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Bucket List: 2018 Great Race- Rookie Class.....Rick Green and John Menches



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ATTENTION ALL CHAPTER PRESIDENTS: please note that if your president is changing this year, you need to send in name, address, phone number and email contact information to me ASAP so I can update the Quail officer page.

CORRESPONDENCE DEADLINE

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April 10	May Issue	
May 10	June Issue	
June 10	July Issue	
July 10		

DIRECTOR: Matt Barker

Happy New Year Penn Ohio friends! I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season. The 2017 Fall Banquet hosted by Flying Quail was fantastic! We were able to see many old pictures of Penn Ohio members at meets and even some great videos of meets in the past. Flying Quail did a great job putting this meet together. The food was great and the Hot Flashes singing group was hilarious!

Julie and I would like to apologize for forgetting to announce the winner of the Best Chapter Attendance and Most Improved Chapter Attendance. The award for Best Chapter Attendance goes to Five Points Chapter and Most Improved Chapter Attendance goes to NEO! Great job to both of these chapters and thank you for your dedication to Penn Ohio. The November Executive Board Meeting on November 12 at the Medina Eagles Club went well. We had a good turnout, all chapters were represented. Please look at the secretary minutes of the meeting here in the Quail to see what was discussed and any changes that will be taking place. At the board meeting it was decided that Jeff and Linda Therion will be the Tour Masters for 2018. Just from what we heard, it sounds like it will be a great tour throughout the Erie/Cleveland area. There are already lots of fun activities planned and we can't wait to hear more about this tour! Please note that the **TOUR** will be in **AUGUST** and there will be a regular Penn Ohio Meet in June this year. Just a friendly reminder, it is against Penn Ohio Bylaws to distribute the Penn Ohio Roster to non-members.

Matt

PENN-OHIO MEETS FOR 2018		
date	place	chapter
May 2018	Spring Banquet	Copus Hill
June 2018	Regular meet	Ridge Runners
July 2018	Regular meet	Erie
August 2018	Tour	Jeff/Linda Therion
September 2018	Regular meet	Cranksters
October 2018	Fall banquet	Mohican

Penn Ohio 'A' Ford Club, Inc. Profit & Loss Prev Year Comparison January 1 through October 8, 2017

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01'		Jan 1 - Oct 8, 17	Jan 1 - Oct 8, 16	\$ Change
<u> Jrainary I</u>	ncome/Expense			
Income				
40	070 - Quail Ads			
	4071 - Ads in Quail - Members	150.00	0.00	150.00
	4073 - Quail Advertising - Back Page	45.00	0.00	45.00
	4074 - Ads in Quail - Full Page	150.00	0.00	150.00
	4070 - Quail Ads - Other	<u>450.00</u>	<u>945.00</u>	<u>- 495.00</u>
To	otal 4070 - Quail Ads	795.00	945.00	- 150.00
40	090 Chapter Membership Dues			
-	4091 - Five Points	150.00	1337.50	- 1187.50
	4092 - Mohican	0.00	537.50	- 537.50
	4093 - Tri-County	25.00	287.50	- 262.50
	4095 - Keystone	_	• -	0.00
		25.00	25.00	
	4096 - Rubber City	25.00	950.00	- 925.00
	4098 - Erie	0.00	570.50	- 570.50
	4100 - Flying Quail	0.00	725.00	- 725.00
	4101 - NEO	0.00	850.00	- 850.00
	4102 - Copus Hill	0.00	575.00	- 575.00
	4104 - Cranksters	0.00	1425.00	- 1425.00
	4105 - Non-Affiliate		240.00	- 215.00
		25.00		_
	4106 - Ridge Runners	0.00	325.00	- 325.00
	4090 - Chapter Membership Dues - Other	25.00	.00	25.00
To	otal 4090 - Chapter Membership Dues	275.00	7848.00	- 7573.00
41	110 - Club Merchandise Sales	0.00	144.00	- 144.00
70	010 - Interest Income	16.88	11.38	5.50
To	otal Income	1086.88	8948.38	- 7861.50
Expense				
61	110 - PNC Bank Fees			
	6111-Bank Service Fees	2.00	0.00	2.00
	6110- PNC Bank Fees - Other	8.00	0.00	8.00
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To	otal 6110 - PNC Bank Fees	10.00	0.00	10.00
61	119 - Huntington Bank Fees			
	6120 - Bank Service Fees	9.99	0.00	9.99
To	otal 6119 - Huntington Bank Fees	9.99	0.00	9.99
62	250- Quail Call Publication			
	6255 - Editor's Wages	205.56	1644.48	- 1438.92
	6250 - Quail Call Publication - Other	1233.36	0.00	1233.36
To	otal 6250 - Quail Call Publication	1438.92	1644.48	- 205.56
62	260 - Printing and Reproduction			
02	6263 - Membership Cards	134.48	0.00	134.48
To	otal 6260- Printing and Reproduction	134.48	0.00	134.48
62	270 - Services Provided			
3-	6272 - Secretary	199.98	399.96	- 199.98
	6274 - Treasurer			66.66
		599.94	533.28	
	6282 - Tax Preparation	175.00	175.00	0.00
	6270 - Services provided - Other	205.56	0.00	205.56

