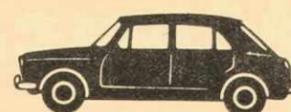


# Wheelin' around



by Charlie Moore

Three weeks ago in this column, I proposed a complete revamping of the Nova Scotia motor vehicle act. Coincidentally, I presume, Minister of Highways Garnet Brown introduced a bill in the legislature on Thursday, March 3, proposing a number of amendments to the M.V.A. While falling short of the modifications which I consider necessary, the new bill seems to be a step forward — a few of the amendments actually make some sense. It deals primarily with driver licensing and the point system.

The highlights are:

(a) A driver whose license has been suspended because of point accumulation will be able to obtain a four-point reduction by successfully completing an approved defensive driving course.

(b) Penalty points will be eliminated for infractions which are not directly related to highway safety, such as driving with an expired license or parking violations.

(c) A provisional license will be made available in special cases for work purposes or to

alleviate other "undue hardships" caused by license suspension.

(d) The reprieves granted by both (a) and (c) will only be available to first offenders.

Most of the rest of the bill deals with minor amendments and alterations to the act. As I stated before, I suppose this bill, while disappointing, is a step forward at least — not a step backward like so much new legislation.

Considering Ralph Nader's self-appointed crusade to have us all riding around in 35 m.p.h.

padded cells, there are a refreshing number of exciting new cars appearing lately. Chevrolet has done an interesting experiment by bolting two exhaust driven turbochargers to an otherwise stock 350 CID Nova. The result is a dramatic increase in power with a corresponding decrease in harmful exhaust emissions; fuel economy is also improved. While this all seems too good to be true, nevertheless it is, and this is one experimental car that will probably see production.

Two weeks ago, I predicted that Chevy would build a pickup truck version of the Vega to compete with the new Japanese built mini-pickups to be offered by Ford and Dodge. While a prototype Vega pickup does exist, (along with an intriguing four-wheel-drive Vega station wagon), it now looks like Chev will counter with a Japanese made truck of their own made by Isuzu. Trucks have now taken over more than 20% of the total car market. In view of this trend, Dodge completely restyled their complete range of trucks this year, and G.M. and Ford will follow suit in 1973.

General Motors has decided to abandon the yearly model change after 1973. The increasing costs of federal smog and safety legislation have made the annual change a financial impossibility. This new policy has been in the wind at G.M. for some time. The Chevy Nova has continued relatively unchanged for five years and when the Vega was introduced they announced that it would follow suit. The new policy will result in the closing of G.M.'s big tool and die plant in Detroit which manufactures the tooling for the yearly model change.

Finally, Peugeot has jumped on the micro-mini car bandwagon with a new model called the 104. The new French baby joins the field in company with the Renault 5, the Fiat 126, the Austin Mini, the new VW-Audi-mini, and assorted Japanese offerings including Honda. It is truly a pity that many of these fine cars will never see our shores due to the ridiculous U.S. style smog regulations which are prohibitive to these, the least harmful of all cars pollution-wise. Strikes you odd doesn't it. Keep a wheelin'.

## Men's field hockey at Dal

Men have been playing field hockey on an organized basis in central and western Canada for several years, but it was not until May, 1971 that organized field hockey for men was introduced in Nova Scotia.

Last summer about 30 players turned out regularly to play weekend games on the Halifax Commons. From this group, a team was selected to represent Nova Scotia at the Canadian

Field Hockey Championships in Calgary.

Of the seven teams participating, Nova Scotia finished sixth — not an impressive showing but not unexpected since virtually all the players were novices. This summer it is hoped that a four or five-team league will be started to improve the calibre of play in Nova Scotia and hopefully to improve our standing in the 1972

Championships to be held in Toronto.

Anyone interested in participating in men's field hockey this summer is invited to attend a meeting in Room 104 in the Dalhousie Gym at 7:30 P.M., March 22. No experience is necessary, and all ages are welcome. For further information, contact Denis Loiselle at 423-2335 or Mike Allen at 422-3012.

## "Bury the Dead" resurrected

In mid-January of this year the Dalhousie Musical and Dramatic Society was invited to attend Theatre Canada '72 in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan and to perform their production of "Bury the Dead", a play by Irwin Shaw.

This national festival takes place from May 20 to 27.

The initial estimates of the costs involved run to \$6,000. DMDS hopes to receive funds from both the provincial and the federal government levels but at best this will total only about three thousand.

To raise the remainder of the

money for the trip and to give local audiences a chance to see the exported product, the company will be giving special performances at Dalhousie May 1 to 7.

The performance on Sunday evening, the 7th, will be a special Patron's Performance with reserved seats going at \$5.00 each. Those supporting the group in this way will have their names printed in a supplement to the Theatre Canada '72 programme.

"Bury the Dead" has gone through some changes since it was first presented in the McInnis Room last October. Seven new cast members have been added and original cast members have been given new roles. A new part has been

created and some technical changes have been made.

Everyone interested in promoting local theatre should make it a point to attend one of the special performances, and all those who can afford to do so should attend the Patron's Performance.

Tickets can be obtained and contributions made to the group by contacting Dave Jones, DMDS president, on the third floor of the SUB.

## A fun car rally

Sunday, March 19 —  
Registration, Kings College quadrangle at 9:45 a.m.  
Agenda:  
Rally via back roads to Windsor, N.S. Leaving Kings at 10 a.m.  
Older out-of-the-ordinary vehicles preferred.  
Participants should be equipped with champagne and lunch and be suitably attired for the occasion.  
In Windsor for those interested: The Haliburton Society of Kings and the 'St. Lucy Society of Acadia University' propose to debate on the topic: "Resolved that God is an Anglican".  
Entrants from Dalhousie welcome.  
Enquiries should be made to G.V. Davidson at 422-9421.

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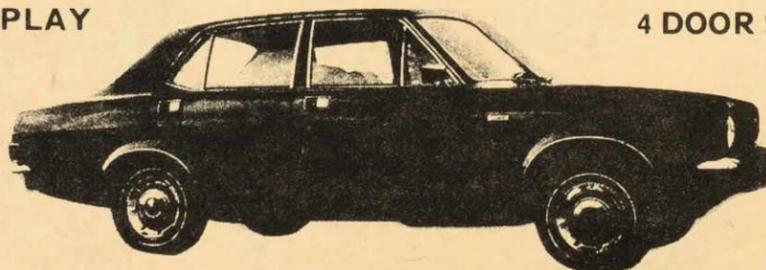
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