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ENGLAND'S RACING ACE
CAPTURES NEW SPEED RECORD

BONNEVILLE SALT FLATS, August 23 -- Great Britain's foremost auto racing driver, 27 year old Stirling Moss, on the Salt Flats straightaway here today, established 5 new Class F International records (up to 1500 cc engine capacity) at the wheel of the small experimental MG built especially to fit him and officially identified as the EX 181.

Moss smashed International racing records including 245.11 m.p.h. as opposed to the old record of 203.9 for the two-way mile. The earlier record was established in 1939 by Lt. Col. A.T. Goldie Gardner.

Moss' target with the EX 181 MG record car was 240 m.p.h. -- faster than he had ever driven in his colorful racing career.

Earlier this week Moss said the fastest he had ever gone in a racing car was "about 200 m.p.h." that, in a British BRM on the Monza Racing Circuit in Italy. Among the first to congratulate British champion Stirling Moss were local sheriffs wearing six-shooters and 10-gallon hats.

The MG EX 181 was built and crewed by the MG Car Company of the British Motor Corporation. The car is of radical air-foil like design and is powered by a 4 cylinder, 1489 cc engine
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with twin overhead camshaft.

The car itself is no more than 3 feet high and about 15 feet in length. Of teardrop shape, the little blue MG car is designed to cut wind resistance to a minimum and has been dubbed by its builder as the "roaring raindrop."

Following are the previously established records and new world records set today by Internationalist Stirling Moss at the wheel of the MG EX 181 Class F vehicle:

F.I.A. Sanction Bonneville Salt Beds, Utah
U.S.A.C. Sanction #57-SR-4 August 23, 1957

<u>Distance</u>	<u>Established at</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Driver</u>		<u>Old</u> <u>M.P.H.</u>	<u>New</u> <u>M.P.H.</u>
1 kilo	Dessau, Germany	1939	Lt. Col. A.T.Goldie Gardner		204.3	245.64
1 mile	" "	"	"	"	203.9	245.11
5 kilos	" "	"	"	"	200.6	243.08
5 miles	Bonneville, Utah	1952	"	"	189.5	235.69
10 kilos	" "	"	"	"	182.8	224.70

The above records were established in MG automobiles.

Due to heavy rainfall earlier in the week, it was impractical to include the 10 mile record attempt on the water-saturated north end of the straightaway.

The successful International attempts by the MG EX 181 concludes the British Motor Corporation's 1957 series of endurance and speed attempts on the Bonneville Salt Flats. The two-week long series of speed and endurance trials were sanctioned and timed by officials of the United States Automobile Club appointed by Federation Internationale De L'Auto with Captain George Eyston supervising the project.

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American National Class F -- the same 5 records listed above. U.S.A.C. Sanction #57-SR-4.

A high water table and wet salt prevented the running of the 10 mile record.

PLEASE NOTE: International records for EX 181 plus American National records totals 10.