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Skid Marks

----by Bill Taylor



A Few More Observations

Police roadblocks can give you an opportunity to see the countryside better. At one point in our trek to Arizona, it took us about an hour and a half to go approximately 4 miles. We could probably have established life-long friendships with those in the hundreds of vehicles around us.

Don't know precisely what caused the police to block I-40 just west of Albuquerque. I understand that an off-duty officer was killed. Regardless, I have never seen so many state, county and local police vehicles in one place.

Things better not done. Top of my current list is that I did *not* take the scenic route to Scottsdale. That would have meant going over the Rockies at Raton Pass and traversing the upper half of New Mexico. Considering how little power the U-Haul had, we would probably still be struggling uphill somewhere outside of Santa Fe.

Generally, in Minnesota, a car more than twenty years old will have collector plates. Not because they are historically significant, rare or examples of outstanding design. This is a tribute to the vehicles' ability to withstand two decades of salt corrosion (a.k.a., Minnesota Lace.) How else do you explain a Gremlin with collector plates? In Kansas and points

south and west, the same cars are used mostly for work and fishing. Most often left with the doors unlocked and the windows rolled partly down. Unfortunately, most are too ugly to steal.



ASCC Winter Rallye Series

Keep your eye on this space. We will soon be having the annual organizational meeting for the 2001-02 season. If you have any suggestions for the general regulations or other aspects of the series, please sound off! Contact Tim Winker through the ASCC web site (www.arrowheadsc.org) or your humble editor (YHE) at wastaylor@earthlink.net. Conventional mail and phone calls also work

Wings and Wheels

Spent this last Saturday at the annual Wings&Wheels celebration at Ocoea, Wisconsin. This community event centers around Motor Books International's annual house cleaning sale. I'm chagrined to admit that this was my first visit. Though was evidently down, drizzly weather and competing events such as the Great River Road Rally were the main culprits, I am impressed--also a few bucks lighter after helping MBI with their chore. Lots of cars to drool on. My favorite was either a Sierra Cosworth or a rebadged Merkur XR-4ti.

More pictures are elsewhere in this issue.



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Images of

Wings & Wheels 2001



Several of the MG's on exhibit used a modified improvisational, dynamic impairment parking brake.



This Saab 96 actually won the RAC Rally and subsequently driven by Tim Winker and survived. It (the Saab) will be returning to Great Britain this year as part of a retrospective.



Moving Sale (pun intended)

Tom Schramm is moving and he wants to unload a few things. Take a look.

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