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MAKING A SPORT OF SPEED Leslie's Weekly May 18,



BY HAROLD WHITING SLAUSON THE world's speediest sport seems destined to become the nation's most popular pastime. From a handful of observers, who. twenty years ago followed the entrants in the first automobile race, on foot, to the half million spectators that witnessed the motor car races held on the five leading speedways during 1915 is an impressive leap. And yet this is as fairly representative of the strides made by the sport of automobile racing as is the increase in average speeds from five miles per hour to 102 miles per hour representative of the strides made by the industry. In those early days no admissions were charged; today over a million dollars a year is aken in at the gates of these five speedways. There must e something gripping about a sport which will bring half a nillion spectators hundreds of miles—and in several instances nitirely across the Continent—to witness thirty high-strung, sechanically perfect motor cars, driven by as many daring and teel-nerved drivers, dash around a two- or two-and-a-half-mile rack for from three to six hours. And yet these enthusiasts have een flocking to Indianapolis, Des Moines and Tacoma in ever-increas

rowds this season than attended the opening of those speedways last year.

What has been the cause of this wonderful increase in the interest in motor ar racing? The question is easily nswered. There are over two million notor car owners in this country, and to the majority of these his automobile epresents his principal means of at-ating sport, pleasure and recreation, addition, these contacts. n addition, these contests are always lose and exciting, and this element ppeals to the sport-loving nature of he average American. But from a ractical standpoint, too, the owner is sterested in automobile racing, for on ne race-course may be tried out metals boratory of the speedway, would not nake their appearance in the stock car ntil several years hence. The motor ar owner is enabled to know just that sustained tremendous pressures earings of certain materials, lubricated

ng numbers, and Chicago and Sheepshead Bay have promises of larger



EVERYBODY DRIVES TO THE RACES The cars parked in the speedway enclosure on raceday form almost as impressive a sight as the racers themselves. In the background is shown a portion of the stands at Indianapolis capable of accommodating 100,000 persons

by special oiling systems, will withstand. The heat, vibration and pressures obtained in a 300- or 500-mile race at the rate of from 80 to 102 miles an hour could only be equaled in fifty times that distance under ordinary touring conditions, and confidence in the car itself is therefore instilled into the mind of every owner.

The war in Europe will be responsible for several interesting developments in the design of racing motor cars. Already, for its Decoration Day Race, Indianapolis has accepted the entry of a newly designed foreign car which is built on the experience obtained with aviation motors during the last year. It can be safely stated that the design of light-weight parts, which are essential for use in aviation motors, has progressed during the last year to an extent which would have required a decade of development in peace times.

ON THE HOME STRETCH "There is something doing every minute" in a speedway race. Bach car averages less than two minutes for a circuit, and as there are from 20 to 30 entrants, the spectators are treated to constant

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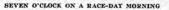
But the feature of racing which makes it appeal most to a true sportsman is that it is clean. To be sure, professional drivers race not alone for the honor and glory attendant upon the contest, but for the large cash prizes offered by the management and accessory manufacturers. But this is scarcely a defect, for it serves only to multiply the eagerness to win. The conduct of the sport itself is absolutely in the hands of the contest committee of the American Automobile Association, and from the accuracy of the hundredth-of-a-second timing machine down to the rules requring certain safeguards on all types of tracks, the contest is run with a fairness, precision and freedom from accident that may well serve as a pattern for the conduct of what has been considered the cleanest branches of intercollegiate sport.

But even as recently as eight years ago the especially constructed automobile speedway was the development of the future. Up to that time contests were held either on mile dirt tracks or on a public highway in which accidents both to spectators and drivers were as frequent in a single race as mark an entire year of speedway sport.

The germ of the speedway idea was planted in the midst of the Hoosier corn belt, and in 1909 the Indianapolis Speedway was completed. With the exception of the famous Brooklands track in England, this was the only speedway of its kind on the two Continents, and Indianapolis soon became the Mecca for the racing enthusiasts of the country. As an indication of the widespread interest in this first track devoted solely to motor car racing, it was found necessary to build grand stands alone capable of seating 100,000 spectators—a number at that time almost equal to the total population of Indianapolis. This two-and-a-half-mile course has become historical. It is the cradle of the automobile track race, the melting pot of design, and the training ground of many a world-famed driver who has made his name in a few short hours of

daring driving in one of the classic 500-mile races. When the four men who had the courage of their convictions sufficient to induce them to sink vast sums of money in what was then a field of corn hills, six miles from the center of the Indiana metropolis, first conceived the idea of this speedway, it was intended that its speed limit should be set far in excess of that ever considered attainable by any racing car. But as pioneers, they

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Unlike the road races which started at daybreak, the speedway races do not start until ten, eleven or twelve of clock. Nevertheless the crowds begin pouring in four and five hours before starting time in order to avoid the congestion on the roadways and at the gates.

SEEN IN THE WORLD OF SPORT



COLLEGE CHAMPION OF THE FOILS Louis Mouquin, of Columbia University, is a firm believer in the "try, try again" injunction. After finishing second for three successive years in the intercollegiate fenc-ing championships, he recently attained his goal and became the accredited premier wielder of the foils. He met the best swordsmen of the U. S. Military Academy. Yale, Harvard, Cornell and Pennsylvania, and was defeated only once in fifteen bouts. In a bout which went to three extra periods W. H. Russell, of Harvard, defeated him 18 to 17, thus spoiling his chances for a

clean slate.



WON THE BOSTON MARATHON

In the remarkable time of 2 hrs. 27 min. and 16 2/5 sec., Arthur Roth, of Dorchester, Mass., recently won America's classic run, the Boston A. A. Marathon, from Ash-land to the Boston A. A. clubhouse. At the finish, gasping for breath, he staggered through a final desperate spurt and broke the tape nine seconds ahead of Villa Kyronen, of New York. Sidney Hatchof, of Chicago, was third.

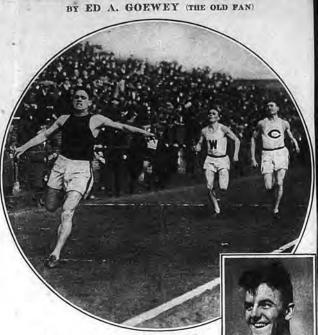
NOTHING SERIOUS

We think that father's very ill,
His talk is strange and queer;
And the strange and queer;
And the serious we fear,
we noted symptoms first in March
When breakfast he'd refuse
To read the papers for what he
Called "Southern training news,"

At evening cards and music, too,
For hin had lost their charm;
For hin had lost their charm;
It just read boxes he said & eve where
We know they did him harm,
Along in April be grew worse,
Of that there was no doubt;
It espoke of things which none of us
Knew anything about.

He talked about some one named Cobb. And of the thines he stole; And sho of one Bennie Kauff, And of the bits he "pole." He wowed that Matty would "come back." That Red Sox were his style; And that some Pirates, "in a scrap Would beat the Cards a mile."

We don't know what to make of him



RED AND BLUE ATHLETES MAKE RECORDS

Father Time received another jolt at the twenty-second annual pelay roce carnival, at Franklin Field, Philadelphia, recently, when the four representing the University of Pennsylvania won the American college champion sprint medley relay race, one mile, in 3.28 3/5, a new world's record. Ted Meredith, the Olympic champion, was the chief factor in the victory. He came from behind for the final 880 yards, covered the distance in 1.54 4/5 and finished five yards ahead of his nearest opponent. Chicago was second,

HOWARD BERRY Wisconsin third, and Princeton fourth. Howard Berry stamped himself as a wonderful all-round athlete by winning the pentathlon competition in the first day of the carnival when he took the running broad jump with 20 ft. 5½ in., tossed the javelin 145 ft. 2½ in., ran the 200 meters in 23 2/5

sec., threw the discus 100 ft. 734 in., and then, despite the energy used up in the preceding contests, won the 1,500 meter run in 4.29 4/5. He also was the pentathlon winner in 1915.



AQUAPLANING A GENUINE THRILLER When the youthful Australian gallant wants to give his fair charmer a genuine "joy ride," he does not take her for an automobile trip. Instead they journey to the famous resort at Sidney Harbor, don bathing suits, and on small rafts attached to motor boats take a spin out beyond the surf. Those who have tried the sport pronounce it unequaled for speed, action and excitement.



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QUINTET OF ONE-TIME PEDS WITH MCGRAW Manager McGraw, of the Gianta, who again this season got away to a very poor start, largely because the pitching staff went poorly, evinced a liking for Fed players as long ago as the spring of 1915, when he almost kidnapped Bennie Kauff from the Brooklyn "outlaw" aggregation. Now, in addition to the clever Kauff, he has upon his club payroll the names of four other stars of the defunct Gilmore organization. They are Rariden, catcher; Ancruo payrou une names on sour ouner surre or une octunet unmore organization. I ney are karnon, cattener; Anderson, pitcher; McKechnie, infielder, and Roush, outfelder. Should the New York Nationals win high honors this year considerable of the credit undoubtedly will go to the former Federal Leaguers.

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September 18, 1918.

Mr. Carl G. Fisher,
President of The Indianapolis Motor Speedway,
Indianapolis.

Dear Mr. Fisher, -

The writer wishes to call your attention to a condition that exists at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway that perhaps you have not noticed.

You no doubt know that Mr. Allison, who is President of our Company and also Secretary and Treasurer of the Indianapolis Motor Speedway of which you are President, gave General Lee of the British Aviation Mission permission to use the Indianapolis Motor Speedway field and hangars at any time that he might have occasion to send planes to Indianapolis.

General Lee has had the use of one of these hangars for about two months now, and he had intended taking his planes away from Indianapolis but has since kindly consented to leave two of these planes here in charge of Captain Hammond who will fly over the State of Indiana during the next few weeks in the interest of the Fourth Liberty Loan.

As the Indianapolis Motor Speedway has but two hangars - one of these now entirely given over to the British Aviation Mission, as mentioned above - the other one hangar is not anywhere near sufficient to take care of the planes that arrive and depart from the Speedway each day. The one hangar not now used by the British Aviation Mission is in use almost constantly by the Aviation Central Repair Depot located at the Speedway.

During the exhibition given here by the Aerial Circus, there were twelve machines that could not be housed in the hangars and were forced to stay out one or two nights without any protection whatever from the weather.

Last Saturday afternoon, several planes arrived here from Scott Field, Belvidere, Illinois, and at the same time there were several machines in the hangars so that these arriving machines were forced to stay outside Saturday night and Sunday night without any protection from the weather.

Now this is a condition that should not exist. If the Indianapolis Motor Speedway do not intend to put up any more hangars, pressure should be brought to bear upon the Officials at Washington to see that more hangars are built here as any planes arriving from Dayton, Rantoul, Belvidere or any of the other flying fields close by should have a chance to be housed in the hangars.

The writer is particularly interested in the matter of hangars at the Speedway as it was through his efforts that the Pomilio Brothers Corporation, Aviation Experimental Works, was located at Speedway. For quite some time, I had been in communication with the Aircraft Engineering Bureau at Dayton with an idea of locating an experimental aviation works at the Speedway, as this Speedway makes a mostideal experimental flying field, and as at the same time we had a large building vacant that could be used for the designing and building of these experimental machines.

Therefore, if the British Aviation Mission is to use one hangar and the Central Aviation Repair Depot the other, which is no where near large enough to take care of their requirements, there will be no hangar left for the use of the Pomilio Brothers Corporation. As it is to our interest that these people are taken care of, I am writing you hoping that you can find some means whereby we can secure these hangars - or at least one of them - for the use of the Pomilio Brothers Corporation.

If we had a hangar vacant at this moment, the Pomilio Brothers have two machines which they would erect and would store there and would use them in the interest of the Fourth Liberty Loan.

Trusting that you will be able to do something for these people in regard to the use of the hangars, I beg to remain

Yours yery truly,

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Indianapolis Motor Speedway

Greatest Race Course in the World

Indianapolis,

January 16, 1919.



Mr. Carl G. Fisher, Miami, Florida.

Dear Mr. Fisher.

A day or so ago Louis Chevrolet stopped in Indianapolis and made quite an extended call at this office to talk over the racing situation of 1919. It seems that the principal thing that influenced Chevrolet to come to Indianapolis was to learn if it would be possible for him to get any sort of a guarantee as to the matter of expenses.

Chevrolet explains that he is very short of money and he would like very much to enter three of his cars for our event but unless he can get some assurance of some help on his expense account in the event in the event of none of his cars winning any prizes, he will be able to come with only one car. He states emphatically that he will be here with one car, guarantee or no guarantee, but if we could see our way clear to help him out, he would like to come with three cars, as stated above.

