

SPRING'S IN... TUNE UP NOW WITH... • NEW EXHAUST SYSTEM • PAINT & BODY REFINISHING • GENERAL AUTO REPAIRS AND ENGINE TUNE-UPS

Like car owners, cyclists also now help guard environment

The typical person riding a motorcycle today is apt to be an accountant or a fashion designer on the way to the office or a family going to a picnic, yet the public's image of the black leather-jacketed Marlon Brando still lingers as typical of the cyclist.

To dispel this image on behalf of the eight million cyclists (growing by an additional million yearly) and to represent the interests of the cycle makers, distributors and trade as-

sociation, the Motorcycle Industry Council (MIC) has been formed.

The MIC's latest endeavor, one it shares with the automotive industry, is to work with government agencies such as the U.S. Department of Transportation and Environmental Protection Agency on noise and air pollution reduction for cycles.

Since the MIC speaks for more than 80 companies, it can present the

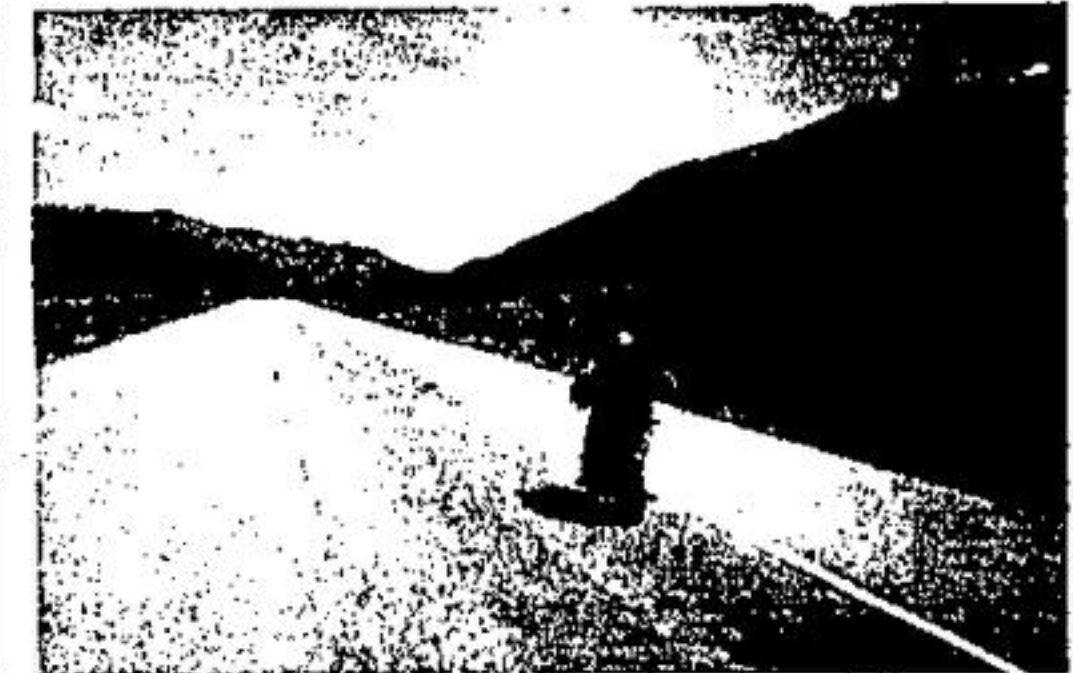
industry's over-all views to the governmental agencies and works with them.

One of the first concerns of the EPA in their research to determine sound levels for motorcycles was the level of technology available in the sound abatement area. Through the MIC they were encouraged to visit various manufacturers' facilities. The manufacturers concerned were completely candid with the EPA officials and actually demonstrated capabilities beyond those that were thought possible.

The noise problem is primarily with the new

motorcycles available, for all must meet existing noise level standards in many states. The problem is with modified exhaust systems installed after the customer has purchased the machine. With this realization, the EPA has expanded its efforts beyond controlling noise at the point of manufacture.

Through MIC efforts, legislators realize that motorcycles are a legitimate recreation or transportation vehicle and that the laws and regulations controlling the use of motorcycles may well affect their neighbors if not themselves.



MONTANA'S BIG SKY country is enjoyed to the fullest by a lone motorcycle rider. No longer the domain of the "Wild One" type of rider, cycling now appeals to a wider variety of people. The industry as a whole has become aware of ecological matters such as pollution control, fuel economy and noise abatement according to an industry association Motorcycle Industry Council.

Trade-in value of auto can increase by \$500 when car in best shape

High car prices aren't always bad. That's a statement most would agree with when they are selling their own cars as used.

In most cases, the elevated prices of new cars have had a corresponding hike in the value of the used vehicle. This is particularly so when the old car appeals to a buyer.

trade-in older cars because they are having chronic starting trouble. And you can bet the first thing they look for in their newer purchase is starting ease. Investing in a good set of plugs and making sure the battery is operating strong is a good investment before trade-in.

Get the lead out? Fuel for thought

Should you be using unleaded fuel in your car? If you've been asking yourself that question in the interest of protecting the environment, the answer may not be simple.

