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Stock Car Shenanigans!

LURID LANGUAGE DOES NOT SHOCK YOU TOO MUCH, and you are starved for something to laugh about, get in among the stock car drivers.

They have a language peculiarly their own. When telling a yarn a stock car driver uses his hands, feet, elbows, and even his stern to illustrate a point.

I have listened to fishermen, sailors, and golfers, quite a few, but for sheer downright descriptive dialogue the car crash crews are on their own.

It appears they take a fiendish delight in rolling their best friend's car on its back. If they can wipe off his wings, crumple his radiator, relieve him of a wheel, or leave him suspended over a barrel they're hilariously happy.

Nor do they take umbrage or show the least annoyance when even a charming lady driver such as Tanya or Jean gently turns them about face to receive a frontal attack from a fiend in a forty horse-power flyer.

It seems that is all a part of this peculiar sport of wreck or be wrecked.

"I'd have won," they tell you, "only I couldn't resist the temptation to bash old Jim," or "I was leading by a lap until my bucket seat came loose, and shot me in the windscreen, then every flipping car in the race bashed into me." Meet Harry Kayley, a gentleman of sporting instincts who tired of race horses and bought a stock car as one would buy a Derby winner. He didn't inquire about the pedigree, which is perhaps as well. Then he looked about for a "jockey" and found speedway old timer Bob Harrison. Mr. Kayley visits the stables regularly—you'll find him before a meeting stroking the Kayley special and giving advice to his "jockey." One of these nights Mr. Kayley will be turning up in a silk-hat and Ascot regalia. His mount has already won a classic event and been placed in others. He follows the race with the enthusiasm of the Aga Khan, and derives quite as much pleasure.

The men I am sorry for are taxi-drivers Knockout O'Neil and Cowboy Freeman who carry the colours of Manchester's 300 taxi men. Many of these gentlemen have a small 5/- investment in the vehicles entrusted to their fellow drivers. So far, there have been no dividends paid to the syndicate, but they have high hopes.

Then there are the sporty business men—who decide to buy a crash car instead of giving the wife a holiday at Blackpool. I am under a "Hippocratic" oath not to reveal real names. These gentlemen are drivers dear to the public heart. They really display their feelings and have been known to mow cars down regardless.

Then the young man who took advantage of his father's absence to turn the family model to sporty uses.



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SOME GO THIS-A-WAY, SOME GO THAT-A-WAY!

When the old man returned he took one horrified look at the heap in the garage and yelled to his wife: "Martha—Martha—have you been driving again."

This is not a sport for a young man to invest his life's savings in.

For instance, without mentioning names, the driver of car B60 called and said, "Thanks for the £10 appearance money." Against which seven one guinea tickets for wife and family, £7/7/-, petrol, £2/10/-, car, £55—damage in first race, £33/7/5. personal labour about a hundred quid. What is this?

Then he put in his entry for tonight, remarking: "It's worse than football pools."

Young ladies of charm often telephone and ask if I thought one of those deah boys would let her drive their car. Manchester's darling motor-traders have not so far fallen for these gratuitous offers.

You see, stock car racing is a many sided sport, and I mention these matters merely to give you warning of what to expect should you be tempted to venture out there beneath the arc lamps with your car, or preferably, some other person's car.

Now, of course, there is to be team racing. London has challenged Manchester to a ten aside bash and crash at Harringay. Here's a chance for a strictly business trip for the boys. The match takes place on Friday. It will not be televised.

Break-down vans will be in attendance.

A Selection Committee has been formed,
and you know what selection committees are.

A full account of this epic encounter will be given in our next issue on August 11th.

In the meantime, take all stock car driver's tales with a pinch of petrol.

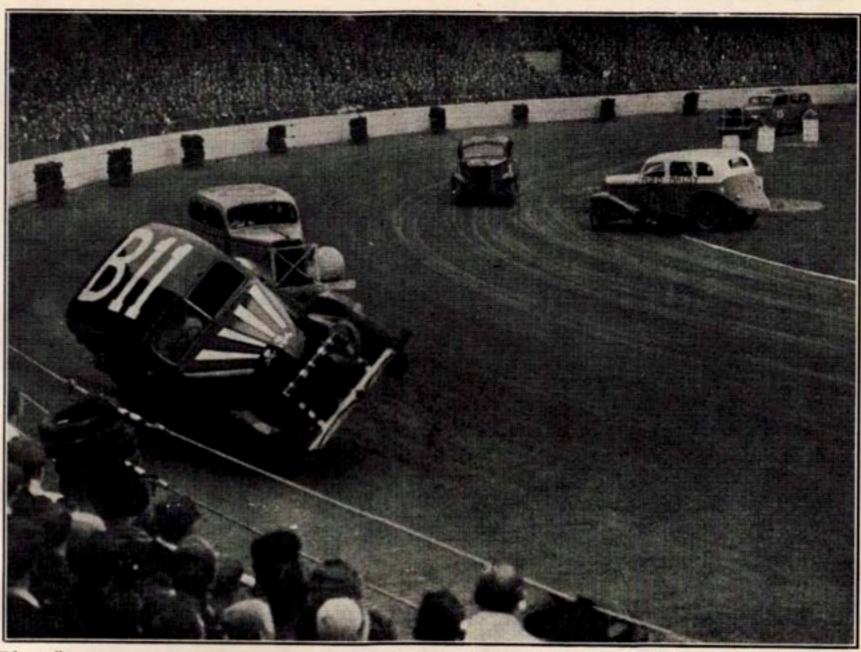
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OVER SHE GOES!