The writer explained to him that this was entirely foreign to the policy of this company and that he felt quite sure that none of the owners of this track would approve of such a proposition and for that reason could offer him no encouragement.

I am advising you of this situation that in the event you thinkt it desirable to have all three of his cars and would therefore want to advise Chevrolet differently from the information the writer gave him.

Very truly yours

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C. G. Fisher A. C. Newby

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Indianapolis Motor Speedway Company Maintaining Greatest Race Course in the World Indianapolis February 11. 1919. Mr. Carl G. Fisher. Miami. Florida. Dear Mr. Fisher. Bradley has cabled that Andre Boillot, a brother of Georges Boillot, will come over for our race and would like to drive one of our Peugeot cars for which he is in position to bring spare parts if any are needed. Or, he could secure a small Peugeot of 152 cubic inches piston displacement. This is one of the 22 Litre cars tgat was built for the Le Mans race which was run before the war. From ingiury of Resta and other men, it seems that these . small cars are very fast and capable of an average speed of eighty miles per hour. Bradley volunteered the information that he thinks this car is incapable of winning our race but could very probably duplicate the performance of Duray in 1914 when he finished second. Andre Boillot is also an aviator of quite some distinction and is willing to fly, provided we can supply a machine. Rickenbacker knows him very well and reports that he is an aviator of quite some ability. Up to this time the writer has been unable to learn anything about Boillot's ability as a driver. Information has been requested from Bradley, but no word has been received up to this time. It is possible that you might have heard something about Andre Boillot's driving when you were abroad visiting Goux and Georges If Andre Boillot is capable of driving and would come with the small Peugeot, it would be easy to arrange for a flying exhibition between him and Rickenbacker. Will you please advise if you have any information concerning Boillot's ability as a driver and from your knowledge of him, would you consider him capable of handing a car on our track? Very truly yours, INDIANAPOLIS MOTOR SPEEDWAY COMPANY. MANAGEMENT TEM-ED C. G. Fisher A. C. Newby ADDRESS ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO INDIANAPOLIS MOTOR REFERWAY COMPANY AND NOT TO INDIVIDUALS

Indianapolis Motor Speedway Company

Maintaining Greatest Race Course in the World

Indianapolis

February 11, 1919.

Mr. Carl G. Fisher,
Miami, Florida.

Dear Mr. Fisher,

In a letter dated January 2, Bradley advises that,
in his opinion, the real big European representation will not come
to America until 1920 and by that time all of the factories will
be ready. He feels most certain that France will again race during
that year.

His suggestion is, that if we could announce our plans for the year 1920 as earlynas possible, it might have considerable effect on the rules to be formulated by the Automobile Club of France. European factories seem to prefer a decrease in the size of the cylinder capacity, many of them being strongly in favor of three litres, or 183 cubic inches. It seems to be the opinion of the racing engineers abroad that they can cut down the cylinder capacity to this size without decreasing the speed.

This seems to be valuable food for thought so that if our piston displacement for the next race would be the same or some where near that required for the French Grand Prix, the teams would have plenty of time to come to America for our event and return for the Fall races in France.

Very truly yours,

INDIANAPOLIS MOTOR SPEEDWAY COMPANY .

Secretary.

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Indianapolis

February 11, 1919.

Mr. Carl G. Fisher, Miami, Florida.

Dear Mr. Fisher.

Our entry list is beginning to show some signs of activity for this time, and the writer felt that you might be interested in the nominations we have received up to this time, which are as follows:

Clifford Durant, Oakland California,
Ralph Mulford, Brooklyn, N.Y.
Josef Christiaens, Wolverhampton, England.
Jean Chassagne, Wolverhampton, England.
W.W. Brown, Kansas City, Mo.

Chevrolet, Special. Frontenac Sunbeam Sunbeam Hudson 24-Valve.

The latest cable advice from Bradley is to the effect that the Fiat factory has decided against sending their cars as factory entries but Bradley is endeavoring to arrange to secure these cars for some of the other drivers and is negotiation with Hemery Wagner and Scales.

Rene Thomas is working on a team of racing cars which he hopes to have completed in time for our race although it seems that this is not absolutely certain. Thomas asks that we keep this quiet until he is absolutely sure that his plans are going to be completed.

Very truly yours,

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February 22, 1919.

Mr. Carl G. Fisher, Miami, Florida.

Dear Mr. Fisher.

Referring to my letter of some days ago, making inquiry of you concerning your knowledge, if any, about Andre Boillot, wish to say for your information that Bradley writes under date of February 6th, as follows:

"With regard to Andre Boillot, I have received your cable asking for information as to his experience. Andre Boillot who is about 24 years of age, has been an aviator of the French Amry for three years, and at the present time is chief pilot with the Bleriot Company; before the war he was reserve driver for the Peugeot Company, and although he never started in any big race for Peugeot, he went through all the practice work with his brother on the Peugeot cars. For two years he was demonstrator for the Peugeot Company in England and took part in a large number of races on Brooklands track with the old signle and twin-cylinder racing cars. I consider him to be quite capable of making a very interesting showing on Indianapolis track; After having seen Georges, I do not think the public would be disappointed in the demonstration of driving that Andre Boillot could give."

It would appearffrom Bradley's letter that Andre Boillot is capable of handling a race car and in view of his being an aviator of some distinction, we might possibly make arrangements with him to come with the car for the usual \$1000 guarantee, with an offer of an additional thousand for a flying exhibition.

Does this appeal to you as being a good proposition?

Very truly yours.

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March 10. 1919.

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Mr. Carl G. Fisher. Miami. Florida.

Dear Mr. Fisher.

You will find enclosed herewith a statement of the ticket sales for the week ending March 8th together with the totals of the entire business since the opening, on February 3rd.

Please note that the cash sales for this year are \$1993.49 plus a war tax of \$201.51 which we have reserved. giving a total of \$2195.00 as against \$980.50 in 1916 and \$2938.50 in 1915.

The total of the tickets laid away is considerably less than those of former years as in 1916 the total was \$14.285 and in 1915 \$25.258.50. The only reason that the writer is able to see for this difference in the tickets laid away is from the fact that our ticket business is practically all from customers out of town and there seems to be a lack of interest locally. This seems hard to explain as the local papers are carrying the usual amount of publicity for this time of the year and there is a great deal of talk and inquiry concerning the race, but not much actual business. This will probably come up later as warm days arrive and the entry list grows in length.

Very truly yours,

INDIANAPOLIS MOTOR SPEEDWAY COMPANY

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Mr. Carl Fisher, Indianapolis, Ind.

My dear Carl: --



I drove up to your house Saturday night about 9:30, but you had a house full of company and I did not stop. I wanted to say goodby and to thank you and Mrs. Fisher for your hospitality.

From many viewpoints the race was a decided success. I am giving you herewith a few thoughts that I think should bear fruit, namely:

Put a wooden protection over the timing wire, from the cement curb to the inner fence. I was disgusted with the timing system. With cars not more than a thousand yards away from me I was told to give the driver the checkered flag, he not even having received the green flag. I was told to give No. 4 and No. 7 the checkered and green flags together, it being assumed that the checkered was for DePalma (and DePalma had not received the green flag) and the green flag was for No. 7. And then, when they came around again I was told to give them both the checkered flag.

I was told to give Thomas the checkered flag, he not having received the green flag, and then after he slowed down and took about four minutes to come around I was told to tell him to go ahead and make two more laps.

To complete the mix-up, after about the sixth car was in Rickenbacker and I were told to lock at the score board and give each driver two more laps than the score board indicated and then flag them.

The system is all wrong and should be corrected. Each time-keeper should have not more than three cars to look after and then he should have an odometer with a push button to register each car as they go by. Also, an odometer operating at the same time, for the man in charge of the score board.

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WARNER PATTERSON CO.

June 3rd, 1919.

. 2 -

I noticed that nearly all the drivers or their mechanicians looked at the score board opposite the judges' stand for their score as to laps. Why wouldn't it be a good idea to put a score board at the extreme end of the grandstand, as they go into the 'first turn? This they could see coming down the entire length of the track.

It is to be regretted that Thurman and Lecocq, with his mechanician, lost their lives, but both of these drivers were cautioned by me for what I thought reckless driving, and for not observing the flags. In my judgment no driver should be allowed to drive where there is any question in the minds of the officials as to his ability to drive safely.

Please do not quote me in any of the above suggestions or thoughts, because it might be inferred by others that I was criticising. Every man who worked did his best, but the best is not good enough when it can be bettered.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

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July 22md, 1819.

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Dong Balph t

The Hospital here at Fort Bonj. Harrison has about 750 badly shot up young non from this last thre. There is one thing that these young follows want to see more than anything else in the world - at least they say they do t they want to see a ratch ruse at the Speeding and they want to see Raigh Deralma, Berney Oldfield and Filesz together.

I told the Colonal in charge of the Pout the other day that the Speeding would denote the Frank and the Officials, and that we would get the Noter Corps to denote the enterodiles to hand all those poor devils out to the Speeding. I also told him that I would try and get you follows down here to drive an achibition for these bays.

We have a couple of lengests and one lender that are in good shape - and we would like to have you seen down four rachard. Wilcox can drive one of the lengests and if you can't bring your rachard along, you and larney can drive the other two cars of ours.

I that for a program, if we could get your consent and Oldfield's, we would have a ten (10), twenty (20) and thirty (30) alle made for a Gold Hedal. In the twenty-sile race we would have a step on the fifth lap for a tire change. This is about the only program I could think of that would not ray into considerable expense for tires, mechanics, etc.

I feel that we can't do too man for these poor devils who are all shot up. There will be about seven hundred of them in the Grand Stand and it will take about four hundred automobiles to hand this maner, as in some cases it takes an entire automobile to hand one origin. There will also be a large number of officers, murses, ets.

On receipt of this letter, won't you please wire no if you will come. The tentative date is August 12th.

I would like to got Joe Hoyer to come with a Frontenea if I sould, or Louis Chevrolot, and rates it a four-cornered affair. But we can't give them a real thriller unloss we can get you and oldfield to come down.

Lot me hoor from you.



HOTEL ROBERT FULTON

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Aug .7th .1919

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Mr. Carl G. Fisher, Indianapolis, Ind.,

My dear Mr. Fisher:-

On account of not having a permament address, my mail makes many detours before reaching me. Your letter of July 22nd received this morning.

It will be impossible for me to compete at Indianapolis on August 12th, as I have been under the weather for the past three weeks, and my car will not be in condition to use any where inside of one month, as it was damaged in my last race with Willcox at New York, and it has had no attention since.

The Packard Company are in no position to help me on account of their heavy program for the pleasure cars. It is possible that my car will be ready for competition about September 1st, and I will do anything to help so that it will not interfere with any other race meet. I will not compete at Uniontown in September, so if you will put on your exhibition the early part of that month, I will gladly compete.

You are undoubtedly aware that the Packard Company will not continue with their racing program for next year; in fact I am continuing the program for the balance of this season entirely myself.

Hoping you are enjoying the best of health, I remain.

Jacobs Very truly,

August 11th, 1919.

Mr. Ralph DePaima, o/o Hotel Robert Fulton, New York City.

Dear Ralph .

The soldiers will not be here during September, so we will have to pull off our little affair about the middle of August.

I am sorry you can't be with us then, as it will be a disappointment to them all. Thanking you just the same, -

Yours very traly,

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Pro Pour Pour Assoc. October 17th, 1919.

Mr. Albert L. Judson, o/o The Flana Hotel, NewYork City.

My dear Commodore Judson :

Accepting your letter of the 11th regarding the best conditions for horse races, crequet, etc: The most ideal place for an automobile race is not the Indianapolis Motor Speedway or any other Speedway that was ever built, but is on the Great Salt Desert in Nevada, which is 25 miles wide and 100 miles long, with not a pimple on it as large as a mosquite egg. This is the most ideal racing condition for automobiles in the world - but did you ever hear of anybody racing on the Great Desert? You did not - and you never will hear of such a thing - for the reason that there is nobody there to see it. The best race in horse racing is certainly not around a cruved track; the reason they have a surved track is because they want spectators to be able to see the race; otherwise they would have a perfectly straight track.

The only possible handicap to boats passing, such as you refer to, would be where the boats were so nearly exact in speed that the difference would be less than 5%. Any boat that has 5% more speed than a competing boat could pass on a 3-mile course. You are not going to be able to make these boat races a success unless they are spectacular - and it will be spectacular on a 3-mile course and still the boats will have every opportunity.

I must say that when the idea of first racing sutomobiles on a two-end-a-half-mile Speedway was taken up in this country, the people who built the Vanderbilt Race Course and the people who had been holding big road races, couldn't imagine for an instant that such a course could be satisfactory - and yet all the big road races are now a thing of the past. The Speedway races are a success because a large number of people can see and become interested in the races and the cars, and this pleases the manufacturers who offer large purses.

