## Outlook on Lifestyle

## Humor

## Do you want to hear how your car's feeling?

As someone who is highly suspicious of any technological innovation more complex than the zipper, it goes without saying that I'm awfully teery about the latest wrinkle the automobile manufacturers have come up with.

I refer, of course, to the fact that they're now making cars that can

Apparently these cars have been on the market for some time, and I just haven't been aware of it. This is undoubtedly because I am living in the past, and driving an outmoded automobile.

My car doesn't talk. At the moment, in fact, it doesn't even start, which just goes to show you how far behind the times I am.

("You mean you have a car that starts? Well, fer goshsake! What'll them fellers in Detroit think of

Personally, I have disliked cars ever since they got the idea that they have the right to buzz at you when you leave your seat-belt unbuckled. This is one beckuva liberty for a car to take, and any self-respecting notorist resents it.

But to go one long step further and drive a car which actually talks to you seems to defeat the entire purpose of owning a car - which is, after all, to enjoy a bit of peace and



Weir's View

By Ian

quiet when you're travelling. If you want to drive with someone are they not also quite capable of who says "you're tailgating" and building a hypochondriac? "slow down, for heaven's sake," you don't buy a car - you get married.

Well, perhaps this is a bit of an "No. It's not the wover-reaction. Apparently the talking pistons. I can sense it." cars don't actually nag you - they "There just provide a running commentary pistons." on their mechanical condition.

fundamental rule of autombile- to the 7-Eleven, I see . . . I see little owning — never try to find out spots before my headlights, and my exactly what's wrong with your car, oll-pressure's down . . ."
on the grounds that what you don't Personally, it's my dark suspicion

Riviera. It's a tough world, so shut condition.

There's also the nuisance factor to consider. You are undoubtedly a caring and compassionate person, but do you really want to hear how your car is feeling?

it's bad enough when Aunt Martha starts in on the topic of her regularity, without your car going on And consider a further possibility.

If the car manufacturers can build a car which complains about its health, "Hot. Omlgawd, I'm hot."

"You're just a little low on water." "No. It's not the water. It's my "There's nothing wrong with your

Still, even this violates a pretty two days before he selzed up on a trip

on the grounds that what you don't know can't send your mechanic to that we're looking at just the tip of the liceberg, here. Once cars start talking, they're not going to restrict themselves to their mechanical

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children. Married friends advise me that you can go virtually overnight and exclaiming, "Hey, check the gun-from "she said her first word!" to "if rack on that Chevy!" she doesn't get off that telephone I will strangle her with the cord."

So once cars start talking, the next step is bound to be cars which inflict a piece of art deco in the driveway. their personalities upon you.

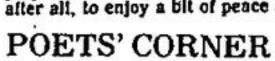
Don't tell me that the people at designing a car which will criticize

At the other end of the spectrum, Learning to talk is an insidious some twisted engineer is undoubtedly thing, as we learn from observing designing a Ram Tough truck which children. Married friends advise me will mortify you by honking its horn

> Nope. The more I think about it, the more I treasure my Datsun, the one which is currently impersonating

Each morning he makes a few feeble half-turning-over sounds before going back to sleep. I call him BMW are not this very moment a few names, and then get on the bus.

designing a car which will criticize It may not be an efficient your suit while refusing to take you to relationship. But it's wonderfully



ENOUGH

In spending time searching for another place other companions other circumstances I've run up the bill of a lifetime Very little change left.

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