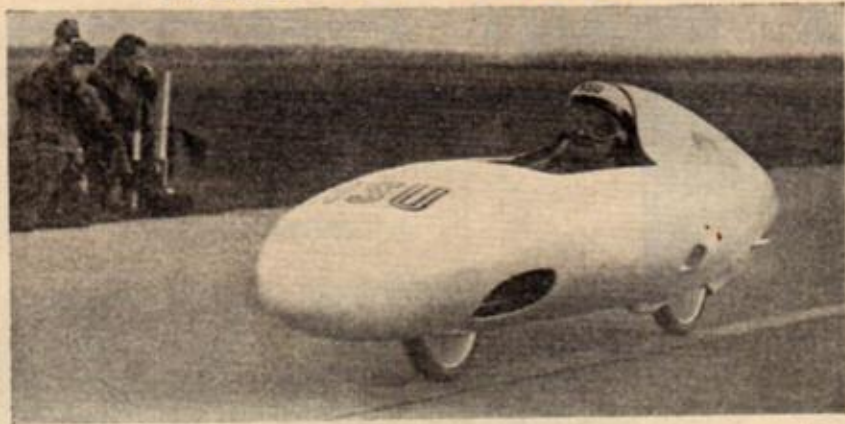




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ITEMS OF INTEREST



(Above) Record-breaker Gustav Baum during one of his successful attacks on 50-100 c.c. figures (details in last week's "Motor Cycling"). So efficient is the streamlined body designed for N.S.U. by Baum that it is rumored that an attempt will shortly be made to raise the world's fastest record to 200 m.p.h. — using this shell and one of the latest 250 c.c. N.S.U. racing units!

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FLYING DECK-CHAIRS

A FEW further details of the N.S.U. machines used by Gustav Baum on his recent record-breaking runs are now available. These miniature projectiles are 9 ft. long, 29½ in. wide and 27½ in. high. Tyre size is 2 in. by 16 in. fitted to disc-type wheels. The weight of the 98 c.c. machine is 216 lb.; of the 49 c.c. machine 163 lb.; the rider's weight was 121 lb. Suspension, both at front and rear, is by rubber bands and both wheels are fitted with brakes. Steering on these highly unorthodox machines is effected by two levers, one on each side of the reclining driver, and "handlebar" controls are fixed to the appropriate levers. On the actual day of the attempts, the best speed achieved by the smaller model was lower than had been anticipated, due to a strong wind blowing diagonally across the autobahn.

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