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Did you know?

Genial Frank Haft drove with his elbow poking out of the window. Something chipped his funny-bone and his arm was in a sling all week.

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"Tiger" Donaghue's bucket seat was not bolted firmly to the floor. He had a sore head to prove it. I mean his head contacted the wind-screen.

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Frank Hall was the only casualty at our first meeting. His seat came adrift and Frank had his knee-cap broken. His leg is still in plaster. We wish him a speedy recovery.

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This is the fastest stock car track in the country, 418 yards inside measurement. There are 84 posts made from 6 ft. lengths of railway lines and double tram lines set in three feet of re-inforced concrete. Believe it or not, four steel rails were snapped off clean at the base, and two bent right over at our last meeting.

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Over 1,000 motor car tyres protect the posts. Drivers still break them.

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They say the posts also "break" the drivers.

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Drivers all own their cars. After the meeting anyone can own a few of them.

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So far they have not broken any of the inch steel cable. They're still trying.

STOCK CAR RACING



STARTING MONEY FOR THE MEETING, £10. HEAT WINNERS, £15; SECOND, £8; TI

HEAT 1. TOWN CAR NO. DRIVER MAKE B1. BRIAN NAYLOR. Ford V8. Stockport. B15. ALBERT HOLTBY. Packard. Stretford. B75. PHIL CLAUS. Ford V8. Canada. KEN COFFEY. B102. Humber. Sale. B100. EDWARD DIGNAN. Ford V8. Stockport. A2. DOUG. THORNTON. Ford V8. Bradford. B59. JOHN HARROP. Ford V8. Rochdale. B21. HAROLD HILL. Ford Mercury. Rochdale. B46. HAROLD HAWORTH. Ford V8. Chorley. B11. D. W. ISAACS. Ford V8. Whalley Range. TOMMY JOHNSON. B2. Buick 2. Cheadle. B47. KNOCK-OUT O'NEILL. Salford. Chrysler. B51. PAUL G. LIDDLE. Ford V8. Salford. City Road, Manchester. B34. BOB SCHOFIELD. Buick. ERNEST TINDALL. Oldham. B66. Packard. B. LENNARD. B16. Ford V8. Manchester. 70. JAMES POLLIT, Chrysler. B14. NEVILLE MARGOLIS, Buick. Reserves: 4th____ 3rd.... 2nd. 7th..... 6th_____ (First seven transferred to Final) HEAT 2. MAKE TOWN DRIVER CAR NO. Ford V8. HARRY KAYLEY. Prestbury. B7. Manchester. Chrysler. B17. MAD MALOY. Lower Broughton. POTTY BARKER. B29. Chevrolet. Manchester. BILL JACKSON. B99. Ford V8. Salford. MALCOLM CAMPBELL. B45. Cheadle. Studebaker. A. B. DREW. B3. Bradford, Yorkshire. Ford V8. MISS JEAN FORREST. A1. Chrysler. Coppull. OLIVER HART. B4. Manchester. Chrysler. GINGER DAVIS. B40. Ford V8. Manchester. S. JONES. B41. B28. Humber Snipe. Denton. BILL KIRBY. Manchester. B52. DOPEY DAN. Chrysler. Ford V8. Knutsford. B73. PETER MEE. Stretford. B13. ARTHUR BROOKS. Coppull. Ford V8. RON HART. B5. BILL WHETTON. Railton. B35. Reserves: B65, RONALD DUNBAR, Rochdale. B.37, RICHARD SARSFIELD, Sunbeam. lst 2nd 3rd 4th 6th______ 7th_____ Time_____ (First seven transferred to Final)

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WEDNESDAY, JULY 14th, 1954

THIRD, £6; FOURTH, £4; FIFTH, £2; RESERVES WHO DO NOT GET A START, £5.

