

NEW HILL-CLIMB RECORD FOR BENZ

David Bruce Brown Drives Car
Up Giant's Despair Course
in 1:31 3-5.

55,000 SEE AUTOS COMPETE

Knox Car Captures Four Events at
Wilkesbarre — Buick Car Dashes
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WILKESBARRE, Penn., May 31.—Fifty-five thousand people saw the fourth annual hill climbing contest of the Wilkesbarre Automobile Club up the Giant's Despair course to-day on Wilkesbarre Mountain. The Benz car of 120 horse power, driven by David Bruce Brown of New York, established a new record for the hill, 1:31 3-5, smashing the record made last year by Willie Haupt in the Chadwick of 1:38 2-5. Several other cars also beat the Chadwick's time, and the day was one of new records in several events.

Next to the Benz in taking chief honors for the day was the Knox car, which won four firsts, getting first place in every event in which it was entered, except the free-for-all. The Fiat, of which much was expected, took third in the free-for-all, and second in the invitation. The Stoddard-Dayton cars also took two firsts as well as a third. The National won a first and two seconds, and the Oakland, Buick, Maxwell, and Simplex each won a first.

The crowd was the greatest that ever witnessed a race on the hill, and the police had great trouble keeping them off the track. Louis Chevrolet, in driving a Buick, was overturned, his car dashing into the crowd, injuring one man, while A. L. Williams, a prominent lawyer of this city, in the excitement fell twelve feet off a rock and broke an ankle. Several people were struck by cars on their way to and from the course, but none was seriously injured. This evening the prizes, which were silver and bronze cups, purses of gold, and bronze and silver shields and medals, were presented to the winners at the Wilkesbarre Automobile Club.

The summaries:

Free-for-All—Won by 120 h. p. Benz. (Bruce Brown,) time—1:31 3-5; 60 h. p. Chadwick. (H. B. Larzalere,) second, time—1:36; 60 h. p. Fiat, (Ralph De Palma,) third, time—1:36 3-5.

Invitation Race.—Fiat and Knox cars tied for second place. Time—1:40½. Knox car won on toss-up. 50 h. p. Knox, (A. L. Dennison,) third, time—1:41 1-5.

Hollenback Trophy Event, (for cars costing \$2,001 to \$3,000)—Won by 40 h. p. Knox. (A. H. Dennison,) time—1:57 3-5; 50 h. p. Matheson, (Charles L. Basle,) second, time—2:00; 45 h. p. Stoddard-Dayton, (Carl Wright), third, time—2:03 3-5.

For Gasoline Stock Chassis Cars, (with piston displacement of between 451 and 600 cubic inches)—Won by 50 h. p. Knox, (A. H. Dennison,) time—1:40 4-5; 60 h. p. National, (Charles C. Emers,) second, time—1:47 3-5; 60 h. p. Stoddard-Dayton, (Bert Miller,) third, time—1:48.

Stock Chassis, (of between 301 and 400 cubic inches displacement)—Won by 45 h. p. Stoddard-Dayton, (Carl Wright,) time—2:01; 35 h. p. National, (John Aitken,) second, time—2:03 4-5; 50 h. p. Matheson, (Joseph Parkins,) third, time—2:11.

Six Cylinder Cars, (costing \$3,000 or over—two entries)—Won by 60 h. p. National, (Charles C. Merz,) time—1:48; 60 h. p. Oldsmobile, (Tom Berger,) time—2:04 1-5.

Cars Costing from \$3,001 to \$4,000, (two entries)—Won by 60 h. p. Stoddard-Dayton, (Bert Miller,) time—1:50 1-5; 60 h. p. American Roadster, (Willie Haupt,) second, time—2:10 1-5.

Event for Members of Quaker City Motor Club—Won by 50 h. p. Knox, (A. H. Dennison,) time—1:40 1-5; 60 h. p. Oldsmobile, (Tom Berger,) second, time—2:02 3-5; 60 h. p. American, (Willie Haupt,) third, time—2:07 2-5.

Event for Wilkesbarre Automobile Club Members—Won by 30 h. p. Knox, (Robert Johnson,) time—2:21; 40 h. p. Oldsmobile, (Edward Habblett,) second, time—2:26; 30 h. p. Buick, (Edward Wilkie,) third, time—2:34.

Cars Costing \$1,250 to \$2,000, (two entries)—Won by 40 h. p. Oakland, (Howard Bauer,) time—2:11 4-5; 30 h. p. Buick, (Louis Chevrolet,) upset.

Cars Costing Under \$850, (one entry)—Won by 22 h. p. Maxwell, (Arthur See,) time—2:38 1-5.