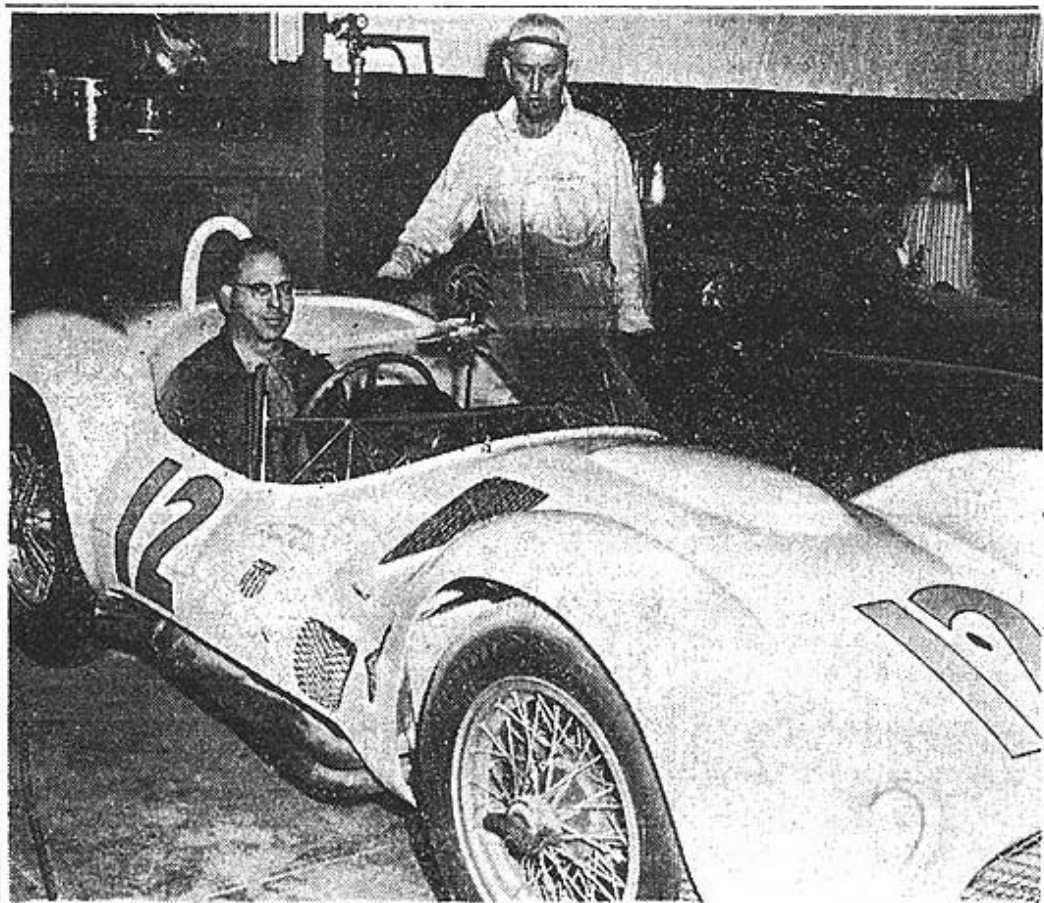


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Katskee (at wheel) and King . . . admire "slickest job on road today."

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Maserati 'Souped Up' by Katskee

Want to drool over "the slickest job in road racing today?"

Loyal Katskee's Maserati (Type 61)—the second one built—is undergoing change at 2564 Harney Street. The renovation is complete except for replacing the engine head.

A veteran road racer and a professional driver since 1958, Katskee placed his order when the Italian firm announced the new Maserati. He waited six months for delivery.

Katskee received the car in time for a shakedown at Nassau in December. He finished twelfth overall after losing valuable ground when the brakes failed.

"The modification will raise the horsepower from 270 to 290 at seven thousand revolutions a minute," Kats-

kee explained. "My mechanic (Les King) is making a few other changes which we hope will earn me a few more dollars."

King drove 30 thousand miles last year towing Katskee cars to races. In racing since 1928, Les has been too busy with his boss' cars to drive his own Offy in competition.

The new Maserati, Katskee declares, is not as powerful as one of two Ferraris he owns. But it is much lighter and figures to generate faster times.

Katskee wouldn't say how much he paid for the sleek job. It is believed to be worth around 13 thousand dollars. The Maserati has an 86½-inch wheel base and weighs 1,350 pounds. It has five forward speeds, plus a reverse; is equipped with disc brakes all around.

The engine is installed at a 45-degree angle. The hood is 23½ inches from the ground.

Katskee was a sports car racer—for fun, trophies and experience—from 1953 until he turned professional two years ago. A member of the United States Auto Club, he finished fourth in national road racing during 1959. The USAC is the governing body of practically all pro auto racing, including the Indianapolis 500.

The 45-year-old Katskee may go to Havana February 20-28 for lucrative competition. He has been invited to a 12-hour race at Sebring, Fla., but "won't wear out my car in that type of competition."

Katskee definitely will compete in Riverside, Cal., April 3 in a new event sponsored by a Los Angeles newspaper.