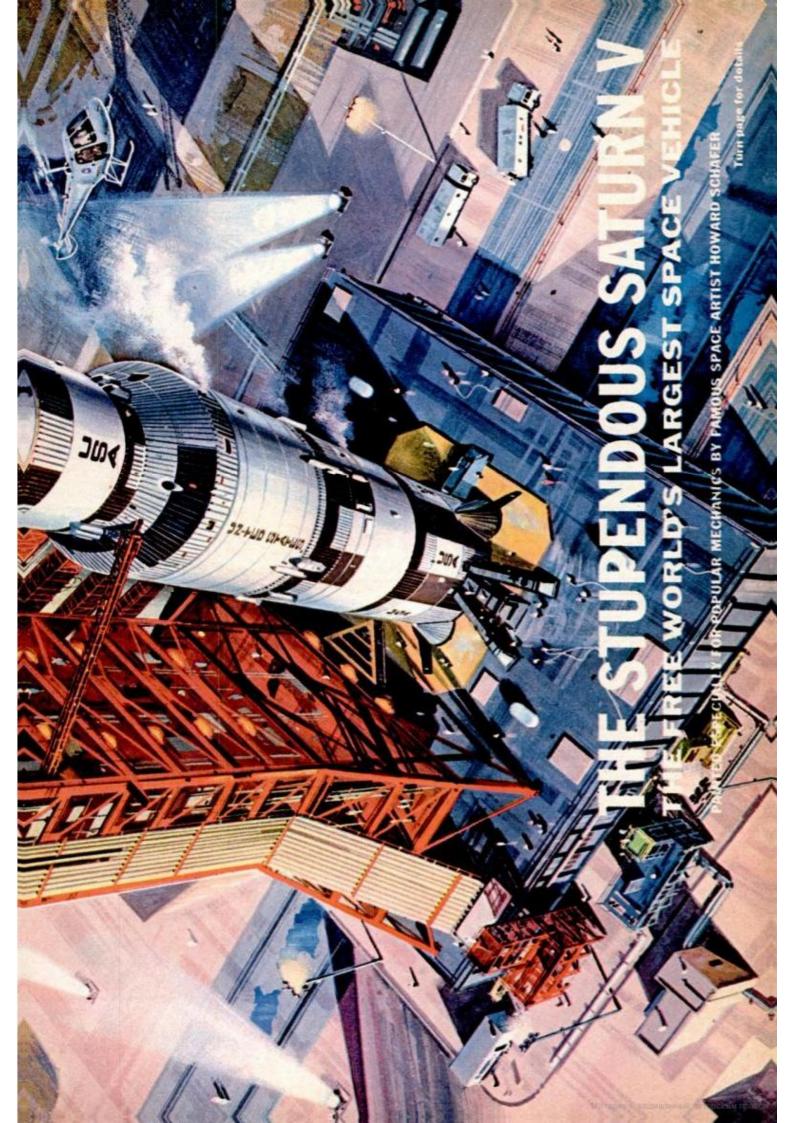
On our return to base after blasting the snipers, the afternoon fleet of Chu Lai fishing junks was getting under way. We eased through a quarter-mile forest of homemade reed-and-cloth sails. At the harbor entrance we slipped past

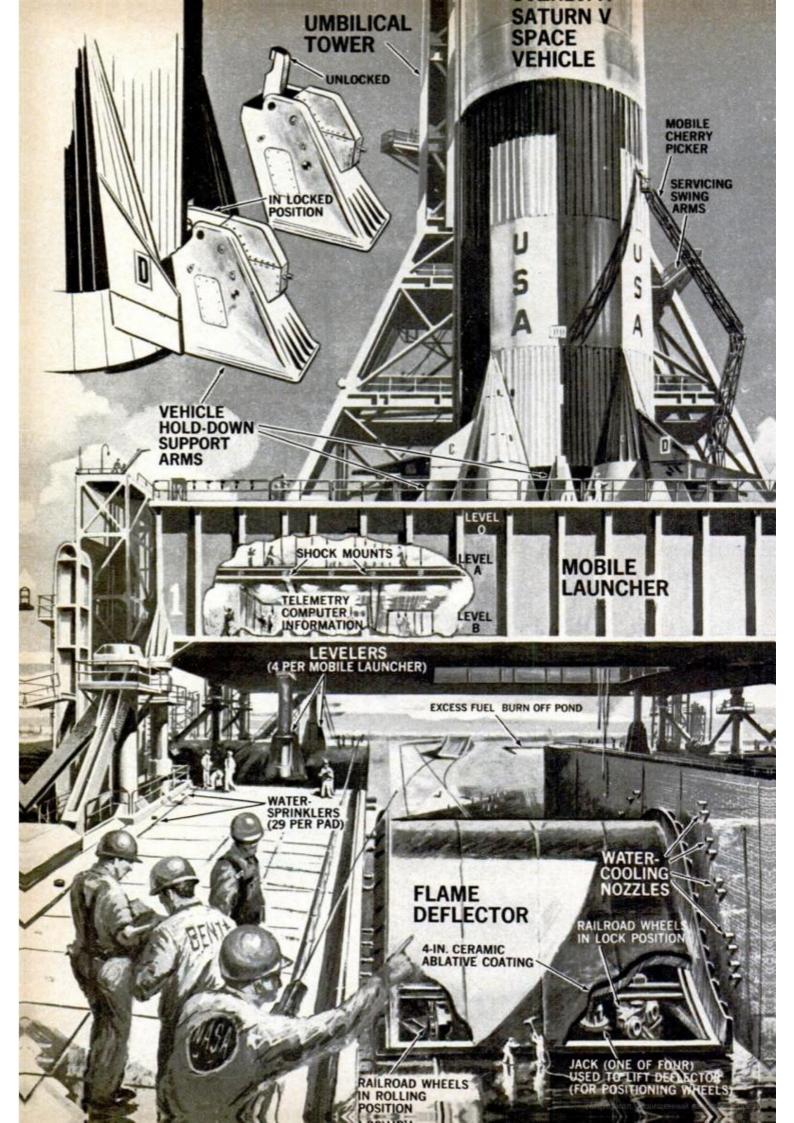
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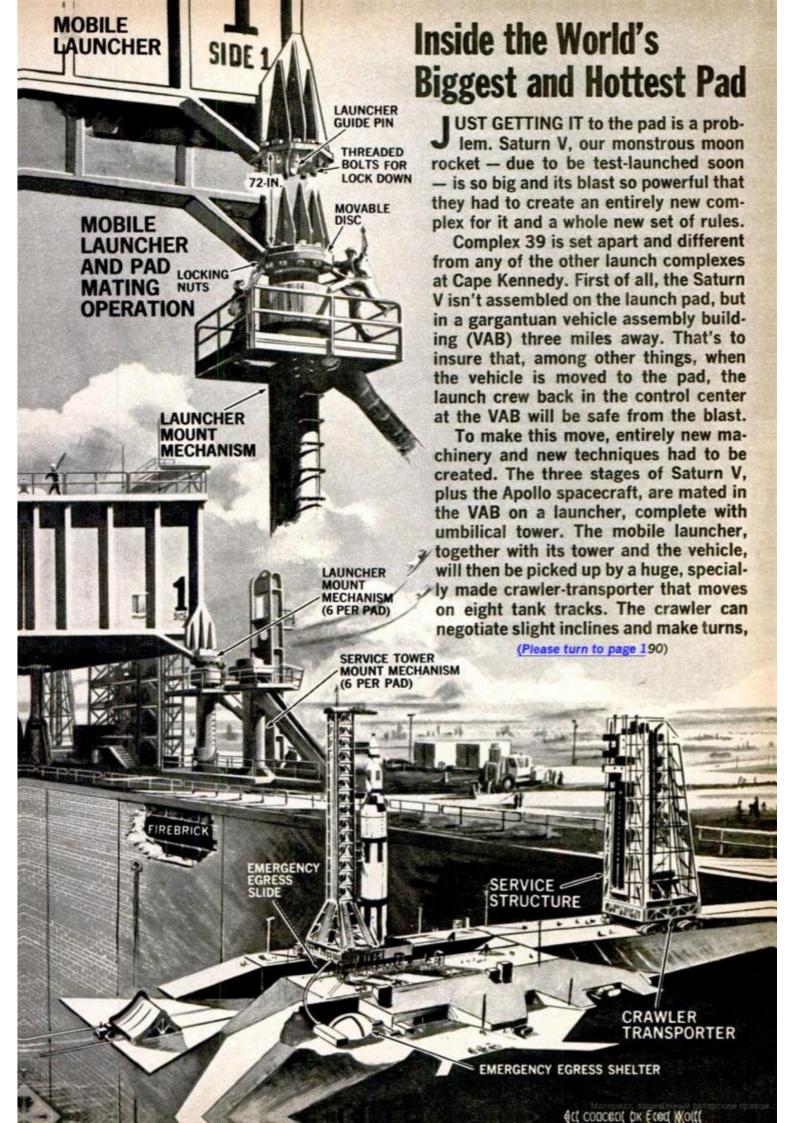
NAVY SWIFT makes a high-speed run during practice maneuvers. Swifts were adapted from crew boat originally designed for servicing offshore oil rigs in Gulf of Mexico where they first appeared in 1955









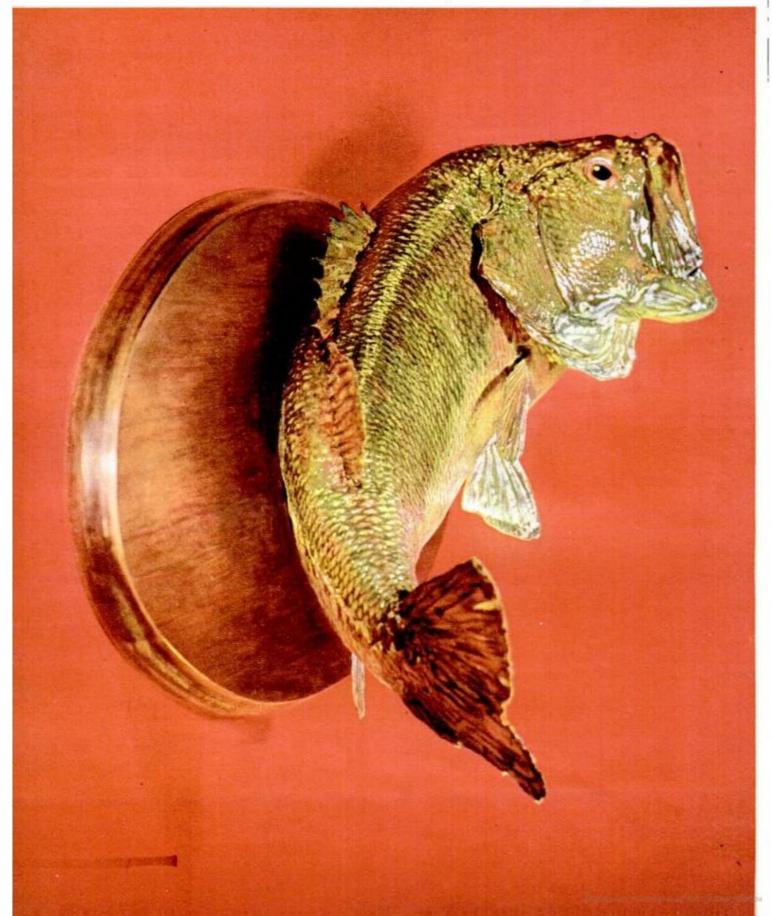


OUTDOOR RECREATION

90 minutes to

Here's a new and easy way to preserve and display that trophy—be it son's first catch or your own prize lunker

By DANIEL C. FALES, Outdoors Editor

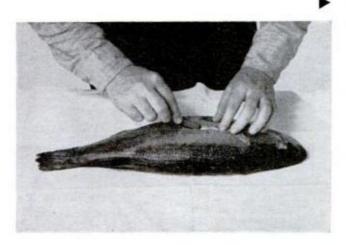


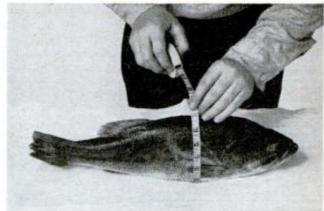
mount your prize

FISH MOUNTING has always been a dangerous business. Poisonous chemicals were needed. But now, Norman Meyer, noted taxidermist, has come up with mixtures safe as milk. I tried Norman's fish-mounting kit and found the work easier than I'd thought. Only fixing the head presented a problem. But once I learned the knack, I found that a good-size fish can be mounted in 90 minutes.

Before tackling your trophy, get the hang of the job by stuffing a smaller fish. Except for shears, mounting boards and additional paint, you need only what's in the kit. In the photos I'm working on a 5½-pound largemouth bass.

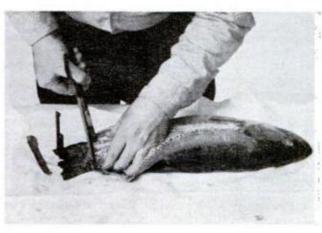
STEP 1. Note the color and the markings. It's best to take a color photo just after catching your trophy. The color will quickly fade once the fish is out of the water. Measure its girth and length. These measurements, notes and photos will be used in later steps when it's time to stuff the fish and during the final painting stage.





STEP 2. Lay the fish on wet newspaper keeping its fins and tail moist throughout procedure. Dry fins may crack and break. Pick the best side of the fish. Work on the opposite side. Cut down the middle of the fish from center of gills to center of tail. Don't cut too deeply or skinning will be hard to start.

STEP 3. Work the skin from the body with your fingers. You may need the skinning knife in stubborn spots. Free as much of the skin as possible on this side, working from head to tail. Skinning is easier if you wait several hours after catching your trophy. The fish can be frozen and then thawed in water before working. Freezing actually makes skinning easier once the fish is thawed.





STEP 4. Once the skin is free on this side, take the shears and cut the backbone at the tail. Use extreme care when you're gripping the bone with the shears. It's at this point that you can easily poke through the good side of the fish, ruining your trophy. Work as much of the flesh as you can away from the backbone with your fingers.



STEP 6. Scraping is very important. Remove as much of the flesh as possible. Clean the head completely. This is the hard part, but it's absolutely necessary. Once the fish has been thoroughly cleaned, work the preservative in powder form into the head cavity and into the skin. Then work the powdered preservative deep into the tail of your trophy.



STEP 8. Turn fish over and prop on blocks for desired shape. Spread moist fins and clip cardboard on each side. A small stick holds mouth open. Insert glass eye. Wipe fish clean with paint thinner. Varnish good side. Once positioned, do not move fish for a week. When dry, paint.



STEP 5. Continue skinning; this time from the tail to the head. Force the protruding fin bones from the flesh with your fingers. Large amounts of flesh may stick to the skin. This clinging flesh can be scraped off later. Now cut the backbone at the gills. Again be careful not to poke through the good side. Trim the fin bones with your shears.



STEP 7. Now you're ready to sew and stuff. Start at the tail. Using a crosshatch stitch, sew up three or four inches. Then stuff with mixture provided. At the mid-point, insert a board under stitching for mounting support. Stuff so fish equals original measurements. Pack the head before final stitching.



THE FISH-MOUNTING KIT has almost everything you need for the job. There's a cutting knife, paintbrush, scraper, artificial eyes, cardboard for the fins, needle and "thread," varnish and paint, powdered preservative and the stuffing mixture. Also included in the kit is a complete instruction manual. Not included are shears, a mounting support board for inside the fish and the panel on which you mount the trophy. You may also need more paint or different colors for different types of fish. Model-airplane paint is perfect. There are two mounting kits available—one for small fish up to five pounds and another for larger fish up to 10 pounds. The small kit costs \$6 while the larger is \$8.95. The kits are available by mail from Norman K. Meyers, Taxidermist, 3808 Reemelin Rd., Cincinnati, Ohio, 45211. He also has kits for mounting birds and reptiles, in the event that you want to try your hand at preparing other trophies, such as ducks or snakes.



Amudphibious

A triple-threat vehicle, the TerraStar, operates on land, sea and mud. Designed for rough-country operation by the Lockheed Aircraft Service Co., it may see service in oil and mineral exploration, mapping and survey work, fire-fighting and other remote-site operations. It can also operate conventionally on roads.



Pusher-prop sleigh

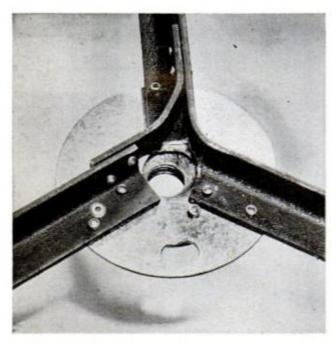
Made in Russia, a sleigh built to carry 10 passengers is pushed over the icy surfaces by a ducted propeller. The four pontoons also allow the vehicle to ride on water. The sleigh has a maximum speed of about 62 mph. It was shown recently in Helsinki, Finland, where it was photographed.





Fold-up bicycle totes like a suitcase

Intrigued by a miniature bicycle he'd bought for his son that folded up when not in use, a London father set out to design one for an adult. The result was a bike that weighs about 25 pounds and folds into a compact shape that can be hand-carried. It has only one latch, one hinge and one securing catch. The saddle tube telescopes, the handlebars fold like wings, and the crossbar becomes the carrying handle (photo, right). The entire package can be stored handly in the trunk of a car or in a storage cabinet in a house.



UNDERSIDE OF LEGS shows how they are joined at the hub. Note that two of them are formed by notching and bending a single length of angle. This is stronger than using separate pieces. Third leg is braced with a tie strap, also for strength. Joints can be riveted, as shown here, or bolted or welded

Shorty Tripod for

Those awkward near-ground shots get with this simple sliding camera

By WALTER E. BURTON

With a conventional tripod and are hard to manage with a hand-held camera. This squatty 16-in. stand lets you get your camera down to within an inch or so of ground level and holds it rock - steady on three spiked legs. For added stability, there's a pointed rod down the center that can be driven into the earth to anchor the stand for critical focusing or making time exposures. While the stand shown here is designed for outdoor use, an indoor version can be made by omitting the center rod and covering the legs with rubber crutch tips for a skidproof grip.

The column and sliding camera arm are 3%-in. pipe. By carefully reaming out a 3%-in. pipe tee, you can make it a perfect slip fit on the column for the camera arm. A thumbscrew through a tapped hole in the tee locks the arm at any desired height on the column.

The outboard end of the camera arm can be fitted with either an elbow, as shown in the photo, or a second tee, as shown in the drawing. The tee makes it easier to run a bolt up through the fitting to hold the camera. A standard tripod panand-tilt head can be mounted on top of the tee, or you can use one of the little ball-and-socket accessories that sell at photo shops for a couple of dollars. A knurled-head adjustment screw adds a nice touch to the assembly, but a long thumbscrew through the tee or simply a bolt with a wingnut threaded on it will do equally well.

The legs are lengths of steel angle joined at the center by a metal disc for a hub. I used a round electrical junction-box cover plate for the hub, but any steel disc about 1/8 in. thick and 31/2 to 4 in. in diameter will serve. On top of the hub is mounted a pipe floor flange. The stand's column screws into this to complete the assembly. For compact storage, the legs can be unscrewed from the column when the stand is not in use.

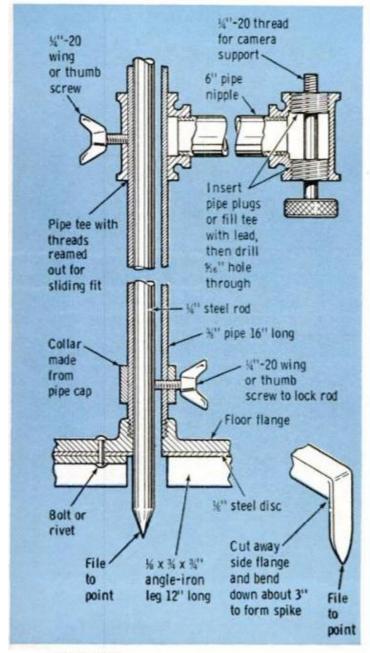
The center stabilizing rod is locked by

Shooting Low

of insects and flowers are easy to mount made of pipe and angle iron

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a thumbscrew through the side of the column. To reinforce the screw, a collar is made by cutting the top off a pipe cap, reaming out the inside, and running a tapped hole through the side. The upper end of the rod can be fitted with a cap nut or two regular nuts locked together to form a head for tapping the rod into the ground with a stone. File points on the lower end of the rod and the legs.



PHOTO



LAY A STRIP OF HARDBOARD over your developing trays and you'll have a temporary work counter without disturbing your chemicals. The trick comes in handy for jobs like cutting more paper halfway through a session of printing.—D. E. Anderson



A KITCHEN MEASURING CUP of ovenproof glass is ideal for mixing photo-processing solutions since it can be subjected to heat and cold for critical control of temperature. Mark levels for various film sizes with taped-on labels.—Robert Hertzberg



WHITE LIQUID SHOE POLISH makes a perfect ink for identifying your snapshots in photo albums. Applied with either a dip pen or a fine artist's brush, it stands out neatly against the black paper and will not easily rub or flake off.—William Swallow

Mechanic for a round-the-world caravan shows

How to keep 'em rolling when

His job—to keep 47 trucks and travel trailers on the move through 30,000 miles of mountains, deserts and rain-soaked jungles. He did it with lots of ingenuity, plus an occasional elephant

By McGREGOR SMITH JR.



SWITCHBACKS in Nepal mountains are negotiated by members of the Wally Byam Round-the-World Caravan. This tough country calls for expert care of trailers and trucks, plus good preventive maintenance

GREASE SEALS in the differential must be replaced on the road as rugged driving tests every piece of machinery and equipment. Byron Versteegh handles jobs both big and little all along the 30,000-mile trip

BYRON VERSTEEGH is the kind of mechanic who must have kept the wagon trains rolling in the old West. Then he would have been called a blacksmith. Now he's chief service engineer on the Wally Byam Around-the-World Caravans. But his job is the same—fix anything that breaks down and improvise spare parts if necessary.

As mechanic for a 30,000-mile caravan from Singapore to Lisbon, Byron tackled some problems he'd never encountered before. What he did was "mother" 47 Airstream trailers and a



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the going gets tough

variety of truck makes across some of the toughest terrain in Asia.

In Bangkok, Byron visited five repair shops, while the other 105 members of the Wally Byam Caravan Club toured the sights. The only souvenir he bought was a box of rubber bullets for plugging holes in tubeless tires.

On the 1750-mile drive from Singapore to Bangkok, almost all of the 500 spare plugs in the caravan had been used.

At camp, Byron spent his time in the shade under our trailers and trucks. He poked around with a screwdriver and crescent wrench.

"You'll never make it, Mac," he muttered to me once, shaking his wrench like a scolding finger. "I don't care if you have double nuts and lock washers on your spring shackles, nothing's gonna stay tight on the roads we've been on! Now get under there and tighten every nut you can see. Just remember, you're dead if you don't take care of your rig."

Byron's concern for the well-being of our machines was like an uneasy conscience haunting us all. His hours wriggling on his back under our already battle-scarred vehicles was not just to plague us with loose nuts. He was looking for signs as elusive as the dusty trail of a Montana deer. He felt with the bright finger of a flashlight into dark corners of axles, frames and wheels. The signs he sought were microscopic cracks and shiny joints where metal had rubbed against metal. Both meant something might break soon.

By the time we reached Bangkok, we already had been baptized in mud. Our baptism was along 75 miles of monsoon-watered mud, knee-deep to an elephant. This elephant trail crossing the Kra Isthmus in southern Thailand was being widened into a road.

The hospitable Thai drivers of the bulldozers and graders towed our trucks and trailers across a few bottomless pits. Our winches and four-wheel drives had proven useless. We appreciated the service since the only alternative was for 20 or more caravaners to wade into the mud and pull on a nylon rope.

On the Kra we learned to remove

CARAVANER works on brakes and axle to make sure failures don't occur in tougher country. Preventive maintenance is one of Versteegh's cardinal rules. He's a mechanic who can hear when something's wrong STRENGTH OF WELDING reduces the number of breakdowns in far-off lands. A power winch behind the front bumper comes in handy when several trailers fall off the road. Extra strength is very important





our load-leveling bars whenever the going got rough. Byron came close to a heart attack when a bulldozer dragged one rig across a small creek with steep muddy banks on each side. The load-leveling bars, which tie the truck and trailer frames together, were drawn up tight. The bars make the trailer "follow" and keep it from wagging at high speeds on good roads. But on this rough trail, the bars forced extra tons of weight on both the trailer and truck frames. As Byron watched, the rear wheels of the truck literally were lifted out of the water.

Immediately, Byron sent out an order over the Citizens Band radio in his truck. The 18 other trucks with CBs received word to take off their load-leveling bars until we hit asphalt again. These drivers passed the word along to others who had no radio.

Byron reached Bangkok without having to use his portable welder on a single broken axle or frame. He pronounced this accomplishment a major miracle. But still his favorite greeting to other caravaners was that unless they treated their equipment more kindly they were "dead."

Byron brightened noticeably whenever he tackled an unusual case. He attended two such cases during our crossing of the Himalaya Mountains to Katmandu, capital city of Nepal.

The Rajpath Highway twists for 80 miles over three ranges. Its surface is asphalt, but it is often blocked by boulders and landslides. One trailer wheel struck a boulder and broke off. Not only did the wheel break and roll down the mountain, but the spindle on which the wheel was mounted broke too. Byron had never seen this happen before, but he met the challenge by improvising a new spindle to get the trailer down the mountain.

It was on this highway that serious trouble developed. A trailer-hitch ball disintegrated. The rig had just negotiated some steep mountain switch-backs and, suddenly, the ball let go. Only the load-levelers held the truck and trailer together. The driver managed to stop just at the edge of a 50-foot drop-off.

Byron gingerly jacked up one side of the trailer. He wedged rocks under its wheels and detached the truck. He climbed under the trailer and riveted a torn section of aluminum underbelly. Then he welded a new ball onto the hitch. As he fingered the fragments of the old ball, his blue eyes brightened.

"Now that's really something," he said, his voice a little awed. "Bet nobody ever saw that happen before."

