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The automobile racing program that will bring the 1912, Oct. 4-12, Illinois State Fair to a close on Saturday, Oct. 12, will be on the most elaborate lines ever attempted on a circular dirt track.

Instead of one star, as has been the case the last two years, there will be several drivers of note headed by such men as Louis Disbrow, the youngest and most successful of this year's crop of stars.

At last eight races will be included on the program in which cash prizes will be given away and other inducements offered to bring to the Illinois State Fair men who have never been seen there before.

Disbrow will bring with him the famous Simplex Zip racer which he has used in all of his record trials and big open races this year. Only a few days ago he won everything in sight at Galveston, and defeated one of the largest fields of "devil" drivers that ever faced a starter's flag.

Disbrow was dubbed "The Only Pebble on the Beach" by a southern newspaper writer, and considering the evidence that he has piled up on three beaches in the last two years the title comes pretty near fitting the little speed hero.

On the Pablo beach at Jacksonville, Fla., last spring a year ago, Disbrow defeated a field of stars which included Bob Burman and other noted daredevils, and established a series of space eating records that still stand. He lowered the world's 150, 200, 250 and 300-mile marks, and set a high of 81 miles for an hour's driving which still holds good.

Disbrow holds the world's records for 15, 20, 25 and 50 miles, and if he has the proper conditions he will go after another world's figure at the Illinois State Fair.

One of the drivers that Disbrow will have to go against at the Illinois State Fair will be Joe Nikrent, of California. Joe has several world's marks to his credit, and he has won practically every track race he has started in this year. He finished second to Ralph DePalma in the Santa Monica race, and the following day beat the world's little flag on the Los Angeles motordrome and lowered the world's record for 25 miles.

Nikrent first gained fame as a Buick driver and it was while piloting this car that he won the famous Los Angeles to Phoenix race. He has to his credit seven world's records, and he expects to win his share of prize money at the Illinois State Fair meet.

"Wild Bill" Endicott and other noted daredevils who have been instrumental in bringing the name of the American driver to the front in the speed world will also be seen at the Illinois State Fair.

The freest looking machine that will take part in the meet will be the 200-horsepower Jay-Eye-See racer. This car is the largest in the speed game, and is the most formidable looking. It will be driven in the time trials.

The third and most important for the Illinois State championship \$600 trophy will stir up rivalry between the state clubs as usual, and Springfield will again make a strong bid for the cup. This is a 20-mile race. Half a dozen cities are counted on to fight for it.

PROGRAM ILLINOIS STATE FAIR.

Springfield, October 4-12, 1912.

Friday, Oct. 4 (Afternoon).

Aviation events, including aerial mail, by Johnson monoplane, Niouport monoplane, Beach National biplane and hot-air balloon, with parachute jump. Mule race. Exhibition of fancy driving, three-wheeled outfit, coal black ponies in gold-mounted harness, pulling a white-enameled truck. Madame Garcia, of Cuba, drives her automobile down a 75-foot incline and turns a triple somersault. Capital City Band.

Saturday, Oct. 5 (Afternoon).

Same events and attractions as Friday, with the addition of a pony race.

Sunday, Oct. 6.

Pastor Russell, the famous independent preacher of the Brooklyn, New York, and London, England, Tabernacles, will deliver his greatest religious lecture, "Beyond the Grave." The Illinois Watch Factory Band will give a sacred concert. No reserved seats.

Monday, Oct. 7.

At the Grand Stand—9:30 a. m. Same events and attractions as Friday. The Watch Factory, Capital City and Majestic bands will be consolidated into the great Illinois State Fair Band, and will render the national airs and melodies of America.

In the Coliseum—9 o'clock. Cattle: Galloways, Polled Durhams and Devons. Horses: Belgians, Jacks, English Hackneys, Shetland ponies (boy and girl riders under 15 years old), breeding classes of American saddle horses.

On the Race Track—12:30 p. m. Speed:

2:09 trot \$5,000
Trot, 3-year-old and under 1,000
2:24 trot 1,000
Running, 1 mile 200
Running, 3/4 mile 200
Brief exhibition flights by aeroplanes.

Tuesday, Oct. 8.

