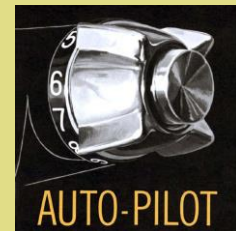


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Modern cruise control (also known as a speedostat or tempomat) was invented in 1948 by the inventor and mechanical engineer Ralph Teetor. His idea was born out of the frustration of riding in a car driven by his lawyer, who kept speeding up and slowing down as he talked. The first car with Teetor's system was the 1958 Imperial (called "Auto-pilot") using a speed dial on the dashboard. This system calculated ground speed based on driveshaft rotations off the rotating speedometer-cable, and used an electric motor to vary the throttle position as needed.



Cruise control is a helpful feature on American cars. Without cruise control, long road trips would be more tiring, for the driver at least. Those who suffer from lead-foot syndrome would also benefit from cruise control as they would avoid collecting speeding tickets.

Sometimes we put life into cruise control and ride along enjoying the sights and sounds. In this comfortable state we often miss the nudging of the Holy Spirit to brave that spiritual prompting which challenges our complacency. This awakening can happen through studying the Bible, listening to a sermon, praying, being counseled by a trusted friend or even during worship. It's something to NEVER miss. Look for it this week; it's there on a silver platter for the taking.

"...keep yourselves fueled and aflame..." Romans 12:11

Let's end our cruisin' along and get some momentum.

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