Byron explained that the steel ball

ONE AT A TIME, trucks and trailers cross a shaky bridge over a small tributary of the Ganges River in India. Motorcycles and trail bikes are carried for quick transportation when camp is made at night





ELEPHANTS are used to tow rigs through mud or in event of breakdown near town with repair shop

had disintegrated from metal fatigue. Later, another ball sheered off at its base. Three more unscrewed and came off before Byron welded them all onto the hitches. This extra strength saved us a lot of trouble later on.

A few days later the right wheel of a trailer dropped through a hole on a muddy, wooden bridge. The duratorque axle arm holding the wheel cracked. Byron came with his repair kit. This included a spare axle and his tape recorder.

That night Byron and Andy Charles,

caravan director, taped a report to the home office of Airstream trailers. The caravan served as a kind of engineering laboratory for the company.

"We were lucky today," the report began. "We broke only one axle. If we'd used leaf springs instead of duratorques like we did in the old days on the African caravan, we'd have busted a couple of dozen.

"But don't get complacent," Andy added between gulps of steaming coffee. "Get a better valve in those commodes. I took my whole toilet out in New Delhi. I was working on it when Chester Bowles came by for a visit. In case you don't know, he's our ambassador to India."

While still in India, a catastrophe struck the caravan. The Versteeghs' service rig, a trailer body mounted on a truck and equipped with a complete machine shop, caught fire. It happened when a spark flashed from an ungrounded gasoline pump in a village crowded with thatched houses. Byron's wife, Joyce, heard the flames first.

"Fire!" she screamed.

Byron sprinted to the trailer door and opened it. Angry flames burst out. The hairs on his arm singed.

"Get the extinguisher from the cab,"

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TRAVEL TIPS

DON'T load your trailer too heavily on the rear. Any surplus weight there only contributes to a nasty towing condition.

DON'T follow vehicles too closely. You now have two units to stop.

DON'T put too much weight on your weightequalizing hitch bars.

DON'T overinflate your trailer tires. The trailer needs a little cushion.

DON'T tighten your wheel bearings too much. If in doubt, loosen them a notch. Your wheel bearings must have clearance for grease.

DON'T overload. Food and commodities can be purchased everywhere. No need to carry it.

DON'T forget your trailer battery. Keep the connections tight, water in it, and fasten it securely. Also, consider mounting an extra ammeter in view of driver and hook this unit into your trailer's battery charge line from your tow vehicle charging circuit.

DON'T forget to open a side vent window as well as a top vent for maximum air circulation when retiring for the night.

DON'T forget to inspect the doorstep on your travel trailer for weld cracks, bends and other hazards. Add a no-slip surface to your step.

DO become thoroughly acquainted with your trailer's brakes. Get in the habit of using the trailer hand-brake lever; you may need it to straighten out a sway.

DO mount two outside rear-view mirrors on your tow vehicle. Learn to back with them.

DO mount the outside mirrors as low as possible so you can view your trailer tires.

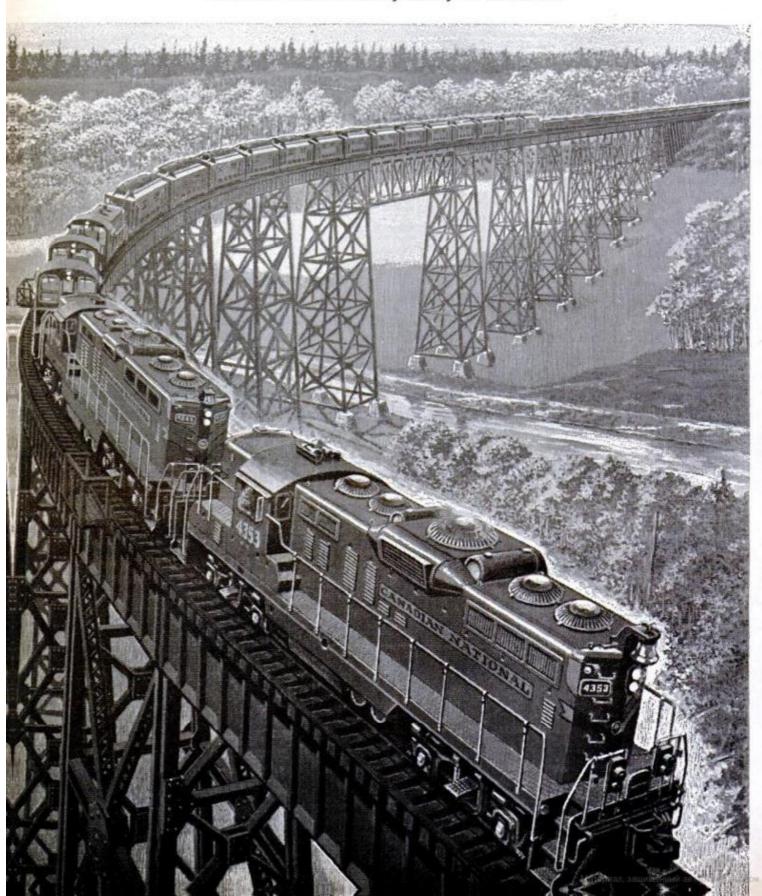
DO install large-capacity (at least threeeighths inch) safety chains on the trailer.

D0 install good overload springs on the tow vehicle. By keeping it level, you maintain the best steering characteristics. ENGINEERING

SLOW TRAIN TO GREAT SLAVE

Canada's rugged new railroad is getting the lead (lots of it) out of the remote Northwest Territories

Text and Illustrations by Henry B. Comstock



Two CENTURIES AGO a Hudson's Bay Co. explorer paddled and portaged 1500 miles across northwestern Canada. Young Sam Hearne's mission was to scout for possible mineral wealth. Upon his return to Fort Churchill, he filed a pessimistic report. Part of it read: "Near the shores of the Great Slave Lake, I found outcroppings of a metal with the look of silver. Unhappily, it proved to be lead. This is best left to the savages, who melt and



MEIKLE RIVER TRESTLE (left) is longest and loftiest of Great Slave Lake Railways 41 bridges. Remainder of route opens up Canadian Eskimo territory

shape it into fishing weights."

It was not until the 1920s that Canadian mining interests mapped a number of likely pit sites. But transportation was impossible. As an old hand put it to me recently: "That stuff ain't corn flakes, and we couldn't get it out until somebody built a railroad."

Now somebody has, and the world's largest-known cache of lead and zinc is being tapped and trundled to southern smelters—at 50,000 tons a month.

To see how the \$7-million Great Slave Lake Railway highballs the ore, I jetted to Edmonton, Alta., and ultimately arrived at the dispatcher's office at Roma.

At Wally Bednas's invitation I was introduced to a new brand of railroading. Communications is the key to everything. There are 377 miles of single track between Roma and the line's

northern terminal at Hay River, plus 55 more on the branch from "Hay" to the Pine Point Mine. But I wouldn't see a telegraph pole from one end of the pike to the other. Instead, big microwave towers, combined with train telephones and walkie-talkies, keep the whole operating department as well informed as old hens on a party line. Engineers call in each time they pass a siding, so the dispatcher can plot his moves and tell inferior trains where to get off the main.

Next day, train 4353 eased out of the eight-track Roma yard, pulled by five diesel units. Collectively those growlers gave engineer Frank Zimmerman 8200 horses—more than enough to handle 120 empties, plus 6 water cars for work gangs.

The five diesels are necessary be-

cause, while there are only a few grades going north, most of the scenery is stacked against the trains coming back loaded with ore. For Pine Point is only 500 feet above sea level;

down here we were at 2000.

Fifty miles uptrack, we set out our first water car at Manning. How do you drop a car directly behind five diesels when the man who will throw the switch is nearly a mile away? First, you pull past the siding about 4800 feet. That puts the conductor close to the gate and he drops to the ground. Then you back up almost the same distance and wait for him to release the coupler. So it goes—forward and reverse by walkie-talkie command until the load is on the siding and the train tied together again.

The next eye-popper was at Mile 73 (no other name). There the GSLR leaps the broad Meikle River Valley with the most spectacular of its 41 bridges. Frank approached the spidery structure—160 feet high and half a mile long—with his controller switched to dynamic braking. Roof fans howled as they voided the heat whipped up by the traction motors he had converted

into generators to hold us to a crawl. Rumbling off the northern end, with half the train still on the downgrade, he cautiously picked up slack for a climb back to the plain.

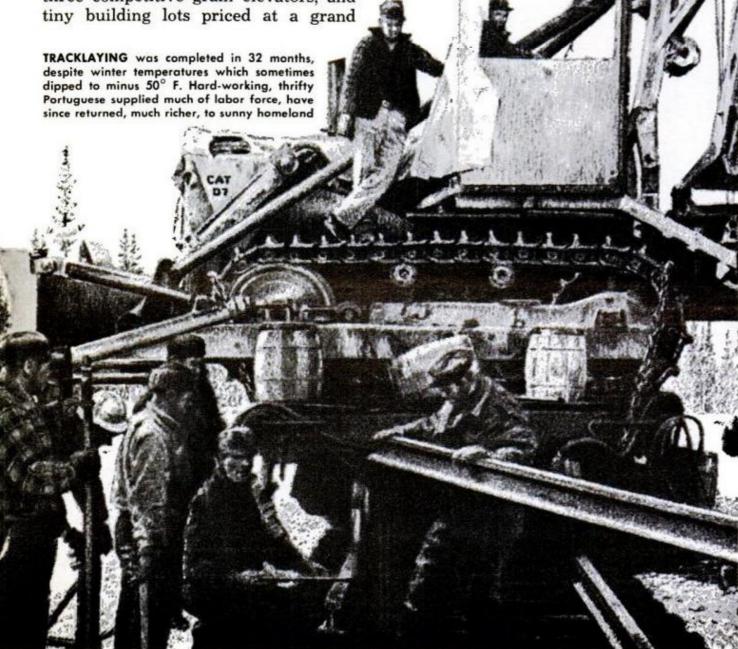
This was not yet what Indians call "land of the little sticks." Everywhere, dense stands of spruce battled white poplars for a share of sky. The railroad has opened the door to 13 million acres of timber and another 6 million to farming.

We made a fueling stop at High Level. Northbound, the diesels were wringing a sixth of a mile from every imperial gallon. But, I was told, coming back the oil use would triple.

There's no need to describe the railroad's impact on what, four years ago, was a truckers' waystop. For High Level's new \$250,000 planing mill, three competitive grain elevators, and tiny building lots priced at a grand apiece, were eclipsed by what I saw in Hay River next day.

Hay River had been an important interchange point for truck-transported freight long before the GSLR reached it. In summer, diesel tugs towing impressive strings of barges, relay the traffic to other settlements on Great Slave Lake and in the Mackenzie Valley beyond. Also, the town is a trading center for 3000 Indians.

But that's the "Old Hay River." A new one is rising on a bulldozed hill well above the level of floods caused by ice jams each spring. Up here, there will soon be handsome churches and





schools, a large motel and a golf course.

It was a two-hour run from "Hay" to Pine Point. Above stunted conifers rose a trim little community, with public utilities, paved streets, shopping center and bowling alleys. Respectably far away, a mountain of rocky clay was rising, too. Already more than 70,000 truckloads of overburden had been dumped on the spoil heap. We cranked down 50 vertical feet to the floor of the pit's first ore cut.

There one of the men passed me a chunk of rubble no bigger than a cantaloupe, then quickly jumped aside. If he expected me to drop it, I disappointed him. But it wasn't easy, because that stuff was 70 percent pure lead.

Our other stop was at a concentrator which accepts raw ore at one end, thaws, and then crushes it. Finally, bubble-charged chemical baths coax lead and zinc from unwanted materials.

I was back at the yard only minutes before southbound 4353 was ready to ramble with 98 hopper and gondola loads. Most of the cars were consigned to Cominco smelters at Field and Kimberley, B.C.; others would wind up at Flin Flon, Man., and below the border at Great Falls and Black Eagle, Mont.

Watching the mile-long string of real-estate from the cupola, I called down to the skipper: "What's that 9000 tons worth in its present state?"

"Better than half a million dollars."

I thought to myself: Poor Sam
Hearne; born 200 years too soon. * * *

FIRST DIESEL into Northwest Territories was trucked over Mackenzie Highway before the track was laid GSL RAILWAY MAP shows route of area covered and principal points of interest. New communities have mushroomed along the way in wake of new railroad



Control Power with



By MORT SCHULTZ

Art Concept by ZIK Associates, Ltd.

A UNITED STATES DESTROYER recently backed from its berth into a ship-cluttered harbor and paused.

Suddenly, to the bug-eyed astonishment of onlookers, it pivoted 180° on its own axis as easily as a baton spins on the fingertips of an expert twirler. In less than three minutes, it was heading for open sea.

Mariners watching the operation had reason to do double takes. They knew that a DD-class ship of the line normally needed plenty of leeway and at least 10 minutes to make a 90° turn. Ships, like cars, must go ahead to turn.

The destroyer itself is of little consequence. But the device deep in its bowels which permitted this nautical miracle—called a fluidic amplifier—has scientists and engineers excited.

If you haven't heard of fluidics, you will. It promises a whole new line of less expensive, more reliable and maintenance-free airconditioners, dishwashers, clothes washers, refrigerators—even automobiles.

What is fluidics? And how does it work? The industry is growing so rapidly, with new theories awaiting trial, even experts can't agree on a definition.

However, I got this most descriptive explanation from Lael Taplin, manager

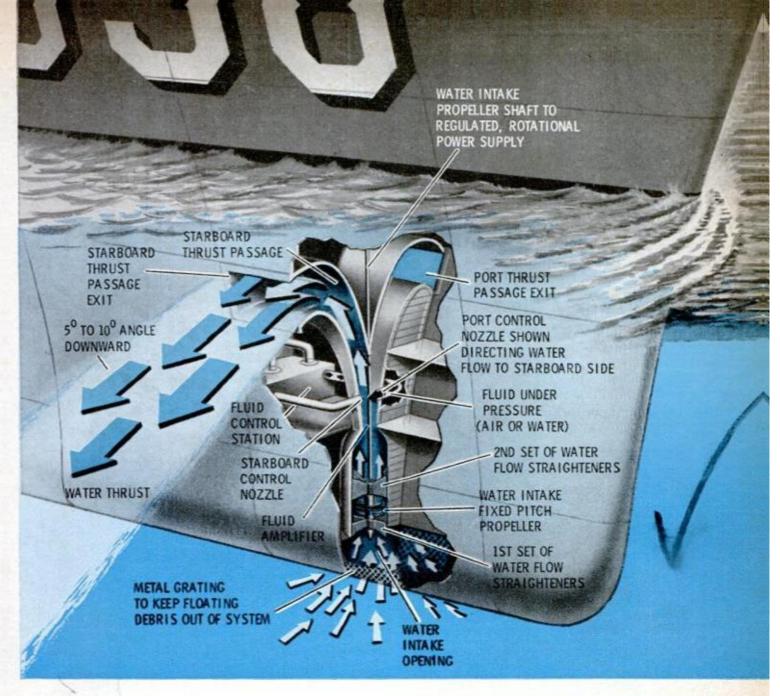
of energy conversion and dynamic controls at the Smithfield, Mich., research laboratories of Bendix Corp.: "Fluid-state devices and systems use the flow properties of liquids or gases moving through tiny networks of pipes or tubes to perform the functions of sensing, amplification and control. The action is similar to electron currents flowing in networks of wires and components."

maintenance-free controls for washing machines, airconditioners, carburetors—even cars and ships

To amplify, you need energy and a means of increasing that energy. In your TV set, for example, the 110-volt energy available at the wall socket is increased to 22,000 volts by a transformer. In a fluid circuit, energy is a relatively heavy flow of liquid or gas injected into the circuit usually by a pump or compressor. This main energy stream is then amplified and controlled by a much smaller amount of fluid or gas called a control jet.

In other words, as with electronic amplification, a small amount of energy is "inputted" into a circuit and amplified. Increased energy is then "outputted" to perform a function.

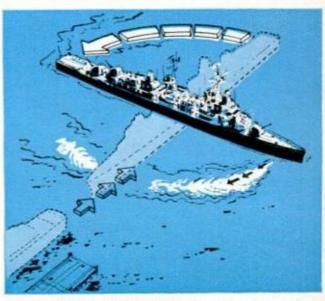
A fluidic device looks like an ordinary block of metal, glass or plastic. It can be as small as many microminiaturized electronic devices or—like the fluid control in the destroyer—it can measure 10 x 15 feet.



Slice one of these blocks lengthwise and you'll find a network of shallow channels drilled through the core, similar to what you would find if you cut through a block of termite-riddled wood.

In the simplest type, the pattern resembles the letter Y. Its leg is the input and the arms are the outputs. Fluid is pumped into the leg. Tiny control jets aimed perpendicularly at it from either side amplify the energy and divert it to an output arm. If the left-hand control jet hits the stream, diversion is to the right. The right-hand control diverts energy to the left.

A graphic representation of fluidics in action is your garden hose. Turn it on and have someone hit the flow from



HUGE FLUIDIC AMPLIFIER for bow-thruster on U.S. destroyer enables the ship to be turned 180° on its axis. (DD-class ships generally require 10 minutes to make 90° turn while under way.) Drawing, top reveals it uses same principle as miniaturized amplifier



MINIATURIZED AMPLIFIER is comparable in size to electronic amplifier. Even smaller units are foreseen

the side with a stream of water from another hose. This gives the main flow a speed-up kick diverting it to one side.

This description forms the basis for a major type of fluidic device called a bistable proportional amplifier. There are deviations, but all function by the use

flush it, a stream of water leaves the flush tank to push the main body of water around and out the drain. This demonstrates the principle behind a one fluid stream to control and amvortex fluidic amplifier, which uses control jets of fluid against the main swirling stream to amplify and control flow. BI-STABLE TYPE Output Such fluid energy can be used for Output switching, controlling, sensing or sim-Control

ply amplifying-with infinitely more reliability than pneumatic and hydraulic controls, because fluidic devices have no moving parts to wear out.

plify a greater amount of fluid energy.

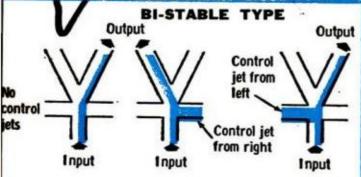
represented by your toilet. When you

Another type of fluidic amplifier is

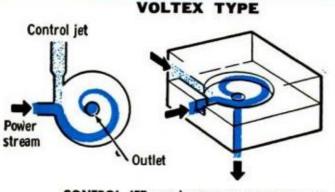
If you could ever peer into the hold of a Navy destroyer, you would be amazed at the absence of twisting shafts, sliding pistons and seesawing valves that make up a conventional bow thruster. Instead, you would find a steel hulk that could, in time, do away with tugboats, because it provides a maneuverability in tight quartersand in combat—never before achieved.

Cut through the core of the steel hulk is that Y-shaped cavity we spoke of before. To turn, the pilot opens a valve directing a controlled jet of fluid perpendicularly against the main fluid energy coming through the leg of the Y.

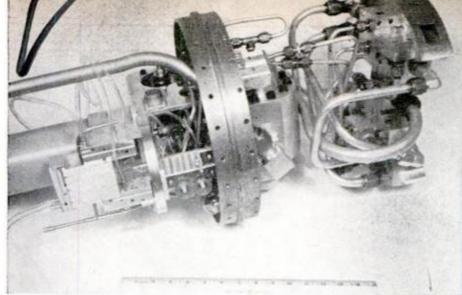
This jet creates a tremendous force (equal to 50,000 gallons of water) to the side opposite that which the ship will turn. Conversely, practically all fluid energy is diverted away from the

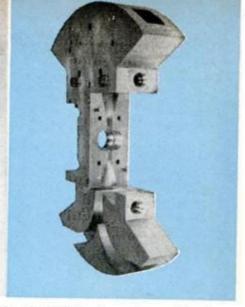


POWER STREAM FLOW is controlled by jet applied to the side of the base leg. Jet deflects stream to opposite arm, amplifies it



CONTROL JET accelerates power stream as it swirls out "drain." Vortex fluidic amplifiers are used horizontally or vertically





LARGE FLUIDIC AMPLIFIER above is used in Army missile (top left) to control roll. Three-stage amplifier (left) could be basis for a fluidic carburetor

other side of the big vessel.

The fluidic bow thruster was developed by the Bowles Engineering Co. of Silver Spring, Md., whose president, Dr. R. E. Bowles, helped pioneer fluid science in 1958 as a member of the Army's Harry Diamond Laboratories in Washington, D. C.

Fluidics has come a long way since then. It now stands where transistors stood 15 years ago—on the threshold of becoming the most important technological development in recent years.

Scientists have devised many ways to use the controlled output of fluidic circuits. For example, a fluidic guidance system can control the course of a torpedo by shooting out jets of gas or sucking in water. This distorts the surrounding boundary layer of water and changes the frictional effects, causing the torpedo to turn. Similarly, fluidic circuits have been used to control the attitude of a rocket in flight.

Fluidic sensors have also been placed inside jet engines. Should a flame-out occur, interrupting flow of gas, a signal is sent to the cockpit immediately.

Electronic signaling devices used for this purpose have proved less reliable. They must be placed outside the engine because of the intense heat. They are affected by radiation, vibration and shock. Fluidic devices are not.

Fluidics does an improved job of regulating natural gas flow in a pipeline. There are no spark hazards to cause an explosion and no moving parts of normally used regulators to break down.

Most people have never heard of fluidics, yet it is one of the nation's fastest-growing industries, with an anticipated \$250 million gross market by 1970. The Russians and Japanese, too, are conducting full-speed-ahead programs in research.

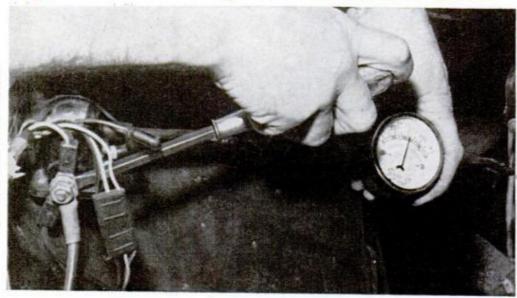
American firms engaged in fluidics work include, among others, Honeywell, Bendix, IBM, General Electric, Sperry Rand, North American Aviation, Martin

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SATURDAY MECHANIC HOW TO SOLVE

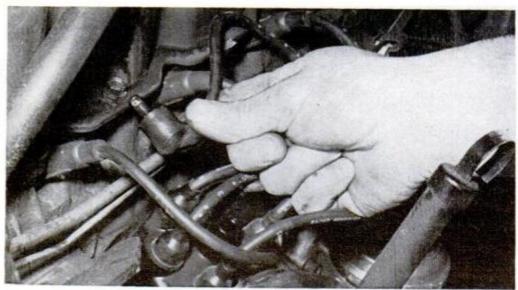
If it isn't your battery or starter . . .

IF YOUR ENGINE is not turning over, use hydrometer to check battery. If it is good, check current draw of starter motor, as shown here. Place ammeter in circuit and crank engine by shorting across ignition switch to battery terminal of starter relay



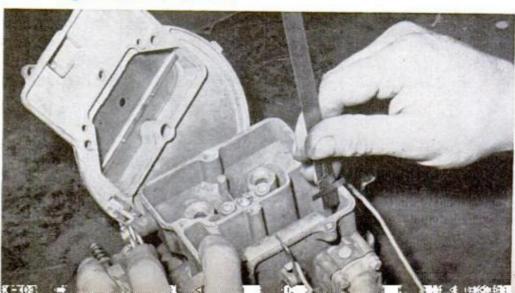
... it's ignition ...

IGNITION SYSTEM should be checked if engine still does not fire. High-tension lead from coil to center post of the distributor should be pulled and grounded as engine is cranked. Strong spark indicates good coil. Next check distributor and sparkplugs



... or fuel system ...

FUEL-FLOW problem is cause of your starting difficulty if you're getting ignition. Problem may be carb float adjustment which is being checked here; leaking float; sticky choke; faulty needle valves or accelerator pump; or the fuel pump or lines



HARD STARTING BY MORT SCHULTZ

THEN YOU HAVE a hard-starting or no-start problem, first make sure you're trying to start the engine according to your manual. Once you're certain it isn't flooded, listen to the way it won't start.

You'll hear—or won't hear—one of three things which tell you where to begin:

- The engine doesn't crank at all.
- The engine cranks too slowly to start.
- The engine cranks normally, but just won't start.

An engine that isn't cranking or is cranking sluggishly means you've got trouble in one of three areas: battery, charging or starting system.

The battery, often the weak link, is easily tested. Check its specific gravity with a hydrometer to determine the state of charge.

A run-down battery, however, could be the result of and indicates a malfunctioning charging system. Checking the charging system-which includes generator or alternator and voltage regulator—is an art in itself. (Next month's Saturday Mechanic will be devoted to trouble shooting the a.c. generating system.)

After checking your battery, it's time to get down to business. The logical approach will, without a hitch, pinpoint any common reason for hard starting. But knowing when rare occurrences are causing the problem sometimes takes more than logic.

(For example, older cars are frequently plagued by a buildup of carbon inside the engine which leads to sluggish cranking when the engine is warm. The motor sounds the way it would if the battery were dead. Yet, the car starts perfectly when the engine is cold. This is what I classify as a rare occurrence, and one that evades logical explanation.)

So, forgetting rare occurrences, with battery checked, look to the starting system if the engine doesn't crank or has no starting pep. One main cause of the condition is a starter motor that is pulling excessive amperage.

Recently I had a cranking problem. I hooked a meter into the starting circuit. My starter should normally draw 125 to 225 amps. It was drawing close to 400.

At the first sign of sluggish or no crank-

ing, then, the starter is a good place to start, assuming a good battery. Connect ammeter in the circuit and take an amperage draw test.

Often, replacing the brushes in the starter will cure the trouble. Even taking the starter off the car and letting it soak in solvent for a couple of hours to get rid of built-up oil and grease may do it. In the extreme, the starter may need rebuilding.