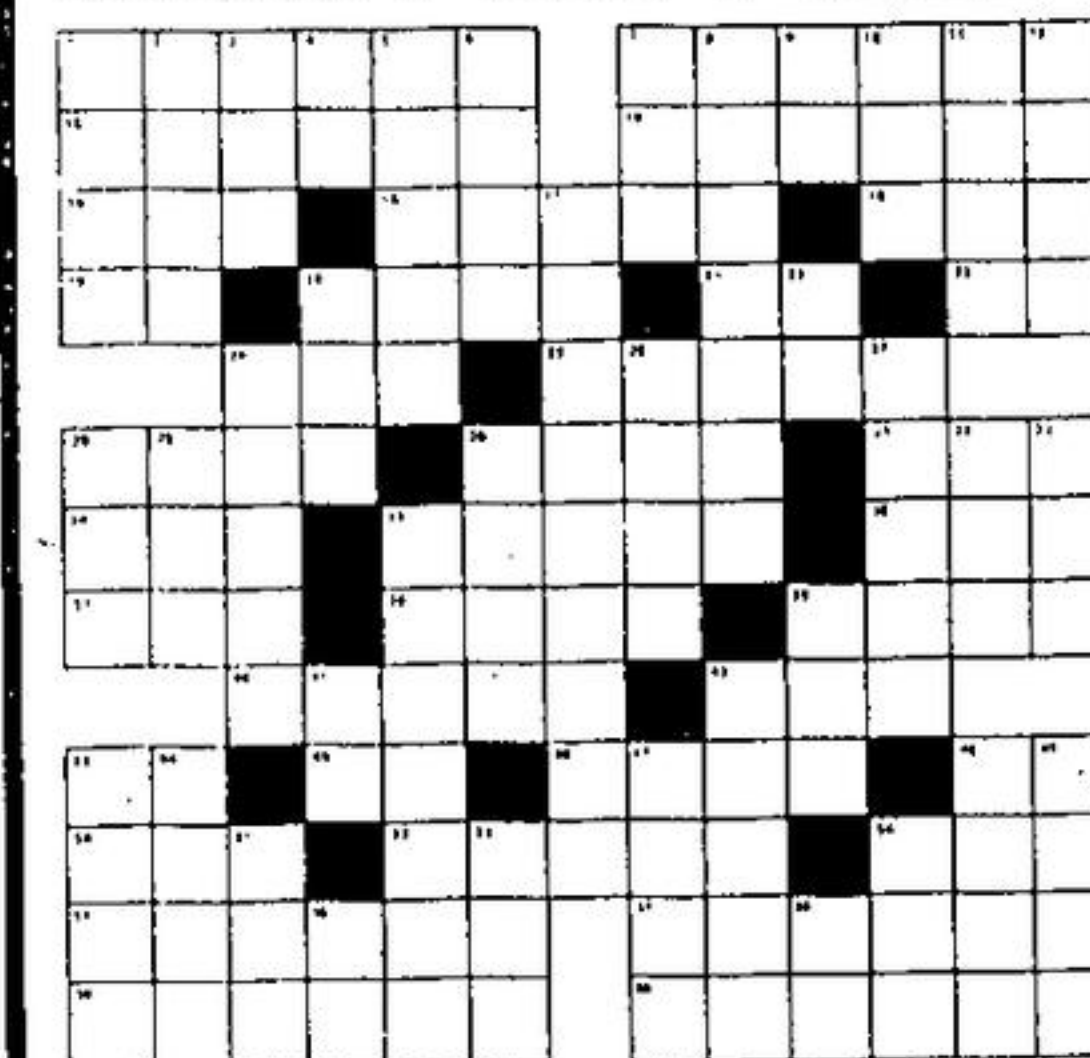
New-model cars with catalytic converters should use the unleaded fuel to protect the converter.

Some cars without converters still may be run with unleaded gas, if the manufacturer recom-

mends.

Owners of older models with low compression engines may or may not be able to use unleaded fuel safely. Those who would like to try it are advised to buy a tankful. If there is no engine knock, then your car can use the fuel safely. But should you hear the knock, indicating pre-ignition or detonation, then go back to your regular brand of gasoline.