Penn Ohio 'A' Ford Club, Inc. Profit & Loss Prev Year Comparison

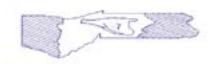
	Jan 1 - Oct 8, 17	Jan 1 - Oct 8, 16	\$ Change
66900 - Reconciliation Discrepancies	0.00	1.16	- 1.16
6770 - Office Supplies			
6775 - Postage Stamps	9.40	9.80	40
6790 - Office Supplies	34.97	0.00	34.9 7
6770 - Office Supplies - Other	153.34	18.53	134.81
Total 6770 - Office Supplies	197.71	28.33	169.3
6900 - U.S. Corporation Income Tax	1148.58	0.00	1149.5
Total Expense	4121.16	2782.21	1338.9
Net Ordinary Income	- 3034.28	6166.17	-9200.4
Net Income	-3034.28	6166.17	-9200.2

New Section: Beginning with this issue since it is the first edition of 2018, I will be listing **MEMORIALS** to members who have passed since the previous issue. Each chapter will need to send that information to me by the issue submission dates listed in the Editor's column. I will only be responsible for listing those people that their chapters have submitted as I have no way of knowing this info without your cooperation. Please send member's name, spouse's name, chapter, and death date.

SHARON SUE HARVEY....wife of former director, Don Harvey of Erie Chapter passed away November 27, 2017.

Our sincere condolences to the Harvey family.

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Many Thanks!!	*
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We wish to thank all who donated prizes and ask our members to patronize the	*
the companies listed below who have been so supportive of Penn-Ohio.	*
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Name	ChapterP	hone
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Golf Shirts: RED WHITE BLUE	small, med., large, x large xxlarge, xxxlarge	e \$ 23.00 each 24.00 each
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Sweat Shirts w/ logo	small, med., large, x large xxlarge, xxxlarge	e 22.00 each 25.00 each
Windbreaker Jacket Name small, med., large,	Chapter xlarge, xxlarge, xxxlarge	50.00 each
	Chapter xlarge, xxlarge, xxxlarge	65.00 each
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"Revisiting the Past" Penn-Ohio Fall Banquet October 15, 2017 Hosted by: Flying Quail Chapter

The morning of October 15, 2017 began at the Pemberville Legion Hall in Pemberville, Ohio sunny with comfortable temperatures but with rain coming in during the late morning. 18 A's were driven with 43 members registering.

Videos (saved from destruction by Jim Snodgrass and put on DVD) of past Penn-Ohio meets were shown continuously on a screen and a table of memorabilia and previous years of printed *Quail Call* greeted members after registration.

The tables in the hall were decorated with a fall theme of scarecrow and pumpkin centerpieces and candies wrapped in special labels for the day's events.

Some attendees left the coffee and donuts for later and headed on a short drive into downtown to visit Beekers General Store and the Antique Shop as well as the Opera House which were open just for our visit and all tying into our theme of the day.

It was suggested to wear period clothing as some members of the Flying Quail did. Five Points member, Marti Altier received a prize for her outfit.

After the meal was served by members of the legion (it was a quick serving line) and pie for dessert, the group was entertained by the *Hot Flashes* (a group of ladies performing their music of the 50's and 60's and comedy). Great dancing by Von Wolfe!!

The meeting was called to order by Penn-Ohio president, Matt Barker. Everyone stood for the pledge of allegiance. Individual anniversary awards were presented to members as well as attendance awards for the past year. Many memories and friends made over the years, especially those old 50 plus. The love of those almost 90 year old vehicles continues to bring us together.

Following the meeting, the 50/50 raffle was held, as well as the drawings for the wide assortment of over 50 Chinese raffle items. A raffle for the centerpieces resulted in a car load heading home east with NEO members!

Thank you to all the Flying Quail members who worked hard to make the banquet an enjoyable and successful event.















Mohican Correspondent: Betty Smith

This will be an abbreviated write-up for our Chapter to cover the past three months.

The first was held Saturday, September 16 in Massillon with Jim and Liz Fink as hosts. Buster and I did not make this meeting. Members met at the Massillon Museum and toured the World War I exhibit. They could also check out the Paul Brown football exhibit and the Immel Circus exhibit with 2, 620 hand-carved pieces. They met in the Anderson Cafe area on the first floor for the business meeting. Main topic was hosting the 2018 Penn-Ohio Fall Banquet. Then they went to Kozmo's Grill for dinner.