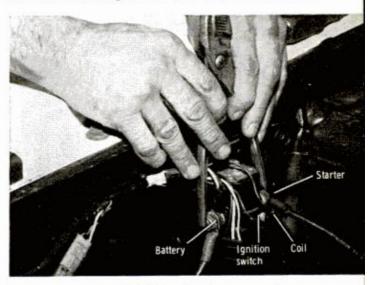
Two other parts associated with the starter may cause the problem, but these are relatively rare. One is the relay; the other, the neutral switch in those cars with automatic transmission.

In checking for a bad relay (most common trouble of the two), first short out the ignition switch-to-battery terminals with a screwdriver. If the engine now cranks normally, the problem is in the ignitionswitch wiring or in the switch itself.

If the car doesn't crank, short across the starter and battery terminals with a jumper or pair of pliers. An engine that now cranks has a bad relay; replace it.

Do you have an engine that cranks normally but doesn't fire? You can lay odds the trouble is either in the fuel or ignition system. Once in awhile, however, it could be poor compression.

To isolate the trouble to the ignition or fuel system, start by checking your ignition system. Remove a high-tension lead from a sparkplug and hold it about 1/4 inch from a clean spot on the engine. Modern



CHECK STARTER RELAY by shorting across battery and starter terminals. It's bad if the engine cranks

cars have terminal ends sealed in a boot, so you'll have to use this trick: Put a screwdriver into the boot so it contacts the terminal and hold the screwdriver to ground. Don't grab the shank of the screwdriver. You'll be knocked flat.

One of two things will happen as you crank the engine:

A good, strong spark will jump the gap.
 This means the starting problem is either faulty sparkplugs, a breakdown in the fuel system or bad compression.

 Spark will be weak or nonexistent. You have ignition-system problems.

If there is good spark don't rule out sparkplugs as a cause. According to any mechanic, bad plugs are a major cause of a no-start condition. So, remove a few plugs to make sure they are properly gapped and not fouled.

There are many reasons for fuel-system foul-up. The more common are: a sticky choke, little or too much fuel-pump pressure, misadjusted carburetor float, leaking float, bad carburetor needle and seat, plugged-up fuel line or filter, and a bad carburetor accelerator pump.

Let's run over the highlights of pinpointing prevalent fuel-system failures:

 Sticky choke: Manually operate the choke butterfly plate, checking for free and easy movement. Residue and dirt around the choke plate may be the cause of a sticking choke, or an internal choke part, such as the thermostatic spring or choke piston, could be damaged.

Another reason for poor choke action is improper adjustment. So, before ripping the choke apart, make sure it's adjusted according to manufacturer's instructions.

Bad fuel pump: If pumping too force-

fully, your fuel pump could flood out the engine. If not pumping enough (usually the case), it won't feed sufficient gas.

The way to check pump action is to take a pressure test, checking the operation of the pump against specifications, which differ from pump to pump. If a pressure tester isn't available, though, remove the fuel line at the carburetor and crank the engine. If gasoline spurts, the pump is at least operational and not the cause.

 Carburetor float improperly adjusted: The float in your car's carburetor meters a predetermined amount of fuel to the cylinders. If the float is improperly adjusted, the engine usually gets too much fuel since the float won't permit the needle valve to seat.

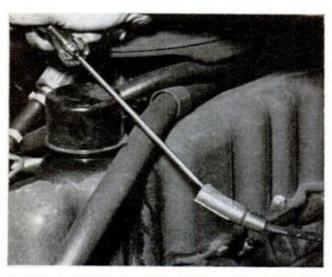
Each float is adjusted to an exact setting, depending on the carburetor. You need to know the float-level specification for your carburetor. Often, float level can be checked with the carburetor on the car.

 Leaky float: A pinhole in the float or a parted seam allows gas to leak inside, weighting the float down and keeping the needle off its seat. Result: flooding. To check for a leaking float, remove the part and shake it. Replace it if there's fuel in it.

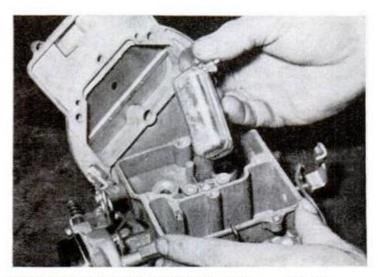
At this point, check needle and seat for damage and dirt. Might as well replace them anyway. With the float out, it's simple. The needle is attached to the float.

 Plugged-up fuel line or filter and bad accelerator pump: Look into the carburetor and activate the throttle. You should see (or hear) gas spurting into the venturis. If not, fuel filter (or filters) or fuel line is plugged, the accelerator pump is shot, or carburetor passages are clogged.

Replace the fuel filter(s) if you haven't



A SEALED SPARKPLUG TERMINAL can be shorted by touching screwdriver tip to contact, shank to ground



LEAKY FLOAT IN CARBURETOR floats low and holds needle valve off its seat, causing constant flooding

done so recently. If trouble persists, remove the fuel line and check for dirt.

Finally, check the condition of the accelerator pump. If things have gotten this bad, you may want to pull the carburetor off for cleaning and rebuilding.

As we said, too much or lack of engine compression can cause a cranking problem. Check it with a compression gauge. A reading of 10 pounds or more above normal indicates excessive carbon inside the motor. A reading of more than 10 pounds under normal means compression leakage at the head gasket, rings or valves.

Now let's assume you didn't get a good spark. You first try to isolate the problem to either the primary or secondary circuit of your ignition system.

Pull the center tower coil lead at the distributor, hold it about ½ inch from a clean ground and crank the engine. No spark or a weak one indicates trouble in the primary circuit which usually means a defective coil or condenser, an open circuit, bad points or improper dwell angle.

If the spark from the center tower lead is strong, but there was no spark at the sparkplug lead, it signifies problems in the secondary circuit—maybe a bad distributor cap or rotor or sparkplug wires.

Check for problems in the primary circuit as follows:

• Defective coil or condenser: A bad coil is easier to spot than a bad condenser. When you ground the coil wire, note the type of spark you get, if any. A short (about ¼ inch or less) blue spark signifies a weak coil. A yellow or orange spark indicates a bad coil.

As for checking the condenser, when you inspect for an open circuit, as described below, you will probe the distributor. If the test light doesn't light (or the jumper wire doesn't spark), a problem exists in the distributor—most likely a bad condenser or a bad pigtail wire. Replace the condenser anyway—it's cheap.

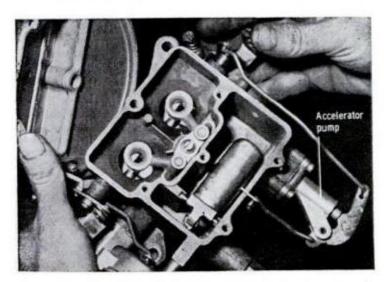
 Open circuit: An open circuit can be caused by broken or grounded connections, overloaded circuits, loose locknuts or the like. Here's a recognized checking procedure you can use:

Remove the distributor cap and block the contact points open with a piece of cardboard. Turn on the ignition switch and momentarily connect a jumper lead or test light from the distributor primary terminal to ground. If the test light doesn't light, there is a problem in the connection leading back to the ignition switch or a grounded circuit. Trace the circuit back from the primary distributor terminal to the primary coil terminal to the ignition switch—that is, all the way back to the battery until the open circuit is found.

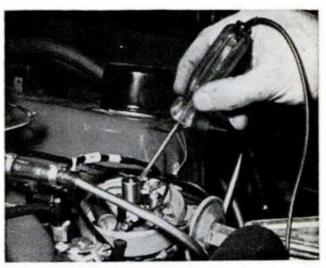
 Improper dwell angle: If the dwell angle is incorrect, or distributor contact points are misaligned or worn, the spark produced for cranking may be too weak to fire the fuel.

If trouble is indicated in the secondary circuit, you can often spot it visually. Look for a cracked distributor cap or corroded distributor cap terminals; a busted, pitted or burned rotor, and cracked, deteriorated sparkplug wires.

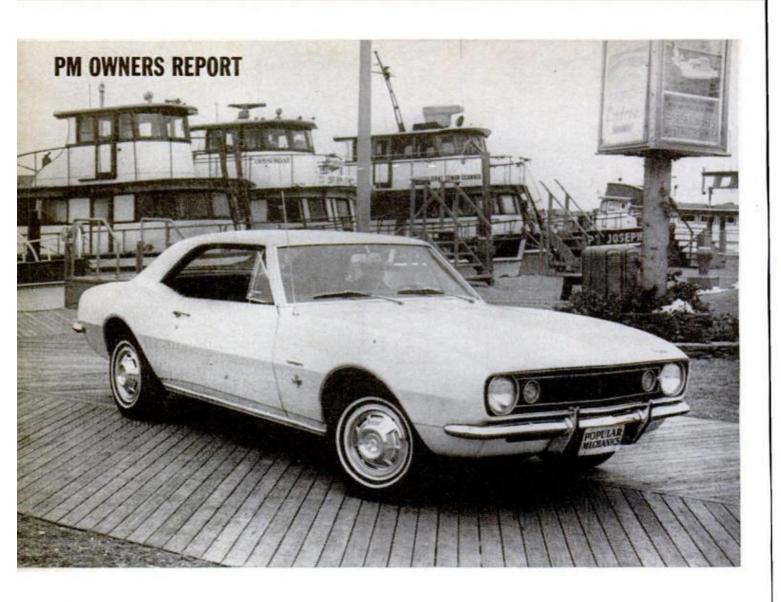
One way to check sparkplug wires, short of using an ohmmeter, is first to rule out other secondary circuit parts. Then, remove each sparkplug wire in turn at the plug and hold it to ground. Crank engine. No spark indicates a bad lead.



FUEL SHOULD JET INTO CARBURETOR when throttle is actuated. If it doesn't, check accelerator pump



TEST LIGHT SHOULD GLOW when connected from distributor primary terminal to ground with ignition on



CHEVROLET CAMARO

Computer analysis played a key role in designing Chevy's new sportster, but Camaro owners report just enough went awry to prove these electronic marvels aren't foolproof

By BILL KILPATRICK, Auto Editor

"CHEVROLET'S NEW CAMARO, perhaps more than any other of today's cars, is a true product of the computer age."

So says a recent press handout. But if the comments of many Camaro owners responding to *PM*'s survey accurately mirror the results of this computerizing, there seems to have been a short circuit in one department.

According to the press release that quotes the Chevy chief engineer for passenger cars, Donald H. McPherson, computers analyzing the rear suspension for the Camaro indicated that "by moving the shock absorbers outboard of the springs and mounting them nearly vertical, instead of the usual diagonal arrangement, the ability of the wheels to more closely follow and maintain contact with washboard road surfaces and during cornering was much improved."

All very well, and no doubt a daz-

POPULAR MECHANICS

zling example of our highly technological times, yet I should think Mr. Mc-Pherson and his colleagues might ponder such all-too-human comments as:

"Rear end hops and winds up like a yo-yo under normal acceleration."— Missouri draftsman.

"Traction from a dead stop is nonexistent."—Iowa grocery manager.

Complaints about the rear-suspension setup lead the list of Camaro-owner dislikes, "earning" a surprisingly high Frequency-of-Mention Rating (FMR) of 31.8 percent. To give you an idea of how many Camaro owners commented on this aspect of the car, the next most disliked feature—lack of rear-seat legroom—garnered an FMR of only 15 percent.

Camaro owners who commented on the car's behavior aft were often vague in expressing just what it is about the rear suspension they don't like, but the overall thought is that it's too light, "flimsy" and "skittish."

Somewhat paradoxically, however, owners placed handling second on

STINGY TRUNK SPACE was ranked fourth on dislike list, several owners feeling Chevy had cut it just a bit too fine. Associate auto editor Bill Hartford reported spare tire made space awkward to utilize

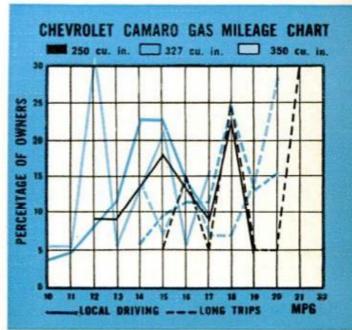




COMFORT, particularly on long trips, was rated high by Camaro owners, many reporting the bucket seats as being the most comfortable they had ever sat in. A few didn't like the pushbutton seat feature



INBOARD TURN of rear fenders was deplored by many owners, saying it was a dirt and mud catcher that made it hard to keep the car clean. A few reported chipped finish as a result of wheel-thrown gravel



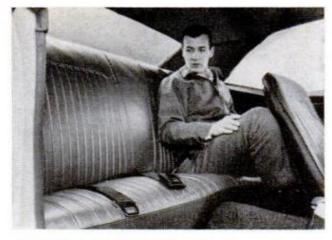
their list of Camaro praises, affording it an FMR of 62.9 percent. The conclusion would seem to be that suspension—like beauty—is in the eye of the beholder.

What owners surveyed by PM were lavish with was praise for the Camaro's looks and overall styling, heaping on the car's sporty appearance an FMR of 65.3 percent. Yet even here there was a pointed negative note: Many owners (an FMR of 14 percent) were quite outspoken in their disapproval of the rather severe inboard curvature of the rear fenders, claiming it resulted in a constant spray of mud and road dirt being thrown up by the tires.

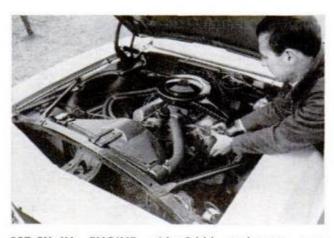
Another styling regret expressed by several Camaro owners is that Pontiac's Firebird had stolen their thunder; they had hoped the styling would remain strictly Chevy and Camaro.

A summary of the likes, dislikes and general driving and ownership experiences of Camaro owners surveyed by *PM* appears below. The percentages listed reflect the frequency with which owners mentioned specific items. The summary is based on 640,163 miles of

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CRAMPED REAR-SEAT LEGROOM "earned" many owner brickbats, was ranked second on dislike list. Yet Camaro was not designed to be a true four-passenger car. At best, seat is only short-hop convenience

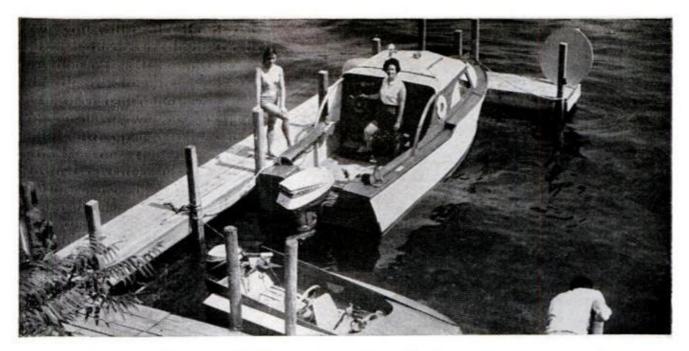


327-CU.-IN. ENGINE with 2-bbl. carburetor was most popular with Camaro owners responding to PM survey. Reports of engine trouble were few and most owners thought engine cranked out plenty of power

Summary of Camaro Owners Reports*

Total miles driven640,163	No39.7	Camaro your only car?
Average mag:	What kind of trouble?	Yes
250-cuin, engine	What kind of frouble?	No (own two)
327-cuin. engine16.0	Headlight mechanism32.9%	No (own three or more) 17.1
350-cuin. engine16.0	Transmission16.5	
	Brakes	Other cars owned:
Specific likes:	Carburetor 7.6	Chevrolet
Styling	Clutch 6.3	Oldsmobile
Handling	Speedometer cable 6.3	Ford 8.1
Power/Pickup 29.8 Performance overall 21.8	Dealer corries actisfactory?	Pord
Performance overall21.8	Dealer service satisfactory?	Buick 8.1
Economy16.1	Yes	Pontiac 6.8
Ride12.1	No38.2	Cadillac 6.8
Size10.5	"Partly" 3.9	Volkswagen 6,8
Comfort	"Not back yet" 5.3	Chevy pickup 6.8
"Roadability" 9.7	Why the Comerc?	Corvair 4.1
Interior styling 8.1	Why the Camaro? Style70.5%	Chrysler 4.1
	Size	Ford pickup 4.1
Specific dislikes:	"Different"	
Rear suspension31.8%	Underent	Age distribution of owners:
Rear-seat legroom15.0	Handling	Under 2012.2%
Rear fender design14.0	Past Chevy experience 9.3	20-24
Trunk too small	Price 7.8	25-29
Rattles 9.3	GM reputation 7.0	30-34
Poor economy 9.3	Economy 6.2	35-39 8.4
Poor workmanship 6.5	Power options:	40-44
Poor rear visibility 6.5	Power options: 'None'	45-49 7.6
Wind noise 5.6	Steering	50-54 8.4
Headlights "stick" 5.6	Brakes14.4	55-59
Mechanical troubles?	Seats 3.1	60-64
Yes	Windows 1.0	65 and over 0.8
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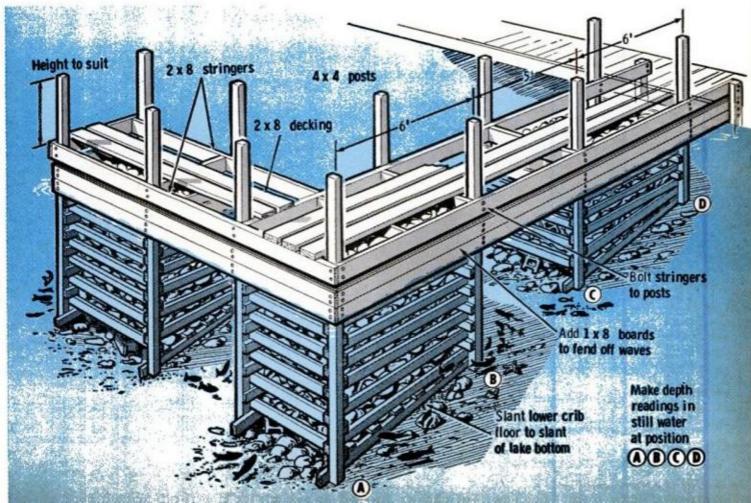
^{*}Where applicable, percentages may not equal 100 percent due to rounding and/or insufficient sample.



Two-Ton Pier Is Solid as a Rock

WHEN LOCATED according to prevailing winds on your lake, this L-shaped crib pier not only offers plenty of docking space but provides protection for your boat. Each crib is built to fit the contour of the bottom and is anchored firmly in position by filling with stones, rocks or bulky pieces of masonry. When filling the cribs, place large rocks on the outside and smaller ones in the center where they won't fall out.—Hank Clark







COOL OFF WITH A COVERED PATIO

Technical Art by Donald Evans

ADDING A ROOF to your patio needn't mean shutting out the sun entirely. Translucent fiberglass panels, available in a number of colors, will allow softened rays of the sun to filter through on bright days, resulting in cool, tinted shade.

These corrugated panels are quite easy to install, but there are a few special tips to keep in mind when planning your patio roof. To provide the desired coolness and control condensation, you should pay special attention to ventilation. Allowing for





TRANSLUCENT ROOF, left, makes use of Filon fiberglass panels over an egg-crate framework. The front header is supported by decorative metal posts, above



ORNAMENTAL POSTS have mounting flanges on both ends, are secured to concrete by driving tampons into predrilled holes. Use star drill or masonry bit for this

maximum air circulation and escape, as shown on page 129, will prevent "heat traps" which could make the patio uncomfortably stuffy on hot days.

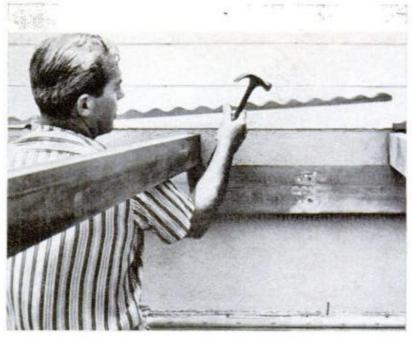
The roof should be set as high as possible—standard practice with all materials in this type of application. Also, plan your framing to take stock-size panels and you'll avoid having to cut to size. If necessary, the panels can easily be cut with a hand-saw (fine tooth, no set) or a power saw, using an abrasive blade. Mark cuts with a grease pencil.

The first step in the actual construction

is to install the supporting posts for the front header. To allow for adequate over-hang, these should be set back about a foot from the front edge of the patio. If you are using ornamental metal posts, secure them to the cement with lead shields or tampons, drilling the necessary holes with a star drill or masonry bit.

If you choose wood, 4x4 posts can be installed by drilling a %-in. hole in the concrete or flagstone to a depth of 2½ in., then inserting a %x5-in. metal rod in it and drilling a corresponding hole in the bottom of the post. A patio surfaced with brick,





INSTALL BACK HEADER on the side of the house with lagscrews at every other stud. This 2x6 should be mounted as high as possible, allowing for a minimum of 1 in. drop for every foot between the wall and the front header. (In areas of heavy snow, this should be increased to 3 in.) Header runs full width of roof

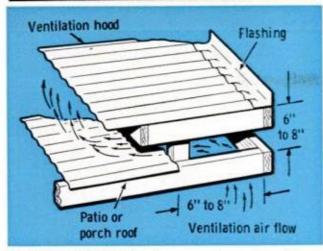


CROSS BRACING may be parallel or egg-crate pattern. For the former, install by toenailing or using framing anchors. With an egg-crate design, it's possible to nail directly through rafters into end grain of brace

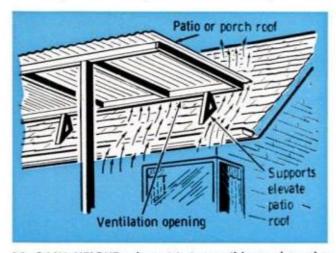


PREDRILL NAIL HOLES, locating them only at crowns of corrugations. Space 12 in. apart on rafters and every third corrugation along headers and braces. In windy areas, use 6-in. spacing and nail every other corrugation

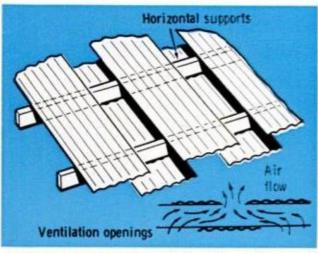
VENTILATION DETAILS



TO GAIN OVERHANG where your house doesn't provide enough to cover the ventilation space, simply make a small-scale version of the main patio roof and use special corrugated flashing where it joins the wall. Frame this strip of miniroof with 2x4 rafters and 1x2 cross braces. To provide adequate protection, it should project a minimum of 12 in. and have a pitch matching that of the main patio roof



TO GAIN HEIGHT where it's impossible to drop the patio roof below the eave line of the existing roof, elevate the framing above the roof. This will permit warm air to escape between two roof surfaces



ANOTHER METHOD of ventilating the roof is to nail alternate panels to the underside of the frame, overlapping by about 4 in. to prevent rain from falling through. However, it's not quite as strong

gravel or other loose materials will require concrete footings for the posts. Make these about 8x14x14 in., and embed the rod in the wet cement.

An alternate method of securing the posts to concrete involves the use of 8-in. angle-iron brackets, either bolted to the existing floor or embedded in footings.

A 4x4 may be used for the front header if the span between posts is 10 ft. or less. The span can be increased to 14 ft. if you use a 4x6. Use flanges to fasten the header to metal posts, framing anchors with wood posts. For best ventilation, this header should be as high as possible, while still allowing for recommended pitch. If possible, the bottom surface should be at least 7½ ft. from the patio surface.

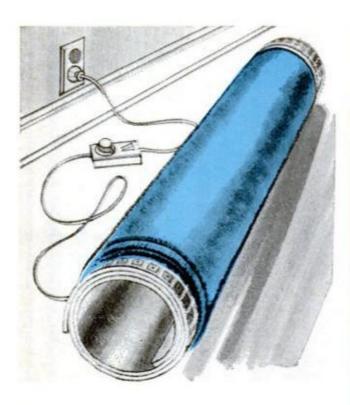
The 2x6 back header should be fastened to the wall of the house as high as possible, allowing a minimum of 1 in. pitch (3 in. in heavy snow areas) for every foot between back wall and front header. Anchor it to alternate studs with ½x 5-in. lag screws. With brick or stone walls, use 5-in. expansion bolts.

Rafter size depends on span. Use 2x4s for spans to 8 ft., 2x6s to 14 ft. and 2x8s to 20 ft. Cut them long to allow for overhang. They can be attached to the headers by toenailing, using framing anchors or notching over the headers. Rafters should be spaced to accommodate standard panel widths, allowing for an overlap of one corrugation at joints and two along the sides of the roof.

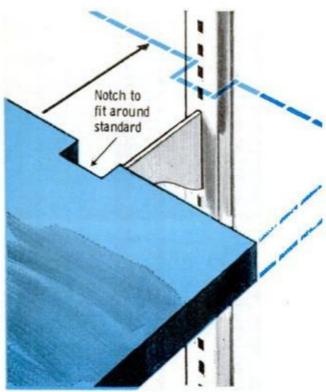
Cross braces can be either 2x4s or the same size as the rafters. Set the first line 4 to 6 in. from the back wall to provide a ventilation opening, then proceed with an egg-crate or parallel pattern, spacing them from 2½ to 4 ft. apart, depending on panel thickness. If you're using the optional corrugated wood support moldings, install these on braces and front header, and nail vertical wood molding on rafters. Then paint or stain the framework before installing the fiberglass panels.

Start applying the panels on a side that will allow prevailing winds to pass over the joint. If more than one course of panels is required, begin at a front corner and lap the ends 4 to 6 in. over the cross braces. Sandwich in a strip or two of nondrying mastic to waterproof all joints. Predrill all nail holes and use aluminum nails with Neoprene washers spaced 12 in. apart (6 in. in windy areas) to secure panels to the rafters.