This is one particular point on which I would not be willing to change my views until they had been proven wrong - and that is the 3-mile course. If, after the first Heet, it is well proven by the expressions of the contestants and the observations of the Judges that the course is too short, then of course I would be very willing to see the course lengthemed.

Mr. J. G. Vincent of Detroit, the designer of the Liberty Motor, has been here for the past two days, and I have had some talk with him regarding the Liberty Motor for marine purposes. I would like, however,

for you to take first hand information from the designer and builder of the Liberty Loter. There is no doubt that a big part of the Liberty Loter. There is no doubt that a big part of the Liberty Loter, it seems to me, does not fit the conditions we are trying to create. Such a marine motor as the Hall-Scott Company is building certainly is suitable - and the Liberty Motor, with the exhaust pipe out the rear transom, with starting goar and with transmission, all enclosed under a hood, will probably pass. It will be cheating our object to a certain extent - but if we will make the race 100 miles in length or if we will make it a series of three 50-mile races or heats and specify that any repairs necessary are done on recing time - then we will be able to separate the sheep from the goats, and then we will be able to decide what meters will stand up and give satisfaction to purchasers for this class of racing and for pleasure work.

Undoubtedly Gar Wood has in mind a new lower crank case and different pump, possibly a different ciling system, which may make it possible for the balance of the Laborty Motor to act satisfactorily for a limited time in fresh water - but to attempt to use such an outfit in salt water is not prestical except for out-and-out racing purposes.

On the other hand, we do not want to put a premium on cast iron engines. If fine chrome and nickel are the practical things, we want to use them - and we want to be as liberal as we can in helping to produce the perfect motor for marine work.

I am asking Mr. Purdy to send you a blueprint of my runabout, which is the Purdy Boat Company's idea of a runabout that will stand up and do good service. This may not be the fastest boat in the race by long odds, but after I get thru racing, she will still do 40 miles without having to rebuild her, and I can ride in this beat without looking like a plumber, and can have guests who are not subjected to the amnoyances that go with an out-and-out sacing boat - and I think there are other people who will enjoy owning boats of this class and racing them.

Kindly let me hear from you.

Yours very truly,

CGF:R

INDIANAPOLIS MOTOR SPEEDWAY COMPANY

Maintaining the Greatest Race Course in the World

INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

January 23, 1920.

Mr. H. W. Griffith, Anderson, Ind.

Dear Sir:

It is as certain as anything in human calculation can be made certain, that the 500-mile race scheduled for Monday, May 31, 1920, will be the greatest in the history of automobile speed contests.

Interest in the coming event is intensified because of the new motor requirements.

In the first two 500-mile races motors not exceeding 600 cubic inches piston displacement competed. In the next two events the limitation was 450 cubic inches and then it dropped to 300 cubic inches. Now, the last word is a race for cars with a power plant not exceeding 183 cubic inches.

Try to imagine how fascinating a contest between more than thirty automobiles racing 500 miles without a precedent to judge their possibilities - surely you will not want to miss the opportunity to enjoy a battle royal as this.

On Monday, February 2nd, at nine A. M., the advance sale of boxes, reserved seats and parking spaces will start. For your information and convenience we send you herewith a chart with complete data about the prices and seat locations. Why be disappointed at the last minute? We urge you to order now.

It will be our pleasure to care for your orders in a way to meet your approval, and if you follow our suggestion -- not to delay -- we believe you will be grateful.

Very truly yours,

INDIANAPOLIS MOTOR SPEEDWAY COMPANY.

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INDIANAPOLIS MOTOR SPEEDWAY COMPANY

Maintaining the Greatest Race Course in the World

INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

February 10, 1920.



Mr. Carl G. Fisher, Miami, Florida.

Dear Mr. Fisher.

Statement of the advance sale of tickets for the first week of the sale, which ended on February 7th, you will find enclosed herewith.

Our sale has opened very satisfactorily and you will please note that this statement shows cash sales of \$1332.24 as against \$685.18 for the opening week of last year, a substantial increase in favor of this year. These statements will be supplied to you each week that you may keep in touch with the progress of the sale.

Indications for the next race are quite promising, at this time our entry list includes cars as follows:

- 1 Chevrolet by Durant.
- 3 Monroes by the Wm. Small Company
- 3 Frontenacs by Louis Chevrolet
- 1 Ballot by Ralph DePalma
- 1 Peugeot by A.G. Kaufman
- 2 Duesenbergs by F.S. Duesenberg
- 1 Oldfield Special by Barney Oldfield.

In connection with Ralph DePalma's entry, he has requested that we say nothing about it until he advises us.

Information from abroad indicates that we are practically assured of three Peugeots, two additional Ballots and three Fiats, with a possibility of several others.

Goux has invited Wilcox to drive the third Peugeot, and they are conducting negotiations.

Very truly yours.

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March 25th, 19201

Hr. Antonio Giraudier, Jr., Post Office Box #357, Havana, Cuba.

My dear Mr. Girandier :

I have your letter of the 19th: In suggesting that a few of your friends should come to Indianapolis on May 30th to see the Indianapolis Motor Races, it occurred to me that it might give you an idea of the manner in which we entertain a large number of people once a year at Indianapolis - and I had in mind that Havana should have some sort of an entertainment once a year that would be very much talked about in America and that would encourage a good many thousand visitors from Miami and Palm Beach and southern Florida to visit Cuba. We have figured that the people who visit the Indianapolis Motor Speedway Races spend in the city at least two million dollars in five days. Our company sells them \$250,000 to \$500,000 worth of seats to the big Race, and we have thousands of seats sold at \$10 each. We have a mile-and-aquarter of grandstands, and if the weather is fair we have something near 100,000 on the grounds, which are a mile square.

I am not sure that you would get any particular benefit from this visit unless you could, thru this visit, get some suggestions for something of this kind on a big scale in Guba. A Speedway in Guba, for instance, would cost at least \$800,000.00 and it would only be usable once a year - but the receipts would practically be \$200,000.00 for one days racing. It might be more desirable for you to have some other big affair or something that would be big enough to call for a great deal of publicity all over the United States.

It would not be possible for me to come to Cuba this season. I have a great deal of work laid out and will be here until about the middle of May. I am now negothetistic with a large Steamship Company, and we may send this representative to Cuba in a few days to talk to your Government and to your biggest financial men. Bon't forget that the most necessary thing for the welfare of Cuba is proper connection by steamship between Havana and Miami or between Miami, Havana and Jacksonville, or possibly Havana, Miami, Jacksonville and New York - but there must be proper boats of at least 20 miles per hour, and the passports must be practically eliminated. On account of the passports it is entirely too much trouble for the average American to bother with a trip to Cuba. If you could do away with the passports and have a twenty mile per boat between Havana and Miami, it would mean millions of dollars to the Cuban people. Undoubtedly you would have had 25,000 additional visitors from Miami alone this Winter, with proper steamship connections, and each one of these visitors would have spent in Cuba from \$100 up to \$1000 or \$2000 each.

With kindest regards, -



The Hayton Engineering Naboratories Co.

Dayton, Ohio

Noto Races

June 10, 1920.

Mr. Carl G. Fisher, Indianapolis, Ind.

My dear Carl:

June 6th.

I have received your letter of

I was fully aware of the fact that Boyer's car went out, also that DePalma's car took fifth place. I think that Ralph will play in better luck from now on as he is having some of our scientific equipment fitted to his car. I figure that if all the cars are so equipped next year, that the race will be very much more interesting and we will not have these uncalled for things on the last laps. Outside of steering knuckles and magnetoes, the car showed up very good indeed.

I hope that when you are up in this section of the country, you will have an opportunity to come to Dayton to see us.

With kindest personal regards, I

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Yours very truly,

President.

No races June 6th, 1920. Mr. C. F. Kettering. Dayton - Ohio. Dear Mr. Kettering : Are you aware that you owe me two hundred bucks ? Do you know that Rumber Six - Mr. Boyer's car - went out and that DePalms finished 5th place ? You were just leaving the Paddock when #6 looped the loop at the north end of the turn four or five times and crashed into the wall. I don't suppose you have read the papers regarding the finish of the various contestants, since you left the Speedway. This, however, strongly exemplifies the fact that Send me two hundred bull luck will often beat science. bucks and I'll see that you get plenty of Guest Passes for next year as at that time I will need more loose change. Yours very truly, CGF.R

Speedus, June 21, 1920.

Mr. H.J. Carney, Forty-Second Street Building, New York City.

My dear Mr. Carney,

Recently I have been looking into the labor turnover situation here at the Speedway. I find that this situation is not improving, and at certain times of the year is worse than it was last year or any year previous.

With the large interests that you have here, together with the interests of the Allison Experimental Company, it seems to me that it is absolutely necessary that some arrangements be made for the better housing of a large number of mechanics, and also for the Saturday afternoon, Sunday afternoon and evening amusements of the mechanics who live here, and who work at the Prest-O-Lite Company, or who board in the neighborhood.

The fact of the matter is that there are no boarding houses in this neighborhood which will accommodate a hundred to a hundred and fifty men, and these boarding houses are not conveniently situated.

I am satisfied that the Prest-O-Lite Company loses annually in the labor turn-over more than enough money to construct at lease one \$150,000.00 hotel. With the construction of two such hotels, I am thoroughly convinced that the labor turn-over problems would greatly improve, and that your hotels could be so handled that they would pay a small interest on the investment.

We should have here at the Speedway a small movingpicture show. We should have a swimming pool, also a small gymnasium, a basket ball court and a hand ball court, as well as a billiard room and cafe with up-to-date soda fountain attachments.

All the big companies in Akron, Cleveland, and most of the other large cities have learned that it is a necessary part of their equipment in order to keep the best labor.

Our interests are not, of course, in comparison with

vours

Just recently several large companies have begun operations in Indianapolis and these communies are drawing and going to draw heavily on the skilled labor, as well as the unskilled labor.

If you make plans immediately, and start to build for the care of the workmen, you can retain a large number of the skilled men until these improvements are made. In the meantime, you can have a line out for a great many others that would like to have a permanent location in the neighborhood where they are employed.

Kindly let me hear from you.

Very truly yours.

CGP-NH

James J. Allison. T. H. Jyero. George Hillor. H. G. Sample. Polo at Speedury

POLO 1920-21 OUTLINED PLAN

Pirst - to construct two pole fields - 400' wide by 900' long - running north and couth. Location - a short distance west of the Aviation Sheds, leaving some room between the treak and the pole fields for airplane landings, diverting however most of the airplane landing elightly further to the north, having in mind, however, that any part of the pole fields can be used in an emergency without danger.

For the present, the garages will be made over into temporary stabling quarters for this sensen - one small garage to be fitted up as a blacksmith shop with a small hand forge; one small garage to be fitted up as a bridle and saddle task room. The Hespital, for the present, san be used for the ground' quarters.

It will be necessary to make a small Referee Stand - size about 8 x 8 and 12° tall - with a bell suspended from the center for calling time. Also necessary to construct a cooling shed south of the two hangars and coast of the track space, size of this shed to be approximately 10° wide by 50° long, with a cleant roof and boarded up about 30° high on the sides, with stall partitions 6° apart. Streetly in front of this cooling shed should be a hitch rook - 40° long - so that a total of 50 or 60 penies may be assembled in one spot, separate from the spectators and where they will not interfere with the use of the track or grounds.

The fields are to be prepared for playing for applying come 40 or 50 truck leads of sand after the grass has been elecely out, spiking the sand into this soil and rolling with out roller. This should put those fields in very

good shape for this Semer.

In order to propage property for Pole in the fature, we must have stables for sixty (60) horses. Those barns, containing is stalls each, with a tack room, well built, will cost \$4000 to \$5000 each. We should have at least two of those barns built this Summer - and if for any reason Pole is discontinued, these barns will be very handy for storing various materials - hay and other farm products.

The general plan for financing the Pole is as follows : To have on the 17th and 19th of June a series of games at Indianapolis between the best teem that can be selected at Indianapolis and a second team from Dayton : To issue an invitation to a large number of Indianapolic people, and in a circular or panghlat explain to the citizens of Indianapolis that this is the beginning of Pole in Indiana, and that a certain number of clab numbers will be enrolled in the SPERMAY POLO CLUB. . That the Club does for the first 500 members will be \$50, which will entitle the first 500 members to the privileges of the games this season and next season : after the first 500 memberships have been cold, the following 700 memberships will be 365 - making a total membership list of 1800 persons - and after the season of 1921, if Pole is continued, the In order that a large number of gate cormal dues will be 065 per member. keepers, ticket takers, ote, will not be necessary, each number will be given a Club Comborship Card, which is not transferable - but each member or any member of his family may bring in their automobile as rany of their friends as they care to at each game. In other words, a Membership Ticket entitles am entire family to all the games for the season.