APS IN HEATS.

HEAT 3.

CAR NO. DRIVER	R MAKE	TOWN	
38. MISS TANYA	CROUCH. Ford V8.	Bradford.	
B20. TIGER DONA		Manchester.	
B31. MICHAEL BA			
B24. RON DUFF.		Mirfield.	
B39. BILL GREATI	REX. Ford Pilo	t. Manchester.	
B48. JIMMY GEE.	Ford V8.	Bolton.	
B60. W. H. HOLT	BY.	Stretford.	
B8. FRANK HAF	T. Railton.	Manchester.	
B22. COWBOY BI	LL FREEMAN. Chrysler.		
B42. RON HALL.	Dodge.	Manchester.	
B69. KEN JOWET	T. Ford Mer		
B12. REG JONES.	Chevrole	t. Manchester.	
B9. JOHN LOCK		Preston.	
B55. ROY CALMA		Manchester.	
B33. PETER SAUN		Eccles.	
B61. CLIFF WRIGI	LEY. Buick.	Oldham.	
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GRAND FINAL

First seven transferred from each Heat.

DISTANCE: 20 LAPS.

PRIZE MONEY: FIRST, £35; SECOND, £20; THIRD, £12; FOURTH, £8; FIFTH, £5.

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ON SATURDAY NIGHTS HERE, THERE IS SPEEDWAY RACING. WEMBLEY ARE RACING BELLE YUE THIS SATURDAY. THIS WILL BE REALLY SOMETHING. THESE TWO TEAMS ARE NOT ON SPEAKING TERMS.

BREAKDOWN VANS FOR THIS MEETING KINDLY SUPPLIED BY THE FOLLOWING:-

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GET IN THERE—ANYTHING GOES!

Rules are according to Rafferty. It's pretty well all in and anything goes once the race is under way.

All cars have their petrol supply inside the car. A jerry-can bolted well down is the approved method of carrying juice. One driver bolted his to the roof. It's not there any more.

Super-chargers are not permitted, but some of the boys put massive engines in small cars.

The boys have discovered that good engines and good brakes are really helpful.

Safety belts of the aeroplane type, plus shoulder straps of old rope have saved many a hard knock.

Crash helmets are compulsory. You couldn't get a driver to race without one anyway.

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Doors are welded or strapped tightly.

Operation number one on a faithful motor-car is to remove all upholstery, leaving only the bare skeleton.

Out comes all glass, excepting safety

glass windscreens.

Up go steel girders to protect the roof in case of a roll over.

Lady drivers are very expert at rolling gentlemen's cars over.

Gentleman drivers say they don't mind -much.

Self-starters must be good. If a driver stalls in the middle of the track he knows what happens—it's plenty.

Getting an idea from a ship that broke in two, several Manchester mechanical genii cut the wrecked front end away from the rear, then raided a scrap yard for a similar car which was operated upon. The finished product is an alleged stock car. Tonight if you see half a car going forward, and the other half backwards, don't look for little green men to pop up with snakes in their hair.

Miss Tanya Crouch had all the folks in fits last time here. If a car blocked her pathway she touched it gently in the rear and spun it round or over.

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"The Tanya Touch" they called it. Driver after driver who had been so treated and pushed out of the race shrugged his masculine shoulders and said: "Woman driver." And what a driver. Miss Crouch lifted the £50 first prize and the admiration of everyone present—including the drivers.