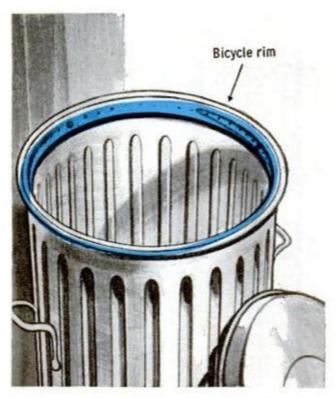
Solving home problems



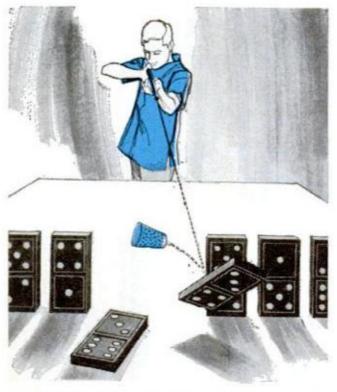
USING AN ELECTRIC BLANKET to warm a roll of linoleum so it can be unrolled without cracking not only does it in a hurry, but also softens the linoleum to the point where it will lie nice and flat



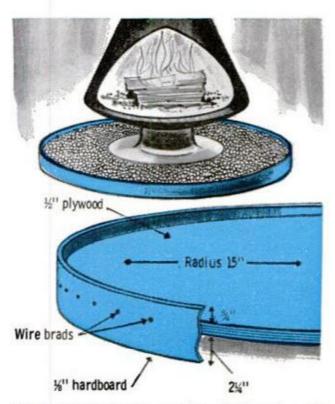
BOARD SHELVES supported by metal brackets can be made to hug the wall if they are notched to fit around the standards. Besides eliminating the gap, notches keep the shelves from shifting sideways



YOUR LARGE GARBAGE CAN will withstand the rough handling it gets if you force the rim of a stripped bicycle wheel inside the can's top and fasten with bolts. It retains shape so cover always fits



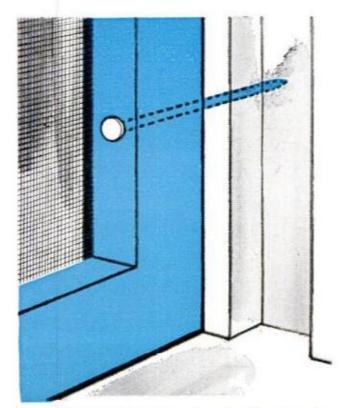
DOMINOES MAKE FINE TARGETS for rainy-day corkgun shooting when they are lined up with their backs to the marksman. Dominoes must fall face up to score and total number of dots wins contest



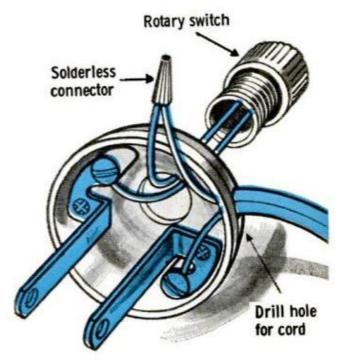
ELEGANT BASE for free-standing fireplace is made by nailing hardboard band around edge of plywood disc, placing a 2-in. chunk of insulation board under center and filling with layer of white stones



NEAT PLACE-CARD HOLDERS for a birthday party or other get-together can be quickly fashioned from common wire paper clips. Bend each clip as shown to form leg and slip card between

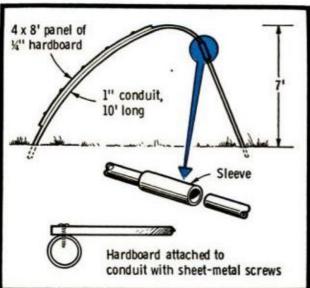


LOOSE-FITTING NAILS through each side of wooden screen will safeguard youngster against tumbling out window if he unlocks regular catch. Drill deep hole into window frame slightly larger than nail



HANDY SWITCH for turning off a tool right at the outlet can be installed in any plug. Cement a rotary switch in the original cord hole; then drill a new hole in the side of plug and wire as shown





One man's sunshade

Easily erected in a single morning, this sunshade will pamper the recluse in any man, allowing him to spend summer afternoons reading, musing or just snoozing away from boisterous kids and blistering sun. Fabrication of the shade should present no problem as the only material requiring extra care is the conduit—both curved sections should be uniformly contoured. Fasten the ¼-in. Masonite panel with sheet-metal screws before forcing the rear legs into the ground. Then slip the rubber sleeves over the ends and insert the front legs. The whole thing can be dismantled quickly at summer's end.

Vinyl-coated stones accent, even replace, lawns

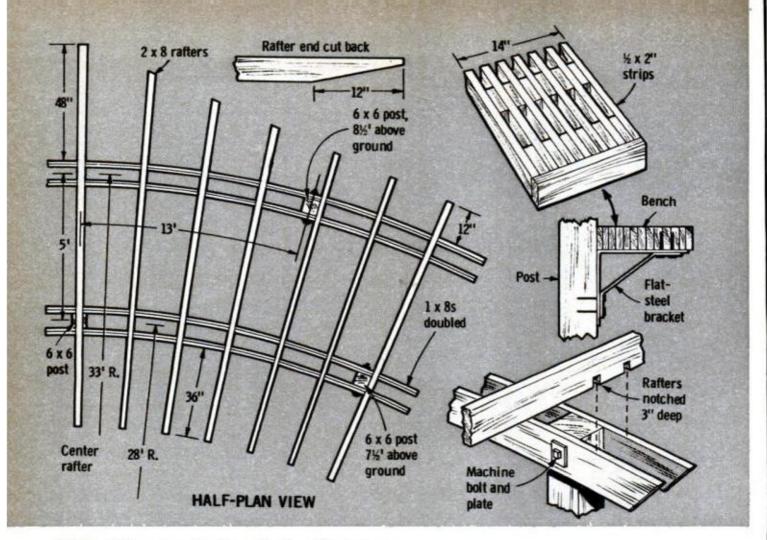
Regardless of how often you weed, water and mow your lawn, you're probably still plagued with two or three problem areas—most likely those nearest walks or under bushes. With Leisure Lawns, a crushed stone material that is double-coated with vinyl, you can now bare an unsightly area and apply stones of a grasslike green, or you can pour stones of a color to accentuate that of your home. Processed by Valspar Corp. for Colored Lawn Stone, Inc., Phoenix, the stones can be had in twelve colors for \$2.95 per 50-lb. bag. Each bag will cover $5\frac{1}{2}$ sq. ft. at a recommended depth of $1\frac{1}{4}$ -in. Referring to the three photos at the direct right:

A—Remove 1½-in. of topsoil and apply a weed and grass killer. Tamp the surface smooth and lay a germination-preventing sheet of polyethylene over the entire area. B—At the base of trees and bushes, cut a circular area twice the trunk diameter. Perforate the sheet where it covers roots and pour the stones at one end of the area. C—Rake the stones toward the other end to force trapped air from under the plastic sheet. Then pour more stones and rake until the desired depth is reached.





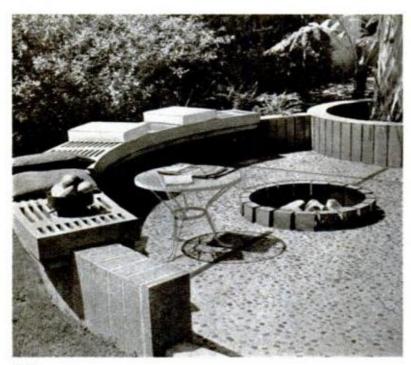




High-style pergola for shady afternoons

Otherwise defined as a structure usually consisting of parallel colonnades supporting an open roof of girders and cross rafters, a pergola might be known more commonly as an arbor or trellis.

The only items requiring special attention are the posts, for each must face the center of the circle in order that they fall flat against the laminated 1x8s. Also, post anchors should be used to hold the post butts above their concrete footings. Designed by land-scape architect Chandler Fairbank, A.S.L.A., of Portland, Ore., the pergola pictured on page 133 is made of Douglas fir and western red cedar.



Barbecue center

A sure-fire bet to become a top attraction, a successful barbecue center like this must provide comfortable seating for half a dozen people and a pit large enough for a dozen shish kebab skewers. The clean and uncluttered design of this center is due in part to the use of only two primary materials-wood and concrete blocks. The seat is similar to that shown above, while the blocks are all standard 4x8x16-in. Note that the blocks for the pit extend above ground for nearly half their height, while inside the pit, the full height of the blocks acts as a firewall.

Redwood deck

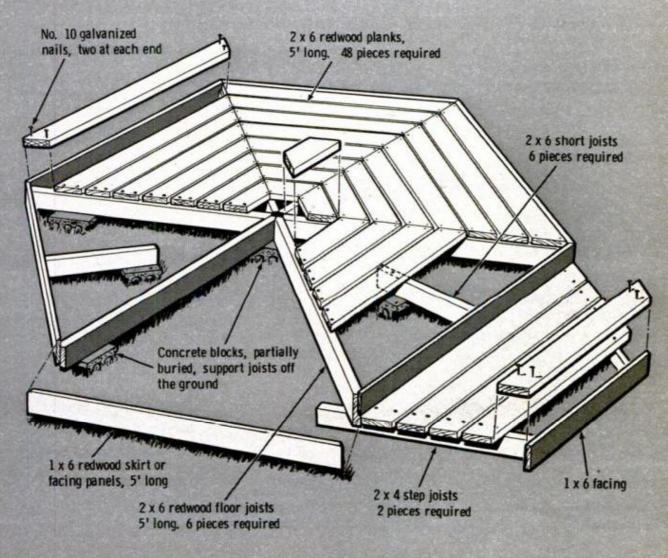
When staging an informal get-together, you'll draw compliments galore from admirers of this handsome setting-especially after you tell them you built it yourself. Made of durable California redwood, the deck was designed by William Kapranos, A.S.L.A., for the Simpson Timber Co.

First lay the foundationeasier than it seems, for neither blocks nor joists are attached to each other or to the ground. Just set them in place

and align.

Carefully lay floor planks over joists and mark each cutline accordingly. Make each cut at a 60° angle, and nail planks and facing in place. Finally, while a finish isn't really needed, a varnished deck will be easier to keep clean.





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2 HIGH SPOTS FOR

Adaptable to many family fun activities, these multipurpose units are designed to pack a lot of work and storage space in a small area. You can build them all or any one independently to suit your own needs

By BOB JOSELYN

Technical art by ZIK Associates, Ltd.

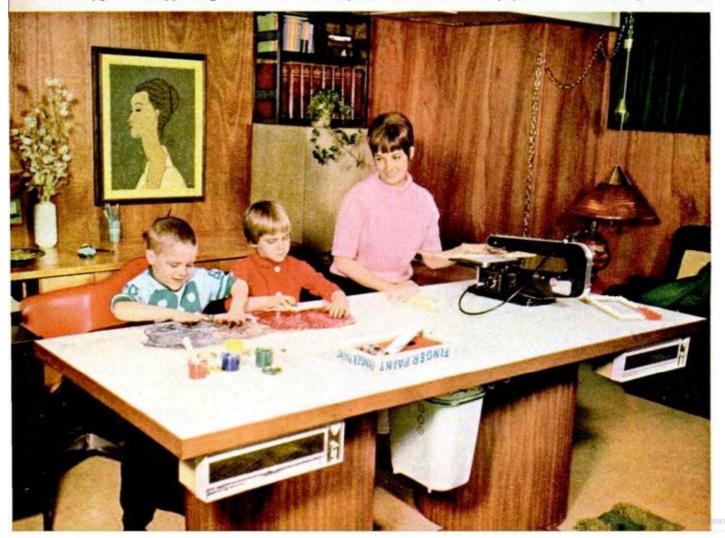
A GOOD HOBBY ROOM needs work and storage space that's flexible to accommodate many different family interests and activities, usually in a small space. The three units shown here are just about as versatile and compact as you can get. Each does double, triple or quadruple duty so it earns its keep in a variety of ways.

There's a multipurpose worktop that's a bench for hobby projects, a family game table, a large desk for homework or other chores and a dining table for informal entertaining. Hidden under the table are motorized dispensers for wax paper and foil used in craftwork, slide-out racks for drying small glued or painted articles and retractable wastebaskets for quick cleanup.

A shelf-and-drawer wall unit provides storage for hobby supplies and display space for finished projects. Its plastictopped counter serves as a work area or a snack bar. A clever method of mounting

1. Three-way workbench, desk and dining table

THIS MULTIPURPOSE WORKTOP is big enough to let youngsters finger-paint while mom cuts out designs on a jigsaw. Disappearing wastebasket and dispensers for foil and wax paper can be seen along front edge



A HOBBY ROOM



2. Storage wall with shelves, drawers and a counter

HOBBY SUPPLIES are within easy reach in the combination shelf-and-drawer unit above. The counter, topped with plastic laminate, holds power tools and a portable TV, can also be used to serve party snacks

sliding trays between the shelves eliminates complicated drawer and cabinet construction. The third unit, a comfortable sofa, converts to a bed when you remove the bolsters at the back. Under the seat cushion there's a roomy cedar chest for storing clothes, blankets and sports gear.

Together, the three pieces satisfy most of the basic needs of a hobby room. Each, however, is designed as a separate unit and can be built independently. All three are freestanding—even the wall unit—so you can shift them around easily or take them with you if you move.

Making the hobby table

An inexpensive, hollow-core flush door sitting on two fiber drums forms the basis



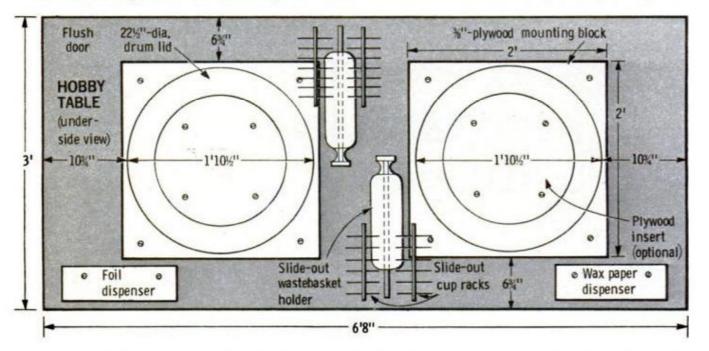
SIMPLIFIED DRAWER CONSTRUCTION saves a lot of work and time. The drawers—actually flat trays with dummy fronts—slide in metal tracks. Vertical spacers are fitted between the shelves to enclose the sides of the trays and support the metal tracks



FIBER DRUMS form king-size "legs" for the hobby table. The metal lids are first bolted to plywood squares, then the squares are screwed to the underside of the top, as at left above. Plywood discs,



shown bolted to the lids in the drawing, are not a must, but help to add strength and form grooves to engage the tops of the drums. Drums are covered with decorative self-adhering wood-grained plastic



CUT HOBBY ROOM

of this all-around work table. Not only do the drums make attractive supports, but they

also serve as large storage bins for seasonal items that aren't needed frequently. The drums used here are 22½ in. in diameter and 27 in. tall. Such drums are available from moving companies and sometimes as discards from laundries and bakeries. They can also be obtained by checking the classified pages of your telephone directory for drum and barrel makers.

The metal lids of the drums are bolted to squares of plywood, which are in turn screwed to the underside of the door. This makes a better mounting than attempting to fasten the lids directly to the hollow door. Cementing a sheet of ¼-in. hardboard to the door first will also give you a much better surface for holding screws.

The slide-out cup racks, wastebasket holders, and foil and wax-paper dispensers are standard items available at hardware and variety stores. The racks are positioned so that small articles can be suspended over the pulled-out wastebaskets in order to catch any drips of paint or glue.

When the door is placed over the drums, metal straps lock the lids to the rims, and the assembly becomes a rigid unit. The edges of the door are finished with wood tape glued on, and the top is covered with a plastic laminate that will

insure that you have an easy-to-clean, marproof surface.

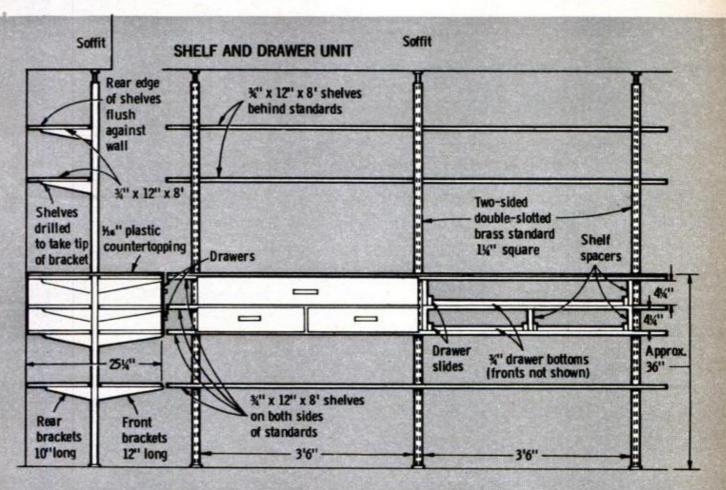
The storage wall

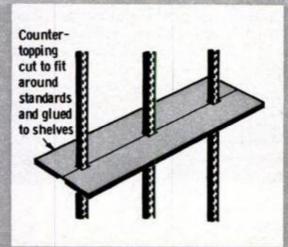
The shelf-and-drawer unit has the look of a built-in, but is actually supported solely on three portable shelf standards. These are braced firmly between the floor and ceiling by springs and have slots on two sides so that shelf brackets can be attached at both the front and back.

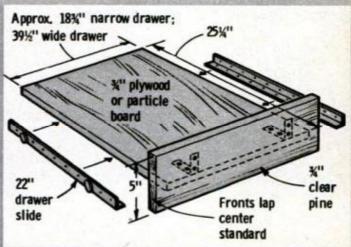
The upper part of the unit has shelves only in back, while the lower part has shelves on both sides to provide drawer space and a deep counter area. Note that two sizes of shelf brackets are used. The front ones are 12 in. long, while the rear ones are only 10 in. long so they don't project beyond the shelves and strike the wall. This allows the back shelves to fit flush against the wall.

The drawers are merely sideless trays running in metal slides. This makes them extremely easy to build since only a front and bottom are needed for each. Spacers between the lower shelves support the tracks in which the trays slide. By filling the trays with rows of cigar boxes, coffee cans or small jars, you have compartmented storage for small parts without a lot of fussy carpentry.

The shelves that form the counter are







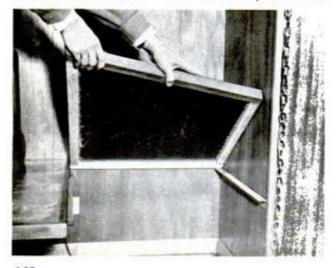


3. Quick-change sofa, guest bed and handy cedar chest

REMOVE THE BOLSTERS from the convertible sofa above and you have a 3-ft.-wide bed to accommodate an overnight guest. Blankets and other bedding can be kept handy right in the roomy cedar chest underneath

topped with plastic laminate like the hobby table. This is cut to fit snugly around the standards and to bridge the crack between the two shelves at the center so that you have a solid, unbroken counter surface. The unit should be completely stable, but if there's any tendency

LEGLESS END TABLES are hinged at the back so they can swing up for easy cleaning underneath. In the down position, they rest on angle-iron cleats screwed to the ends of the sofa and adjacent walls



for it to move when you pull on a drawer, it can be securely anchored by fastening the back shelves to the wall with metal angles.

Combination sofa-bed

As in the hobby table, a hollow-core flush door is the backbone of the three-way sofa-bed-chest. The door forms the bottom of the bed and the top of the chest underneath it. The chest is framed as shown with 2x4s, then covered with strips of aromatic red cedar. The somewhat unconventional sandwich construction used on the drop-down door enables you to have the handsome look of cedar paneling on inside and outside faces.

The flush door is fastened to the chest with four long bolts down through the top rails. The cushion is a 4-in.-thick slab of foam rubber. As shown here, it is covered with green felt, but any good, heavy upholstery fabric will serve. The wedge-shaped bolsters are also upholstered foam rubber, tapering from 8 in. wide at the bottom to 4 in. wide at the top. If it isn't possible to cut the shape from a single

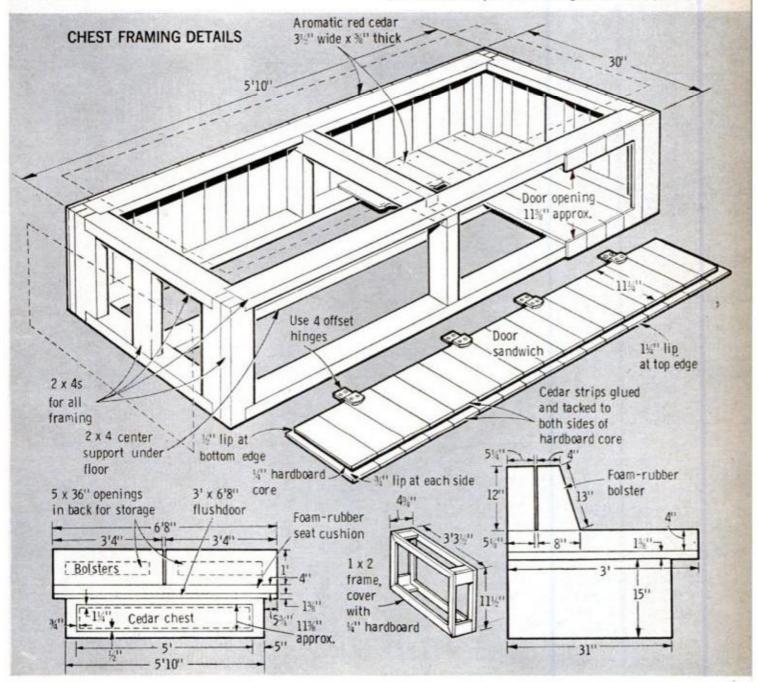
piece of rubber, build up the necessary thickness in several layers.

The rectangular storage compartments behind the bolsters are light wood frames covered with hardboard and upholstered to match the bolsters and seat cushion. Openings in the back permit pillows and other bedding to be hidden inside when not in use on the bed.

End tables for the sofa are simply plastic-topped pieces of plywood resting on cleats attached to the ends of the sofa and adjacent walls. The pieces are hinged at the back so they can be lifted up for easy cleaning underneath. In the event there are no adjacent walls handy, a single leg could be fastened to the unsupported outboard corner on each table, thereby retaining the hinge-up feature at the back.



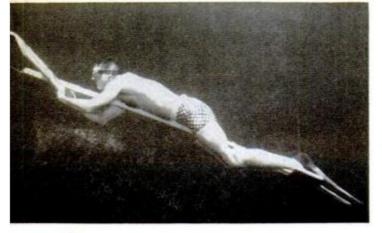
UPHOLSTERED COMPARTMENTS behind the bolsters serve a dual function: They act as spacers to narrow the bed when it's used as a sofa, and they provide convenient space for hiding sheets and pillows





TO CLIMB, PUSH DOWN on the two control surfaces

TO DIVE, PUSH UP on both hinged control surfaces



POPULAR MECHANICS

It's a wild submarine steed that you can make in one evening for about \$5. And you don't need a ski-size motor—it "trolls" with minimum power

By WALTER MORRIS

Art by Graphic Presentations

Underwater Aquaplane

TAKING A RIDE on this sleek little underwater sled is a lot like water skiing, but with more thrills. The photos below, taken at Silver Springs, Fla., show how it operates. By moving the control surfaces you can throw it into a sharp bank, do a slow roll or even flip over and run upside down. As for diving gear, you can get by with simply a mask, snorkel and fins.

Construction is simplicity itself. Note that the use of wingnuts with carriage bolts makes it possible to take the aquaplane apart for easy carrying.

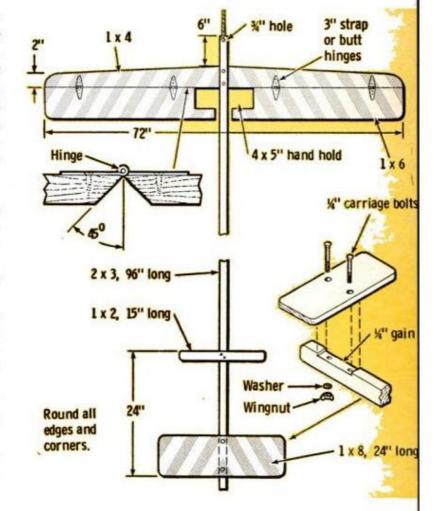
When "flying" this aquaplane, there are four safety rules to keep in mind:

Towing line—the longer the better, to keep away from that spinning prop.

Water depth—the deeper the better, especially at anything above trolling speed.

Traffic—Stay well away from other boats; they can't tell you're towing somebody.

Speed—Hold it down; you can have as much fun at trolling speed as you can going fast (maybe more). ***



YOU CAN BANK by pushing one up and one down



GOOD RUNNING DEPTH is 2 or 3 ft. below surface



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HOW TO GET MORE OUT OF YOUR OUTBOARD



Wringing the best possible performance out of your motor needn't mean exotic modifications or high-priced extras. Here's the way it's done

If YOU HAD a racing mechanic to tune your outboard, how fast could it go? True, there's a theoretical limit imposed by motor, hull shape and propeller, but there are still quite a few things you can do to squeeze a little more speed out of your boat without spending a great deal of money. Getting more speed doesn't mean hopping up the motor with complicated (and expensive) modifications. You can get top power for almost any hull with a stock engine. Remember that outboard marathon racers run stock motors, and they're never short on speed. The big difference between their engine and yours is tuning. Speed demands an engine tuned to the finest edge. You

can get away with plus-or-minus adjustments for cruising or trolling, but when it
comes to speed, a difference of a thousandth of an inch in adjusting plugs, points
or carburetor can reduce top speed by a
couple of miles per hour. Also, every component must be in top shape. An old set of
plugs, which might be okay for cruising,
is definitely out once you begin talking
speed. The loss of spark intensity means
loss of power, and loss of power means
loss of speed.

A complete speed tune-up should include checking: compression, plugs, ignition system, carburetion (and the rest of the fuel system), plus the lower unit and the water pump. If you're really serious about speed tuning, you should have access to modern service equipment such as a compression gauge, a magneto tester and a synchronizer plate.

First, a compression test

Start with a compression test. All the fine tuning in the world will not give you maximum speed if compression is low or uneven. It is vital that the cause of improper compression be corrected before you begin to tune. If not, tuning will be a waste of time.

