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ALVIN GARCHOW ON NAVY TRAINING CRUISE IN PACIFIC

Midshipman Alvin Roy Garchow, USNR, son of Edgar H. Garchow of 26225 Farmington Road, is participating in the two-month Naval Reserve Officers' Training Cruise aboard the aircraft carrier USS Princeton.

The midshipmen reported aboard the carrier in San Francisco, Calif., and departed for the Hawaiian Islands on June 28. During the week spent en route to the islands and for ten additional days the midshipmen underwent intensive training.

True Hawaiian hospitality was extended to the visitors when Hawaiian maids and hula girls greeted the ship with "Aloha" and entertainment in port. Parties, dances and tours of the islands were conducted to provide a welcome break for the future reserve officers.

After departing from Pearl Harbor the Princeton was to proceed to San Diego, California, to participate in amphibious operations and training exercises. The midshipmen are scheduled to return to San Francisco on August 21, and then to the colleges and universities from which they came.

Playing Safe

Before going on a New Year's tour of Broadway last year a young man checked a nickel. He wanted to make sure that, come what may, he still had enough to get home.

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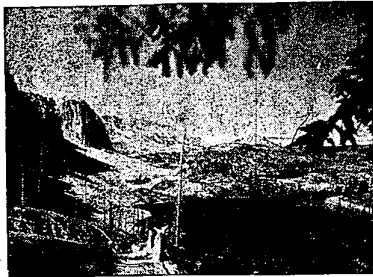
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Vacation Highlights by The Old AAA Traveler



This imposing vista of the Medicine Bow Mountains in Wyoming might well be titled "Crest of the Continent." Just a few miles to the northward is the transcontinental "lifeline," where air, rail and highway travel cross the barrier of the Rockies.

The Old West still lives — a land of cowboys and Indians, color and romance, history and legend. There is so much of that western country that anything like a detailed yarn would require volumes instead of a mere limited column, so we'll just list a few high spots.

No one, of course, should even think of the West without considering Colorado, for that state is linked to the gunnysack with interest, from Mesa Verde on the south to Estes Park to the northward, and from Colorado Springs and Denver on the eastern edge of the state to Grand Junction, with its Colorado National Monument on the eastern edge. The old mining towns — Garden of the Gods — Pikes Peak and Seven Falls — the grave of Buffalo Bill Cody and the Black Canyon of the Gunnison — on and on and on — a state in which one might spend six months instead of a mere two-week vacation.

You move immediately north out of Colorado and you are in colorful and picturesque Wyoming, with its Cheyenne and Laramie, its Yellowstone National Park and the Grand Tetons, unforgettable Little Cody and Devil's Tower National Monument. Right in the center of the state you'll find Hell's Half Acre, and just to the west you will climb to the crest of the Continental Divide.

Move on to the northward and you are in hip-roaring Montana, with its Glacier International Peace Park, its mountains and its valleys — its old mining towns and its mining towns! of today, such as Butte and Anaconda — and, of course, its Indians and cowboys. An absolute "must" for a Michigander is a visit to the Custer Battlefield National Cemetery, just outside the Crow Agency, for here George Armstrong Custer and his little detachment of the Seventh Cavalry were wiped out by the Sioux and Cheyenne under the leadership of Crazy Horse and Gall. Here was exemplified to the very highest degree the courage and fortitude of the American soldier, for here men died that the Far West might become the great playground it is today.

If time permits, of course, you will want a quick look-see at Oregon and Washington and the Puget Sound country, and, probably a swing down through California. That Pacific coast country is a story in itself, so we'll be content here to merely say it is colorful. And don't neglect Utah, Nevada, Arizona and New Mexico, for those states are the very epitome of brilliant interest. Utah has its Salt Lake City and its unforgettable Bryce Canyon and Zion National Park, Cedar Breaks and Rainbow Bridge, Dinosaur National Monument and its Great Salt Lake. Utah, in my opinion, is one of the most beautiful states in the Far West and certainly seen by too few visitors.

Jumping into Nevada you'll find high color again — Las Vegas and

Mountain, with its legends of the Lost Dutchman gold mine, and a score of areas set aside by a thoughtful government for the pleasure of the vacation thousands. There is Tombstone, the town "Too Tough To Die", and colorful Tucson, famous San Xavier del Bac, the most beautiful of all the old missions and Wickenburg, dude ranch capital of the world. You will find Indians and cowboys all over Arizona, for Arizona has been touched comparatively little by the ruthless hand of civilization.

You cross into New Mexico and again you are in the vacationist's paradise, what with ancient Santa Fe and old Taos, Alamogordo and Carlsbad caverns, cliff dwellings and Indian reservations and a climate and a clarity of atmosphere you will find nowhere else in the world.

Yes, my friends, anywhere you travel in the Far West you will find your heart's desire in the unusual, and I give you my word you'll return to your homes considerably prouder of being an American.

Early Spark Plug Crude Affair. Like many other firms, the early spark plug was a crude affair. It depended on mica, a natural insulating material limited in supply and hard work. Only when a porcelain clay-feldspar composition, like that used in dinnerware, was substituted for mica did the spark plug industry begin to match the rapid growth of the internal combustion engine. Today there are 27 major manufacturers of spark plugs in the United States.

Superstitious Japanese. Lucky and unlucky days still are observed by seven out of 10 persons in Japanese farm villages and six out of 10 in the cities. Belief in astrology in Japan is still widespread.

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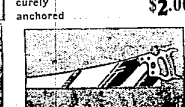
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