Games between local teams will be played (weather permitting) twice cosh week - neually Tuesday and Saturday, at \$100 Palls Program, however,

may be changed and information on the games will be available by communicating with the indianapolis Meter Speedany office, which is located at 444 North.

Capital Avenue - which will be the headquarters of the SPEEDEAY POLO GIND for all information regarding games and manberships.

It is the intention of the SPREDWAY POLOGLES to make a beginning this season and if sufficient interest can be artesed and a sufficient number of members seemed, further building of barns and equipment will be completed during this Fall, and arrangements for ment season to have very high class role - with the final object of introducing international role Genes at Indianapolic.

The Speedary grounds and part of the equipment already in use at the Speedary grounds, given the SPREMAY POLO CLUB on unusual adventage for a quick start this season.

Mr. George Miller of Austin, Seems, one of the best riders and trainers of pale penies in the United States, has been secured as trainer and seach for this season. Mr. Miller has arrived on the grounds with 16 penies which he will school and have for sale to any numbers who wish to purchase penies and play them.

mif the proper interest is shown in this sport the SPERMAT POLO CLUB, will erest additional barns and a small grandstand for next senson. The grandstand may be a combination grandstand and club-house, and some arrangements will be made for pole playing numbers to keep their ponion at the Pole Club's barns under favorable conditions.

The first games are on the 17th and 19th of this month and quite probably a large number of the games to be played during this season, will ...

the Speedmay open to large numbers of people to see exhibition gapes, and for this reason it is found necessary to issue Glub Necessary Pickets.

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The first games of the Indianapolis players will be necessarily regged. Only two good players are at hand in Indianapolis but the making of a half dozen good players is available and in a short time the Indpls. Team will be able to select material which will give them by the end of this season a fair team to hold its own with some of the similar organisations in the West, with the hopes, however, of continually adding to and strengthening this Team until Indianapolis will have as good a team as any other part of the United States.

The players will be practicing on the Speedway Pole Field on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays - from 5:00 to 5:00. Pole members, of course, are invited of course to watch these practice games if interested. Sometimes only six players will show up, which will make three on each side, and at other times when more than eight players are at hand, mixed teams will be selected and eventually in this manner the best four to represent Indianapolis will be chosen.

The Indianapolis Motor Speedway is a perfect setting for pole playing. We have enough ground to have a dozen good fields. A big part of the necessary equipment which other communities have to purchase is already at hand, so that 'ndianapolis can jump into pole playing without delay and at a minimum expense, with the expectation of eventually having the most attractive grounds in the United States, and best equipment.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors - June 8th - thirty thousand dollars was appropriated for the building of Barns and other equipment necessary to make the Indianapolis Club equal to any other in the country. Just as the Indianapolis Five Sundred Mile Speedway Race is the greatest sporting event in the world it is our ambition to eventually bring to Indianapolis some of the International Fole contests, and if we have the proper support in this undertaking we will accomplish this result.

June 295h 1921 T. Jas. A. Allison, Indianapolis, Indiana. Dear Jim s I have been thinking a lot lately of the Speedway possibilities for the year after next and they don't look at all bright, unless we decide to do something. If we decide to spend as much as even five or seven thousand dollars in foliage, we wont have very much showing next season. I have thought considerable about the possibilities of a fine golf club together with a club house and a swimming pool. I believe that swimming pools could be made to pay handsomely for ten days in May, twenty days in June and sixty days in July and August, and ten days in September. in other words, if we make a big golf course, play grounds, swimming pools and polo fields out of the Speedway, it will be, at least, a very good looking plact to inspect for next year and the following year. We can get a berrel of publicity on the fact that we decide to make this change and I believe that thousands of people who have not been to the Speedway for two years will come to see the races and incidentally to see the Speedway decked up in its new garb. It is going to take two years to work up polo to a point where we can enter some big games that will pay but if the Speedway has a golf course and is made the center of athletic diversions. I believe that it might carry allong its overhead with some small profit and be interesting enough to inspect, and in the next two years pay for the improvements I refer to. The swimming pools and bath house would cost\$40, 100.00 to \$50,000.00. We could build a good golf course with our present larout. costing \$30,000 to \$35,000. We might make a large club of the place at a membership of \$30,00 a year and have the golf members pay extra for whatever they get except polo. The golf course at Miami Beach makes about \$20,000.00 a year, net. We may get through all right next year, but we must do something and do it economically. The time to start is now. I think we could get enough publicity to draw at least ten thousand people next year and the following year, who would not otherwise attend. It will probably be four or five years before it will pay us to cut up the Speedway. Think it over and I will talk to you about it the next time I see you. Yours. CGF:EM

Speedury May 1, 19222 Mr. John C. Gramling Attorney at Law Miami Beach, Florida My dear Granling: Just the day before I left Mismi a subpoena was served against me to appear in the Frady case. I thought you were going to try to help me out of this matter so that it would not be necessary for me to appear. We are just now getting into our big races here. and we have hundreds of thousands of dollars at stake in these events and in the preparation for them. I have already testified in this case and I have nothing new to say. I know nothing more than I have told, and it seems to me to be a great injustice to ask me to make this long trip to Florida. Please see what you can do in this matter, and oblige. Yours very truly.

Speeding July 8th, 1922 Mr. James Allison. Indianapolis, Ind. Dear Jim: I enclose you letters regarding the Memorial Day movement, which speak for thomselves. they put to the bat, the better for us. The city is going to make a very hard fight against having the Races postphoned or injured, at least I think the city will. The papers will probably take the stand that two or three days before or after Memorial Day would not cut a very great figure in the attendance at the Races. Personally, I don't think it would make any difference if we do have them a day or two before or after the 30th. I think it would be impossible to get legislation that would bar us have the race within three days of May 30th. on May 30th there are general amusements, ball games, the parks are full of amateur tennis matches and swimming events, in fact, I don't see how legislation can be put through without affecting other amusements and sports. Even if it is put through, it won't cut a great figure, as one day either way won't hurt us any. I enclose copy of about what I think we could reply. Youre. COF-MEC





Mr Carl Fisher Miami. Florida

Dear Mr Fisher:

Your Manager L A Trotter, has no doubt informed you of the loyal assistance I gave as a member of the Legislature and personally to the defeating of the unfair and unconstitutional Memorial Day Bill, which passed the Legislature but was vetced by the Governor.

I take the liberty of writing you asking if you will permit me to make a suggestion concerning advertisement of the next race, that I believe from knowledge and experience will prove helpful to you and the Speedway Race.

I make this suggestion for the reason that I led the Marion County Delegation to the Governor's Office after the passage of the bill in the House of Representatives and made an argument against the constitutionality of the law to Governor McCray.

I had offered an amendment to the bill before it passed the House, but advocates of the bill tabled it without giving me an opportunity to make a speech upon the issue. This amendment would have effected the other cities of the State and that is what they did not want.

The Governor after vetoing the bill told me that he would have signed it if my amendment had been adopted.

With kindest regards, I remain,

Russell D. Harrison

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January 4, 1927.

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My dear Mr. Fisher:

Please accept my congratulations on the plans announced in today's press having to do with a twenty-four hour race confined to engines of the heavy oil types, sponsored by the Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

This action on the part of yourself and associates certainly encourages a prompt development of the art, and being anxious to support this worthy cause to the utmost I would be pleased to receive entry blanks when the same are available.

Yours very truly,

JBW-HM

INDIANAPOLIS MOTOR SPEEDWAY COMPANY

Maintaining the Greatest Race Course in the World

INDIANAPOLIS. INDIANA

February 4, 1927.

Mr. Carl G. Fisher, Miami Beach, Florida.

Dear Mr. Fisher.

The announcement of the oil burning motor contest has naturally caused considerable interest and comment and resulted in a considerable number of inquiries reaching this office but, up to this time, rather curiously, an inquiry from only one manufacturer has been received—that was from the Cummings Engine Company of Columbus Indiana. The other inquiries with exception of one from Mr. J.B. Watson of the Sheet Steel Products Company of Detroit, seem to be from people of questionable stability.

I have discussed this matter with quite a number of engineers and people interested in the development of motors and the more I discuss it the more it appears to me that the formulation of correct rules is a serious and intricate proposition. I am not at all sure that you will agree with me but it appears, in view of the information I have already gathered, we should get some of our engineer friends to make a careful study of the oil burning motor industry and submit suggestions for the proper rules to apply. If this is done there will not be sufficient time to advise the manufacturers of our rules and permit them to build the proper equipment in time for September of this year.

Therefore, it would seem to me, and I recommend that we delay the contest until some time in 1928 which will give manufacturers ample time to prepare, and enable the Speedway to put on an event that will not only be a credit to itself, but of value to the industry.

I have hesitated somewhat bout making this recommendation but have arrived at the conclusion that I would not be honest with you or the Speedway or myself if I did not give you my opinion of the situation.

If you do not agree and still feel that we should go on for September it is needless to say that I will devote all the energy I have toward making the contest possible.

Very truly yours, The Jap. nuyera

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February 16, 1927,

Mr. T. E. Myers, Indianapolis Motor Speedway, Indianapolis, Indiana,

My dear Myers:

I have yours of the fourth. It looks
like you have hit the mail on the head —
that we will have to drop the matter for
at least another year.

Yours,

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INDIANAPOLIS MOTOR SPEEDWAY COMPANY

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INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

April 16, 1927

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Mr. C. G. Fisher, c/o Montauk Beach Development Corp., Heckscher Building, New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Fisher:

This morning I had a letter from Mr. Bragg, saying that Assistant Secretary of War, Mr. Trubee Davison, would not be in position to act as referee for this year. On the same mail was a note from Mr. Allison, advising that you had wired concerning Mr. Richard Hoyt, and that he had replied saying that he felt some other man would serve us better, and suggesting Mr. Sloan and Mr. Kettering of General Motors, also Mr. Atterbury of the Pennsylvania Reilroad, and Mr. W. K. Vanderbilt.

I am just wondering if anything definite has been accomplished along these lines, and just what the situation is as regards to the referee for this year.

Awaiting your reply with interest, I am

Yours very truly,

INDIANAPOLIS MOTOR SPREDWAY COMPANY

Secretary-Treasurer

J. B. P. Myers

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4.3. C. Spealing April 18, 1927. Mr. George LeBoutillier. Pres. L.I. Railroad Co., Pennsylvania Station. New York City. LeBoutillier: Dear Mr. I want to go to the Indianapolis races on May twenty-eighth and I want to take several people with me, both to see the races and to make a big effort to get the S.A.E. convention in Miami Beach in March as per previous letters I have written you this morning on this subject. We will have several hundred of the big engineers and manufacturers of the United States at the races. I don 't feel as active in renting special cars as I did before the big wind. Can I make some arrangement with you so it will not set me back or be too big an ex ense to go in a special car? There has been a time when I would be very glad to have a seat in a combination baggage and smoker, but I would be willing to sacrifice some on this particular trip to take a few friends with me and put on a very bold front. I think there is a good chance to get this convention. Let me hear from you in the next few days so that if a good sized private car is out of the question we can make proper reservations for drawing rooms. Yours. CGF: T

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Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

APRIL 22, 1927.

JAMES A. ALISON STAR ISLAND MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA.

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CARL G. FISHER.

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April 23, 1927.

JAMES A. ALLISON. STAR ISLAND, MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA

HAVE DONE THE BEST I CAN PASS THE BUCK TO YOU
HAVE WIRED KETTERING WILL HEAR FROM HIM NO DOUBT
TOMORROW IF HE TURNS IT DOWN YOU CAN SELECT YOUR
OWN REFEREE AND GO TO THE DEVIL

CARL.

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CARL G FISHER

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NEWCOMB CARLTON, PRESIDENT

WHAT DO YOU MEAN NASH NO GOOD STOP COMPARE HIS RECORD WITH BRAGG AND HOYT STOP FORGET MONTAUK IT HAS NO CONNECTION WITH SPEEDWAY STOP WHY NOT FAVOR GENERAL MOTORS THEY ARE BUILDING RACING CARS WHICH IS WHAT MAKES SPEEDWAY STOP NASH HAS RESPECT OF ENTIRE AUTOMOBILE INDUSTRY AFTER NASH SUGGEST KETTERING THEN HAYES STOP DAVIS HASNT GUTS TO ACCEPT THIS HOB ON DECORATION DAY STOP WILL ROGERS WOULD BE FINE AS FAR AS PUBLICITY IS CONCERNED STOP PLEASE FORGET LONGISLAND IN CONNECTION WITH THIS AFFAIR

ALLISON

845AM

THE LONG ISLAND RAILROAD COMPANY

GENERAL OFFICE, PENNSYLVANIA STATION

G. LEBOUTILLIER
VICE-PRESIDENT

NEW YORK. April 22, 1927.