To run a compression test, remove the sparkplugs, install a compression gauge in sparkplug holes and crank the engine through a minimum of four compression strokes to obtain the highest reading.

A variation of more than 15 lbs. per sq. in. between cylinders indicates a defect in the cylinder, such as worn or sticky piston rings, scored pistons or scored cylinders.

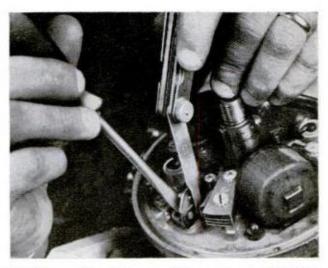
If I were forced to select one part of an engine that has the greatest effect on speed it would have to be sparkplugs. They must be:

- In class-A condition.
- The make and heat range called for by the manufacturer.
- Adjusted right smack on the nose. If the spec calls for .025 in., it doesn't mean .024 in.
- Tightened in their seats to the book specification (meaning tighten them with a torque wrench). Insufficient torque leads to loss of compression, and that means a loss of speed. Too much torque leads to an inability to dissipate heat, which can cause early destruction of plugs and possible engine damage.

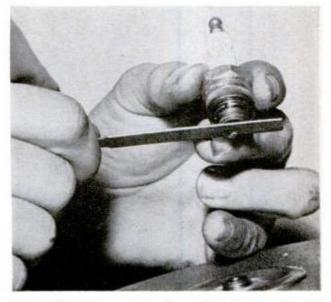
So much for the most important contribution to performance. Still, a foul-up



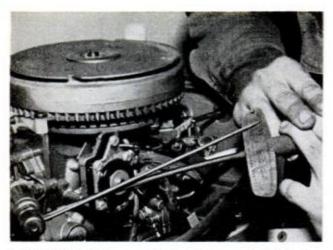
MAGNETO TESTER helps to determine whether a full spark occurs at just the right time. Ignition system and compression are critical factors for speed



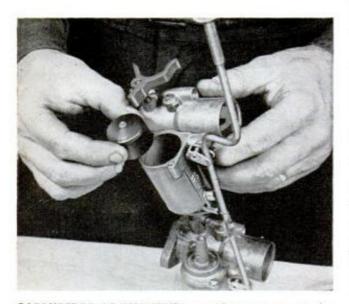
POINTS must be in top condition and gap should be meticulously set to proper specification. When doing this, adjust for a slight drag on feeler gauge



SPARKPLUGS have to be in perfect shape, also. File them clean and smooth, and make sure that the gap is right on target. Top speed demands top ignition



SEATING PLUGS properly is also important. If they are either too loose or too tight, you'll lose power and speed. Tighten as specified with a torque wrench



CARBURETOR ADJUSTMENTS must be exact to get the most possible "go" from your engine. Float shown has a spring on top that controls the needle valve

HIGH SPEEDS make efficient cooling even more important than normal, so drop the lower unit and check cooling system, especially pump and impeller

anywhere else in the ignition system will prevent a full spark from reaching the sparkplugs. Keep in mind that top speed requires feeding of a properly proportioned fuel mixture to the cylinders, correct compression of that mixture and maximum spark to ignite the mixture for full power. A spark that's half dead won't allow full combustion.

In checking the ignition system, every component must be tested and tuned according to the book. The exact ignition tune-up procedure varies in scope and specification from engine to engine, but here's the general approach:

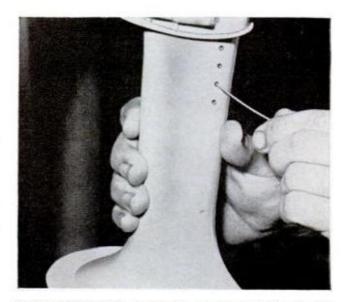
Start with the coil (or coils), testing for maximum operating amperage, highspeed output, secondary continuity, surface insulation and ground.

Go on to sparkplug wires (no cracks or splits), rotor and distributor cap. Check these areas for high-voltage leakage, continuity and resistance.

The condenser is then tested for capacity, leakage and shorts.

Finally, turn your attention to the breaker points. As with sparkplugs, there can be no compromising here. Breaker points must be in topnotch condition and adjusted to the exact specification called for by the book. A synchronizer or dwell plate is an absolute must in making these adjustments if your intention is to have a engine putting out maximum power.

Checking the carburetor involves thorough cleaning, inspection of parts and correct adjustment, particularly of the floatbowl cover. You might also double check



WHEN RUNNING, check the drainage holes in the lower unit occasionally to see that they're clear. You can remove clogging dirt with a short piece of wire

the speed adjustments of the carburetor (though most of them are "fixed" in to-

day's engines).

If sediment, gum or varnish are present on carburetor parts, the carburetor should be taken off the engine, dismantled and thoroughly cleaned in solvent. Replace dirty fuel filters and make sure the needle valve isn't sticking in its seat.

Also, check the float-bowl cover for proper clearance as called for by specification. Usually, correct float-bowl cover adjustment calls for a distance from the face of the shoulder to the primary lever of 13/32 in. This check is made with the cover inverted. With the cover in an upright position, the distance between the levers should be ½ in.

Be sure to check the float itself. If deteriorated or saturated, replace it. Most floats have a spring that controls the needle valve. This, too, has to be properly adjusted, usually 3/32 in. from top of float to end of spring.

With the float in its bowl, make sure it spins freely. If anything is restricting the movement of the carburetor float, flooding will occur.

Finally, replace all gaskets with new ones. Carburetor gaskets have a tendency to swell in time, which impedes carburetor action.

Other parts of the fuel system that should be checked are the fuel pump and fuel lines. Leakage or restriction here impedes fuel flow.

Tighten everything

Finally, make sure all parts are tightly assembled. Air leaking in through the base of the carburetor or some other attachment area will dilute the fuel and rob the engine of power.

There is only one more service area that should be emphasized—the cooling system. An engine revved for top speed demands complete, adequate cooling.

Drop the lower unit and disassemble the water pump. Make sure impeller, insert, faceplate and oil seals are in good shape, not worn or damaged.

While you're in the lower unit, check on gears and bearings. Take a look at the prop and prop shaft, too. If the shaft is bent, for example, you're not going to get full speed.

Once you've completed this tune-up, the engine is ready to go. From here on, it's up to the prop, the boat and you.

Outboard Clinic

- Q. Try this one. A 1965 9½-hp Johnson that bucks and misses at low speed. Checked the plugs at the end of a day and found the lower cylinder plug gasfouled. A mechanic suggested a hotter plug. What do you think?—C.S., III.
- A. I think that every outboard engine should be run with the plug specified by the manufacturer and no other. Using a hotter plug is like giving a guy aspirin for a toothache—it'll relieve the pain, but it won't get rid of the decay. As for what's causing the fouling, check the reed valve feeding the lower cylinder to see if it's off its seat. If not, could be that an ignition breakdown is providing too weak a spark to burn the mixture fully. If so, it's time for a full tune-up.
- Q. I'm ready to junk this motor of mine unless you can help. It kicks back when I go to start it and backfires into the lower unit.—L.P., Calif.
- A. There are only a few things that could cause this condition in an outboard, so the problem of locating the culprit isn't as difficult as you might think. Check for sparkplug wires reversed, flywheel key sheared, timing and synchronization way out of whack or reed valves that are either broken or not seating properly. After tracing down the problem, give the engine a careful tuning to make sure everything else is okay.
- Q. I own a 1957 Oliver 15-hp outboard which is in good shape. It runs great at high speed, but the trouble is that it won't idle. Can you tell me why?—B.H., Pa.
- A. There are many reasons why an engine will refuse to idle properly. The cause could be any of the following: dirty low-speed jet, ignition points improperly gapped or worn, sparkplugs improperly gapped or dirty. A tuneup should take care of the problem. If not, you'll have to start checking for a major problem like open reed valves and leaky seals.

FOR PERSONAL REPLY to your outboard motor question, write Outboard Clinic, Popular Mechanics, 575 Lexington Ave., New York, N.Y. 10022. Enclose 25 cents in coin.

Getting started in model rocketry

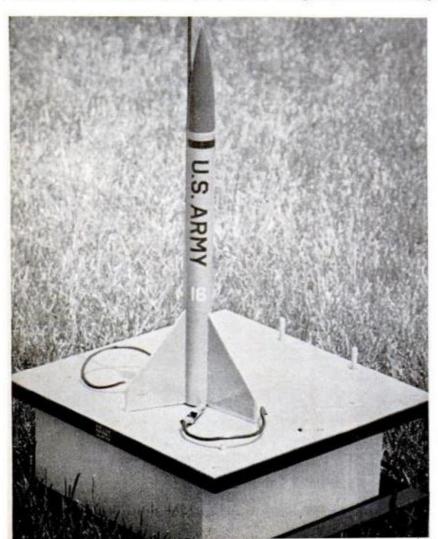
Here's how to build a battery-operated launcher, a remote-control firing station and a solid-fuel ship to make this modern hobby safe and exciting

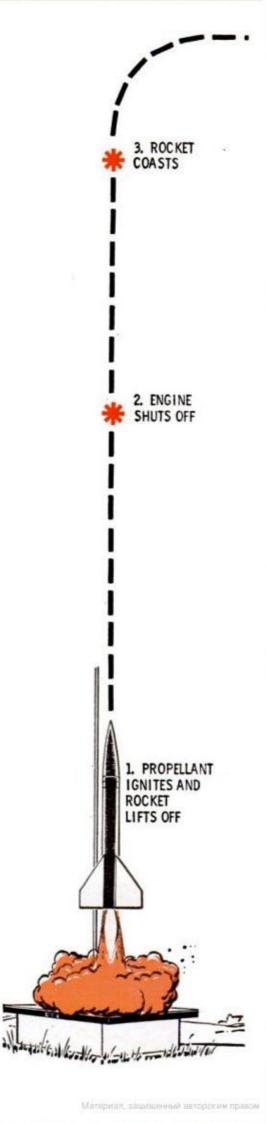
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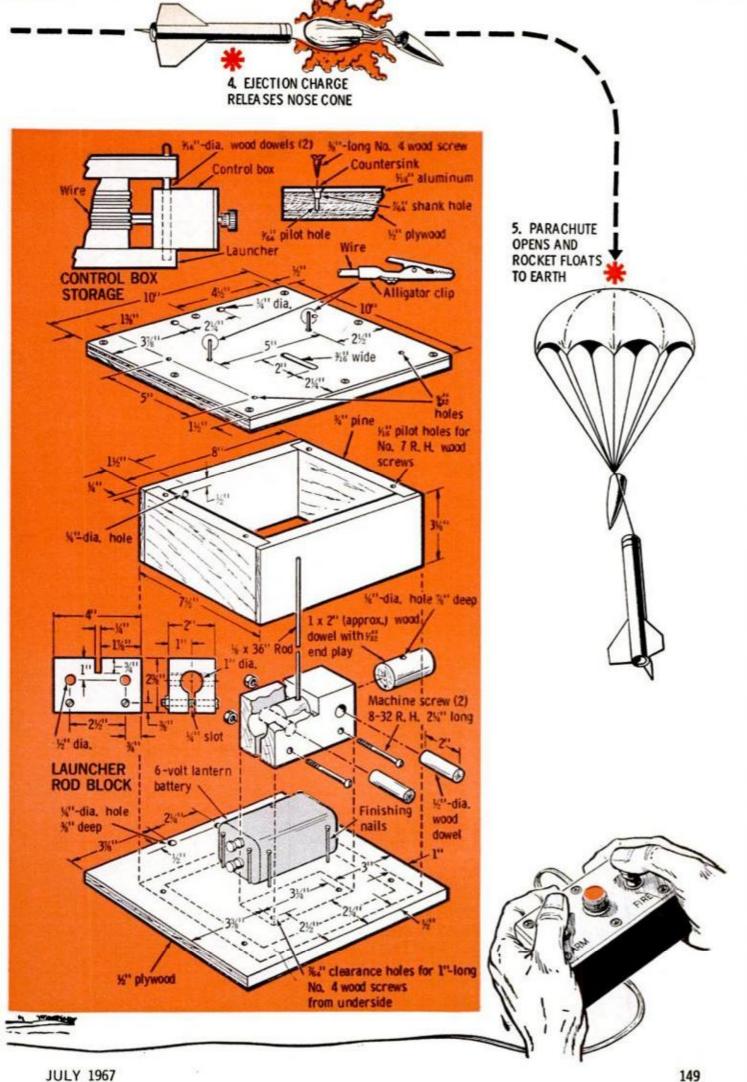
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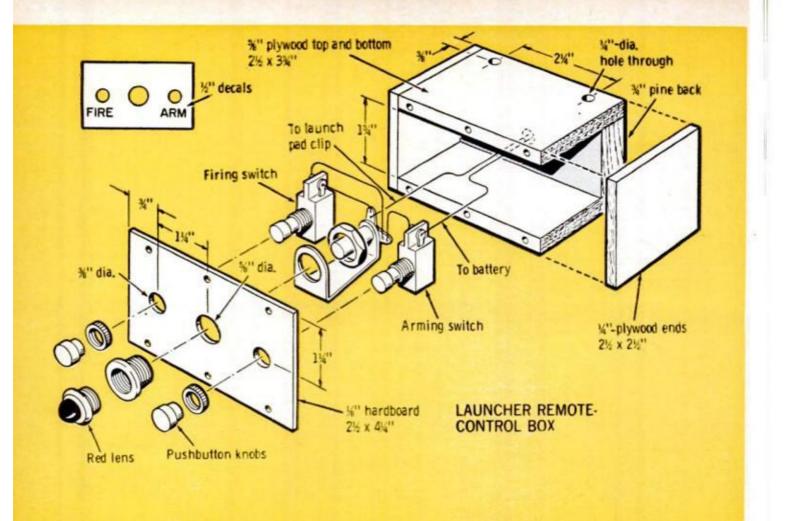
ALL OVER THE COUNTRY dads are helping sons build model rockets for the same reason they used to monopolize their youngsters' electric trains. The fact is, for any age, there's a lot of thrill and challenge in fashioning a slim, gleaming, needle-nosed projectile and watching it streak skyward in a fiery blast of its engine.

Today's model rockets come in a fascinating array of types and sizes. They're safe when handled with care and are easily assembled from kits and parts sold by hobby shops and mail-order houses. The rocket engines are simple cardboard tubes filled with a solid propellant that slip into place like a cartridge in a gun. Depending on the size of engine used, model rockets can reach altitudes of 1000 feet or more. The propellant is ignited electrically



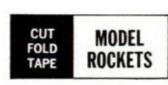






by a special Nichrome wire, supplied with each engine, that heats to a glow when connected to a battery.

The remote-control launcher shown here adds to the fun and safety by allowing you to set up a rocket on the pad and then move well away for the actual firing —just as big rockets are launched. The



battery is built into the launcher's base, and the portable control box is connected to it

by 15 feet of wire. A clever two-button control eliminates any chance of firing the rocket accidentally—you have to have both buttons pressed at the same time to complete the circuit.

The launch rod used to hold and guide a rocket during the initial lift-off stage has a novel tilting feature that enables models to be fired at an angle as well as straight up. For easy handling, the remote-control box stores in the side of the launcher, and its wire is coiled neatly around the base.

While any rocket can be used with the

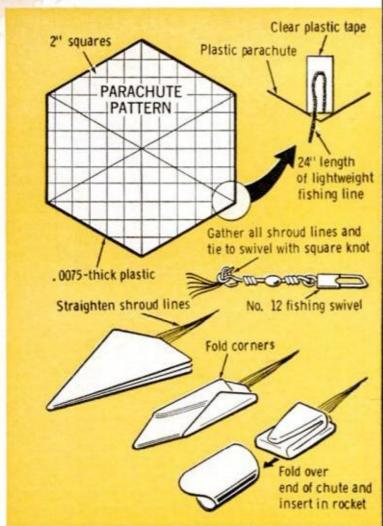
launcher, the model suggested here provides a lot of exciting action since it's designed for parachute recovery. At the height of its flight, an ejection charge blows off the nose cone, a miniature parachute pops out, and the rocket floats gently to earth. Just under a foot long, it's a trim-looking, yet simple, design that's easy for a beginner to tackle.

Making the launcher

The launcher is topped with a 10-in.square aluminum plate to protect the
wood from the rocket's blast. The slot for
the tilting guide rod can be cut with a
metal-cutting blade in a saber saw or by
drilling a series of 3/16 in. holes and filing
out between them.

The full-width aluminum plate gives the launcher a sleek appearance but is not absolutely essential. If you prefer, you can fasten a smaller piece of metal, such as a coffee-can lid, in the center of the launcher to catch the blast.

Clamp the plywood top and bottom pieces together and drill both at the same time for all holes that line up. The sides are assembled as a unit first to form a



box; then top and bottom are screwed on.

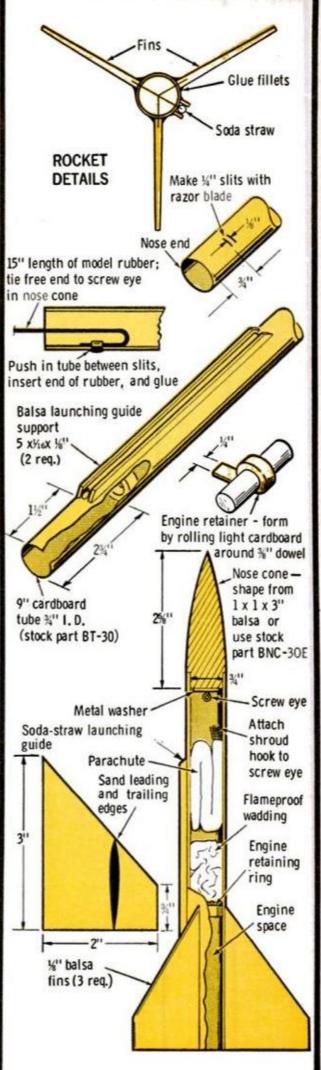
The tilting mount for the launching rod consists of a ¾-in. dowel clamped snugly in a split block. Tighten the block just enough so that the dowel is free to turn but will hold in any position. This way, you can tilt the rod and it will stay until you move it. Half of the block is screwed rigidly to the base, and the other half is free to adjust pressure on the dowel.

For firing power, a 6-volt lantern battery is concealed inside the launcher. If you prefer, you can also use four regular 1½-volt flashlight batteries wired in series to provide 6 volts. Two wires with alligator clips on the ends run up through the launching platform for connection to the rocket's ignition wire. To keep the blast out of the guide-rod slot, a small disc of metal with a hole in the center can be slipped on the rod. It will slide with the rod without hampering its tilting feature.

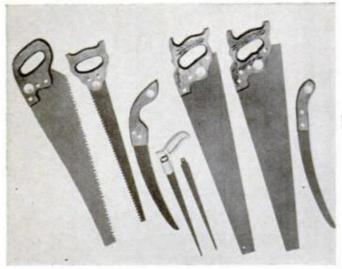
Connecting the control

The portable control box contains two normally open pushbutton switches and a pilot light. The circuit is arranged so that

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New tools you should know about



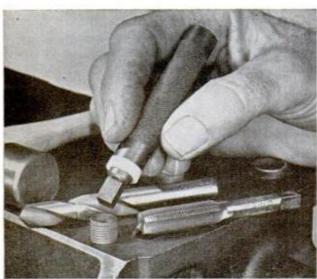


Now Teflon coating on saws

A new and tougher Teflon coating than used on cookware is now being baked on a full line of Disston hand and pruning saws to make sawing easier than ever. Called Teflon S, this new coating by Du Pont allows your saw to glide through both tough and wet wood without binding. Blade remains clean, has life-long protection against rust or corrosion and can be resharpened without affecting Teflon action. H. K. Porter Co., Inc., Pittsburgh, Pa.

Low-cost orbital sander

Ball bearings on the driving plate of Thor's new orbital sander provide a guarantee of long, trouble-free service to both the home workshopper and professional. UL industrially rated, this sander takes a 41/2x61/2-in. abrasive sheet which allows you to cut three strips out of each standard 9x11-in. paper. Priced to sell for less than \$15. Thor Power Tool Co., 175 State St., Aurora, III. Thor is also introducing a new two-wheel bench grinder with shaded-pole motor for \$18.88.





Slimserts replace stripped threads

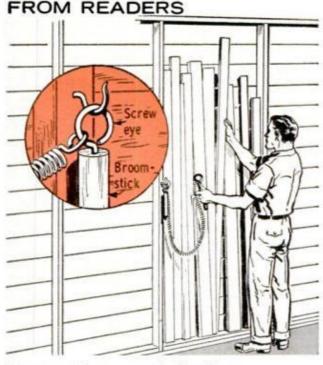
Stripped threads are no longer the aggravating problem they used to be. Now you need simply to drill out the old hole with a step drill, then retap it and turn in a threaded Slimsert that fits the original bolt. Made of stainless steel, these screw-type inserts come in sizes from No. 10 through 3/4 in. in both U. S. (coarse) and SAE (fine). Proto Tool Co., Los Angeles, Calif.



Pressure roller speeds painting

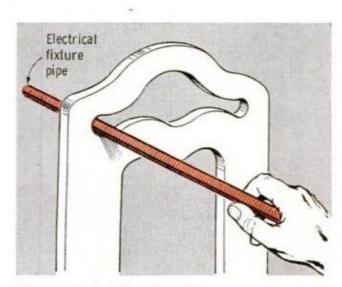
Equipped with its own 1-qt. paint container, this trigger-fed roller makes painting simpler than ever. Paint is forced through perforations in Dynel roller for continuous, even application. A special enameling sleeve slips over the Dynel one for an ultra smooth finish. Extra handy for boat painting. Sells for \$12.95 from Warren Pressure Rollers, 3015 Southwest Drive, Los Angeles, Calif. 90043.

HINTS



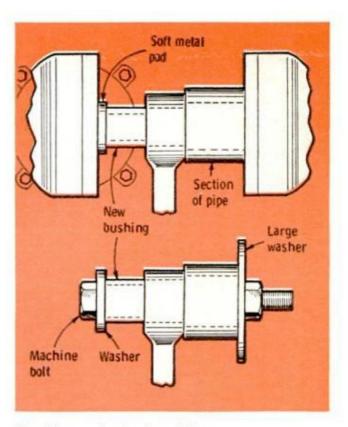
Door spring corrals lumber

The waste space between the studs of a garage wall provides a natural out-of-the-way place to store odds and ends of lumber. But a mere cleat nailed across the studs to retain the pieces makes it difficult to remove long boards. The answer is a coil spring which will stretch—or unhook—to let you pull out any piece you want.—John C. Schapps



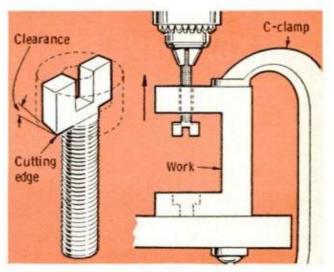
Pipe pinch-hits for file

Not as good as the real thing, of course, but you'll find that a length of \(^1/8\)-in. electrical fixture pipe makes a good substitute for a round file when one is needed to smooth tight turns in scroll-sawed work. Burred threads on the pipe act like cutting teeth on a rasp.—Victor H. Lamoy



Bushing ejects bushing

Many mechanics use a hammer and roundnose punch to drive out bushings. However, I have found a far better method whereby I use the new bushing to drive out the old one. The sketch shows how this is done in a vise with a short section of pipe and a soft metal pad to prevent damage. Another way to do it is with a bolt and large washer.—F. Birch



Counterbore made from capscrew

When the job calls for "back counterboring," you can make the cutter from a socket-head capscrew. Grind head as shown and form cutting lips on the underside. Cutting is done by raising up on the spindle. At slow speed, the cutter will work in mild steel.—Arthur Drummond Jr.

How to reroof your house with

Whether you want to switch to the distinctive look of hand wood shingles that are already on your roof, the laying of

PART II

MANY HOMEOWNERS still prefer the rustic, colonial beauty of a wood-shingle roof in preference to asphalt, and if your home has such a roof which needs reshingling with either redcedar shakes or shingles, a little knowhow is all it takes for you to do the job yourself with professional results.

Called the aristocrat of roofing materials, handsplit cedar shakes make a luxurious roof of unsurpassed durability that will actually outlast the house itself. Shakes may be applied directly over the old roof if it's not slate, tile or "asbestos." Where the old roof is to remain, 6-in. strips of the old roofing are removed along the eaves and gables, and replaced with 1x6 boards before the shakes are laid. These boards provide a strong base at the perimeter, concealing the old roof from view.

MAXIMUM EXPOSURE FOR WOOD SHAKES

TYPE	THICKNESS	LENGTH	DOUBLE COVERAGE	TRIPLE COVERAGE
Handsplit and resawn shakes	1/2 to 3/4" 1/2 to 3/4" 3/4 to 11/4"	18" 24" 32"	8½" 10" 13"	5½" 7½" 10"
Tapersplit shakes	½ to 5/8"	24"	10"	71/2"
Straightsplit shakes	3/8" 3/8"	18" 24"		5½" 7½"



TRY TO DRIVE NAILS flush with shingle's surface but not so hard that the nailheads will crush the wood

POPULAR MECHANICS

wood shakes and shingles

split shakes or desire simply to add a new layer to the either type is an easy job for an ambitious do-it-yourselfer

By WAYNE C. LECKEY

Technical Art by ZIK Associates, Ltd.

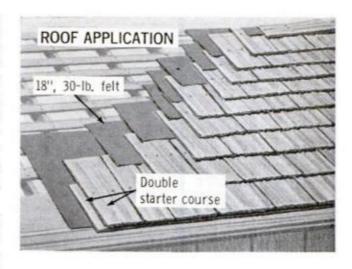
Over-roofing, of course, has a number of advantages. It gives extra insulation. You don't have to worry about sudden rains while applying the shingles, and there's a lot less litter to pick up from the lawn and shrubs. But where you might be fixing up an old dilapidated house with a beyond-saving shingle roof, you have no recourse but to strip the roof and start from scratch. You have a choice of three kinds of shakes.

