

I-75 Stretch Worst For Debris Damage

A state-wide Automobile Club of Michigan survey indicates that I-75 between Monroe and Pontiac is the most likely stretch of road for motorists to receive damage to vehicles caused by uncovered trucks hauling loose cargo.

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requiring covers for trucks hauling cargo such as gravel. Two proposed Michigan bills requiring truck covers are now before committees where Auto Club states they are stalled. They are Senate Bill 1040 sponsored by Sen. David A. Plawewski (D-Dearborn Heights) before the Highways Committee and House Bill 4022 sponsored by Rep. James F. Smith (R-Davison) before the Roads and Bridge Committee.

APPROXIMATELY 50,000 windshield breakage claims (excluding glass damage in collisions) are made by motorists in Michigan each year, with a repair bill of \$6.5 million, a recent state-wide Auto Club survey of glass breakage estimates.

About eight of 10 damage claims received by Auto Club through its citizens' complaint program were from motorists traveling paved major roads where gravel and other debris are not present unless dumped or spilled.

"The cost of replacing windshields does not include the damage done to tires, headlights and car bodies as the result of uncovered trucks dropping everything from gravel or scrap metal on roads," Richard R. Dann, Auto Club executive vice president, states.

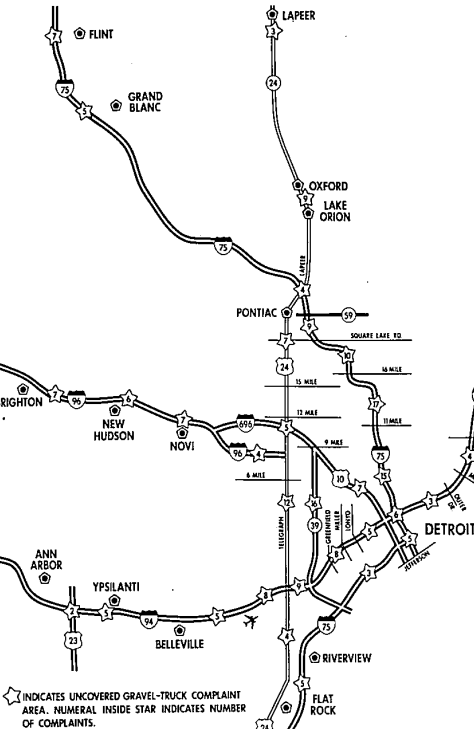
"There is no way of making an estimate since very few motorists make claims on broken lights or miscellaneous other damages."

He added that uncovered trucks hauling junk, paper and garbage contribute heavily to roadside litter. The cost of just clearing litter from state roads is \$700,000 a year. This does not include the cost of cleaning county roads and city streets.

TO DATE, more than 450 complaints have been received through the citizens' campaign, with almost four of every five from southeast Michigan. The survey shows that 230, or 65 per cent, of the 350 complaints from southeast Michigan came from these six stretches of highway:

- I-75 between Monroe and Pontiac, 85 complaints.
- I-94 between Ann Arbor and Mt. Clemens, 58 complaints.
- Telegraph (US-24) between Flat Rock and Lapeer, 35 complaints.
- I-96 and I-696 from Telegraph to Brighton, 24 complaints.
- Southfield between I-75 and John Lodge, 16 complaints.
- John Lodge (I-96 downtown Detroit) to Telegraph, 12 complaints.

Of the 350 complaints from southeast Michigan, 77 were scattered throughout Oakland, Macomb and Genesee Counties. Another 42 complaints were collected from across Western Wayne, Washtenaw and Monroe Counties.



JOHN G. CARLSON, 31, former assistant to the chairman of Hamilton International Corp. in Farmington, has been named a staff assistant at the White House. Carlson will do liaison work between President Nixon and such domestic departments as Commerce, Transportation, HEW and HUD. He will move with his family to Springfield, Va.


Student Reaps Meet For Day

More than 30 student council representatives from the Wayne-Oakland County League of Student Councils met recently at Clarencville High School for workshops and a general discussion period.

Representatives attended from West Bloomfield, Clarkston, Waterford Kettering, Milford, Bloomfield Hills and Andover and host Clarencville.

The day was completed with a showing of the film, "The Reivers."

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