Personal

Dear Mr. Fisher:-

I have your letter of the 18th, in regard to gho trip to Indianapolis.

There is no reason in the world why you should not use my business car (Long Island #100), which sleeps six people comfortably and can be made to accommodate eleven.

I will be very glad to arrange for the movement of this car in my name, although I may not be able to go with you. If you will let me know promptly what train you want to use, I will set up the movement.

Yours sincerely, Soulillier

Mr. Carl G. Fisher, Port Washington, N. Y.

April 26, 1927. Mr. George LeBoutillier. Long Island R.R. Co., Pennsylvania Station. New York City. Dear Mr. LeBoutillier: I have yours of the twenty-second. hope you will not understand that I wished in my recent letter to you to use your car without compensation. I thought possibly there might be some rule with the railroad company whereby I ould get this car without as much expense as I have been paying in the past. I am trying to get the S.A.E. convention at Miami Beach in order to help our hotels out at the season of the year when we need business, and if we can get this convention the Pennsylvania Railroad and the Clyde Steamship Company should find it very profitable. I have not been to the races at Indianapolis for two years on account of work here at Montauk and I don't know whether you have been out to Indianapolis in the last several years. Cur race has grown to a tremendous affair and if you have not seen it recently it would be worth your while to go along with us. I thank you very much for the offer you make of your car and will try to the best of my ability to make it worth while. I wish you could arrange to go out with us. We want to leave here some time on the afternoon of the 28th, arrive at Indianapolis on the 29th. This will give the afternoon and evening of the 29th and all day of the 30th, leaving Indianapolis some time around six or seven o'clock the evening of the 30th, if convenient. Please try and arrange to go with us, and let me hear from you. Yours, CGF: T COLD CUP RECATTA, MANHASSET BAY AUGUST 216 AND 2244, 493

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APRIL 29, 1927.

T. E. MYERS. INDIANAPOLIS MOTOR SPEEDWAY, INDIANAPOLIS.

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April 29, 1927.

T. E. MYERS. INDIANAPOLIS MOTOR SPEEDWAY, INDIANAPOLIS.

RESERVE ROOM WITH TWO BEDS AT ATHLETIC CLUB FOR MY FRIEND SERGEANT ALVIN YORK AND HIS GUEST

CARL G. FISHER.

CGF: T

MEMORANDUM

FROM MR. FISHER

SUBJECT_Autos.

To: Mr. T. E. Myers.

May 3, 1927.

Sergeant York is to be my guest and his account is to be charged to me.

Have three automobiles at our disposal when we arrive. We leave Penna Sta . New York, at 1.05 (Eastern Standard) Saturday, May 28th, arriving Indianapolis on Keystone Express Sunday, May 29th at 10.50 AM (Standard Time). We leave on the Commercial Express on Monday, 30th, at 7.30 PM.

Also have a car for V. H. Ehrhart if he decides to come. Have a car for Sergeant York and his guest.

CGF: T

May 20, 1927. Mr. Horace Dodge. Detroit, Michigan. My dear Horace: All of our tickets have been sold out for some time. I had three boxes reserved for myself and guests from New York. I can let you have two of these boxes and may at the last minute have three or four more seats. I am not really sure how many people are coming out from here. Have wired Pop Myers to get you on the telephone and see what he can do to help you out. Hope to see you during the races. I am enclosing you two guest badges which will let you up on the top floor with one of your friends and you can change these badges back and forth if you wish to. We are limited in space for the top floor or I would send you some more guest badges. Yours. CGF: T P. S. I have asked Mr. Myers of the S peedway to wire you what reservations he has for you. COLD COSTREASON, VANIABILITARY, WHOLE HA AND 265, Dic.

Speeding June 13, 1927. Mr. E. V. Rickenbacker. Rickenbacker Motor Co.. Detroit, Michigan. Dear Eddie: I have just received papers whereby Jim gives you option on the purchase of the Speedway. I think you have made a very good buy if you go through with the transaction. I would advise that you now attempt to get Lindbergh to be either your official referee or your starter for next season. This will certainly add \$50,000 or \$75,000 to your gate. As a bird man and flyer, you have a better chance than anybody else to collar him on this iob. We have been trying for the last two or three years to get fifteen hundred people in the band. The number fifteen hundred means a lot more than 1345 or 1425 and I would advise that you get 1500 even if the last 125 cannot play a note. From my experience in the Speedway this year, I would further advise that you have a sufficient number of drum majors lined up on the right flank so that they could assist the players in their elignment. I believe it is also quite possible and also practical for you to put a golf course in the club grounds with a pair of swimming pools, and charge the members to the same, which will take care of your entire upkeep during the summer months. If there is anything I can do to help you in this program, don't fail to call on me. Pop Myers has practically been running the Speedway for the last six or seven years and Jim and myself and Newby have paid no attention to the program. The program as originally laid out has not been changed for the last ten years and none of us could see any plan whereby we should

Mr. E. V. Rickenbacker, June 13, 1927, Page 2.

change it. It might be quite possible for you to make alterations in the program whereby you might benefit and make the race a greater and better race than it is at the present time. If any of us can assist you in doing this we will be very glad to do so.

I think that younger blood and more spirit in connection with the indianapolis Speedway will give great benefits to both the industry, the correction of mechanical troubles in automobiles and also to the art of racing.

Very truly yours,

CGF:T

P. S. Do not hesitate to call on me for anything you may want in the way of advice or information, although I must be frank to say that you probably and undoubtedly do know more about the whole art of racing than I do.

I would like each year that you would reserve for me two or three boxes and thirty or forty guest badges, which will mean to a great deal to you in publicity and in the old association which you certainly must not break. You must keep all of the old drivers and the old timers back of the Speedway. If you lose them, you lose a tremendous force of enthusiastic supporters. The expense to you is nothing and results are tremendous. I will help you all I can.

Port Washington, L. I.

MONTAUK YACHT CLUB

COLUMBIA YACHT CLUB
C. F. CHAPMAN, Chairman

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GOLD CUP COMMITTEE



Speedy JAMES A. ALLISON MIAMI BRACH, FLORIDA July 9, 1927 Mr. Carl G. Fisher Port Washington, N. Y. Mr. Arthur C. Newby N. Meridian St. Indianapolis, Ind. Dear Carl and Arthur: Enclosed find copy of a telegram received from Eddie Rickenbacker, with copy of my reply. I did not think it advisable to extend the option, as it would put us in a position of having our property hocked around to Lord knows how many brokers. I hope you will agree with me. JAA:M Enclosures Mr. Carl G. Fisher Port Washington Long Island, N. Y.

July 12, 1927.

Mr. James A. Allison, Star Island, Niami Beach, Florida,

Dear Jim:

Yours of the ninth received. I agree with you in your wire to Rickenbacker.

I am writing Eddie today as per enclosed letter, sending copy to Pop Hyers. I think it would be a big thing if we could get Lindbergh to pace the race together with Rickenbacker. I think it would draw twentyfive thousand people who want to see Lindbergh.

Wired you yesterday Scott Edwards was comind down and that he had a proposition. He had talking to Catholics who are high in the order, about purchasing the hospital. I wired you ahead for fear you might in the meantime arrive at some deal to lease the place, whereby Scott seems certain you can sell it. It is worth trying at any rate.

Yours .

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Detroit Mich., July 7, 1927

James A. Allison Miami Beach, Fla.

Have been going day and night on proposition without satisfactory results due to conditions on the bond market which turned very soft about June first and enthusiasm on part of people whom I have interested has waned somewhat as they prefer to wait until a better bond market appeared which they anticipate within six weeks to sixty days. Stop. However have another organization very much interested during last few days here in Detroit but time is so limited will be unable complete arrangement and am certain to be victim of circumstances unless you appreciate my position and are willing to extend option another thirty days which I dislike asking for very much but which seems absolutely essential in fairness under the circumstances. Stop. Have just talked to Charley Sommers of Indianapolis explaining situation in detail and who has suggested extension to permit working out plans which look very promising. Stop. Please wire me care eight one six two East Jefferson Ave. Regards.

E. V. RICKENBACKER

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> Miami Beach, Fla. July 7, 1927

E. V. Rickenbacker 8162 East Jefferson Ave. Detroit, Mich.

Will not consider extending option as it is detrimental to our interests to have this property shopped around. Stop. If after option expires you have proposition to make to us will be glad to consider. With best regards

ALLISON

JAMES A.ALLISON INDIANAPOLIS June 10th, 1927

Mr. Carl G. Fisher, Port Washington, Long Island, New York.

Dear Carl:-

Enclosed find option contract signed by Mr. Newby and myself. If you approve, please sign and mail to Elmer W. Stout, care Fletcher American National Bank, Indianapolis, Indiana

Speedway declared a dividend of \$100,000.00, your share of which will be immediately applied on the loan at the First National in Miami. Total proceeds are about \$132,000.00, about \$12,000 of which was spent for a new grand stand, and \$10,000 went into preferred stock, in the cars built by Cooper, which leaves us about \$10,000.00 in the bank for running expenses.

I am leaving this afternoon at 3:20 for Miami, arriving Sunday seeming.

With best regards, I am,

Yours year truly,

JAA/AG.

Speery July 12, 1927. Hr. E. V Rickenbacker. Rickenbacker Motor Co. Detroit. Michigan. Dear Eddies I have a copy of wire that Jim cent you a few days ago. We have to be careful and not have this proposition shopped around as though it was a second hand automobile. You are the only real life looking customer at this time who understands the business and could handle the proposition and there is no reason why, if we have not sold it, you should not continue to see if you can get together a bunch to buy it. In the meantime, I suppose you are acquainted with Lindberg and I would like to have you take up the matter with Lindbergh for you and he in the same car to page the race. It would, of course, be best for us to feature Lindbergh and I think the combination will be a good thing for the Speedway. If, in the meantime, you should purchase the Speedway, it would be good for you. Yours, CGF:T

INDIANAPOLIS MOTOR SPEEDWAY COMPANY

Maintaining the Greatest Race Course in the World

INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

July 15. 1927.

Mr. Carl G. Fisher. Port Washington, L.I.

Dear Mr. Fisher.

A payment of \$50,000 has been made on the Globe Realty building at the corner of Capitol Avenue and Michigan Street which was sold some time ago.

You will find enclosed two Globe Realty Company checks that total \$25,000 which is your share of this return of capital.

This acknowledges the receipt of the copy of your letter to Captain Rickenbacker re the matter of an option on the Speedway property, thecontents of which has been very carefully noted.

My plans are to leave tomorrow afternoon for Greenwich to take care of the work in connection with the Gold Cup race that is being put on by the Indian Harbor Yacht Club. I am doing this, of course, in accordance with your instructions to Townsend that I was to be loaned to him for this event.

Some time during the week after my arrival there I want very much to get over to Port Washington to say "hello".

> J. B. P. Myers Very truly yours,

Port Washington, L. I. July 18, 1927

Fletcher American Nat'l. Bk. Indianapolis Indiana

Gentlemen: Attention Mr. Elmer W. Stout

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E nclosing two checks amounting to \$25,000. to be deposited to the credit of the Montauk Beach Development Corporation.

Kindly send deposit slip to this office.

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RHT:JD Robert H. Tyndall



THE FLETCHER AMERICAN NATIONAL BANK INDIANAPOLIS

ELMER W. STOUT PRESIDENT

June 16, 1927.

Mr. Robert H. Tyndall, Montauk Beach Development Corp., Montauk Beach, Long Island, N. Y.

Dear Bob:

I am pleased to acknowledge receipt of your communication of June 13, enclosing option contract between James A. Allison, Carl G. Fisher, and Arthur Newby, and Edward V. Rickenbacher relative to the Speedway capital stock, which I understand is to be held by me in accordance with provisions of the contract.

With kindest personal regards to Carl and yourself, I am

Yours verteruly,
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President.

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CAPT. E. V. RICKENBACKER GLENN D. ANGLE, CHIEF ENG. CABLE ADDRESS "DEAC"

July 18, 1927.

Mr. Carl G. Fisher, Montauk Manor. Montauk L I.

My dear Carl:

No doubt you are wondering why I have not answered your most splendid letter with reference to the Indianapolis Speed Way.

