

# **ROAD LEGAL...3200miles in 40 days!! DATED PAGE..Retained for nostalgia!!**



We dreamt of doing this for 2 years!!!!



We have

averaged 80 miles a day!!!. You can guess that the car is a joy to drive!

75 m.p.h. cruise at 2400 r.p.m., thanks to a very tall (.63:1)5th gear.

Here are the speeds through the gears, at 5700 r.p.m.

1st....39

2nd....59

3rd....85

4th....115

5th....182!!! ( no doubt wind resistance, ( and fear) will define the top speed!



Went to Desoto Dragstrip for a Test'n Tune session

lots of fun...pretty hard on your car though!!

Found that the "el cheapo" tyres were very hard to hook up in the early stage of the run.( no "Posi" either )We really only started to hook up and accelerate strongly at about 45 mph. Still did several runs in the 14's. Here is one.....

Reaction....1.3 secs...( sign of old age?)

60 ft.....2.363secs...Lots of spin!

1/8 th mile....9.45..74.95mph...getting going now!

1/4 mile.....14.73secs..91.21 mph...

Certainly very respectable...( running an engine that cost \$75.00 less than the carburetor, and 4 tyres,fitted and balanced for less than the cost of one Hoosier )next time I'll try lowering the rear pressure...and better clutch work on the line...should get it into the 13's

As for the tyres, they are perfectly fine for road work... speed limits, and sanity keep you way below the limits of the tyres....I go around "Dead Man's curve" on 53rd in Bradenton at 50 m.p.h.without so much as a squeak from the rubber!! The speed limit is 50, but the curve has a 20 m.p.h. 'advisory'!! Our Beretta hits a tyre squealing, understeering limit at 35!!



We came across a [Sunriders Miata Club](#) Autocross , and got talked into doing a couple of " dollar fun runs" after the meet.

Got one of the fella's who had raced to ride 'shotgun' and yell directions ( thanks Mike )and did a few very erratic ( but great fun)timed runs. The best one, 59 sec, would have put us in the top 5!!

My driving at the Porsche Club event was not much better...did a pretty spectacular, smoking 360 spin on my first run....sensibly slowed things up for the second,did a reasonable, but very conservative 3rd run ..which turned out to be 11th fastest..( out of some sixty plus cars including several which came on trailers, and had some very serious drivers)

The autocross 'bug' could be biting, so we are entering one in Fort Myers in January..signing up for the Novice Instruction Class on the first day.

Once I get my driving a bit better,I am sure some 'sticky' tyres will be on my " got to have list "!!

Not winning anything (yet), but we sure are having lots of fun [!!!Click This!!!](#)

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