DEN DICTURES

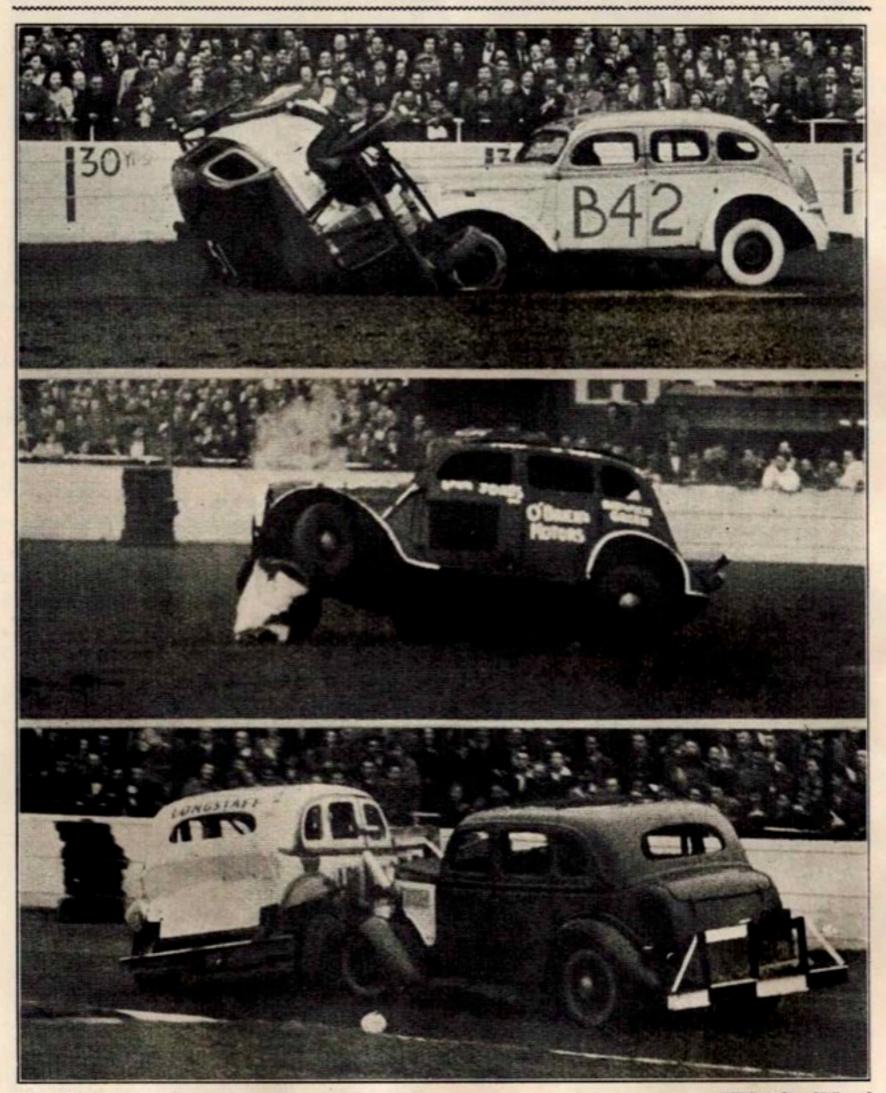
"MAD MALOY" didn't enjoy the last meeting. No-one rolled him over. Maybe his luck will be in tonight.

MICHAEL BALMAN is a Manchester University student. They call him

"Mad Mike."

PHIL CLAUS hails from Toronto, Canada. He says the local boys and girls know all the stock car tricks already. Yeah, and a few besides.

KEN COFFEY was a paratrooper.



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[Wright Wood

EDWARD DIGNAN drove tanks in the Army.

BOB SCHOFIELD, first in heat Liverpool, broke suspension in final. At Odsal, first in heat, third in final. Coventry, first in heat. Sheffield, second in heat. Won final.

TANYA is very welcome tonight. We shall watch her driving with pleasure, and if the tables are turned on Tanya she

will be the first to say: "Fair enough."

BOB HARRISON'S "Kayley Special" has so many strange parts under the bonnet, it would take bad language to adequately describe this alleged Ford V8. Bob won the Jack-pot at Bradford. At Sheffield he was leading by a lap when the tail-enders set about him. Bob was a famous speedway rider with the "Aces" when they were Boss men of the League.

A. B. DREW has been placed in all meetings so far. He has his mother-in-law with him tonight. He says: "Last time

it nearly killed her."

KEN JOWETT says: "This car did 98 m.p.h. on the

road. He was a bus driver for 15 years.



H. G. HILL, first in heat Liverpool and Odsal, fourth in final at Coventry. Turned over at Sheffield. This should be a turn-up tonight.

OLIVER HART, and big brother Ron are in the same race tonight. Oliver Hart Jun. also competes. If they all meet in the final it should make some pulses beat faster.

WILLIAM KIRBY says he's employing Tanya's

technique tonight.

- ROY CALMAN, better known to speedway fans as Val Morton, is showing a profit on his £6/10/- stock car. JIMMY GEE is a master butcher. They're sure to carve him up tonight.

FRANK HAFT says his car is powered by a Bulgarian octopus employing atomic hydro-metric over and under drive.

STAN JONES won heat four at Sheffield. Double somer-saulted with Brian Naylor in final.

TOMMY JOHNSON spent 20 years trying not to hit cars. Says this is a lovely sport.

JOHNNIE LOCKLEY won the spot landing trophy at Squires Gate in 1953 in an Auster aircraft.

BRIAN NAYLOR won the final at Bradford and collected the fence at Belle Vue. He is a successful competitor also at Silverstone and such swanky places.

JOHN POLLITT is the father of six. He'll be telling tall bed-time stories after tonight.

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