Primarily, my neglect or apparent carelessness has been due to my inability to report constructively, which I now feel I shall be able to do within the next week or ten days.

You no doubt realize that my option ran out on July 9th, and that I wired Jim at Miami Beach, with hopes that he would extend same another 30 days.

This he refused to do, but stated he would be very glad to talk to me on the same basis, if I had anything to offer.

The people original had interest cooled off, because of the condition of the general bond market, which has been flooded sime about June 1st.

I have, however, just recently interested another group here whom I believe we will be able to do business with soon, and shall keep you posted as to my progress. The very fine spirit embodied in your letter is very much appreciated by me and please rest assured that I shall not neglect the opportunity to take advantage of your suggestions and advise, if matters will work out as I hope they will in the near future.

Please rest assured that your wishes will be granted and taken care of in so far as the May day event is concerned, in my power to do so.

With kindest personal regards, I remain

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July 26, 1927.

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Capt. E. V. Rickenbacker, Detroit Aircraft Engine Works, Detroit, Michigan,

My dear Rick:

I have yours of the eighteenth.

I hope you will be able to go along with the Speedway deal. I believe you can handle it.

Count on me to help you all I pessibly can.

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CARL J FISHER.

PORTWASHINGTON NY.

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July 22, 1927.

E. V. RICKENBACKER, RICKENBACKER MOTOR CO., DETROIT, MICHIGAN GLAD TO HEAR YOUR PROPOSITION YOU HAVE MY HEARTIEST SUPPORT AND COOPERATION REGARDS

C. G. FISHER

RHT:T

COPY

ALLISON ENGINEERING COMPANY

Indianapolis, Ind.

July 27, 1927

Mr. James A. Allison Post Office Box #4 Miami Beach, Fla.

Dear Mr. Allison:

The purpose of calling you last night was to let you know that Rick is proceeding with his end of the deal, and to assure you that nothing would come up to complicate the matter from your end. He is spending considerable money now in securing the required information and has an agreement from a Detroit Bond House to purchase the bonds from him. He is having the American Appraisal Company of Milwaukee make a complete appraisal of the property, and Ernst and Ernst are preparing a balance sheet as of June 30th. Then it will be necessary for him to procure a deed in trust, and other matters will also have to ironed out before the completion of the deal.

He thinks this will all be closed up by the 15th of August, and if so, it will be handled in an exceptionally quick manner.

The agreement he now has is that the Bond House will take up \$100,000.00 of bonds immediately on closing the deal, and at least an additional \$100,000.00 each thirty days with a payment in full on or before November 9th this year.

Assuming that you intend to give him every opportunity to make good on his offer to you, I will assist him with the lawyers and accountants in getting everything here in proper shape, and will advise you from time to time as things of interest develop.

Yours very truly.

L. M. LANGSTON

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Whereas, by a certain contract dated August /2 1927, between James A. Allison, Carl G. Fisher and Arthur C. Newby of the one part and Edward V. Rickenbacker of the other part, in consideration of the purchase by Rickenbacker of the share of the capital stock of the Indianapolis Motor Speedway Company severally and respectively owned by Allison, Fisher and Newby, they severally and in the proportion or ratio of the shares held by each of them respectively to the total number of shares of the capital stock of the Indianapolis Hotor Speedway Company, guaranteed to save harmless the said Rickenbacker, the Indianapolis Motor Speedway Corporation, and the holders of the bonds and shares of the capital stock of the Indianapolis Motor Speedway Corporation, from and on account of any and all debte, demands or claims of or against the Indianapolis Motor Speedway Company including all state, county and municipal taxes and assessments which became hiens prior to June1, 1927, (except seven-twelfths of the taxes and assessments assessed for the year 1927 payable in 1928) and all Federal income, excess profits and agusement taxes due or which may hereafter become due, or be assessed against said Indianapolis Motor Speedway Company for the year 1928 or years prior thereto, and for the year 1937 as to income earned or accrued, or transactions had prior to Junel, 1937; and

whereas, for the purpose of inducing the sale of the shares of the capital stock aforesaid, James A. Allison executed his separate and additional guaranty dated August 1227, whereby he bound himself to pay all of such liabilities aforesaid:

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Now therefore, if by virtue of said last mentioned guaranty of said Jemes A. Allison he shall pay more than such proportion of all the liabilities of Indianapolis Notor Speedway Company therein described, as is the ratio of the shares of stock held by him to all of the chares of stock of Indianapolis Notor Speedway Company, then I hereby promise and agree, on demand, to payto said Allison that proportion of said excess aforesaid, which the shares of stock owned by me bear to all of the shares of stock issued by Indianapolis Notor Speedway Company.

WITHESS MY HAND AND SEAL at Indianapolis, Indiana, August _______1927.

Lane g Fisher

Mr. James A. Allison, Miami Beach, Miami Beach, Florida.

My dear Jim:-

The first \$100,000 bonds arrived in Detroit today and were taken up by Ramsey, Gordon & Co. which completes the first step of your sale of the Speedway properties.

All legal matters have been taken care of and approved by both Mr. Newby's and our attornies.

While discussing the transaction with Pop Myers whom we have made vice-president and general manager of the new corporation, he surplised me by stating that Mr. Newby was under the impression that the expenses for maintaining the property was transferred to the new corporation immediately the first \$100,000 bonds were taken down.

This, of course, is going to handicap me considerably, as I have made no provision for same because of my interretation of the contract between ourselves which led me to believe that these expenses would not have to be paid until the final payment is made.

After being advised of Mr. Newby's interpretation, Mr. Stout read the centract which can be read and interpretated both ways, but he stated that he would be glad to make the new corporation a loan of \$10,000 to cover these expenses until Jan. 1, 1928, providing there was no objection on your part.

In the meantime he has assured Pop Myers of taking care of the expenses for the next thirty days to the extent of \$1,500 which will give me an opportunity of communicating with you.

In suggesting this loan being approved by you, please keep in mind that it can not affect yourself and associates in case there is a default of the balance of the bond issue. For the Speedway must be taken care of and the organization kept intact, therefore leaving you and your associates in control as before with the exception of the amount of cash to your credit for the amount of bonds taken up.

Mr. James A. Allison.

Mr. Stout was quite agreeable and anxious to do anything he could to expedite this transaction, but as I understand he is leaving for Europe on September 8th, a telegr m from you to Elmer Stout approving such a loan would be appreciated as I expect to be in Indianapolis Tuesday morning the fifth to make the necessary arrangements for same.

With best wishes, I remain

Fours very truly,

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INDIANAPOLIS MOTOR SPEEDWAY COMPANY

Maintaining the Greatest Race Course in the World

INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

September 8, 1927.

Mr. James A. Allison, Mismi Beach, Florida.

Dear Mr. Allison,

Mr. Stout is this day advising you that he has transferred to the Indianapolis Motor Speedway Company from his account as Trustee \$40,664.04. With this amount I am paying the company's indebtedness to the bank which was \$30,000.00; I have paid the balance of the property taxes for 1926 payable in 1927 in the amount of \$2.161.04 and the balance of the 1926 income tax which was \$8,750.

All of the company's indehedness except these items had been paid out of the ban from the bank. There may be some stray bills come along to be taken care of from time to time and we still have a bank balance of about \$650.00 and a few bills yet to collect. There may be some expenses now an then in connection with the lawsuits especially as one is set at Martinsville for some time this Fall.

Mr. Stout has transferred to your account as Trustee. For Shareholders of Indianapolis Motor Speedway Company, \$37,500. The balance of \$21,855.96 he is holding in certificates of deposit payable to himself as Trustee for the the shareholders of thes company. This amount it is estimated will be required to take care of the income tax up to May 31st of this year and five-twelfths of the 1927 property taxes payable in 1928.

As requested in your telegram to Mr. Stout, you will please be advised that the shareholders proportion of \$37,500 is as follows:

J.A. Allison C.G. Fisher				\$21,060.00
A.C. Newby	-	512	shares	4,680.00
F.E. Sweet	*	A	shares	60.00
Total		2500	shares	\$57,500.00

For your convenience I have prepared checks for your signature payable to the various stock holders and you will find them enclosed. In the event you do not have Mr. Sweet's address it is 158 South Manhattan Place, Los Angeles.

The details in connection with the new Corporation seem to be working out nicely and everything seems to be functioning with a minimum amount of disturbance.

Very truly yours,

COPY FOR MR. CARL G. FISHER.

R. CARL G. FISHER.

Address All Correspondence to Indianapolis Motor Speedway Company and not Individuals

JAMES A. ALLISON

Speedy

September 13, 11927

Mr. Carl G. Fisher Port Washington Long Island, N1 Y.

Mr. Arthur C. Newby N. Meridian St. Indianapolis, Ind.

Mr. Frank E. Sweet 1058 S. Manhattan Place Los Angeles, Cal.

Gentlemen:

The first \$100,000.00 delivery payment on the Speedway property has been received. Of this amount Mr. Elmer Stout, of the Fletcher American Bank has transferred to the Indianapolis Motor Speedway Co. \$40,664.04, with which amount was paid the Speedway' Company's indebtedness to the Bank of \$30,000.00; balance of property taxes for 1926 payable in 1927; and balance of 1926 income tax, amounting to \$8,750.00. This leaves a bank balance for the old company of about \$650.00, to take care of some stray bills not yet paid. Mr. Stout holds as Trustee certificates of Deposit amounting to \$21,835.96, this being the amount of Federal taxes payable in the future. The balance of \$37,500.00 has been transferred to my account as trustee, and has been divided in the following amounts:

J.A. Allis	on 1404 shares	\$21,060,00
C.G. Fishe	r - 780 bares	11,700.00
A.C. Newby	- 312 shares	4,680.00
F.E. Sweet	- 4 shares	60.00
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Total	2500 shares	\$37,500.00

I am enclosing checks for amounts named, and other proceeds will be distributed as received.

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Enclosure

P.S. for C. G. F.--Your share of this distribution, \$11,700.00, has been paid to the First National Bank of Miami on the note of \$300,000.00.

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FLETCHER MICRICAN N. TION L. BANK

Indianapolis, Ind. November 4, 1987

Mr. James A. Allison Mismi Bench, Florida

Door Mr. Allicon:

eting upon instructions of Mr. Stout and Mr. Memby, I have prepared checks for your signature as Trustee for the charahelders of the Indiamapolis Motor Speedway Company and you will the same enclosed, the checks being as follows:

J.A. Allson	0263,952.00
C.W. Gisher	146,640.00
A.C. Newby	58,656.00
F.E. Sweet	752,00
L. H. Trotter	43,700.00
T.E. liyers	25,000.00
N.W. Dtout, Tmistee	1,718.00

You will observe that the total of these cheeks is \$538,700.00. This leaves a balance to the credit of Mr. Stoutes Trustee of 11,718.00, to be used at the time of the final distribution. You will recall that the total remittance received from Detroit was \$540,418.00. Messre. Newby and Trotter suggested that their cheeks be mailed to them direct.

May I take this occasion to thank you again for my check and desire to say that I shall write you further in a consection with the matter.

Yours very truly

T. E. HYERS

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JAMES A. ALLISON

November 8, 1927

Mr. Carl G. Fisher Port Washington Long Island, N. Y.

Mr. Arthur C. Newby N. Meridian St. Indianapolis, Ind.

Mr. Frank E. Sweet 1058 S. Manhattan Place Los Angeles, Cal.

Dear Carl, Arthur and Frank:

I am attaching copy of letter from Pop Myers showing distribution of \$540,418.00. There is still coming to the stockholders around \$32,000.00 for operating expenses from June 1, which will be distributed as soon as paid, less whatever charges we may have for attorneys' fees, and any other expenses.

You will note payment to L. H. Trotter of \$43,700.00 and to T. E. Myers of \$25,000.00, and in this connection would call your attention to the promise made some years ago that when the Speedway was sold each of these gentlemen would receive \$25,000.00 commission. The additional sum paid to Mr. Trotter is for certain expenses incurred in connection with operation and sale of Speedway.

Very trust where

I also wanclose to each of you a check for your respective shares of second Speedway distribution.

JAA:M 2 Enclosures

C. G. F.

P. S. I have today paid the First National Bank of Miami \$146,640.00 to apply on note of \$300,000.00.

FLETCHER AMERICAN NATIONAL BANK

Indianapolis, Ind. November 4, 1927

Mr. James A. Allison Miami Beach, Florida

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MAINTAINING THE GREATEST RACE COURSE IN THE WORLD

INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

Recember 7, 1927,

Mr. J.A. Allison, Mismi Bonch, Florida,

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Dear Mr. Allicon,

The Indianapolic Motor Speedamy Corporation has paid to Elmer Stout, Trustee, \$55,875,95, which is the balance due on the contract between E.V. Rickenbacker and Mosers. Houby and Fisher and yourcelf covering the purchase of the course stock of the Indianapolis Motor Speedamy Company.

