

# Wheelin' around



by Charlie Moore

A very sad thing is about to happen to all us sports car freaks. Within about two years I expect that the last convertible will have been sold on this continent. All because old benevolent Uncle Sam feels the need to protect the American public (and therefore the Canadian public) from itself. The death warrant for convertible sports cars will be signed, sealed and delivered on

August 15 when U.S. Motor Vehicle Safety Standard 208 becomes law.

This standard states that a car must be able to stand a weight of 5000 pounds on its roof without caving in more than five inches. Needless to say, a weight of 50 pounds would tax the strength of your average convertible top, so the soft top car as we know it is doomed.

I am not against having some kind of standard rollover

protection for sedans and hardtop vehicles, in fact I think it is a very good idea. To many people their car is just a means of getting from point A to point B. The great majority of these people drive sedans and a rollover standard which precludes soft top cars means very little to them. But there is another segment (albeit a minority) of the driving public who enjoy driving for driving's sake. Not necessarily just

driving fast but the enjoyment of being at the wheel of a good handling automobile.

On hot summer days, air conditioning is a poor substitute for a quick run down a country road to the beach with nothing but the sky above you.

The fun of getting caught in a rainstorm with the top down and not getting wet as long as you don't stop, or cutting through the silence of a crisp October night under a blanket of stars listening to the reassuring rumble of the M.G.'s exhaust cannot be had any other way. It's cold with the top down in late October. You have to wear winter parkas and keep the heater running full blast, but you feel the fresh air rushing by and the road is so close that you can just reach over the door and touch it. The feeling is like no other in the world. And Uncle Sam and his friend Ralph Nader want to do away with sports cars and replace them with 35 m.p.h. padded cells.

There should be safety cars for people who are so afraid of dying that they can't enjoy living, but there should also be the taut, good handling sports car with a soft top for people who still have enough red blood flowing in their veins to enjoy the good things of life.

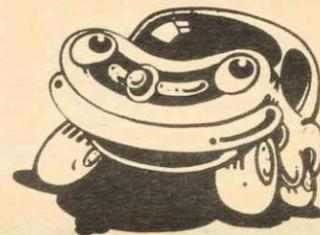
Cigarettes are dangerous to your longevity but they haven't banned them. Maybe they could require a plaque on the dash of every convertible stating: RIDING IN THIS CAR MAY BE

HAZARDOUS TO YOUR HEALTH. In my opinion safety should be an individual's personal responsibility. The thought of growing uniformly old grows uniformly boring.

Here are some news shorts. As I predicted a few weeks ago, the micro-mini car race is on. Renault, Fiat and Suzuki have all recently introduced micro-minis which are ultimately aimed at the American market.

At a recent World Auto Safety Conference in Stuttgart, Germany, European manufacturers unanimously attacked the U.S. approach to the safety problem. They predicted that it would bring the end of small cars and would price cars out of the range of the average person. At least there is some sanity left in the world.

Dodge and Ford, seeing the coming boom in small utility vehicles, will both soon introduce small pickup trucks. Both trucks will be manufactured in Japan, Dodge's by Mitsubishi and Ford's by Mazda. Till next week, keep a whellin'.



## Lecture on the occult

# Ouija boards dangerous

by R. T. Lyons

The Warrens from Connecticut visited Dalhousie last week and put on a series of three lectures dealing with various occult subjects.

Ed and Lorraine Warren are artists who have devoted many years to the study of hauntings, demonic possession and the spirit world. Mrs. Warren is a light-trance medium while Mr. Warren is an avid reader and student of the occult.

The Warrens began their lecture series with a slide show depicting several haunted houses in New England. This presentation included instances of physic photography — the exposure of photographic plates by spirit forces. One house they referred to could never be photographed from the front without producing a cloudy image.

The other lectures seemed almost exclusively devoted to references to the enormous dangers inherent in occult

studies. The Ouija Board, which is sold in many stores, was singled out as an especially dangerous device. This danger, said the Warrens, is the result of calling in spirits without any control. The danger of summoning spirits by any means is the same. To back up their assertions, they played tapes of an interview with a family that had been troubled by an Incubus demon which had been drawn in by two girls playing with a Ouija Board.

The subject of mediumship was discussed in much the same way. Lorraine Warren has found that she became a medium quite against her better judgement. Although she fears demonic possession, she finds that she must practice the dangerous art of mediumship. A tape was played from a seance at the Warren's home, during which a demon possessed the medium.

In a private interview with the GAZETTE, the Warrens

expressed dismay at the difficulty they have encountered in getting the services of an exorcist. The great danger of studies of the paranormal is demonic possession. The task of the exorcist is to cast demons out of those who have become possessed. Mr. Warren mentioned that they have had to resort to exorcists who are not of the Christian religion in order to help those in need.

There will always be enormous numbers of people who have no use for the supernatural. To these individuals the Warrens had little to say. To the growing number of people who are studying occultism, they had one salient message: "Watch out, spirits can be dangerous."

## STUDENT PART-TIME WINTER JOB-SUMMER JOB

If you intend to be in Halifax next summer; if you are willing to undergo some training during this college year; if you are interested in a summer job at Wm. Stairs, Son & Morrow, Limited; if you are prepared to go to 1462 Thornvale Avenue (at the foot of Coburg Road — near the Waegwoltic Club), at nights working week-on and week-off (as detailed below), you may be interested in applying for this Job Opportunity, which falls into three parts:

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- who live within a half-hour's walk of Coburg Road and Oxford St.;
- who plan to take graduate studies (dentistry, medicine, law, etc.);
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- who intend to be at University for "a few years."

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