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## Lookout Mountain Climb Witnessed by 30,000 People

Despite the slimmness of the field of starters—necessitating the calling off of one event—the first annual climbing contest of the Lookout Mountain Club, of Chattanooga, Tenn., held April 22, was a success. Thousands of spectators occupied the vantage points and watched the flying cars dash up the steep and winding road, being rewarded with plenty of thrills.

The honors of the day's racing fell to the Buick. With three star drivers to push home the victory, the Flint-made machine finished in front in all but one of the automobile events run off, and sometimes finished alone or with no other make left in the running. Louis Chevrolet (Buick) made the best time of the day in a special trial event, ascending the 4.9 miles long course in 6 minutes, 30 2-5 seconds, while Lewis Strang (Buick) made the fastest ascent in the regular events, his time in the free-for-all and the \$3,000 class being exactly the same, viz., 6.39 4-5. George DeWitt, the third Buick driver, also scored, winning the \$1,000 class event.

The course appeared to present so many possibilities in the way of accidents that a number of the contestants decided, after taking a look at it, that they would stand out. The course of 4.9 miles contained sixty-eight turns, including six reverse, three "w's," a double "s" and a hairpin curve. The day was ideal and militia patrolled the course and kept the 30,000 or more spectators out of the way of danger.

The summary follows:

Event No. 3.—Stock automobiles listing \$1,000 and under—George DeWitt (Buick), first; time, 6.57 3-5. Kenyon (Buick), second; time, 11.04 4-5.

Event No. 4.—Stock automobiles listing \$2,000 and under—Lewis Strang (Buick), first; time, 6.48. Tuttle (Stoddard-Dayton), second; time, 7.49 4-5. C. James (Chalmers-Detroit), third; time, 10.12 2-5.

Event No. 5.—Stock automobiles selling at \$3,000 and under—Lewis Strang (Buick), first; time, 6.39 4-5. H. Tuttle failed to finish.

Event No. 6.—Called off; darkness.

Event No. 7.—Free-for-all stock automobiles—Bert Miles (Stoddard-Dayton), first; time, 6.58 3-5. Strang (Buick), second; time, 7.15 3-5. Charles Duffy (Thomas), third; time, 7.20 1-5. Doerhofer (Locomobile), failed to finish.

Event No. 8.—Free-for-all automobiles.—Lewis Strang (Buick), first; time, 6.39 4-5. Bert Miller (Stoddard-Dayton), second; time, 6.58 3-5.

Special Trial Against Best Time.—Louis Chevrolet (Buick) made the ascent in 6.30 2-5.