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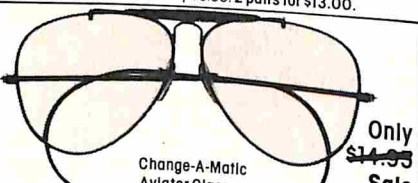
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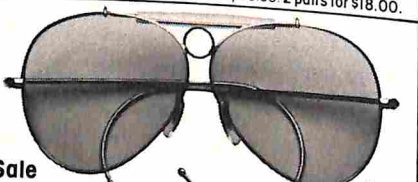
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tal cars also are moved from north to south to keep pace with the seasons. Insurance companies, meanwhile, use the transport people to get stolen cars returned to their rightful owners.

Most companies require that you drive at least 400 miles a day in delivering cars, so you cannot dawdle too much along the way.

Typical of the ads that advertise for volunteer drivers are these two that I saw in a recent metropolitan newspaper:

"Auto Driveaway—Cars available to many cities and states."

"Transportation Service—Cars to most cities. Drive as your own."

Phone numbers are listed with the ads, so start looking for them in major newspapers. It may be possible for you to drive both ways in some cases, although in most instances you will get one-way transportation.

If you have any questions about drive-away programs, the auto transport companies can answer them. Also, it might be a good idea to register in advance and get your name on their rosters for future trips.

## Maryland Offers Free Guidebook

I have spent many happy days in coastal Maryland, camping and fishing around the Chesapeake Bay. This year Maryland is observing its 350th anniversary, and has prepared an excellent travel kit.

The kit includes an outdoor guide, state map, guidebook and calendar of events.

The outdoor guide lists 60 privately-operated campgrounds, plus information on fishing in freshwater, the Chesapeake Bay and the Atlantic Ocean. The guide also gives advice on charter boats and head boat fishing, plus details on canoeing and bicycling.

This travel kit is yours free by writing Maryland Tourism, 45 Calvert Street, Annapolis, MD 21401. If you want information on state forests and parks, ask for that brochure to be added to the travel kit.

Maryland has 10 state forests and 20 state parks. Although the state is not very large, it has a total of 3,190 miles of tidal shoreline that provides a lot of space for fishermen, beach walkers and other outdoor buffs.

Ocean City is a center for deep sea fishing and nearby is Assateague Island National Seashore with a small primitive campground. Naturalists conduct special programs in the area. Also nearby is Assateague State Park, with two miles of ocean frontage where you can camp and swim.

If you have never done any saltwater fishing, you should spend a few minutes to wash off your reel after use in saltwater. The salt from the ocean can damage a reel.

After use, rinse your reel in lukewarm fresh water. The temperature is important since salt is most soluble in lukewarm water. Hold the reel under gently running water and rinse all exposed areas. Then

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dry with a soft cloth and place the reel in the open for two or three hours to air-dry.

After every 10 uses, strip the line off and spray the reel entirely with a product such as WD-40.

## New Address For Loners on Wheels

In a recent column I mentioned a camping club called Loners on Wheels and gave a California address for this unique organization.

Now I am told that the club has a new address and it is Loners on Wheels, Inc., c/o Lowzark, Rt. 2, Box 85, Ellsinore, MO 63937.

I call this club unique because it is made up of individuals who travel alone and who like to join other loners in group camping and on caravans.

It is not a lonely hearts club or a marriage bureau, according to Edith Lane, president. If a member marries, he or she loses membership.

Most members are widows or widowers who have traveled with their former mates and who still want to get out and camp but are reluctant to travel alone. The club now has some 3,000 members scattered across the country, and it promotes regional campouts.

Many national rallies are held each year in spots such as south Texas, Oklahoma, the Great Lakes, California and Washington. Many members spend all winter in Arizona, Texas, Florida or at "The Slabs" near the Salton Sea in the California desert. Some rallies attract as many as 200 rigs. No formal caravans are held but informal caravans are constantly being programmed by members to Alaska, Mexico and the Northwest Territories.

Membership costs \$20 per year and information is available at the new address I listed.

There is no age limit. About one quarter of the members are in their fifties and 50 percent are in their sixties.

## Beaver Enjoys Unique Role

The beaver has long played an important role in American history, but the great demand for beaver skin hats almost did in the animal. Unrestricted trapping, plus destruction of habitat, also take a toll.

Now the beaver is back, and it is trapped in states where it once was difficult to find.

All this is a preliminary to a unique trait about the beaver that I just learned in reading "Outdoor Highlights," a publication of the Illinois Department of Conservation. I've condensed the short article even more, and here it is:

"If you've recently survived open heart surgery, you may owe a debt of gratitude to the beaver, a creature that faced serious decline only 50 years ago.

"Long noted for their engineering abilities, beavers have the unusual attribute of being able to stay under water for up to 15

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