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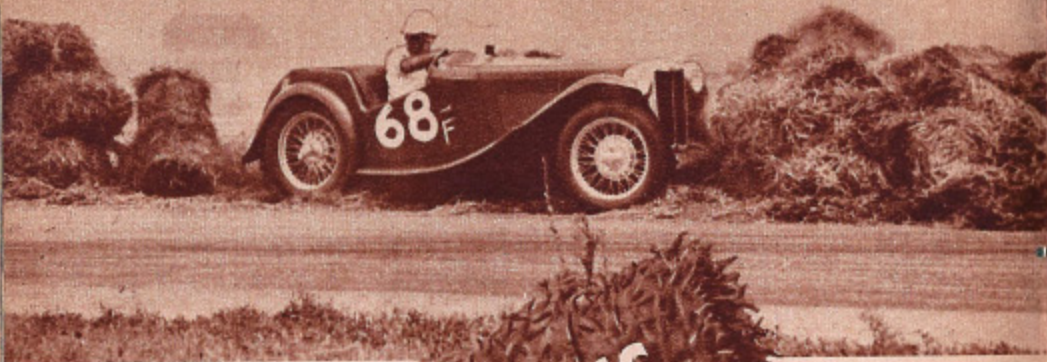
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THE NATION'S FASTEST HAYRIDE

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• If the driver in the photo at top of page looks apprehensive, this is what he saw coming.

BY the time midsummer rolled around, the folks in the Southern California road racing set had gotten real hungry. Hungry for racing that is.

They hadn't had a race in their own home territory since early spring. Consequently, when it was announced that a road race would be held at Chino to kick off the annual Four Cylinder Club Week the hunger boiled over.

There was to be racing for everybody. Anything from a Crosley to a Duesenberg could get out and go. On race day, everything but a Duesenberg showed up.

As might have been expected, MG's crowded the field. What wasn't expected was the almost continuous diving into the haybales by all hands except Bill Stroppe who tooled his Merc powered Kurtis around the short course without coming near a wisp of

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The Haybales take a beating



● Porsches are admirably designed little cars, being able to tunnel through haybales rapidly . . .



● . . . without harm. Some experts say it's aerodynamics. Others blame it on overfast cornering.

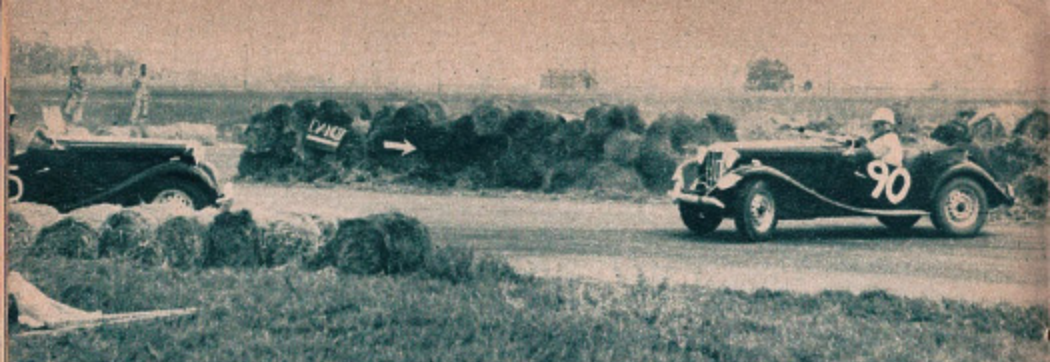


● The MG, being less streamlined, generally objects violently to being forced into large objects . . .

● . . . like this one which threw a tantrum at being abused in such an undignified manner.

● The MG, however, is known as a "forgiving" vehicle. Forgiven, this driver emerged unhurt.





• But lady—they went thataway! The women's race provided all kinds of action, mostly backward.



• Howard Gardner in his neat little customized Hotshot took the Novice under-1500 cc event.



• Another MG takes to the haybales. This one just got tired and laid down for a needed rest.

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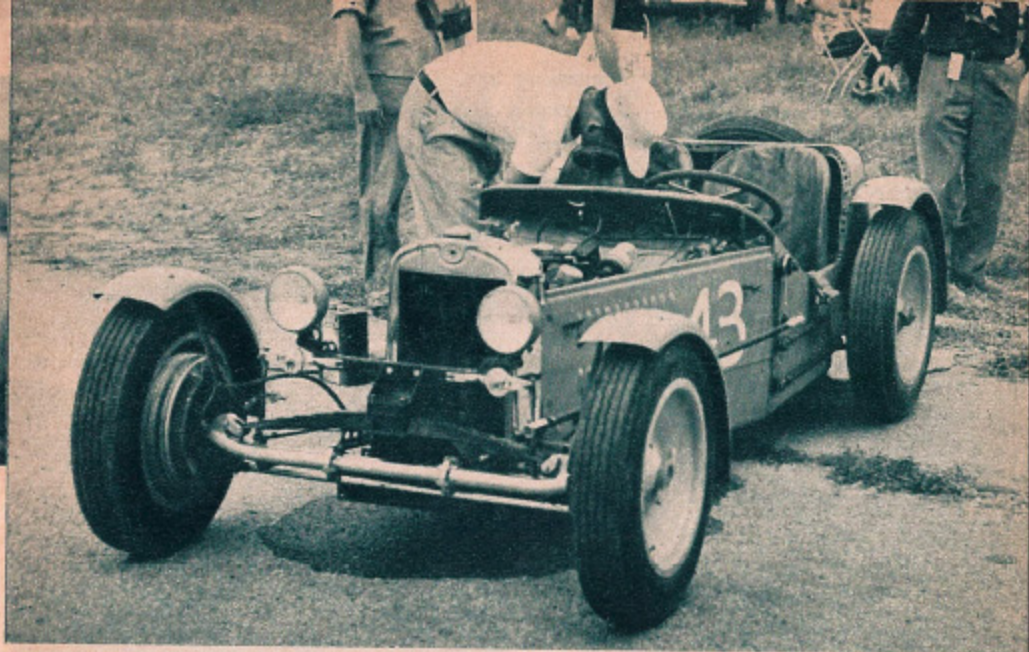
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hay. Bill won the over-91 cubic-inch event going away from (and three laps ahead of) his nearest competitor, Kenny Miles, who had come fresh from winning the under-91 event.

Miles, known as an extremely cool head, was no exception to the rule. He stuffed his hot rod MG head-on into the hay-bale mountain on the last turn of the course but backed out of the hole he dug for himself

• Bill Stroppe in his Kurtis 5000-S Merc-powered sports car managed to stay out of haybales to win.





• Dr. P. J. Young's very special Crosley special gets a check-up before race, was noisiest on course.

and continued on to scream past everything on the course from Ferraris to a lone Porsche. Except Stroppe.

Another standout of the day was Howard Gardner who pulled all stops out of his customized and souped up Crosley Hotshot to win the Novice Modified event. There were faster cars in this one than Howard's little gem but they, too, went the way of the rest of the eager beavers and built huts in the cow food.

Anybody need some stock fodder?

• Ken Miles' fabulously successful MG hot rod mopped up the field in under-91-inch class.



• Haybales weren't the only objects to be hit.

• Even Miles stuffed his car into the stock fodder. He went on to place second in main.