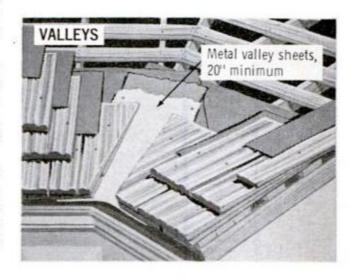
- Handsplit and resawn shakes have split faces and sawn backs. After cedar logs are cut into the desired length, blanks of proper thickness are split, and these then are run diagonally through a bandsaw to produce two tapered shakes from each blank.
- Tapersplit shakes are produced entirely by hand, using a sharp-bladed knife called a froe and a wooden mallet. A natural shinglelike taper, from butt to tip, is achieved by reversing the block, end for end, with each split.
- Straightsplit or barn shakes are made in the same manner as taper-split shakes, except that the splitting is done from one end of the block only. This produces shakes which are the same thickness throughout.

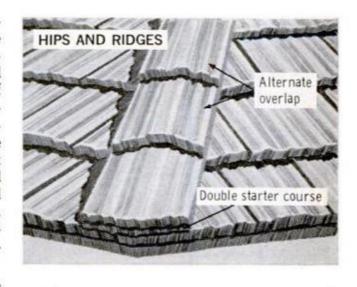
How to apply shakes

Shakes can be applied over open or solid sheathing, although in areas where wind-driven snow is encountered, solid sheathing is recommended. For good drainage, the pitch (slope) of your roof should not be less than one-sixth, or 4-in-12 (4 in. vertical rise for each 12-in. horizontal run). The correct weather exposure is important too, and the chart at the left gives the maximum exposure for standard 18, 24 and 32-in. shakes, in double and triple coverages. Note that the $\frac{3}{8}$ x 24-in. shakes should be applied at $7\frac{1}{2}$ -in. exposure when the roof pitch is less than 8-in-12.

To begin, a 36-in.-wide strip of 30-lb.







roofing felt is laid over the sheathing boards at the eave line. The starter course of shakes is doubled, the bottom course being 15 or 18-in. shakes expressly made for the purpose. Wood shakes should extend 1 to 11/2 in, out over the eave and

ROOFING HOUSE

CUT

FOLD

TAPE

rake to form a drip. After each course is completed, an 18in.-wide strip of felt is placed over

the top portion of the shakes. Here the bottom edge of the felt is kept above the shake butts a distance equal to twice the weather exposure. For example, if 24-in. shakes are being laid at a 10-in, exposure, the felt should be positioned 20 in. above the shake butts. The strip will then cover the top 4 in. of the shakes and extend 14 in. onto the sheathing. The individual shakes should be spaced 1/4 to 3/8 in. to allow for possible expansion, and the joint offset at least 11/2 in. in adjacent courses.

Fasten each shake with just two nails and use only rust-resistant nails (hotdipped zinc or aluminum) driven 1 in. from each edge and 1 or 2 in. above the butt line of the course to follow. A 2-in. (6-penny) nail normally is adequate, but longer nails should be used when shake thickness dictates. Drive the nails until the

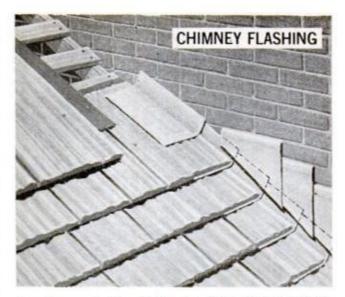
MAXIMUM EXPOSURE FOR WOOD SHINGLES

ROOF SLOPE	SHINGLE LENGTHS			
	16"	18"	24"	
5 in 12 or steeper	5"	51/2"	71/2"	
4 in 12	41/2"	5"	83/4"	
3 in 12	334"	41/4"	534"	

NAIL SIZES RECOMMENDED

SIZE	LENGTH	GAUGE	HEAD	SHINGLES
3d*	1-1/4"	14-3/2	7/32"	16 & 18"
4d*	1-1/2"	14	7/32"	24"
5d**	1-3/4"	14	7/32"	
6d**	2"	13	7/32"	

*3d and 4d nails used for new construction **5d and 6d nails used for reroofing



heads meet the shake surface but no further; nails have less holding power when the heads are driven into the shake.

For the final course at the ridge line, uniform shakes are selected. A strip of roofing felt, at least 8 in. wide, is applied over the crown of all hips and ridges and shakes approximately 6-in. wide are sorted out to cover them. Two straightedges are tacked to the roof, 5 in. each side of the center line of the hip.

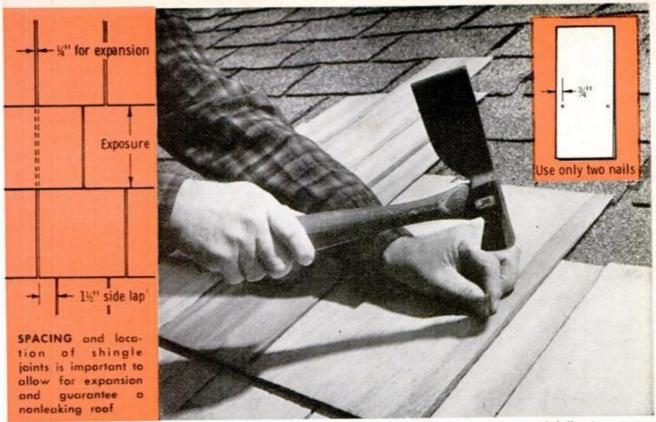
The bottom course of hip shakes is doubled and the butts are trimmed to align with the starting courses at the eaves. The first hip shake is nailed in place with one edge resting against the guide strip. Then the portion projecting over the center of the hip is cut back on a bevel. The shake on the opposite side is then applied and its projecting edge is cut back to fit. Shakes in following courses are applied alternately in reverse order. Weather exposure of the hip shakes should be the same as that for the roof shakes.

All valleys should be underlaid with 30-lb. roofing felt applied over the sheathing. The metal valley sheets should be at least 20 in. wide. Edges of the shakes are cut to run parallel up the valleys, approximately 5 in. apart. Base and chimney flashing units are laid with each shake course and counterflashed.

An adjustable exposure gauge on the edge of a shingler's hatchet speeds application in making it easy to measure correct exposure and run the courses straight.

How to apply red-cedar shingles

Red-cedar shingles are applied in much the same manner as shakes. Where they are to be applied over an old roof of wood or asphalt shingles, roof preparation is

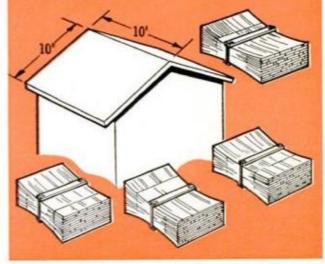


ONLY TWO NAILS are used per shingle and are placed so they are ¾ in. above butts of following course

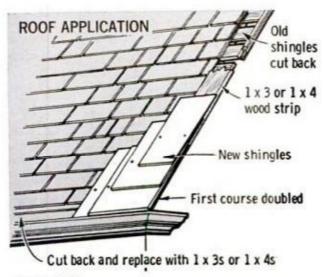
the same along the eaves and gables. In addition, a strip of lumber is laid in each valley to separate the old metal valley from the new, and the old ridge shingles are replaced with strips of beveled cedar siding, thin edge downward.

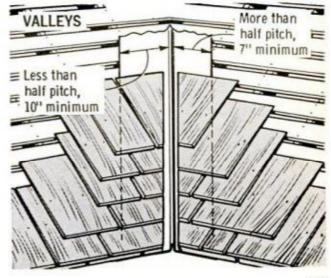
Normally, cedar shingles are applied in straight single courses, using a straight-edge to keep the rows straight and true. On roof slopes of 5-in-12 and steeper, standard exposures are: 5 in. for 16-in. shingles, 5½ in. for 18-in. shingles and 7½ in. for 24 in. shingles. If the roof pitch is less than 3-in-12, cedar shingles are not recommended.

Like shakes, cedar shingles are doubled along the eaves, and the butts of the first course are laid so they hang over the edge

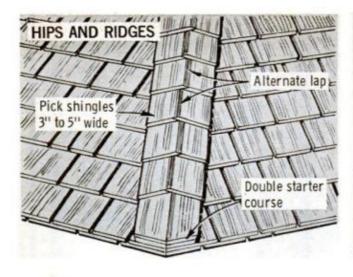


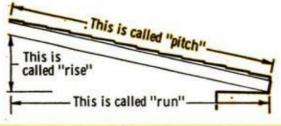
TO ESTIMATE NUMBER of shingles needed for your roof, four bundles, which are called a "square," will normally cover 100 square feet of roof area

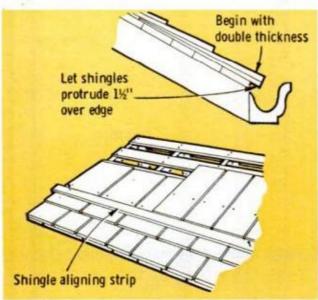




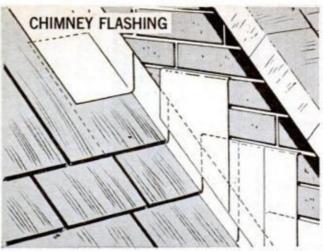
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 $1\frac{1}{2}$ in. to insure proper rain spillage in the gutters.

Space the shingles ¼ in, apart and never have two joints in line if separated by only one course of shingles. Leave a sidelap of 1½ in. between joints in successive courses. Use only two nails per shingle, ¾ in, in from each edge, and locate them so the next course will cover the nails by at least ¾ in. The chart on page 156 specifies the right size of nail to use. As with shakes, the use of rust-resistant nails is most important. Drive the nails flush, but not so hard the nailheads crush the wood.

Hips and ridges are capped with factory-assembled units lapped to provide the same exposure as in the roof proper.

How to estimate 'squares'

A "square" of shingles consists of four bundles, so called because they normally will cover 100 square feet of roof area.

To estimate the number of squares you'll have to order for your roof, first determine the square-foot ground area of your house (include eave and cornice overhang). Increase this total square-foot area by 8½ percent if the roof pitch is 5 in 12, 12 percent if it's 6 in 12 or 20 percent if 8 in 12. Then divide total by 100.

Where pitch is less than 5 in 12, allow for a third more shingles to compensate for the reduced exposure. And, add a square for each 100 lineal feet of hips and valleys. As for nails, figure 2½ lbs. per 100 sq. ft. of roof area.

Before you get on any roof, slip on a pair of tennis shoes. They'll not only give you good footing, but they'll keep from marking up your new roof.

For more information on application of shakes and shingles, we suggest you write Red-Cedar Shingle and Handsplit Shake Bureau, Seattle, Wash.

HINTS FROM READERS

Stronger dowel joints

Spiral-kerfed dowels make dowel joints that are twice as strong as smooth dowels. When clamping pressure is applied, excess glue trapped in the bottom of the hole works its way up the groove to provide a greater bond to the sides of the hole. Use your bandsaw to cut the spiral by tilting the table 20° and clamping a wood fence to it. Rotate the dowel slowly as you make a 16-in.-deep cut.

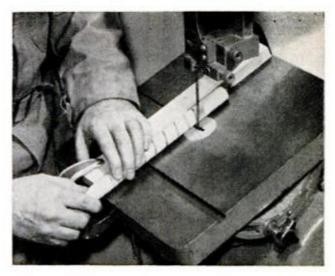
VW dining shelf

A drive-in eatery need pose no problem for a Volkswagen when the weather is wet and cold, for with this roomy dining table you'll never miss the dashboard shelf of bigger cars. Simply let down the door of the glove compartment, clip on a tabletop carried with you and you have a king-size shelf that lets you dine in style—thanks to the level way the VW door opens.

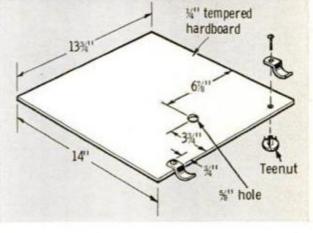
The tabletop is a piece of 1/4-in, hardboard cut to fit between the door hinges. A hole is drilled in it to admit the glovecompartment lock. Clips that hold the board to the door are made from 2-in. brass inside corners. Cut one leg off just beyond the first screw hole, and bend the other leg to follow the curvature of the glove compartment's bottom. Then attach the clips to the shelf with 32 machine screws and Teenuts. Discs of adhesivebacked flannel applied to the Teenuts will keep them from scratching the paint. Give the shelf a couple coats of enamel so it can be wiped clean with a damp cloth. The shelf will hold lunch for two with room to spare.-Leonard Samuels

Gardening's a breeze

Although handicapped with crippling arthritis, Carl Alsbury, a retired farmer of Omaha, Neb., didn't let that stop him from harvesting his favorite fruit—strawberries. He laid wood tracks in his strawberry patch and built a chair cart that would straddle and clear the plants as he rolled up and down the rows. With the tracks partly buried to form irrigation "ditches," he watered the plants by flooding the rows. The T-shape tracks were made of treated 2x8s, 33 in. apart, with 2x2s nailed down the center.—Pearl P. Pucket









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Don't sell your bandsaw short

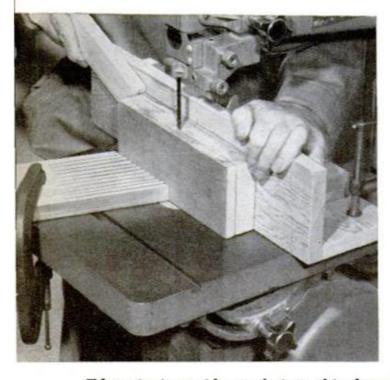
You'll be surprised at what your bandsaw can do if given the chance. Eager to join in the fun of making things, this underrated "wallflower" takes on new importance when you put these eight bandsaw tricks into practice in your shop.

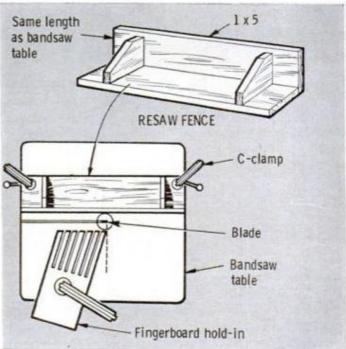
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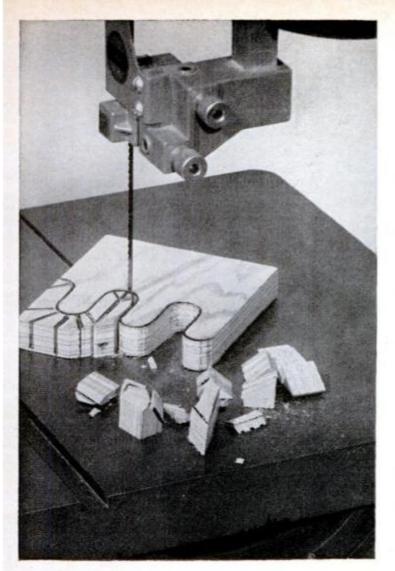
STILL THE BEST and only tool for making curved cuts in thick stock, a bandsaw far outperforms the sabre saw in smoothness of cut, speed and tight turns. There's a trick to making tight turns even when using a narrow blade and especially when the work calls for turns as small as ½-in. radius. A series of straight cuts is first made in from the edge of the work to the line of cut, dividing up the curve in segments as shown in the photo at the right. As you follow the curve with the saw, the waste falls free, giving the blade more room to make the turn. This stunt not only permits tight turns, but it keeps the blade from heating and burning the wood in negotiating turns of short radii

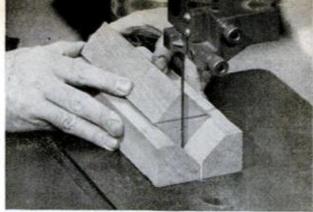


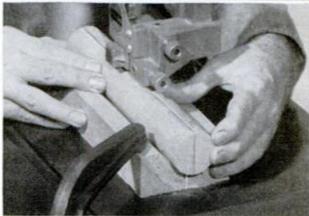




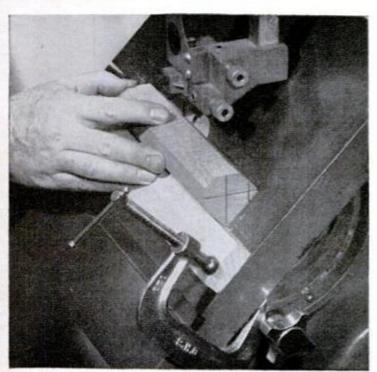
Edge-ripping wide stock into thin boards is a job only a bandsaw can handle. It requires the use of a wooden fence to support and guide the work on edge, plus a slotted fingerboard to hold the work firmly against the fence. A 3/8 or 1/2-in.-wide skiptooth blade is best, and a push stick is a must in feeding the work safely past the blade. Note the position of the hold-in board in relation to the blade. A series of parallel saw kerfs gives a spring action to the fingerboard when it presses against the work.



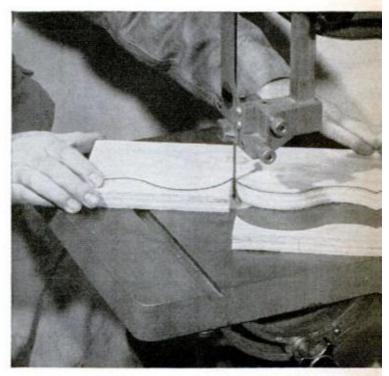




A wooden V-block cut on your circular saw to cradle the work makes your band-saw extra handy for kerfing the end of turning squares, as well as splitting dowels and other cylindrical work down the middle. In each case, the block is clamped in position to the bandsaw table so the V-cut bisects the blade precisely.



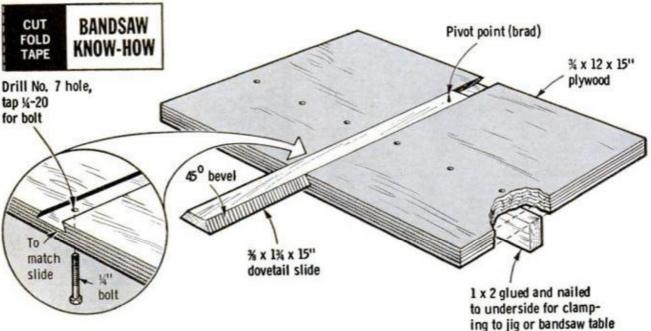
With its table tilted 45° and a wooden fence clamped to it, your bandsaw provides a quick way of roughing turning squares "in the round" prior to mounting between centers. Fence is positioned so corners of work are ripped off.

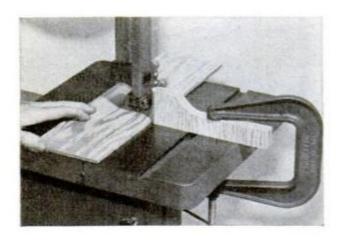


To avoid becoming "pocketed" when cutting a scroll in which two curves meet, always saw in first from the edge to point of the pocket. Kerf frees waste when you reach pocket, eliminating backtracking. Complete the cut from opposite end.



When it comes to cutting perfect discs of any size, you can't beat a bandsaw and a circle-cutting jig. With the work impaled on an adjustable pivot point, you cut a perfect circle by merely rotating the work. The drawing below shows how the jig is made and designed to clamp to the edge of the bandsaw table. Size of stock must be roughly the diameter of disc to be cut so blade is on line when it enters the wood.





When you find that the blade has a tendency to drift away from the cutting line when doing repeat ripping, a pivot fence clamped to the saw table will solve the problem. Having a rounded nose, the center of which is positioned to align with the front edge of the blade, the fence allows the work to be maneuvered to compensate for drift as the work is passed through the blade. The fence, of course, is located a distance from the blade equal to the width of the finished work. The work is held against the pivot fence at all times.



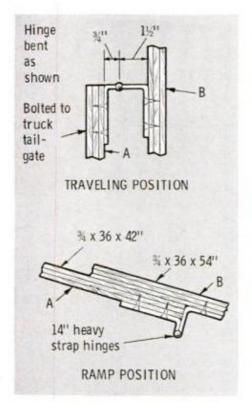
Mass ripping of identical widths on a bandsaw means less kerf waste than that created by a bench saw; this can add up to a considerable saving when cutting pieces in large quantities. If your saw is not already equipped with a fence, you can improvise one by clamping a wood strip to the table, using a try square to align it with the front of the table and parallel with the blade. A wide blade works best in straight ripping operations since it will not tend to drift as much as a narrow blade. It will always pay to switch to a wider blade. ***

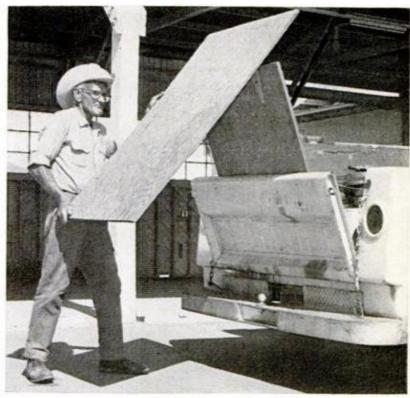
Tailgate Ramp for Pickups

LOADING AND UNLOADING a heavy power mower from his pickup is a breeze for one California landscape gardener. He simply lets down the tailgate of his pickup truck and presto!—a ramp comes with it which lets him wheel heavy yard equipment up or down with the greatest of ease. When he's on his way, the ramp stands upright with the tailgate.

The two-piece ramp, consists of ply-

wood panels, A and B, which lap one another when in the lowered position. Panel A is permanently bolted to the inside of the tailgate, while panel B is attached to panel A with two sturdy strap hinges, the leaves of which are bent offset as shown in the drawing. Exterior-grade plywood should be used for the ramp, of course, and given a couple coats of porch and deck paint for added protection.—Hi Sibley

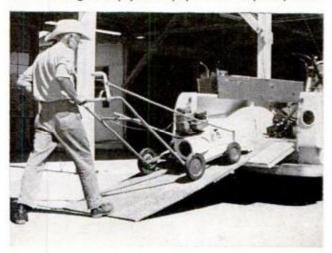




ATTACHED RAMP flops down as tailgate is lowered, above, right; gives rigid support to heavy equipment

STOWED FOR TRAVELING (right), ramp, which is bolted to tailgate, rides upright ready for instant use

WHEN LOWERED (below), ramp provides easy incline for wheeling heavy yard equipment into pickup truck





PICKING THE

By STEVEN J. HOWARD

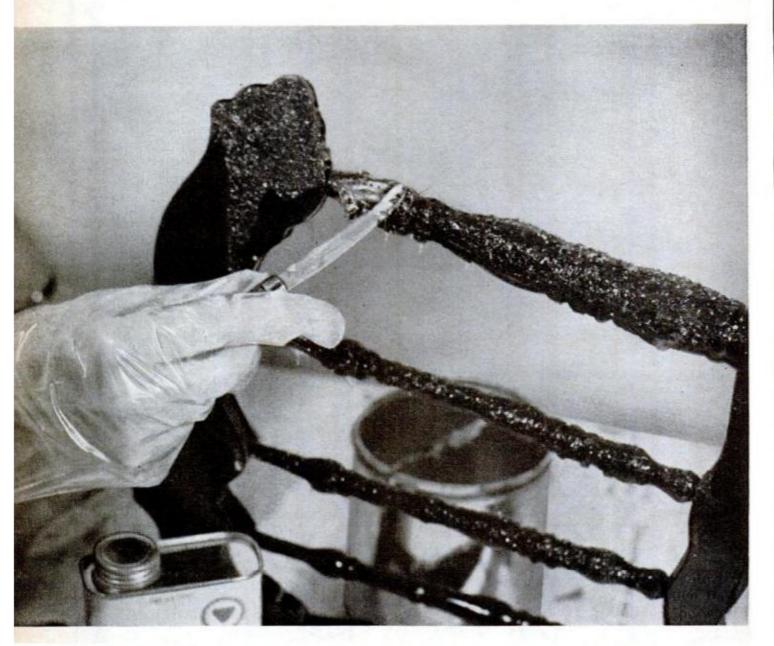
There are more to choose from than you might

COMPLETE REMOVAL of old paint or varnish is usually the first and most important step in a good refinishing job. But it's not as simple as just buying a can of remover and sloshing it on. There are several types to choose from, and it's important to use the one made for your particular job. Picking the right kind can make the work go a lot faster and easier as well as give you better results. The following are questions most often asked about chemical removers together with their answers.

When should you use a chemical remover?

This depends on the size of the area and its condition. If the area is small and the old surface is still basically sound and not too thick, a light sanding may be all that's needed. Also, if you have to remove badly cracked or alligatored paint from a large surface, such as the side of a house, the manual heating and scraping method can prove just as fast and is certainly less expensive.

Chemical removers are at their best on



PASTE-TYPE REMOVERS stick to vertical or irregular surfaces like these chair rungs where liquid removers would drip off. But they're slower to apply than liquids and are not as suitable for flat surfaces

RIGHT PAINT REMOVER

guess. For top results, you must know which one is best for your particular job

small, tough jobs like stripping built-up paint or varnish off old furniture and cabinets. Removers can also be used to advantage on relatively small household refinishing jobs, such as taking caked, old paint off trim, baseboards, window sash and stair treads.

From brand to brand, is there a difference in paint removers?

Yes, and it can get confusing. What may appear as comparable removers made by two different companies may not be comparable at all. In fact, two, three, or even four removers made by the same company may differ greatly.

company may differ greatly.

The best way to identify different removers is by their chemical content. Some contain benzol, acetone and wax. These are highly flammable and tend to leave a waxy film on the surface that must be sanded off before the new finish is applied. They also work more slowly than other types.

Other removers contain a high content of methylene chloride and an emulsifier. They are not flammable and are relatively fast-acting. When the finish is removed, the surface is clean and ready for refinishing after some light sanding.

Is chemical content the only difference between removers?

No. Some types are thin and watery. Others are heavy-bodied liquids. Still others are in paste form.

What are wash-off removers?

They are primarily methylene chloride types that lift off the finish. The top layer of sludge is removed by skim scraping. Then the rest of the sludge is removed with water and heavy rags or a brush.