That you may know the items which affect this final settlement I em giving you a statement which is as follows:

Contract price Interest on \$650,000 + 6/1 to 9/1	650,000,00
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MAINTAINING THE GREATEST RACE COURSE IN THE WORLD

INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

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In anticipation of this I am preparing and enclosing checks for the distribution of this amount. If this is not agreeable checks for distribution as per your suggestion can be substituted.

On the 19th of November Nr. Stout held in certificates of deposit \$21,925.96, plus accrued interest of \$86.12—total \$21,922.08. Out of this, additional income tax assessments for the years 1925, 1924 and 1925 in the amount of \$1,856.49 perspecial leaving a new certificate in the amount of \$20,065.59, to which, if the new amount of \$9,090.92 is added, brings the total to \$29,156.51 to take care of 1927 income tax and five twelfthe of the property tax for 1927, attorneys' fees, judgments, etc.

Enclosed you will find a bill from Charles Martindale for \$1,250.00 for his services in connection with redrafting and superivising various legal matters in connection with the cale. If you will approve this for payment, I will secure the necessary funds from Mr. Stout and take care of it promptly.

Very truly yours,

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Indianapolis, Ind. December 7, 1927 Speedy

Mr. J. A. Allison Miami Beach, Fla.

Dear Mr. Allison:

The Indianapolis Motor Speedway Corporation has paid to Elmer Stout, Trustee, \$32,272.92, which is the balance due on the contract between E.V. Rickenbacker and Messrs. Newby and Fisher and yourself covering the purchase of the common stock of the Indianapolis Motor Speedway Company.

That you may know the items which affect this final settlement I am giving you a statement which is as follows:

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Very truly yours,

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T. E. MYERS

P.S. Mr. Newby requests that his check be mailed to this office, as he is leaving the city.

T.E.M.

MAINTAINING THE GREATEST RACE COURSE IN THE WORLD

INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

December 8, 1927.

Mr. Carl G. Fisher. Miami Beach. Florida.

Dear Mr. Fisher,

With the final payment by Rickenbacker on his contract, it would appear that my relations with you, at least as far as the Indianapolis Motor Speedway Company is concerned, are at an end.

With the parting of the ways came to me a feeling of extreme regret because my association in various capacities with this institution over a period of almost eighteen years I can truly say has been a very pleasant one and I could not permit this occasion to pass on without expressing to you my appreciation of your having given me the opportunity to carry on this pleasant work during that period.

At the same time I want to express to you my very sincere thanks for the substantial financial rewuard resulting from the sale.

During the time that it is necessary to clear away the remaining details in connection with the company, or at any future rime. I hope you will not hesitate in any way to call upon me for any services that I may be in position to render.

With very best regards, and extending to you the Very truly yours, Compliments of the Season, I am

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September 4, 1928.

Mr. Elmer Stout, Fletcher American Bank, Indianapolis.

Dear Mr. Stout:

I have, as you know, an interest in the Speedway Realty Company and the Globe Realty Company, as well as the Wayne Sewer and Drain Company. I don't want to bother the bank with a lot of details of this kind but I do want to have some representative there who is looking after my interests and who can keep me advised on existing conditions.

I would like, if possible, to sell my interest in all of these companies, even at a very considerable loss if necessary. However, I wish to cooperate with Jim's interests in the same corporations.

It has occurred to me that Mr. Myers is familiar with all of the details of these various companies and that I could appoint him as my representative to cooperate with you and your various boards. It is possible this appointment of Mr. Myers might not fit into the general plan. I would prefer to have your bank act as my representative if it is not too much work for a small return.

Will you write me immediately what you think best to do and what commissions I should pay your bank to handle these affairs and if necessary whether your bank should hire Mr. Myers to associate with your bank in the sale and disposition of these affairs. I would like to make some arrangements immediately to place these affairs in such shape that they will be substantially taken care of.

Very truly yours,

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From: Steve Hannagan, Fisher Building, Miami Beach, Florida Speeding

MIAMI BEACH FLA. DEC .--- There will be two big events at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway next year.

In addition to the annual International 500-mile-race held over the historic course each May 30 there will be in September a 24 hour contest for \$15,000 for vehicles powered with oil burning motors.

This announcement has been made by Carl G. Fisher and James A. Allison, two of the owners of the Indianapolis track, who are spending the winter months in the land of sunshine.

The entire Indianapolis racing plant will be illuminated for the night contest and an exposition of all eil burning appliances will be held in the infield of the track throughout the contest.

The object of the event, the owners of the Indianapolis track which has been the laboratory of the motor car industry, announce, is to effect progressive development by competition of the oil burning motor which, if perfected, will revolutionize all types of moter powered propelled vehicles on roads, rails, on water or in the air.

It is the first event of its kind ever to be held and is to be an annual fixture in the calendar of the Indianapolis Speedway.

General specifications for the unusual event follow: The motors must be operated on a commercial grade of fuel oil and must be equipped with self starter, gear boxes permitting reverse, neutral and at least three forward speeds; ignition systems will be permitted only for the purpose of starting the motor; the maximum weight must not exceed 10,000 pounds; the wheel base and tread must comply with legal state and highway requirements; pneumatic tires must be used in the contest and the vehicles must be equipped with brakes; the motor must be enclosed in a hood and the exhaust pipe must extend beyond the rear axle; motors must be mechanically lubricated but there are no limitations on the number of cylinders or on the size of the bore and stroke of the motor.

The Indianapolis Motor Speedway management is now accepting entries for the event and issuing invitations to motor builders throughout the world.

It is expected there will be an unusually large entry list for the competition, International in character, since it is known that more important manufacturers of gasoline motors have been conducting exhaustive experiments in power plants burning commercial fuel oil, ignited without electrical appliances.



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THE FLETCHER AMERICAN NATIONAL BANK INDIANAPOLIS

PRESIDENT

September 7, 1928.

Mr. Carl G. Fisher, Port Washington, Long Island.

Dear Carl:

I acknowledge receipt of your letter with reference to your interest in the Speedway Realty Company, Globe Realty Company, and Wayne Sewer and Drain Company.

The bank will be pleased to represent your interest in these companies and I shall be pleased to have Mr. E. H. Iglehart, who is a very competent man, give the matter personal attention.

Mr. Iglehart at the present time is Vice President and Trust Manager of the Bank.

So far as compensation is concerned, the charge will be merely nominal, whatever amount would seem to you to be proper. I should think a maximum chargeof \$200 a year would be sufficient and if the matter does not require very much attention, there will be no charge. Mr. Meyers of course is a responsible man, but since the sale of the Speedway he is not so much in touch with the affairs of these concerns as Mr. Iglehart. The Bank has been appointed administrator along with Mr. Briggs, one of Jim's nephews, for Indiana, and Mr. Iglehart is also to be appointed co-administrator with Mr. Pancost in Florida, so that by reason of his duties in connection with Jim's affairs he will be entirely familiar with what is going on in the companies referred to. As I see the matter you and Jim had a fifty-fifty interest and I do not believe there will be any conflict, because what is good for one is good for the other.

If this suggestion meets with your approval, kindly advise me and I will have Iglehart prepare and send to you necessary letter of authority for him to act.

ours very cruly

President.

INDIANAPOLIS MOTOR SPEEDWAY CORPORATION MAINTAINING THE GREATEST RACE COURSE IN THE WORLD INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA June 10, 1929.

Mr.Carl G.Fisher, Miami Beach, Fla.

Dear Mr.Fisher,

On Saturday following the race Captain Rickenbacker called a meeting of the Directors of this Corporation without notice.

It was possible for all of the Directors to be present except you so the Captain asked me to get from you a waiver of notice, which you will find attached.

If you will be good enough to sign this and return in the enclosed stamped and addressed envelope, we will attach it to our minutes and our records will then be complete.

Very truly yours

INDIANAPOLIS MOTOR SPEEDWAY CORPORATION.

Vice-President.

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June 12, 1929.

Mr. T. E. Myers, Indianapolis Notor Speedway, Indianapolis.

My dear Myerst

I am returning the Waiver of Notice.

Don't you think you had better accept my resignation as one of your Board of Directors? I never get out that way and I am sure you do not need me, and certainly some of those Indianapolis people would feel very proud to be one of the Board of Directors.

You can always depend upon my cooperation and any help I can give.

Yours,

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MAINTAINING THE GREATEST RACE COURSE IN THE WORLD

INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

June 15, 1929.

Mr. Carl G. Fisher, Montauk, L.I.

Dear Mr. Fisher,

Thanks very much for your letter of June 12th, enclosing the waiver of notice for the Directors meeting.

I note your feeling that you had better retire as Director of the Speedway. Personally, I would regret very much to have you sever your relations with this institution after having been associated all of these years. I just wonder if you have recalled that it will be twenty years this August since the first automobile race on the Speedway. I know that Captain Rickenbacker will not want you to retire but will bring the matter of your resignation before the Board at the next meeting, which is set for July 23rd.

With all good wishes and best regards, I am

Very truly yours

TEM: HR

MAINTAINING THE GREATEST RACE COURSE IN THE WORLD

INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

March 8, 1930.

Mr. Carl G. Fisher, Miami Beach, Florida.

Dear Mr. Fisher,

With further reference to your letter dated June 12:

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Indianapolis Motor Speedway Corporation held on February 24th, the following resolution, acting upon your resignation was passed:

"RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors of Indianapolis Motor Speedway Corporation view with keenest regret the resignation of Mr. Carl G. Fisher as one of their number.

"RESOLVED, Further, that the officers be directed to express to Mr. Fisher their appreciation of his services as a Director and his helpful and constructive suggestions looking to the betterment of the operation of the Speedway, and their sincere regrets that he felt it was necessary to discontinue his association after so many years in the interest of this organization and automotive development."

Very truly yours,

INDIANAPOLIS MOTOB SPEEDWAY CORPORATION.

Vice-President.

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THE FLETCHER AMERICAN NATIONAL BANK INDIANAPOLIS

ELMER W. STOUT

March 10, 1930

Mr. Carl G. Fisher, Miami Beach, Florida.

Dear Carl:

A few days ago Mr. Frank Moore came in the bank and reported that he had been working on a sale of the Speedway Realty assets, his last conferences having been with Mr. Fred Schortemeier, ex-secretary of state, who ordinarily represents the Lawrence Whiting interests in this state. However, it will have to be admitted that Mr. Schortemeier has not disclosed who his principal is. Frank came in with an offer of \$180,000 for the stock of the Speedway Realty Company and the stock of the Globe Realty Company. Of course, the Globe has nothing left except a small strip of ground along an alley in the vicinity of Vermont Street.

Since Frank has been working on the sale of the properties, he has become pretty much of a pessimist about Indianapolis real estate values. He believes that he can work Schortemeier up to approximately \$200,000. When the \$180,000 offer came in, I told him that as far as I was concerned it would not be considered and I felt you would not consider it; but after taling with him, I think perhaps we should give some consideration to his suggestion of a possible \$200,000. I am not clear in my own mind that we should. but I must confess that real estate on Capitol Avenus is very dead. There are many vacant houses, the Losey-Nash Company is planning to move out at the expiration of its lease, which occurs June 30 of this year, the Barbasol building has been vacated, and the Haywood building is vacant, as well as the South Street building. The carrying cost of this property until conditions get better is going to be considerable. There is danger that the entire Stutz property on Capitol Avenue will be thrown on the rental market, as you probably A large portion of the lots in Speedway City apparently have to be sold and resold, over and over again. Frank Moore feels that we should seriously consider selling at \$200,000.

Those having to do with the administration of the Allison Estate; namely, Mr. Briggs and Mr. Iglehart, are inclined to agree with Mr. Moore.

I have this morning suggested to Frank Moore that he write you a letter, outlining his views on the problem. I shall be pleased to have your views and suggestions as to what we should do.

Of course it is true that there has been taken out of Speedway Realty Company approximately \$150,000, which includes the cash and bonds incident to the sale of the Water System and the Sewer System, and also \$40,000 incident to the sale of the ten acre tract across from the Allison Engineering Company.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Yours very truly,

Eline, Without President. Mr. Elmer Stout, Press, Fletcher American Mational Bank, Indianapolis, Indiana,

Dear Elmore

Yours of the 10th.

I am trying to look up the last statement of the Speedway Company, and also trying to locate the appraisal of Gregory & Appel of last year.

Hy secretary has been ill for some time and I have also been laid up with a cold and it may be a couple of days more before I can find just what I am looking for.

