

STEADY DRIVING IS BEST FOR AUTO

Economical Speed Is From 35 to 40 Miles an Hour, Says Expert

The difference between two automobiles of exactly the same age and make is usually the difference between their drivers, says James F. Donalwe, N.E.A. service writer in the Waukegan News-Sun. One will give better service and last longer than the other because its driver knows his car and can get the most out of it with the least possible strain on its motor or on his pocket-book.

There is a way to drive an automobile that makes it an economical pleasure. There is another way to drive the same car that causes it to break quickly under the strain. The former method is the easiest and the cheapest.

Most Economical

Take the simple matter of mileage. It has been repeated time and again on good authority that the motor car is around 35 or 40 miles an hour. Take that speed steadily on the highway and not only will the most possible mileage be obtained from the fuel, but little if any time will be lost in traveling.

The speeder has to slow up every time he catches up with a slower-moving vehicle, every time he gets to a crossing and every time he reaches a town. The consistent moderate speed driver keeps right on going at this steady pace and slowing up means little to him, for there is very little call for him to do less than 35 miles an hour while he is on the highway.

The steady flow of gasoline at 35 is much more economical than the

irregular spurts demanded by the speeding vehicle. Besides, the faster the car goes the less proportionate amount of fuel is actually burned in the cylinders, or less time is afforded for the burning of the gases as the pistons pump faster.

Fast Driving Uses Oil

When the car is driven fast, also, oil is burned up faster. The motor gets so hot that the oil in the crankcase has not time to cool off sufficiently and therefore goes up in smoke. That is why sometimes, after a fast drive, we smell the odor of burning oil. And that is why, after a fast long run, we have to replenish the lubricant that has dwindled down considerably.

Fast driving also means considerable wear on the tires. An actual test by one of the tire manufacturers of Akron has shown that tires on a car going 45 miles an hour will wear out twice as fast as those on a car driven 35 miles an hour.

Another result of fast driving is a heavy strain on the motor and on all moving parts connected with it. Although motors nowadays are built for speed, they can't be expected to last as long as those that are driven at a slower rate and with more consistent speed.

High compression, high speed motors of today take a terrific beating in operation. They must be remarkably well constructed to keep this up for any length of time.

The driver can forestall the day when such motors will break down by not doing anything that would punish them. Driving at fast speeds in short spurts is one form of severe punishment that isn't good for the motor.

The Grayslake Garden club held the third annual flower show on Friday and Saturday, Aug. 19 and 20 in the Grayslake school.

Waukegan Motorist Has Narrow Escape; Car Is Struck By Limited

Edward Lindgren, 718 Lenox avenue, Waukegan, miraculously escaped instant death last week, when he crashed through the gates of the North Shore Line railroad at the Edison court station and was struck by a limited train.

Lindgren, whose car was totally

wrecked, sustained minor bruises on his head while Miss Ruby Seith of Milwaukee who was standing on the platform of the train ready to get off at Waukegan, was cut on one arm. Neither was seriously hurt.

Lindgren explained that his brakes failed to hold as he approached the crossing, and he was unable to swerve to one side because a taxi was parked at the curb. His car was damaged beyond repair.



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