I've heard that wash-off removers are faster than others because you wash most of the sludge away. Is this true?

Yes and no. It is true you can remove the old finish faster than with a nonwash-off remover because little scraping is required. But in using water to get the speed, you wet the wood and it becomes



LIQUID REMOVERS are brushed on and allowed to stand. They come in two types—thin and heavybodied. Thin ones are suitable for flat surfaces only, do not penetrate as deeply as heavy-bodied types



WASH-OFF REMOVERS are wiped away with water and a cloth. They save some of the drudgery of scraping, but leave surface wet and shouldn't be used where a new finish is to be applied immediately

necessary to wait for the surface to dry completely before applying a new finish.

Which is best—a liquid or heavy-bodied remover?

This depends on the surface configuration. Liquid removers should be used on flat surfaces only or you'll have a mess. They run and drip readily. Conversely, heavy-bodied removers, which are also liquid but heavier in consistency, cling to a surface without running off. This is a big advantage when you go to remove a finish from vertical or rounded surfaces.

Paste-type removers, which are even thicker than the heavy-bodied type, offer the same stick-to-anything advantage, but are a bit slower to apply.

What about a liquid sanding agent?

This is not really a paint remover at all. It's a bonding liquid that cleans and dulls enameled and varnished surfaces prior to refinishing. It does not remove the finish. You simply apply it, wait for it to get tacky, then put the new finish right over the old.

What type of remover is best for removing varnish?

Any paint remover will also serve as a varnish remover.

How about lacquer?

Some will remove lacquer, others won't. Generally, your heavy-bodied and paste-type removers will do the job—liquids won't.

Will a paint remover remove shellac? No. The job is easily done, though, with



THICK, GOOEY SLUDGE, left after paint remover has softened and loosened the old finish, must be scraped off. Best tool for this is a broad-bladed putty knife. Be sure to wear gloves at all times

denatured alcohol solvent or shellac thinner and No. 2/0 medium steel wool.

How long do you leave a remover on?

Let the remover stay on the surface for about a half hour. Then test it. Stick your finger into the sludge, wearing rubber gloves. If it goes through to bare wood, the remover has done its job and you can scrape the finish off. If not, give the piece a second application of remover.

QUICK FACTS ABOUT PAINT REMOVERS

Characteristics	Types of Removers					
	Liquid	Heavy-Bodied Non-Wash-Off (Methylene Chloride)	Heavy-Bodied Wash-Off (Methylene Chloride)	Paste		
Removes lacquer						
Removes synthetic baked finishes						
Removes latex paint						
Removes varnish and oil-base paints						
Penetrates deeply						
ls nonflammable						
Has low toxicity						
Washes off with water						
Requires scraping						
Works on vertical surfaces						
Works on horizontal surfaces						



Plywood arches brace forms

Concrete fill in footing and curbing forms won't force the boards out of line if you place these plywood arches along the forms at 2-ft. intervals. Cut from scrap, they're all made to fit down over the forms and cut to allow a 2-in. clearance at the top. The clearance lets you finish-trowel under the arches, which you can't do when the bracing is nailed across the tops of the forms in the normal manner. When it's time to remove the forms, the braces are simply yanked off.—Arnold R. Whitney

Strip provides solid nailing

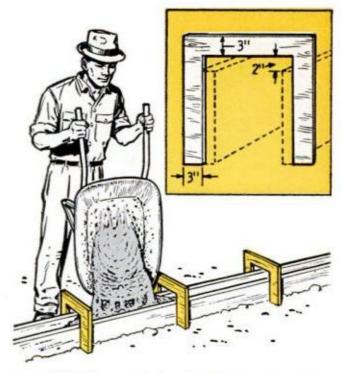
When rigid insulation is sandwiched between the deck boards and the plywood sheathing of a roof, it leaves nothing to which the fascia board can be nailed unless you first install a wood strip along the eave. The strip, which is the same thickness as the insulation, is nailed along the roof's edge, after which the insulation is butted against it.—Victor J. Lamoy

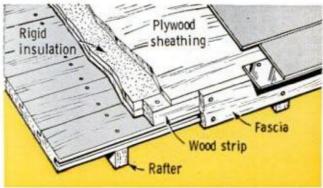
Honing block for gouges

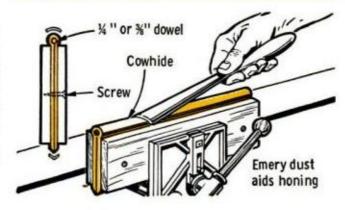
Carving gouges must be stropped on both inside and outside edges to be razor sharp. It's easy enough to do the outside on a flat piece of leather, but to do the inside you'll need a honing block like this which will take care of both concave and vee gouges. I made it by wrapping a piece of cowhide around a dowel and clamping it between two blocks.—Jay Scriba

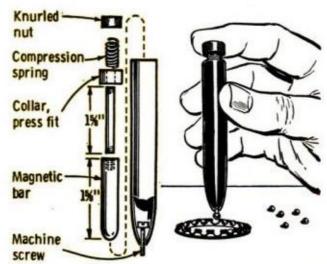
Tool picks up bearings

Handy as can be when it comes to replacing the tiny balls in a bearing race, this homemade tool lets you pick them up one by one and deftly insert them in place. It's made from the barrel of a ballpoint pen and the detail shows how it works. A machine screw in the end of the pen becomes magnetized when a springloaded magnet touches it. Pressing the knob keeps the magnet in contact. When released, the screw tip drops its load. The magnet, which is a sliding fit inside the pen, is a steel rod, tapped for a machine-screw shaft and magnetized.—Peter Legon

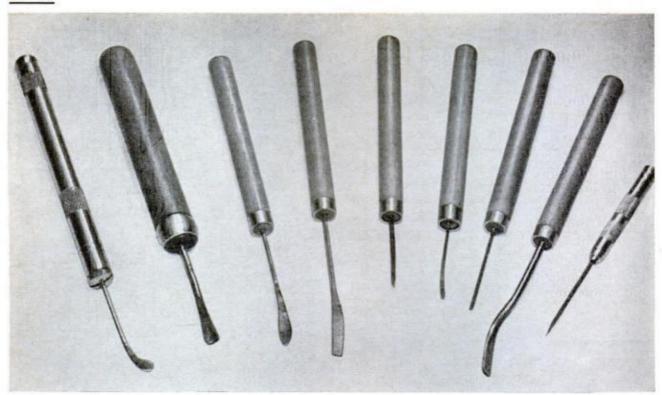


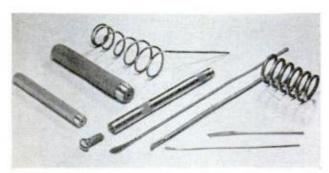




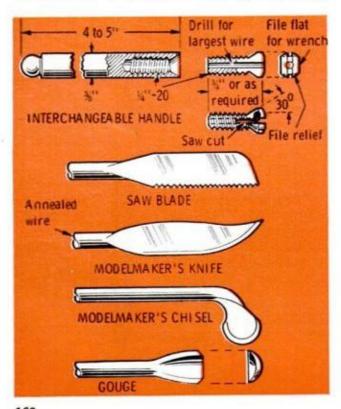


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COIL SPRINGS yield tough steel for wire tools. At the center is a homemade collet-type toolholder



Tools from Wire

YOU CAN TURN ordinary steel wire into a surprising variety of tiny, special-purpose tools for delicate jobs where conventional tools aren't suitable. Miniature knives, chisels, files, gouges, punches and scribers can speed many operations in carving, modelmaking and machining small metal parts.

While almost any steel wire will do, the best to use is the high-carbon type found in springs and musical-instrument strings. Most of the tools shown here are made from straightened-out coil springs—an excellent source of tough steel. For very small tools, music wire is ideal.

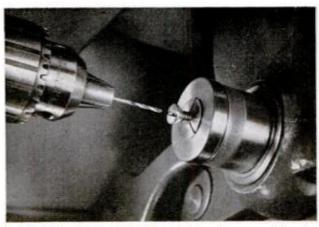
The first step is to anneal or soften the wire to make it workable. Heat it bright red, then let it cool slowly. Tools that do not need a great deal of shaping can be made directly from hardened wire without annealing. Points and edges can be ground on hardened wire, but be careful not to get the metal hot enough to lose its hardness in the process.

For tools like knives, saws and gouges, it's necessary to flatten the wire. You can do this by hammering after annealing or while the wire is still red hot. Form cutting edges by filing and honing, adding a

final honing after rehardening. Tiny file teeth can be cut with a cold chisel. Tap the chisel just hard enough to curl up a series of sharp burrs.

To reharden a finished tool, heat it until it's cherry red, then plunge it into cold water. Tempering, or drawing, consists of reheating the tool just enough to eliminate excessive brittleness and give it toughness. Polish a bright spot on the tool and note how it changes color as the piece is heated. As a rule of thumb, the tool can be quenched when it reaches a yellow or vellow-brown color. However. specific colors usually recommended are a spotty reddish-brown for wood-cutting tools and dark purple to blue for saw blades, screwdrivers and needle-type instruments.

Handles for small tools can be made from hardwood dowels. Drill the ends for a tight force fit and press the shanks of the tools into the holes. The drawings also show how to make an interchangeable toolholder from 3/8-in. rod and a fillisterhead capscrew. The screw, drilled and slotted, is squeezed together as it is turned into the handle, gripping the tool firmly.—Walter E. Burton



A DRILLED AND SLOTTED BOLT makes a collet for holding wire tools. Drilling is easiest in a lathe



AFTER HEATING A WIRE to reharden it, quench it quickly in water before it has time to air-cool

NEXT MONTH IN SHOP AND CRAFTS

DISAPPEARING BARS. You may want to build a home bar some day—and if you want it in the family room, you're in luck. The August issue details two bars that are unique, bar none, and made to order for such a room. One folds away and the other tucks away so they're out of the way between parties. We designed and built them especially for you and are presenting them in beautiful rotogravure, along with a galaxy of hobby-bar ideas for the rec room and kitchen.

18 WAYS TO GET MORE FROM YOUR PORTABLE DRILL. Stirring paint, polishing your car and removing rust with a wire brush are three well-known jobs for a portable electric drill. But these are a drop in the bucket when it comes to the multitude of things you can do with this handiest of all portable tools. Our August Toolesson shows you 18 additional tasks this "one-man band" can handle—besides drilling a hole.

MAKE YOUR OWN METAL CASTINGS. The ancient "lost wax" process, combined with modern equipment, makes it easy to custom-tailor just about any metal shape you need. Here a master pattern is carved in wax which is later removed from the mold cavity by melting. Process permits faithful reproduction in minute detail. You'll want to learn all about investment casting in the August issue.

NEW PAINT WONDER: WATER-THINNED ENAMEL. No longer must you switch in midjob to an oil-base paint to do woodwork. New high-gloss water finishes not only save the fuss but—and here's the surprise—actually outshine and outwear the old standbys. Watch for this informative craft feature in the August issue.

UPDATE YOUR OLD SHOPSMITH. Early-model owners of this multipurpose tool can make it all the more versatile by replacing its legs with a boxlike base so it can do a two-way flip like its big brother, the Mark VII. Elevator blocks raise the lathe to a more comfortable working height. Complete plans are in the August issue.

Installing CB Mini-Rigs

Two-Way Radios You Can Tuck Anywhere

Slim and trim, new mobile Citizens Band transceivers are big in talk-power, yet small enough to go along for the ride, even in bug-size cars or pint-size boats By BILL HARTFORD, KOD 5798



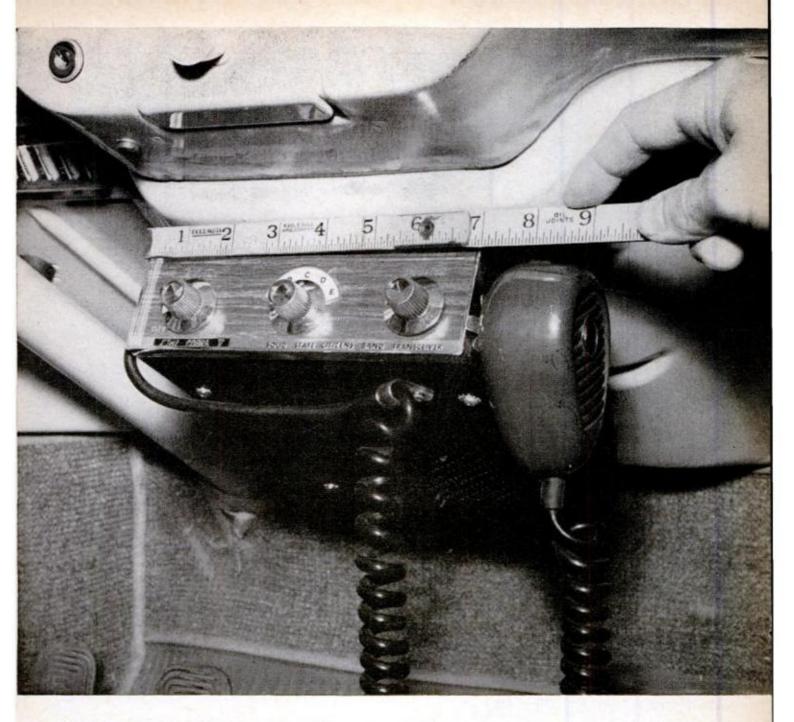
BEST ANTENNA LOCATION for omnidirectional radiation pattern is center of car roof. Compromise installation shown here gives pattern slightly directive toward front of car. Coaxial cable runs through roof to transceiver





CURRENT DRAIN of the Cobra V in unsquelched standby is a scant 750 milliamps; transmitting, it's 1½ amperes maximum—not even enough to make a noticeable deflection on ammeter



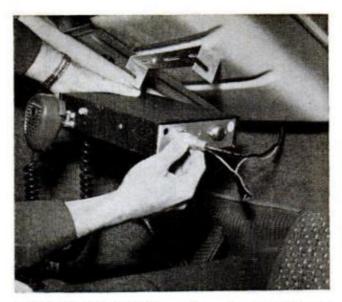


Watching skirts go by, you may wonder where the mini-madness will end. But when it comes to electronics it's not madness at all. "Think small" engineering has made possible achievements in industrial, military, medical and consumer electronics undreamed of before the vacuum tube went the way of the crystal radio. Scaled-down components and solid-state technology have sized down commonplace radio and television receivers and made sophisticated gear—pleasure-boat radar, for example—a more frequent sight.

CB radio hasn't escaped the magic of miniaturization. It's easier than ever to equip your car for two-way communication despite center consoles, tape players, airconditioners and other add-ons that gobble up almost every cubic inch of space around your legs.

Compact solid-state CB gear also has the fringe benefit of consuming less power than your brake lights—nice to know since you first need those valuable amperes to move your power windows, lift your convertible top, condition the air and keep your electromechanical monster moving.

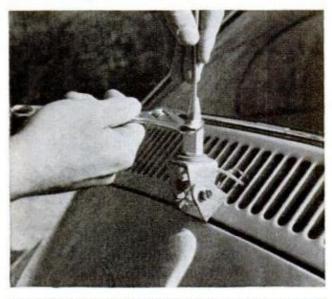
The CB transceivers that interest us here are all "Class D". This means that they comply with Part 95 of the Federal Communications Commission's rules and regulations. Most operate at the maximum allowable 5-watt input to the transmitter's radio frequency output stage. They are crystal-controlled to operate on any or all of the 23 channels within the 27-megahertz citizens band, and they range in price



ANTENNA AND POWER are the only connections to rear panel of Citizens Band transceiver. Fused power lead picks up 12 v. from car's accessories circuit



MOUNTING BRACKET is secured under dash by two screws and transceiver slips into slots. Microphone slides into clip mounted on side of the transceiver



HIGH-GAIN "JIFFY TOPPER" antenna can be removed from base when not in use. Versatile antenna mounts often need no external holes; some attach magnetically

from a low of \$50 to more than \$200.

Happily, the number of channels for which a transceiver is equipped only slightly affects its size. A typical solid-state 23-channel rig is not much larger than the 5-channel Cobra V shown in these photos. Imagine holding five or six copies of *PM* in a pile in your hand and you'll get an idea of how small the latest mobile transceivers are.

If you don't already have the CB license you'll need before you go on the air with a 5-watter, send your application with \$8 to the FCC first thing. By the time you select a rig, install it in your car and are ready to hit the press-to-talk button, you'll be legal. There's no test to take; the only requirement is that you be familiar with FCC rules and regulations for Class D operation.

The first step in "going mobile" is to give your car the once-over. After you've planned your installation, it's a quick job to mount antenna and transceiver and make connections. The planning is important. Mount the transceiver where its switches will be accessible and the microphone clip where the mike can be used conveniently without interfering with car controls.

Antenna installation requires the most forethought for several reasons. The radiation pattern should be omnidirectional; that is, ideally, your signal should radiate with equal strength in all directions. Tests have shown that an antenna mounted in the center of the roof will come closest to being truly omnidirectional. When it is shifted to, say, the left rear fender, the radiation pattern becomes somewhat directional out from the right front fender. The rule of thumb is that antenna radiation will be greater in the direction of the greatest mass of automobile metal.

Accordingly, select a mobile antenna with a location in mind. Some mobiles have a base bracket that slips between the car body and trunk lid and bolts to the recessed flange. Others attach magnetically to the roof. Still others, combination CB and AM broadcast antennas, are cowlmounted like those of most car radios. These antennas are kept to a maximum height of about 50 inches by incorporating a loading coil. Full ¼-wave whips—9 feet high—are usually bumper-mounted.

Running coaxial cable from antenna to

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What kind of man uses Vaseline Hair Tonic?





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CHEVROLET'S NEW CAMARO

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driving—around town and on long trips.
Comments pertaining to Camaro owner likes and dislikes are quoted below, again in order of frequency mentioned. The boldface asides are mine.

As pointed out above, what owners are most happy with is the car's styling.

"Fell in love with the looks of it."-

Delaware secretary.

"Eye-catching. Just plain sharp."-In-

diana steelworker.

Owners like the way the Camaro handles, too. Even some of those who weren't too happy with the rear suspension had kind words for other handling aspects.

"Good maneuverability for city driv-

ing."-Iowa radio news director.

"Handles great at high speeds."-Mis-

sissippi college student.

Next on the list of praises were orchids for the Camaro's get up and go.

"Excellent passing pickup."—Arizona

physician.

"Lots of pep, even with a Six."—Maine mechanic.

"Snappy takeoff."—Florida, retired.

► This gentleman is 75 years old. Oh you kid!

In addition to praises for the Camaro's scoot, owners have nice things to say about the car's all-'round performance.

"Everything—power, economy, quietness—goes together nicely."—Michigan

lathe operator.

"Best performer on the road."-Ohio

lab technician.

Ranked fifth on the list of owner likes

was the Camaro's economy.

"Fuel economy exceeded my expectations."—Maryland electronics technician.

"Mileage with the Camaro is better than with the '65 Fury I traded in."—

Kansas supervisor.

Switching to the minus side of the owner ledger, we've already cited appropriate owner complaints about the rearend engineering. Next in sour volume were beefs about rear-seat legroom.

"I wouldn't torture anyone by making them sit in back for any length of time."

—Montana student.

"Very little legroom."—Connecticut bacteriologist.

► Yeah, for very little legs. And that's all. The car's not designed as a multipassenger carrier.

Some of the sharpest owner criticism of the Camaro appeared in comments about the inboard curvature of the rear fenders.

"Extension of the rear wheels beyond the wheel housing makes mud flaps necessary."—Massachusetts student. "Rear wheels throw gravel, mud, dirt and so on up against the fenders, chipping the paint."—Michigan factory worker.

Comments pertaining to the fourth-ranked item on the dislike list can be summed up simply by reporting that owners who mentioned it thought the trunk was much too small. Yet here again one is tempted to point out that a big trunk—like lots of rear-seat legroom—isn't the name of Camaro's game.

In fifth place on the gripe list were

some salty comments about rattles.

"Rattles pretty bad for a new car."—

Indiana assembly worker.

"Rattles more after four months than my Corvair did after three years."—

Maryland computer programmer.

Back on the plus side, Camaro owners had nice things to say about the car's ride ("Smooth."—Louisiana secretary) ("Rides like a car costing much more."— Massachusetts truck driver) and overall size ("Just right for my needs."—Ohio plasterer) ("Perfectly proportioned for the type of car it is."—Colorado engineer). Camaro owners also praised the car's all-'round comfort, its "feel" on the road, and its interior styling.

Winding up the complaint list, many Camaro owners squawked about poor gas mileage ("Mileage should be better for a car this small."—Iowa salesman), the seemingly ever-present poor workmanship ("Bolts were loose, doors improperly adjusted, paint was bad, upholstery job was sloppy."—Minnesota locomotive engineer), restricted rear visibility ("Vision limited through rear window."—Alabama, U.S. Navy), wind noise, and—as reported by those who own the SS model—a certain amount of trouble with the "hide away" headlight mechanism.

Perhaps because the Camaro is an allnew car, PM's survey of its owners elicited rather positive, even colorful, comments. Apparently, the concept of a "personal" car involves personal feelings.

"I like everything about my Camaro."

—Colorado receptionist.

"It's a dream."—Kansas entertainer.
"We're trading it for something else . . . anything."—Minnesota technician.

"All in all, General Motors has made itself an Edsel."—Mississippi student.

Harking back to our opening illustration of computers used in the design and engineering of the Camaro perhaps going somewhat awry (at least in many owner opinions), a Missouri draftsman said:

"Yes, I know it was engineered by computer, and after owning the results, I feel I don't have to worry about being replaced by pushbuttons."

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MODEL ROCKETRY

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the first button, labeled "Arm," turns on the power and lights the pilot lamp. Although electricity is passing through the ignition wire, the wire does not heat up because the current is being used by the bulb. The second button, "Fire," shorts out the pilot lamp so the light goes off and the wire gets red hot. If either button is pushed alone, the rocket can't fire.

Be sure to test out the control before firing an actual rocket. Follow the accompanying diagram for wiring the switches and lamp. Attach the clips on the launcher to a spare ignition wire without inserting it in a rocket engine. The wire should heat up only when both buttons are pressed. Pushbutton switches and 6 to 8-volt pilot-light assemblies are available at radio-parts stores or from mailorder houses like Allied Radio in Chicago and Lafayette Radio, Syosset, N.Y.

Solder all connections. Drill two holes down through the control box to match the holes in the top and bottom of the launcher. Short dowels through these holes pin the control box to the launcher when it's not in use.

Making the rocket

While you can make your own rocket body, it's generally easier and better to start with a stock part. Commercial bodies are thin, lightweight cardboard tubes that come in different lengths and diameters. These and other rocket parts are available from Estes Industries, Inc. of Penrose, Colo., one of the biggest model-rocket supply houses.

The rocket shown here is based on a 9-in. body tube with an inside diameter of ¾ in. This is Estes part No. BT-30. You can buy a stock nose cone to fit (Estes No. BNC-30E) or shape your own from balsa. The fins, parachute and other odds and ends are all homemade.

The only tricky part is installing the engine retaining ring. This is formed by winding a strip of ¼-in.-wide cardboard around a ¾-in. dowel until you build up a ring that will fit snugly inside the body tube. Apply glue to the strip as you wind. When the ring is complete, slide it into the body tube just ahead of the engine.

Since the rocket is designed to use 2¾-in.-long engines, position the ring 2¾ in. from the after end of the body tube. You can use an actual engine to push the ring in place, stopping when the rear end of the engine is flush with the end of the body. Coat the inside of the tube with glue at the proper point first. Be sure the ring is firmly anchored as it must with-

stand much of the engine's forward thrust.

A short length of soda straw cemented to the side of the rocket provides a guide for the launching rod. The rod is inserted in the straw and supports the rocket at the desired angle on the launcher.

The parachute is made from plastic drop cloth or cleaning-bag material. Attach shroud lines and tie their ends to a small fishing swivel of the type that comes with a snap hook. Clip the swivel to a small screw eye in the end of the nose cone. Also run a length of rubber from the screw eye to the rocket body as shown. This keeps rocket and nose cone together when the parachute is released.

Blasting off

The rocket is prepared for flight by packing the space above the engine with about 1½ in. of loose mineral-wool insulation. This protects the parachute from the hot ejection blast. Dust the parachute with talcum powder before inserting it in the rocket so it will slide out and open up easily without sticking. To prevent the plastic from taking a set, don't store the chute in the rocket for long periods. Keep it unfolded until minutes before use.

Rocket engines are rated according to the amount and duration of their thrust. The first few flights should be made with a modest ¼A.8-2 engine so you can become familiar with the rocket's characteristics at low altitudes. This engine has a 17-second thrust duration. Later, you can try a more powerful ½A.8-2 engine with a 40-second thrust. Both engines have a 2 to 2½-second time delay before the ejection charge. They should give flights of 100 to 200 feet or better.

Wrap the engine with masking tape to provide a tight fit inside the body tube. To attach the ignition wire, bend it at the middle to form a V with a rounded point, and press this point into the small hole in the back end of the engine. The wire is held in place by tamping a tiny wad of tissue paper into the hole on top of it. Attach the battery clips to the wire and you're ready to fire.

Before you blast off, here are a few final tips: In some states, rockets may be classed as fireworks and declared illegal so be sure to check the situation in your area before going ahead. In any case, never attempt to make your own propellant and use only engines recommended for your particular size and type of rocket. Don't launch a rocket at more than 25° from vertical or it may fly off dangerously close to the ground. Watch your eyes around the point of the 36-in.-tall guide rod, and stay at least 10 feet away from the rocket during a launch.





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TUFFY-NAVY LIFEGUARD

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at the Naval Ordnance Test Station at China Lake, Calif., have been taught to locate torpedoes and missiles lying on the ocean floor, making recovery easier.

The dolphin homes in on a beacon signal from the missile, then tosses a special hoop it carries over the missile or near it. The hoop breaks open; one half, being heavy, sinks to the bottom, and the other half, being buoyant, rises to the surface, uncoiling a wire attached to both halves. Divers can then follow the wire to the bottom.

