

LATE NEWS

NEW SPORTS CAR

That never-dry source of an uncannily accurate flow of rumors, L'Auto Journal, has come up with the news that Panhard is designing a modern version of its 2-cylinder, front-drive sports car. Since L'Auto Journal managed to break the news of the Citroen DS-19 well ahead of anyone else and was subsequently proved to have been 98% correct, we are inclined to trust their drawing. It shows a front end like a minute DS-19's, which makes sense since Citroen has taken over Panhard. There are a wrap-around windshield, rather high doors, and exposed wheels. If price and finish—the latter quite poor in the previous version—please the Americans, the sky could be the limit. It's a mighty attractive-looking car.

SCHEMING FOR SAFETY

A group of prominent racing drivers, hot rodders, and motoring journalists recently met in Los Angeles with safety engineers and medical experts to discuss new ways to safety in motor sport.

The group plans to explore the psychological and physiological aspects of racing accidents and their causes. Knowledge gained can be applied to the problems involved in racing car as well as passenger car design with an eye to some radical improvements in road racing and highway safety.

RHEIMS, JULY 14

The 12-hour race at Rheims proved to be a runaway for Ferrari, with cars from Modena taking the first five places. Run from midnight 'til noon, the race was won by Gendebien and Frere; second place taken by American Phil Hill and co-driver Saidell; third was the team of Maderro-Munaroni.

In a preliminary sprint race, H. Mackay Fraser of the U.S.A. and William Whitehouse of England were killed; Fraser was thrown headlong into a utility pole and Whitehouse succumbed in a hospital as a result of severe burns.

The feature race was a 61-lap Grand Prix won by Luigi Musso (Ferrari); Jean Behra was second in a Maserati. Stewart Lewis-Evans, British newcomer to Formula 1, was third. Musso's winning average was a scorching 123.29 mph.

Finishing five laps behind the leaders was Fangio, in eighth place as a victim of car trouble.

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