35 CARS TO RACE ON THE MOTOR PARKWAY

Five Sweepstakes Events to Open Long Island Speedway This Morning.

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Highways Leading to Garden City Thronged by Automobiles All Night —Special Trains Crowded.

With five special sweepstakes, arranged in lieu of the usual elimination races for the Vanderbilt Cup contest, the Long Island Motor Parkway will be formally opened this morning. The event has been looked forward to by automobilists throughout the country ever since the novel motor highway was suggested. Its significance is greater than attaches to the contests themselves, for some novel innovations have been introduced in the course to facilitate speeding, and the success of the first contests will be taken as an augury of what is to follow later. If the parkway proves a complete success it is likely that all automobile racing interests will be centred about it, and that all the big events held in America will be run within twenty-five miles of New York City over its asphalt surface.

There are thirty-five cars entered for the various races to-day. They will cover the twenty-five-mile circuit in Central Long Island formed by the eleven miles of motor parkway to the south and the country roads through Westbury, Jericho, Locust Grove, Woodbury, Colyer's Corner, and Plainview on the west, north, and east. Fourteen miles of Nassau County and State roads are included in the circuit, all of them offering splendid surfaces especially prepared for the contests. Though sinuous on the eastern end, it is not believed that the course is nearly as dangerous as those used for former cup races, while it is confidently asserted it will prove the fastest circuit in America.

The parkway is located west of Garden City and runs east and west to Central Park and then swerves north to Bethpage. Eventually it will extend sixty miles through the centre of Long Island, but only the eleven-mile stretch has been finished for this race. The asphalt surface has been elevated over roads and railroad track, so that no obstruction can be met by the competitors to deter their speeding, while the curves are banked and the bridges graded to obviate the necessity of any slowing down.

Near the middle of the stretch east of the Massapequa road is located a grand stand which will seat 5,000 people. The demand for seats in the stand indicates as keen an interest as would attach to the elimination race of the big cup event itself. Besides this the entire stretch of asphalt fence is fenced in by wire, and along it cars may be parked for the entire eleven miles. The exceptional facilities offered for parkng leads the cup commission to expect the greatest gathering of automobiles that has been seen on Long Island since the last Vanderbilt race, and probably the greatest gathering that has ever been seen there.

The public, other than the motorists, will have to be content to witness the races from the sides of the country roads, restrained by the guards and special police that have been placed around the complete circuit. They will be rewarded by more thrilling racing perhaps than the crowd that gathers on the Parkway, as there are several points about the course that will require considerable skill to take at speed. The flatiron turn at Woodbury, where the cars leave the Hicksville road and turn into the Jericho Turnpike is almost the counterpart of the famous hairpin of some years ago, while the turn at Westbury from the turnpike into the Old Westbury road will not be easy to make. Jericho Turnpike itself through Jericho and Locust Grove, is in splendid condition, and competent experts declare faster speeding will be seen here than on the Parkway.

The practice that has been done on the course in preparation for the races has not shown much either of the possibilities as to speed or as to the dangers on the circuit. The cars have only been allowed upon it for three days, and most of that time has been marred by early morning fogs. Besides this, most of the drivers have preferred to get acquainted with the turns before attempting speed.

There was one accident yesterday of a minor character. Lorimer, in one of the Chalmers-Detroit cars, ran into an inquisitive cow on the Jericho Turnpike, and both car and cow were put hors du combat. The cow was permanently disabled; but the car will be fixed up for the start this morning. Neither driver nor mechanician was injured, and the damage done to the cow was salved by a generous monetary allowance to its owner.

There was a mishap of another character. Hilliard, driving a Lancia, ran afoul of Bicycle Captain Seaman for speeding after hours for practice, and left $25 to assuage the injured dignity of the Nassau County Justice.

All of the competitors in the five events were on the course last night and were ready for the ordeal. There were many enthusiasts there as well camped about in the various hostelries and houses in characteristic discomfort incident to cup races. The stream of autoists began to cross the ferries as early as 9 o'clock, and all through the night the roads were bright with the flashing headlights pointing the way to Jericho. Special trains were run from the two stations of the Long Island Railroad from 4 o'clock on, and the habitual rush to secure advantageous places marked the early morning hours.

The cars will be sent away, beginning at 9 o'clock, at 30 second intervals, and are so arranged that it is expected that the first cars will complete the circuit by 9:45 o'clock. From that time on it is expected there will be a continuous flashing of cars past the grand stand until the lower-powered cars begin to complete their distance. The entrants in the Nassau sweepstakes—the lowest-priced cars—will run 100 miles, four times around the circuit; the Jericho sweepstakes entrants will run 150 miles, the Garden City entrants 200 miles, the Meadow Brook cars 225 miles, and the Motor Parkway cars 250 miles. The entrants for the various events are as follows:

Motor Parkway Sweepstakes. — Chadwick, Willie Haupt; Isotta, Herbert Lytle; Simplex, Lescault; Hotchkiss, Kilpatrick; Knox, Basle; Renault, Lewis Strang; Itala, Lechleitner.

Meadow Brook Sweepstakes. — Garford, C. Doty; Allen-Kingston, Hughes; Cleveland, Chevrolet; Knox, Bourque; Rainier, L. A. Disbrow; Rainier, Peterson; Lancia, Hilliard.

Garden City Sweepstakes.—Moon, Davis; Palmer & Singer, Howard; Stoddard-Dayton, Miller; Stoddard-Dayton, Tuttle; Buick, Burman; Knox, Bourque; Chalmers-Detroit, Lorimer; Sharp Arrow, Sharp.

Jericho Sweepstakes.—Chalmers-Detroit, Bowers; Mitchell, Zirbes; Mitchell, Kirchoff; Maxwell, See; Selden, ——; Pennsylvania, Maynes; Stoddard-Dayton, Wright.

Nassau Sweepstakes. — Mitchell, Cousins; Mitchell, Olney; Gyroscope, White; Buick, Easter; Buick, Titus; Cameron, Cameron; Cadillac, Warnstaldt; Reo, Camache.

FOUNDERS' DAY RACE.

Crack Cars Will Compete In Road Race in Philadelphia.

While the stock cars are racing on Long Island in the contests incidental to the opening of the Motor Parkway to-day, there will be a 200-mile road race in Philadelphia which will enlist some of the best-known cars in this country. The cars have been practicing on the course for the past week, and have shown speed which promises an interesting contest.

There have been twelve entries for the race and one provisional entry, George Salzman's Thomas being named to take the place of any car that fails to qualify under the stock car regulation. Salzman had the credit of the fastest lap in practice, but it is unlikely he will get a chance to start. The other competitors and their drivers are as follows:

Car.	Driver.
American Locomotive	L. J. Bergdoll
Maxwell	Kelsey
Stoddard-Dayton	Miller
Peerless	Maucher
Palmer & Singer	Wallace
Apperson	Davis
Welch	E. R. Bergdoll
Studebaker	Yeager
Locomobile	Robertson
Locomobile	Florida
Acme	Patschke
Chadwick	Harkins
Pennsylvania	Zengle
Lozier	Mulford
Lozier	Michener
Pullman	La Roche

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