Not only are members of the dolphin family extremely intelligent, they are also happy, friendly, playful individuals. They respond, like children or dogs, to praise and petting. And they also have a sense of humor. When a single spectator was standing at the edge of a raised circular tank in which a porpoise was swimming, the animal deliberately flicked its tail just at the right spot to shower the spectator with water each time it swam around the tank. It seems that a porpoise enjoys a practical joke just like anyone else!

Highly developed sonar

One reason scientists are devoting a lot of study to the Atlantic bottlenose dolphin in particular is because they hope to learn more about its echo-locating system, or sonar, which is highly developed because this species lives in murky water. The animal emits a series of clicking sounds that are reflected back to it from objects, enabling the porpoise to swim to the object or avoid it, as it desires. It's been pretty well established that by sonar alone a porpoise not only can discover the size and shape of an object, but its composition as well.

One of the classic demonstrations of porpoise sonar was first made at Marineland of the Pacific, Los Angeles. Kathy, an Atlantic bottlenose, was blindfolded by pressing latex suction cups over her eyes, and even with this handicap she was able to swim normally without bumping into the sides of her tank. Still blindfolded, she was able to locate a thin metal rod and swim to it, pressing against the rod and causing a bell to ring. On this signal her trainer would throw a fish into the water about 12 feet away. Unerringly, Kathy swam straight to the fish and gulped it down.

In another demonstration the porpoise swam time after time between two metal rods scarcely farther apart than the width of her body, without touching them. Similarly, blindfolded porpoises have collected floating hoops that were thrown into a pool. Still blindfolded, they have been able to hurdle a bar held above the water, at a different height for each jump.

Just like land animals, sea beasts are afflicted by a variety of ills. Pneumonia, diabetes, ulcers, enteritis and heart failure are among the afflictions that have been diagnosed. Occasionally an ocean animal suffers from sunburn or even mosquito bites.

Aside from the porpoises, a number of other marine animals are being considered for underwater work. There's even hope of employing some of the smaller whales for special tasks, such as hauling heavy cargoes along the bottom. Preliminary work with pilot whales at Marineland of the Pacific shows that they echo-locate in the same way as do porpoises, that they are intelligent, and possibly can be trained more rapidly than porpoises because they usually calm down more quickly after capture. Pilot whales (17 feet long, 3000 pounds) have been taught to leap high in the air for food and to perform other stunts. In fact, a big false killer whale at Marineland of the Pacific began doing outof-water back-flip leaps after watching trainers teach this stunt to a porpoise. It was worked in as part of her regular performance from then on.

Sea lions (the "trained seals" of circuses and zoos) and some other members of the seal family may get regular jobs with the Navy, too. Sea lions have excellent eyesight, as research at Stanford Research Institute has shown, and very good directional hearing, although their sonar ability appears to be rudimentary at best.

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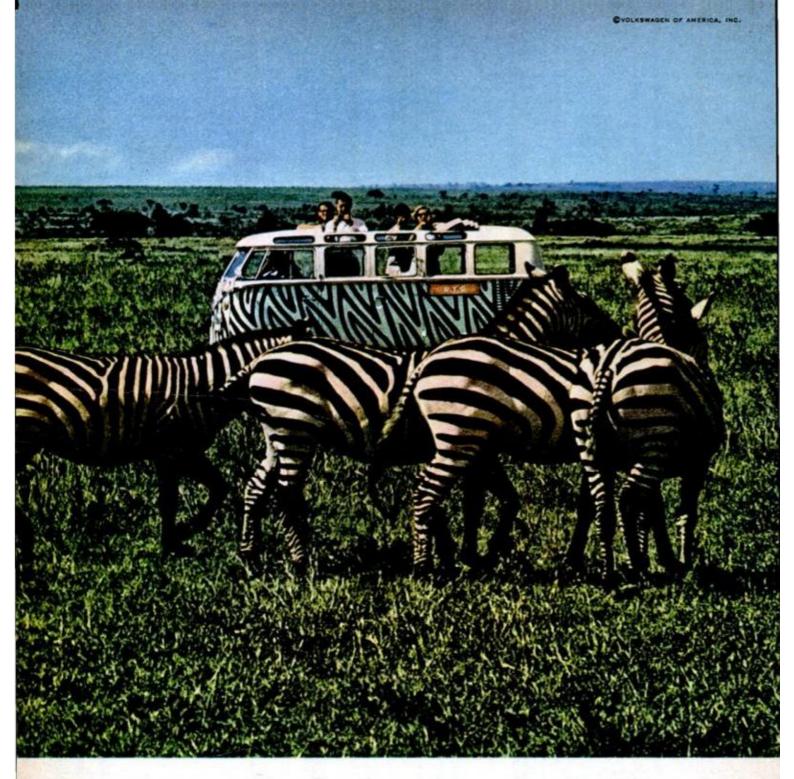


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Moral: There are dozens of lesser station wagons to choose from.

But anything less than a Volkswagen is just beating around the bush.

INSTALLING CB MINI-RIGS

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transceiver will very likely be the most difficult part of your installation. For the most artful job you'll want to snake the cable through your car body and this can take a lot of patience. In the Volkswagen installation shown here, the rear-engine ventilation louvers provided a convenient entry point for the cable, which was then snaked through the right-side roof channel and into the passenger compartment.

The easiest installation, on the other hand, is the cowl mount which requires a short cable and minimum snaking.

Most transceivers designed for mobile use require a 12-v. negative-ground system. Chances are you have it. For those cars that don't, you can get a converter that will boost 6 v. to 12 v. and even invert polarity if necessary. Lafavette Radio and E. F. Johnson, for example, supply converters with 1-amp. output. The Pearce-Simpson "Power-Match" has a higher output, handling loads up to 30 watts for sets that draw more than an ampere when transmitting. These transistorized power supplies are small enough to tuck behind any Detroit or Wolfsburg dashboard.

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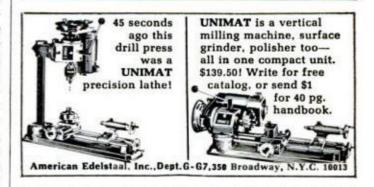
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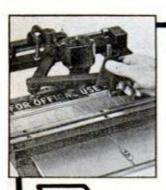


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Application of fluidics, though, is not keeping up with research. Richard A. O'Brien, manager of the Fluidic Products Dept. of Corning Glass, claims there are only 175 engineers in the United States who possess good fluidic application skills. "For fluidics to become a major technological field," he states, "the number of informed engineers must increase tenfold within 10 years."

Most concentration in converting knowledge to equipment is given to industrial and military needs. When the first inroad is made in the consumer area, there will likely be an upsurge. With what is now known, industry could probably develop a fuel-control system for your car that would make the carburetor as outdated as a Model T Ford hand throttle.

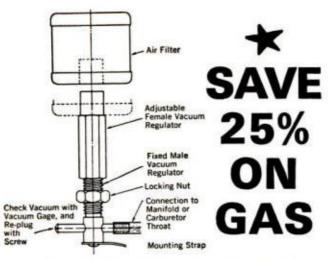
The new fluidic carburetor, according to Gerald L. McArthur of the Bendix Corp. Research Laboratories Div., would likely be a plastic or metal wafer about the size of a breakfast pop tart. Jets controlled by an accelerator-type device would direct fuel going into the fluidic carburetor directly to the cylinders.

The great advantage, as that for other fluidic parts being predicted for your car transmissions, brakes, steering, voltage regulators—is the absence of moving parts. Who knows? We may someday get a car whose main systems, all fluidic, will relieve us of a major present-day headache —finding a good mechanic.

Most people encountering fluidics for the first time tend to compare it to electronics. The comparison limps. Fluidics is not electronics, and vice versa. Its chief drawback is that it operates in the thousandths-of-a-second range, while electronics operates at millionths and even billionths of a second. Fluidics, therefore, can only replace electronics for those applications where a relatively slow output is required.

As one General Electric official put it, "The real significance of fluidics is its ability to fill the gap between the capabilities of conventional mechanical controls and electronics. Fluidics is not just another way of doing something. It is the best or perhaps the only way to do some jobs and should not be considered for others.'

In any case, the science of fluidics is now leaving its infancy and is becoming an adolescent. On reaching adulthood, it will join the term "transistorized" as a common household word. * * *



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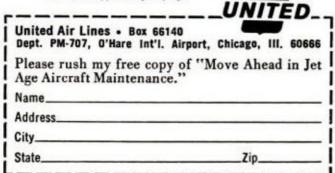
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PLYMOUTH FURY

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comfortable the seats are; plenty of legroom in front and back." — Kentucky supervisor.

Ranked fourth on the praise list was

the Fury's ride.

"Everyone has commented on the good ride."—New Jersey mechanic.

"Swallows chuckhole bumps."-Minne-

sota foreman.

Next, Fury owners seem to feel their cars are mechanically reliable and perform well.

"Sure covers the miles with no effort."

—Oklahoma technician.

"May seem funny, but motor improves as it gets older."—New Jersey teacher.

Not funny at all. I like to feel I do, too.

"Think it's a better engineered car all around."—Ohio electrician.

In sixth place on the list of Fury owner

likes was good economy.

"Get better mileage than on my '64

Valiant."—Pennsylvania manager.

"Economical on gas."—New York jeweler.
"Downright miserly."—Ohio physician.
Contrast these orchids, however, with
the onions many Fury owners hurled at
the opposite side of the economy coin.

"Very poor mileage."—Montana retired.

► He's averaging about 11 mpg, which seems a bit thin.

"Despite extensive servicing, can't get the mileage I expected."—New Hampshire engineer.

"Too heavy on gas." - Pennsylvania

mechanic.

In second place on the gripe list was the seemingly ever-present poor and/or in-different workmanship.

"Pretty much slapped together with lots of body solder where there should be solid metal."—Rhode Island salasman

solid metal."—Rhode Island salesman.
"Poor body panel fit and sloppy interior work. Faded spot on back seat."—
Michigan school counselor.

"Could tell they hurried at the factory."

—Minnesota farmer.

Complaints about excessive wind noise were listed next, followed by similar gripes about road noise.

"Whistles everything but Dixie."-Indi-

ana clerk.

▶ Does it know the tune?

"Wind noise in grille at 50-60 mph."— North Carolina manager.

"Every crack in the road can be felt and

heard."-New Jersey bus driver.

"Have to speak very loud to be heard at highway speeds."—Minnesota foreman.

Ranked fifth on the dislike list was what many owners seemed to feel was poor brake action.

"Brakes groan and grab."—Indiana construction worker.

"Requires too much pressure; pulls to the right over 45 mph."—Minnesota maintenance foreman.

"Action seems soft."—Michigan teacher.
A comparatively rare bird showed up
in sixth place on the gripe list—unkind
words for the tires.

"Blew out one tire at 500 miles and replaced two at 1200."—Minnesota salesman.

"Tire companies should be made to do something about these two-ply tires. They're awful."—New York salesman.

Back on the plus side, Fury owners ranked power seventh on the praise list.

"Plenty when needed."—New York secetary.

"Pulls our 30-foot Airstream real good."

—Iowa farmer.

"Has more than I can use, but it's there if I need it."—Ohio factory worker.

In eighth place in owner affections was

the Fury's roominess.

"Even with my height (6 feet, 4 inches)
I can extend my legs fully while driving."

—Michigan controller.

"Easy for a big man to get in and out

of."-Maryland salesman.

Other items earning Fury-owner praises were the car's roadability ("A fine all'round road car."—Ohio repairman), its interior styling ("Quality materials, nice trim." — Iowa engineer), its quietness ("Have to listen to hear the motor running."—New York clerk), and its dash layout ("Neatly done."—Nebraska banker).

Returning to the list of owner dislikes, in eighth place are various steering woes.

"Tends to oversteer."—North Carolina driver education instructor.

"Power steering was too sensitive."— Michigan airlines pilot.

► Had it fixed by his dealer.

"Had trouble with the power steering."

—New York student.

Rounding out the complaint list were comments about dealer service ("Must return car to dealer numerous times to get any work done."—Ohio accountant), the location of the ignition switch ("I think it's stupid."—Michigan secretary), various rattles ("Irritating rattles under the dash panel."—Iowa factory worker), inadequate power ("A dog."—Indiana student).

Probably the most accurate summary of this year's Fury was offered by a New York salesman: "It's a big car for the price. Beyond that, you're on your own as to how well it serves you."

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THE STUPENDOUS SATURN V

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all the while keeping the launcher, tower and space vehicle upright by a computerized level-sensing system and built-in hydraulic jacks.

In this way the "Colossus of Kennedy" makes its three-mile trip to the pad, the first leg in its 250,000-mile moon trip.

At the pad, the crawler-transporter reverses the process, crawling up on the pad, straddling the blast trench, and lowering the launcher and the unfueled Saturn onto six upright mounts, like Atlas setting the

world on six pedestals.

Despite its size and monumental cargo, the transporter, with delicate precision, can set the launcher on the mounts within a deviation of plus-or-minus two inches horizontally. (It can raise or lower the launcher six feet vertically.) The horizontal slack is taken up by the mount mechanisms, which are braced two ways, the braces moving the mounts this way or that to align them under threaded bolts in the launcher. A large tapered center pin guides the bolts on the periphery toward the holes in the mount, the way the axle hub on your car guides the wheel toward the lug bolts when you're changing a tire.

Also, the top ring on the mount can be spun freely to help line up the holes beneath the bolts. That done on all six mounts, the transporter lowers the launcher the final few inches and the bolts are secured. Now the entire structure can withstand winds of hurricane force.

Once the launcher is secure, the crawler lowers itself away and moves out from under. Then, four support jacks, called levelers, are moved in to brace the launcher from the bottom. The vehicle up to this point, is empty, but when fueled and fully loaded for blast-off this summer it will weigh more than six million pounds. The launcher could sag under this load, hence the extra jacks to support it

in strategic places.

Up on the top level of the launcher, called Level O, the vehicle rests on four hold-down/support arms that hold it suspended over the square blast hole in the launcher. Special pins in the arms flip over into notches in the vehicle and are locked in place, so the arms both hold the vehicle up and hold it down, in effect "pinching" it in place. At blast-off, the pins are unlocked and flipped back.

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are tilted away before the blast-off.

Inside the launcher, two more levels, A and B, are filled with instrumentation and telemetry equipment, as well as with bracings to absorb the stress. The floors are also shock-mounted on springs.

After the launcher is secure on the pad, the crawler-transporter moves in with the mobile service structure, another openframework tower similar to the umbilical tower, to give the ground crew 360° access to the vehicle at all levels during the preparation stages. It, too, is moved away before lift-off.

Below the launcher, in the blast trench, the 350-ton flame deflector moves on its wheels which ride on rails. When in position, built-in jacks raise the deflector momentarily while the wheels are turned 45° and set in notches. Thus braced at all four corners, the deflector remains firmly anchored beneath the vehicle during the fierce blast and flame at lift-off.

The deflector has a four-inch coat of ceramic ablative coating to absorb the searing heat from the five rocket engines which, depending on the length of time the vehicle remains on the launcher after ignition, could reach as much as 10,800° F. They say that if it stayed over eight seconds, it would melt the pad. To help allay some of this heat, the walls of the trench are made of firebrick, and a three-part watering system sprays the area during ignition and lift-off. Nozzles spray the flame deflector, a deluge system literally floods the top of the launcher, and smaller sprinklers are spread around the pad.

The first Saturn flight will be unmanned. However, should an emergency occur during countdown when astronauts are locked in the capsule, they'll fire the emergency rocket escape system and de-

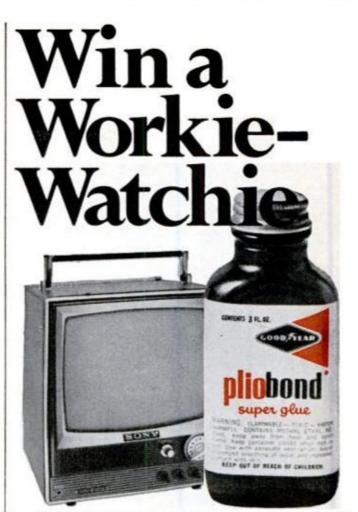
scend by parachute.

Should an emergency occur while the service platforms are still in position and the capsule not locked, the astronauts and workers can use the umbilical tower emergency egress system. They jump into a quick-ride elevator on the tower and shoot to the bottom of the launcher. There they will slide through a tunnel to a reinforced shelter at the base of the pad.

Complex 39 has two pads, and the vehicle assembly building has facilities for assembling four space vehicles at once. So when Complex 39 gets into full operation several shots may be overlapping one another in various stages of preparation.

The man-on-the-moon program, which begins with Saturn V, may become a shut-tle-run operation. If so, Complex 39, at least in the beginning, will be the embarkation port for moon travelers.

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I SKIPPERED A SWIFT

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barbed-wire-draped bunkers that guard these waters, and rounded the sandbar at the end of the channel. Two charcoal-gray boats, exactly like ours, were alongside the Swift pontoon. We eased in astern the two boats and slipped our lines over.

Crews from the forward boats were grouped about two stocky green-clad youths who wore patches showing a frog carrying dynamite-the insignia of underwater demolition teams.

I hopped over the lifeline and headed across the pontoon toward the group. The

larger frogman was rumbling through an explanation of damage to one of the boats.

Yessir, the cutlass bearing's definitely had the weenie, and you'll have to yank the shaft to see if that's bent too bad. The screws look okay, and it doesn't look like the bottom got hung up at all. Must not have been too awful shallow where you went aground."

After imparting the bad news to the skipper, they picked up their heavy air tanks and lurched toward the beach.

Tropical paradise—with VC

I looked around Chu Lai. To an unsuspecting eye, the place appeared to be a tropical paradise. Then I squinted across the river to where several children frolicked with a small dog. The night before last, VC snipers had stood at that very spot and fired clip after clip at us.

And it was near a sleepy little fishing village like this where Swift No. 4 had been blown out of the water, with heavy casualties to her crew. The boat was salvaged, but came up looking more like a ruptured sardine can than a fast patrol boat. The mine was estimated to contain

200 pounds of high explosive.

Soon a quivering diesel-fuel hose snaked across the deck to where the engineman was topping off our tanks below decks. The seaman struggled on board with several heavy metal boxes of .50-cal. machine-gun ammunition. The gunner had the forward turret littered with disassembled machine-gun parts. The radioman, with few post-patrol chores, was filling the fresh-water tank with two five-gallon jerry cans. The bosun slapped a fresh coat of grease on the sliding surfaces of the after gun mount.

"Dammit, that club's gonna be packed with Seabees before we even get off this

boat," complained the radioman.

The bosun, his deeply-tanned face covered with the usual scowl, turned to him. "Sorry 'bout that, sailor. That's life on the little gray boats."



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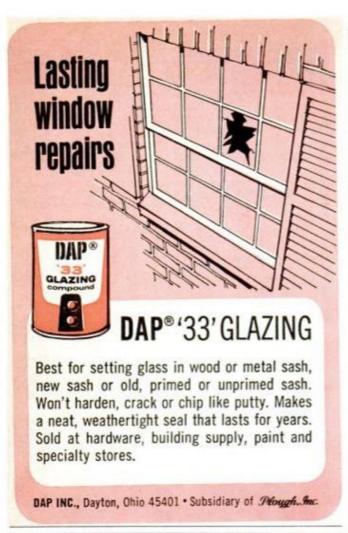
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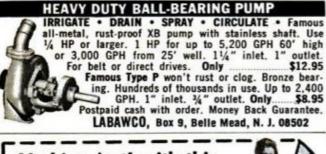


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GAR WOOD

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Navy brass turned it down. That launch was the forerunner of the hit-and-run PT Boat, nemesis of the Japanese Navy.

Gar went on designing racing boats and expanding his industrial holding into a vast network of factories and assembly plants. During these years he competed for and won the gold racing trophies, valued at \$25,000 each, which stand in his Fisher Island mansion.

In 1944 the Air Force commissioned Gar to design a twin-hulled 120-ton plywood ship 188 feet long. The ship, for which Wood received \$350,000, was christened the Venturi and launched Nov. 14 1944. But before she could be put into use World War II came to an abrupt end. He bought the Venturi back for \$25,000. Then he looked for a place to berth her while he converted the ship into a superluxury yacht. In 1946 he bought Fisher Island, formerly the palatial estate of the William K. Vanderbilts. The island's harbor became the home of the Venturi, and Wood set about spending \$600,000 fitting her out as the sleekest craft afloat, with four 16-cylinder diesel engines capable of turning up 4800 hp. In May, 1954, she broke up and sank in heavy seas. Gar and eight companions were rescued.

Twelve acres of the heavily wooded island are walled in. They contain the rock palace and 16 Vanderbilt chateaus.

Gar's mansion has entire rooms which were carted over from palaces in Europe. So too have many of the tenantless chateaus, but the latter are crammed with dismembered engines, tailpipes, carburetors and blueprints, interspersed with tarnished and dented racing trophies.

Two large buildings are the scene of the creative activity of Gar Wood and his associates, some of whom have been with him for 40 years. One is a huge laboratory where working models and full-size test pieces are assembled; the other, a magnificently equipped machine shop where Gar spends much of his time.

He had always been up in arms at the yearly array of continually heavier, cost-lier, more powerful automobiles, and more and more he became convinced that an electric car offered the ideal solution.

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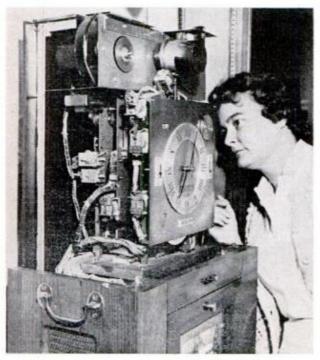
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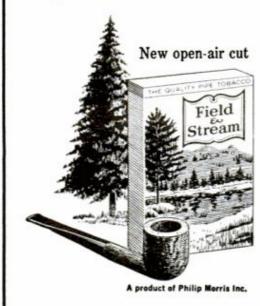
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HOW TO KEEP 'EM ROLLING

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he yelled, spraying foam inside the trailer. Joyce ran up with another fire extinguisher. Byron aimed it into the trailer, and the flames seemed to retreat.

"Drive her out of here," he shouted, as

he battled the flames.

Joyce leaped into the cab and jerked the truck frantically into gear. The engine coughed. The burning truck shuddered and limped forward exactly 27 feet. Smoke poured into the cab and the engine quit, its wiring burned out.

"Jump, woman, jump!" Byron

screamed.

Flames rose all around the trailer body. Joyce bailed out and ran. Byron grabbed her just as an explosive "whooosh" turned their rig into a fountain of flames. But the 27 feet Joyce drove the truck was enough. The flames missed the straw roofs and the gas pump. Joyce escaped with a second or two to spare.

After the fire, the caravaners held a meeting and collected clothes and groceries for the Versteeghs. Byron parceled out the few wrenches and hand tools he could salvage to others to carry. There wasn't much. Joyce and Byron traveled

with Andy Charles for eight days.

Andy ordered a new supply of spare parts to be flown in from California. Andy solved the dilemma of getting Byron a new trailer by buying the rig of one couple who decided they had had enough of traveling around the world the hard

Several nights later, I passed Byron's rig. He was digging through a pile of

parts in a dresser drawer.

"I heard your engine miss this morning," he said. "Have any trouble on the road?"

"No."

"You will. Get the gook cleaned out of your gas line. You're dead if you don't. Here's a present."

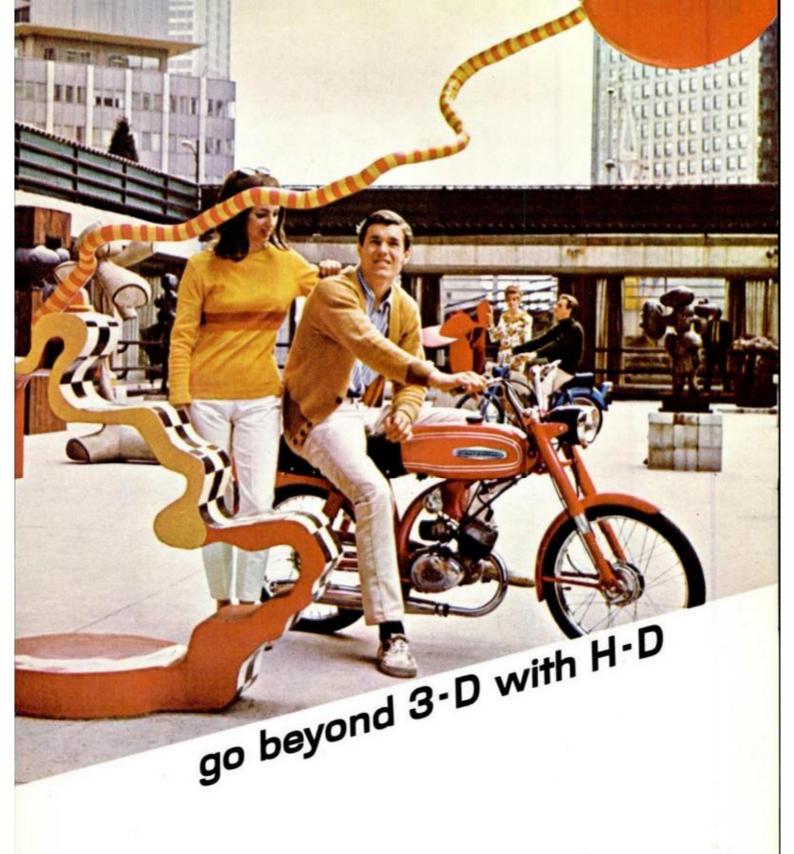
Byron held out a sparkling, new, finemesh gasoline filter. Joyce grinned and

winked.

"You don't eat Indian groceries without cleaning them good first," Byron grumbled. "You ought to do the same thing for your engine whenever you use

Indian gas."

So it went all the way to Lisbon. Byron always working, always tinkering always checking behind us. Because of Byron we made it. And because of Byron I will always remember the rubber tire plugs, the load-levelers, the hairline cracks, the metal fatigue and the care that must be given good equipment.





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