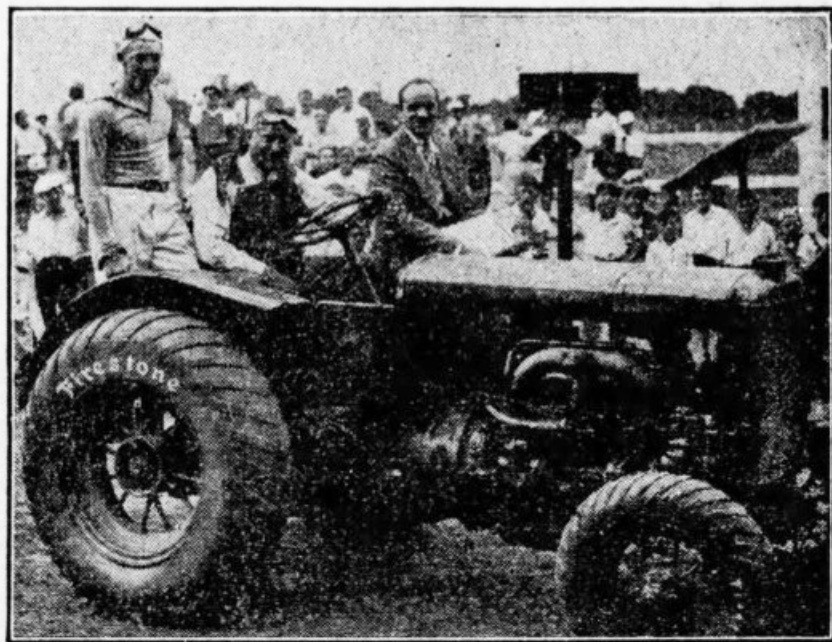


Barney Oldfield Sets A.A.A. Tractor Record of 39.045 m.p.h. at Indianapolis



Barney Oldfield, with Denny Duesenberg, left, and Charles Louis Chevrolet, right, sons of his leading rivals of auto pioneer days.

Roaring around the track at Indianapolis State Fair the old "master driver of the world," Barney Oldfield, recently set a new world's tractor record of 39.045 miles per hour, handling the wheel of this "iron plow-horse" with all the skill and daring that has made his name the synonym for speed. He drove an Allis-Chalmers standard farm tractor with high speed gears and Firestone pneumatic tractor tires.

It was an amazing race—amid a strange scene, for the driver who pressed him closest all the way, and the A.A.A. timer who scored the event were sons of two great rivals of Oldfield's racing career.

The lad on the tractor was Denny Duesenberg, who is already a shrewd racing head and has entered cars in the Indianapolis 500-Mile Classic several years. His father, the late Fred Duesenberg, automobile manufacturer and famous builder of racing creations, raced against Barney in the days when they were bicycle champions—then on through the pioneer racing days that brought on such amazing advancement in automobiles, dating back from

Barney's first race in 1902.

The A.A.A. official was Charles Louis Chevrolet, Indianapolis engineer and son of Louis Chevrolet, of General Motors, whose name is among the foremost in the history of the automobile. He was probably Barney's greatest rival on the tracks—and as his son describes it "If Barney didn't win a race in those days Dad did win it." Gaston Chevrolet, Louis' brother, was another great hero of the speedways, and won the Indianapolis Race of 1920.

Oldfield, with his familiar cigar, powerful in build, clear eyed and rich in racing strategy, fought his way to victory. The tractor race, he says, was just as thrilling as a racing car event, as the big machines flashed around the curves hub to hub in a cloud of dust.

The tractor which set this record is capable of plowing and doing all the other farm operations at increased speed and with new comfort and fuel economy. This is made possible by the new Firestone tire development, the tires requiring only 12 pounds air pressure to operate successfully at the plow or on the highway.