CARE FOR YOUR CAR CROSSWORD PUZZLE



- ACROSS**
- 1 What a well-tuned car does.
 - 7 What a new plug does.
 - 13 Enthusiastic about (two words).
 - 14 Invaluable to prevent engine wear.
 - 15 Neighbor of Cal. and Wash.
 - 16 Lament
 - 18 Pace, pace meo
 - 19 Electrical Engineer (Abbrev.)
 - 20 Chess piece.
 - 21 Pollutant caused by poor carburetion (Init.).
 - 23 German car (Abbrev.).
 - 24 Pollutant caused by spark plug misfire (Init. Pl.).
 - 25 Type of glass used in old vehicle.
 - 28 Royal Norwegian name.
 - 30 Shape of track Indy "500"
 - 31 Electrical system measurement (Abbrev.).
 - 34 French negative.
 - 35 To bestow favors.
 - 36 What good windshield wipers help you do.
 - 37 Rear — collision.
 - 38 Conditioner or cleaner (Pl.).
 - 39 Side window.
- DOWN**
- 1 Important part of some brake systems.
 - 2 Rotate this every 10,000 miles (Except radials).
 - 3 Ripen.
 - 4 Blood factor.
 - 5 Spanish for Thomas.
 - 6 Slow down when driving on this.
 - 7 Upper classman (Abbrev.).
 - 8 Writing implement.
 - 9 Exclamation.
 - 10 Connecting vital engine component.
 - 11 Major Soviet city.
 - 12 How to drive on wet streets.
 - 17 — joint, vital drive train part.
 - 20 Vital valve in emission control system (Abbrev.).
 - 22 Ignition switch position.
 - 24 All — on deck.
 - 26 Talk back to (Colloq.).
 - 27 What 21 and 24 Across are.
 - 28 All for — and — for all.
 - 29 Actor Cheney.
 - 30 Vaudeville act.
 - 32 Males.
 - 33 Favorite.
 - 35 Terminals on this should be cleaned periodically.
 - 39 Shape of most eight-cylinder engines.
 - 41 Sink — swim.
 - 42 Lum's partner.
 - 43 Business abbreviation.
 - 44 What many vital maintenance checks are for motorists.
 - 47 Sesame Street Ernie's friend.
 - 48 Deeply attentive.
 - 49 Optimistic.
 - 51 Former N.Y. Giant slugger.
 - 53 — Brown and his Band of Renown.
 - 54 — Vegas.
 - 56 Clara Bow's quality.
 - 58 Consumer's Union (Init.).

Tune-up is needed when aim is best performance

Better gasoline mileage, more pep, surer starting are all benefits to be derived from an engine tune-up. But to get the maximum the service offers, Champion Spark Plug Company suggests the motorist should become acquainted with what a good tune-up is and what it entails on receiving all ingredients.

The carburetor, which delivers the proper mixture of air and fuel to the intake manifold, should be checked for leaks in the gasket area. Excessive dirt and varnish, improper choke and faulty linkage also are possible carburetor defects.

Related areas such as fuel pump, air filter, fuel line and fuel filter should be checked as part of the tune-up procedure.

Emission control system

Various emission control devices have been introduced into cars in the past few years. Each of these devices must be checked to make sure it is properly functioning for best performance, depend-

ability, economy and reduced exhaust emissions.

So, when you see an ad for a tune-up at an unbelievably low price, check what you are getting for that price.

Does it include parts or merely labor? Is the shop equipped with devices like

engine oscilloscopes, exhaust gas analyzers, and other sophisticated equipment?

A good tune-up that will save you money and help your car to top performance won't come cheaply. But a cheap tune-up is no bargain.

Before having a tune-up performed, make sure that the engine is in condition to benefit. The engine should be in generally good mechanical condition, critical parts lubricated, the cooling system and exhaust functioning. An engine with burned valves, worn or damaged piston rings cannot be tuned properly until worn or damaged parts are repaired.

So it is important that cylinder balance and compression checks be performed to help detect any serious malfunctions.

Unless these substances are used in a certain prescribed way, they could cause damage to the converter, rendering it useless. Read and follow the directions exactly.

Don't kill 'em

Sometimes it isn't "business as usual" when serving a new model car equipped with a catalytic converter. Take the matter of using a carburetor cleaner or other fuel addi-

tives. Unless these substances are used in a certain prescribed way, they could cause damage to the converter, rendering it useless. Read and follow the directions exactly.

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Worn shocks often sneaky

Unlike a tire that suddenly blows out with a loud bang, worn shock absorbers can fail with little advance warning. Yet when shocks fail, the results can be just as perilous as a blow out.

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THAT HAD
BROKEN OFF
DURING A
STORM.

Do it promptly

His advice, "As soon as a minor bump, nick or rut spot appears have it attended to by a good professional repair man."

Also, keeping a car clean at all times is the best protection against premature paint wear. Again, if you do need a paint job, a quality job by a well-equipped shop could pay off at trade-in time.

Have a check done

A California used car dealer advised, "A reverse twist on an old habit could bring in extra dollars, too. Smart buyers want to have their mechanics look over a car before they purchase to make sure there aren't any obvious and expensive defects. As a private seller, you might be smart to have your mechanic look over the car to take care of defects like obvious oil leak, that could kill a sale."

A Florida dealer says the first look a prospective customer get at a car may be the most critical one. On that basis, it could pay the owner either to send his car to a professional reconditioner or be prepared to exert a little extra elbow grease of his own.

Engine condition

Engine condition is the next most suspect question of the potential buyer.

A Pennsylvania used car man remarked, "I have a lot of customers who are

Check and lights, too

A gauge that is not operating or a light that is out can stick out like a sore thumb. It may cost only a matter of a few dollars to repair an item that could squelch the whole deal.

An Indiana salesman says, "Level with the buyer, and do both yourself and the future owner a favor."

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