of these forces, their resultant must be a force parallel to them. This resultant acting at the centre of mass of the wheel would move the axle in the same direction. Such movement is prevented by the radius rod so that the forces must be equal and their resultant zero. There will clearly be an angular acceleration of the wheel about its centre caused by the moment of the chain pull.

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Mystery Alfa Romeo

WONDER if anyone can help to identify my Alfa Romeo car with the aid of the photograph herewith? I have been unable to find the year of the car and am in doubt as to whether it is a type 6c 2500 or 6c 2300. I have sent the chassis and engine numbers to the Alfa Romeo concern and they say the chassis number (815001) is that of a 1937 6c 2300 Pescara model. Examination of maintenance notes they sent show that my car is certainly not a 6c 2300, for its wheelbase is 2.7 metres whereas the 6c 2300 is 3 metres.

I have compared my Alfa chassis with the short chassis 1949 51 models for sale in Cairo, and find mine is exactly the same in every respect. The engine number (256/27) Alfas disclaim, but the engine



Squadron-Leader A. H. Piper's "mystery" Alfa Romeo, which the Milan concern insist is a 1937 6c 2300 Pescara model, whereas the owner believes it to be a 1947 6c 2500 car.

is exactly the same as the 1951 super sports 6c 2500, save that mine has a lovely six-branch manifold and no fan, or provision for one. The Pinin Farina body is of light alloy, not pressed steel as are the latest ones, and I am wondering if my Alfa could be one of the 1940 Mille Miglia cars, and whether it could have been stranded in Tripoli when war began and later sold by some enterprising type for a large bag of gold in Cairo.

Messrs. Thomson and Taylor say the car is 1947 and the spares they have sent me are O.K. Engine and chassis numbers are not only stamped on the engine, bulkhead and crankcase but also appear on genuine Alfa brass plates together with the words 6c 2500 Super Sports.

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S LDR A. H. PIPER, R.A.F.

Canading a car of the conventional i centrate the masses in their relative that maximum traction, coupled wi obtained. Certainly the front wheel work", but is not their sole job one (should imagine that the number of a considerably, even though the front would be available from a car-breake

If four-wheel drive specials do app to trials which have been specially : be allowed to compete in the "norma undoubtedly cause an increase in which might easily lead to the incl being regrettable as far as this excel

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The Cooper and Formula III

I would blike the opportunity of ma out of the letter which appeared in the heading "A 200 Miles Race for

As British supremacy in Interna synonymous with the Cooper "500" continuance and maintenance. In whether or not the design and manu factory, is the results achieved by s other cars of the same class, unde submit that this fact must carry we presumably are well acquainted w their particular field at home, do 1 nationalism in their selection of a ra and enhance their reputations.

I have never doubted the ability a up to the strain of competitive racir provided a suitably tuned and mair and I view with the utmost equanim the distances of future Formula III c sary for me to boast or make exagg relied on a solid achievement to sub: I have no doubt that these proven "500" the signal honour of being dustrial Design to be a permanent e at the Forthcoming Festival of Brit

The manufacture of my cars 1 undertaking, I am pleased to be ab "Buy Proved Performance" has en secured sensational orders from eve this, the cars shipped have on all reputation, and have added numero already formidable list, so that by cars have obliged me to enlarge my conquer.

I think Mr. Kieft is unduly and prospect of an early eclipse by British supremacy in International | like to assure him and others that to meet the challenge from whichey all it is only good strategy to deplo one's object, in this case to win Formula III regulations.

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