At the Grand Stand—9:30 a. m. Same events and attractions as Monday. The Illinois State Fair Band will render the national airs and melodies of England, Scotland and Ireland.

In the Coliseum—9 o'clock. Cattle: Hereford, Ayrshire, Guernsey, Horses: Percheron or French Draft, Jennets, German Coach, breeding classes, standard-bred horses, Shetland ponies, standard roadsters, ponies other than Shetland in harness.

On the Race Track—12:30 p. m. Speed:

2:15 pace \$5,000
2:14 trot 1,000
2:25 trot 1,000
Running, 1/2 mile 200
Running, 3/4 mile 200
Brief exhibition flights by aeroplanes.

Wednesday, Oct. 9.

At the Grand Stand—9:30 a. m. Same events and attractions as Tuesday. The Illinois State Fair Consolidated Band will give the national airs and melodies of Germany.

In the Coliseum—9 o'clock. Cattle: Aberdeen-Angus, Jersey and Brown Swiss. Horses: Clydesdale, Mules, Standard Roadsters, American Carriage Horses, five-gaited saddle horses. St. Nicholas Hotel \$500 saddle horse stake.

On the Race Track—12:30 p. m. Speed:

2:20 trot \$5,000
2-year-old trot 500
2:20 pace 1,000
Free-for-all trot 1,000
Running, 1 1/2 miles 300
Running, 3/4 mile 200
Brief exhibition flights by aeroplanes.

Thursday, Oct. 10.

At the Grand Stand—9:30 a. m. Same events and attractions as Wednesday. The Illinois State Fair Band will render the national airs and melodies of all nations.

In the Coliseum—9 o'clock. Cattle: Shorthorns, Holstein-Friesians, Dutch Belted. Horses: English Shire, five and three-gaited saddle horses, roadsters. New Leland Hotel \$500 roadster stake, record horses, carriage horses, Welsh ponies.

On the Race Track—12:30 p. m. Speed:

2:16 trot \$2,000
2:09 pace 2,000
2:25 trot 1,000
Free-for-all pace 1,500
Running, 3/4 mile 200
Running, 1 mile 200
Brief exhibition flights by aeroplanes.

Friday, Oct. 11.

At the Grand Stand—9:30 a. m. Same events and attractions as Thursday. The Illinois State Fair Band will render the national airs and melodies of France and Italy.

In the Coliseum—9 o'clock. Cattle: Red Polled. Horses: Draft teams, grade draft, five and three-gaited saddle horses, family horses, Morgans. All premium stock must take part in the grand parade at 2 o'clock p. m. Those failing to do so without permission of their superintendent will forfeit their premiums.

On the Race Track—12:30 p. m. Speed:

2:12 trot \$2,000
2-year-old and under pace 1,000
2:12 pace 1,000
2-year-old pace 1,000
Running, 3/4 mile consolation 200

Saturday, Oct. 12.

At the Grand Stand—9:30 a. m. Same events and attractions as Friday.

Automobile Race—Time trials for official world's records, by Disbrow and others.

On the Race Track—2 p. m. Eight great events by Louis Disbrow, "Wild Bill" Endicott, Nikrent and other famous automobile drivers. Closing with a five-mile race between automobiles, aeroplanes and motorcycles. The famous \$600 solid silver Board of Agriculture Trophy will be raced for by Illinois automobile clubs.

Better write now to the Commercial Club, Springfield, for sleeping quarters in private houses during the state fair, Oct. 4-12. No charge for information. Citizens of Springfield open their doors to state fair visitors.

Automobile Day at the Illinois State Fair is Saturday, Oct. 12, last day of the fair. All the great drivers in the country will compete. Last event, a 5-mile race between aeroplanes, automobiles and motorcycles.

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COUNTRY IS MAD OVER AVIATION

Fleet of Aeroplanes at Illinois State Fair.

DAILY PROGRAM OF EVENTS

Monoplanes Will Be Seen for the First Time at the Fair Grounds—Thrilling Stunts—Mail Delivery by Air.

The country has gone mad over aviation, and the Illinois State Fair this year, Oct. 4-12, will give a magnificent demonstration of the capabilities of the newest air machines. There will be a fleet of them, and a daily program of events will be given every day, excepting Sunday.