In the meantime I wish you would send me a list of all of the camet property that is involved in any offer that may be made; and if you can secure a duplicate of the appraisal made by Gregory & Appel, it will help some, as it may be these appraisals were left in the Montauk office when I came south,

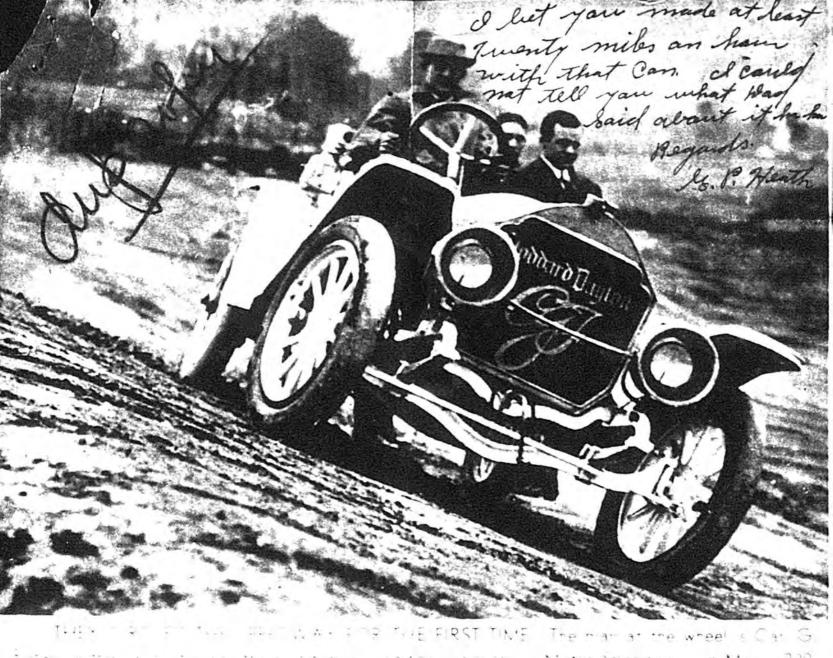
Yours.

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Copy to Frank L. Moore.



Fisher, in the car that made the first trip around the Indianapolis Motor Speedway—in May, 1909. W. S. Gilmore, managing editor of the Detroit (Mich.) News, then a member of the staff of The Indianapolis Star, and other Indianapolis newspapermen were on hand to see Mr. Fisher make the spin.



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MAINTAINING THE GREATEST RACE COURSE IN THE WORLD

INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

April 6, 1936.

Mr. Carl G. Fisher, Miami Beach, Fla.

Dear Skip,

In yesterday's Star appeared the enclosed pictures and I thought you might be particularly interested in the photograph of you taking the Stoddard Dayton for the first trip around the track in May of 1909, almost twenty-seven years ago-shades of the past.

I don't know how you feel but it makes me tremble to think back so many years.

Copps arrived on the job last week and said to me that he had seen you just a few days before leaving Miami Beach and that you appeared to have all of the old "wim - wigor and witality".

Please remember me to Margaret and with very best regards to you, I am

Sincerely,

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MAINTAINING THE GREATEST RACE COURSE IN THE WORLD

INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

August 24, 1938.

Dear Mr. Fisher:

We have all been wondering just how you are getting along and thought I'd drop you a little note.

Things here seem to go along much in the same old way, and it has been hotter than the hinges of Hades for some little time. We did have a nice cooling rain this morning, but now the sun is shining and the humidity is terrible.

Had hoped quite a lot, even if you did say that you would not, that you would be here for the race this year. It was a nice race and pretty quick, too, for the winner averaged 117 and a fraction miles per hour -- the track is swell; wish you'd come up and have a look at it.

Mr. Myers seems to be getting along pretty well. He was not so very well during the month of May, was suffering with Neuritis and lost quite a lot of weight, but he has gained back all the weight he lost and more. He said this morning that he was gaining weight steadily, but I think he's gaining by leaps and bounds.

Just chatted with Florene -- she told me to give you her love and to send you a big kiss!! Just why should I do that, I'll send you one of my own.

We had a letter the other day from Stoughton Fletcher. No one around here had heard anything definite about him for some time, nor did any one seem to know where he was. His letter came from Hollywood, California, and his letter head reads: "Stoughton A. Fletcher, Management". However, we have no idea what he's the management of.

Mr. Myers joins me with best wishes.

Sincerely,

Mr. Carl G. Fisher, Miami Beach, Florida. (COPY)

INDIANAPOLIS MOTOR SPEEDWAY CORPORATION

INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA.

April 4, 1959.

Mr. Carl G. Fisher, 650 West 51st Street, Miami Beach, Florida.

Dear Mr. Fisher:

Mr. Myers just handed me your letter of March 27th about tickets for the coming 500-mile race, with the comment that evidently you had forgotten everything you ever knew about the Speedway, as general admission tickets carry no seat privileges.

I can get you some grand stand tickets now, but admission tickets will not be ready for delivery until just a few days before the race, so please let us know just how many tickets you will want and we'll do our best.

Hope you are feeling fine and with all good wishes I am

Sincerely.

(Signed) Dolly E. S. Dallenbach.

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Hiss E. S. Dallembach, Indianapolis Hotor Speedway Corporation, Indianapolis, Indiana.

My dear Bollys-

Please send tickets for two good grand stand seats to Mr. G. W. Laidle, O/o Sears, Roebuck & Company, Riscayne Roulevard at 18th Street, Missi, Florida, and if necessary charge them to me.

Yours very truly,

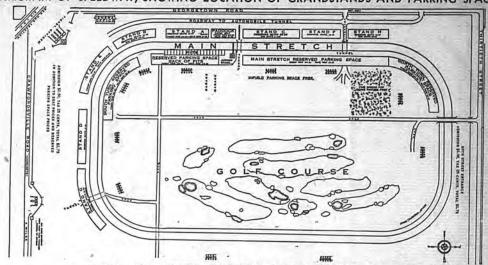
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CARL G. PISHER.

April 17th, 1939. Mr. C. G. Fisher, 650 West 51st Street. Miami Beach, Florida. Dear Mr. Fisher, It was nice to receive your letter this morning and we have today sent tickets for two reserved seats in grandstand "A" to Mr. Laidle, as suggested. We are enclosing a copy of our letter and you will note that it will be necessary to send the general admission tickets later, as they have not as yet been printed. With all good wishes. Sincerely, ESD:s

CAPITAL PRIZES \$50,000.00

DIAGRAM OF SPEEDWAY, SHOWING LOCATION OF GRANDSTANDS AND PARKING SPACES



IMPORTANT INFORMATION CONCERNING TICKETS

How to Locate Seats Desired

After determining in what stant you prefer to sil by referring to diagram, turn to the detailed diagram of the stand bearing the same letter on the other side of this sheet. Each divided into sections numbered to agree with the section numbers in the Grand Stand. diagram is The letters in the side spaces indicate the rows, from front to back. Each square represents one seat, which is numbered and reserved. These seat numbers do not appear in the diagram, but seems to be a season of the s

In case seats indicated have been sold, others as near as possible to those chosen will be served unless purchaser orders otherwise when reservation is made.

Box Seats

The numbered spaces in front of the detailed plans of Stands A. B. C and H are boxes which seat six persons seach. It is not necessary to order an entire box to obtain box seats, as any microber of box seats from one up can be purchased. Stand B and the Faddock Stand consists entirely of boxes. Detailed diagram on the other side

Parking Spaces

No detailed diagram of parking spaces is given, but all front row reserved parking spaces are numbered, and location designated on the general diagram of the Specdaray will be reserved as nearly as possible if purchaser will mark diagram to those control of the reserved as spaces are not numbered. Ticket merely extilled holder to space in one of the reserved.

Children

Children five years of age and under will be admitted to grounds without tickets if they enter by automobile or are carried through turnstiles. Over five years of age they must pay full admission price. Children, regardless of age, must have reserved seat tickets in order to gain admission

Mail Order Instructions

Make all money orders, checks and drafts payable to the Indianapolis Motor Speedway Cor prison. Main office, 448 North Capitol Avenue, Indianapolis. Patrons, to be satisfied, should specify first, second and third choice when making reservations. The Indianapolis Motor Speedway Corporation reserves the right to reject any reservation and refund all money paid on same.

Tickets will be forwarded to purchaser as soon as order is received. It is important that correct address be given, as no responsibility will be assumed by the Speedway for less of tickets in

Postponement

In event of rain the race will be postponed until Wednesday, May 11st, 1939, or some subsequent data. No money will be refunded on tickets in event of postponement, but rain checks will be honored on postponed data. Print data when the refunded to you which are returned to you by ticket takers to make sure that rain check has been returned to you by

GATE ADMISSIONS

Seat and Parking Space Prices Do Not Include Gate Admission

Each Box Seat and Reserved Seat Ticket must be accompanied by a General Admission Ticket. Holders of Parking Space Tickets must have an Admission Tickets for each occupant of the ear. Frice of General Admission Tickets \$1.50 each, plus 25 cents tax; total \$2.78. Gate Admission Tickets may be purchased at downtown office of Speedway, 648 North Captiol

Gase Admission Tickets may be purchased at downtown office of Speedway, 444 North Capitol Arena, both lobbies, and other convenient points wo days previous to race, or may be obtained by the convenience and delay may be avoided by securing Admission Tickets before arriving at grounds.

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INDIANAPOLIS MOTOR SPEEDWAY CORPORATION 444 North Capitol Avenue Indianapolis, Ind.

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Name....

Street No....

FOR DETAILED
DIAGRAMS
OF STANDS
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Quan-KIND OF SEAT TICKETS Total *Front Row Box Seats, Grand Stand A. Second, Third or Fourth Row Box Seats, Grand Stand A. 6.36 .64 7.00 Reserved Seats, Grand Stand A.....

*Front Row (only) Box Seats, Grand Stand B. .32 3.50 .91 9.09 10.00 Reserved Seats, Grand Stand B... Front Row Paddock Box Seats.... 2.50 9.09 .91 10.00 *Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth or Sixth Row Paddock Box Seats.

*Front Row Box Seats, Grand Stand E..... .64 7.00 6.36 9.09 .64 7.00 Second, Third or Fourth Row Box Seats, Grand Stand E. 6.36 Front Row (only) Box Seats, Grand Stand C. 6.36 Reserved Seats, Grand Stand C. 2.27 21 2.50 Reserved Seats, Grand Stand F. 2.27 .23 2.50 Front Row (only) Box Seats, Grand Stand H. 4.54 .19 5.00 Reserved Seats, Grand Stand H... Reserved Seats, Grand Stand D... .90 .10 1.00 .90 .10 1.00 2.28 25.00 13,63 1.37 15.00

*Price listed is for a single seat only

RACE STARTS AT 10:00 A. M. SHARP

(Central Standard Time)

DO NOT ORDER
GENERAL
ADMISSION
TICKETS NOW.
THEY WILL NOT
BE ON SALE
UNTIL MAY 28



DETAILED DIAGRAMS OF GRAND STANDS

Location of Stands Shown in Speedway Diagram on Other Side of Sheet. Purchasers Should Specify First, Second and Third Choice of Seats GRAND STAND "A"-Located Directly in Front of the Pits GRAND STAND "B"-Located South of Grand Stand "A," Offering Excellent View of Main Stretch PADDOCK GRAND STAND-Located Opposite the Paddock. Start and Finish Line Located Directly in Front of This Stand -Located at Center of Home Stretch, North of Start and Finish, Giving Splendid View of Entire Grounds GRAND STAND "E"-Located on South Turn of Track. A Wonderful Location to -Located North Part of Main Stretch

GRAND STAND "H"-Located at Northwest Turn, Giving Splendid View

Read Instructions on Other Side of Sheet Carefully

Race Starts at 10:00 A. M. Sharp (Central Standard Time)

April 17th, 1939.

Mr. C. W. Laidle, c/o Sears, Roebuck & Company, Biscayne Bouleverd at 18th St., Niemi, Plorida.

Dear Mr. Laidle.

We are enclosing herewith bickets for two reserved seats in grandstand "A" for the 500-mile race which is scheduled for May 20th.

These tickets are being sent to you with the compliments of Mr. C. C. Fisher of Miani Beach, Florida.

It will be necessary to have general admission tickets to go with these meant tickets. These however will not be ready for distribution until sometime in May and they will be sent to you in ample time before the maps.

We hope you have a pleasant day at the Speedway, and with all good wishes, we are

Very truly yours,

INDIAN APOLIS MOTOR SPEEDWAY CORPORATION.

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Secretary to T.E.Myers.

CC to C. G. Fisher