These events will be given in the afternoons of the first two days of the fair, Friday and Saturday, Oct. 4-5, and in the forenoons the balance of the time. The events will open with a parade of the machines, and there will be races in the air, the most thrilling being ocean waves, altitude flights in contest, fancy and trick flying, and each day one of the machines will carry a mail pouch from the state fair grounds station to some postoffice within ten miles of Springfield. Visitors to the fair are at liberty to mail their letters in this pouch, special postcards being sold on the grounds for this purpose, to any address on earth.

In order to prevent possible "frame-ups" the state board made contracts with two concerns for monoplanes. The monoplane has not yet been seen on the state fair grounds. One of the exhibitors will be the Johnson Brothers, of Terre Haute, Ind., inventors and patentees of a purely American machine, and the other is a Niouport-French machine. The first looks like a pigeon of enormous size, and is red in color. The French machine is white, and resembles a huge bat. Both are graceful in outline and sail like birds of the air. They are wonderfully fast. In fact, they must maintain a speed of a mile-a-minute while in the air or they will fall.

"The Johnson machine," said the inventor, Louis Johnson, "will drive it, 'is an original all-American product, designed to eliminate danger to the greatest degree. After many tests we thought wood construction was too delicate, subject to breakdowns and smash-ups, and so we used metal for all parts except interior construction of the plane. Spruce is used for this feature, on account of the twisting, warping motion of the machine. The main frame carries a motor, gasoline tank and the operator, and consists of 3 1/2-inch nickel tubes, fastened with steel castings, which serve as water tank and radiator, eliminating the great head resistance. The aluminum tail is 8 inches in diameter in front and 4 inches at the back. The monoplane is 36 feet wide and 34 feet long. Weight, flying, 1,100; horsepower, 60."

The Johnson has made several beautiful flights, but not the first year it has been on exhibition.

The Niouport was purchased in Paris by the National Aeroplane Company. It has a spread from tip to tip of 34 feet. It is 32 feet long. Like the Johnson machine the engine and propeller are in front and suck the aeroplane through the air. This machine weighs with operator, ready to fly, about 850 pounds. Marcel Tourneau, of Paris, will operate it on the fair grounds.

It holds many records—first prize in French military competition, and as a result has been adopted by the French, German, Russian, Italian and English armies. It won the Gordon Bennett race in 1911. It has flown continuously for eight hours and has covered 600 miles without landing. With a special engine it has attained a speed of 100 miles an hour. Its original inventor, Edouard Niouport, was killed in flying one of his own machines near Paris.

The Beech National biplane is built at the National factory at Chicago. It is regarded as the speediest stock biplane manufactured. It differs materially from the Wright machine in construction. It is driven by a 6-cylinder 75-horsepower motor at a speed of 60 miles an hour. The upper and lower wings are six feet apart, and the upper wing has a span of 39 feet. The machine is 28 feet long. Paul Studebaker will drive it at the state fair.

Madame DeVonda will fly in a hot-air balloon and give parachute drops every day of the fair. She will rise 2,500 feet before cutting loose.

Will Cure Hog Cholera.

The State Board of Live Stock Commissioners' exhibit at the Illinois State Fair, Oct. 4-12, is a bureau of information on the management and care of live stock. The commission employs a corps of trained experts who will be on the ground constantly to take care of the farmers' live stock, and will administer to the wants of farmers and stockmen who call at the exhibit.

From 9 a. m. until 1 p. m. there will be talks by practical men who will discuss hog cholera, diseases of cattle and horses and poultry. Valuable bulletins and pamphlets on these subjects will be given away free of charge.

The exhibit consists of many preserved specimens showing the pathological lesions in the various diseases. Also are on display illustrations by which farmers can detect and protect their live stock from diseases. This exhibit is located west of the cattle barns this year, and the commission will be pleased to meet all farmers who are visiting the state fair and who are interested in live stock.

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Interurban Park	7:52	9:52	11:47	2:37	4:37	6:37	8:52	10:52
Cayuga	7:57	9:57	11:52	2:42	4:42	6:42	8:57	10:57
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