Since no one signed for October, our Secy-Treas. Donna Anderson scheduled us to meet on Saturday October 14 at Buehlers in Orrville. We only had 6 attend. Our business meeting was going over the agenda for the Penn-Ohio Executive Board meeting.

Duane and Margaret Schie hosted us on November 11 at Buehlers in Orrville-- much better turnout this month. Pres. Dave passed out the awards from Penn-Ohio.

Many thanks to Finks, Donna and Schies for hosting the meets. As per usual, good food and good company.



Tri County
Correspondent:
Diana Stewart

Tri County met for their annual Christmas meeting/dinner on December 5th at Newt's Place in Navarre, Ohio hosted by Gary and Diana Stewart.

We enjoyed a delicious family-style meal capped off with absolutely decadent desserts. No one

went away hungry!!

Following the meal, our meeting was called to order by President Dave Shanklin with 12 members present. Secretary Jan Baker was unable to attend so no minutes were available. Treasurer Diana

Stewart presented her report and it was approved as read.

Gary Stewart provided a report of the discussions held at the November Executive Board Meeting.

Elections of officers was held with the following results:

President: Gary Stewart Vice President: Roger Baker

Secretary: Jan Baker Treasurer: Diana Stewart

Correspondent: This position is to be covered each month by the person(s) hosting that month's meeting.

50/50 was won by the Elys who donated their share to the treasury for a total of \$8.00.

Dave reported that prospective member, Bob Eberle, was unable to attend because he ended up in Youngstown hospital over the weekend. He is doing better and was hopefully being released from the hospital that afternoon.

Unfortunately, we had 2 deaths to announce: Sharon Harvey of Erie Chapter and wife of former director, Don Harvey passed away November 27th.....and.....our former member, Irene Schrock, passed on Sunday, December 3rd. We extend our condolences to the families of the two lovely ladies.

Next meeting will be held on January 14 at 2 pm at the Bolivar Dairy Queen.....until then, may you all enjoy a very bright and merry holiday season!



Keystone Correspondent: Carol Mengel

The Keystone Chapter met Sunday, November 12 at Perkins in Meadville hosted by Jim and Sandy Hillwig. Even though it was cold there was one Model A driven!

Carol Mengel conducted the meeting for Ed as he was attending the Penn-Ohio Board Meeting. Election of officers was held with the following being elected:

President: Ed Mengel Vice President: Jim Hillwig Secretary: Wilda Boyd Treasurer: Byron Carson

Our December meeting will be at the Vanango Valley Inn.



Flying Quail Correspondent: Susan Sandrock

September the Flying Quail met at Steve's Dakota grill in Findlay with the meeting planned by Larry and Luella Browneller, 6 model A's were driven on this beautiful driving day and 15 members present. The meeting discussions were about the upcoming fall banquet to be hosted by the group, also about the fall tour being planned for early October. After lunch and the meeting, we made the short drive to Dietschs for ice cream.

The prelude to the October FQ meeting was a fall tour arranged by Don and Janice Bench the "Back Home in Indiana" cultural expedition.

Members participating in the tour were Howard McNish, Jane Schmenk and friend, Sharon, the Baileys, Neal's, Leroux's, and Bench's. The tour started out on Thursday and visited the Cord Auburn/Cord Duesenberg automobile museum and early Ford V8 foundation in Auburn. Friday, the group motored to the Amish Acres historic homestead in Nappanee. Going on, the group would spend the night in Warsaw and attending the center street community theater's production of Steel Magnolias in the round. Saturday, the trip was to Wabash and shopping in the historic downtown and crow's nest antique mall. Saturday evening they attended a mystery dinner theater "Rehearsal for Murder". Sunday, the group headed toward home stopping in Ottawa, Ohio at the Red Pig Inn. The group was joined there by Judy Snyder, Larry Zimmerman and Bill Paul for the October meeting. President Paul Neal presiding over a brief chapter meeting and putting the final touches on the fall banquet. Always good times to be on the road in an A.

November 12th, Vice President Howard McNish presided over the meeting held at the home of Jim and Floremar Snodgrass. 11 members and new members Chuck and Betsy Blankenship of Marion were present. Jim prepared pork loin and sauerkraut for the group with members bringing in side dishes and dessert. I hear the pork loin was delicious and the meal had a lot of desserts, but no one complained. Sign up sheets for the 2018 meetings were available since the current driving season is drawing to a close. Some Quail have already headed south for the winter months, but we still have our December

FLYING QUAILS continued:

Christmas meeting planned for Sunday the 10th at Ole Zims Wagon Shed and the family style meal... since we are one big happy "A" family.

Happy holidays to all our Penn-Ohio friends....see you in 2018!!

A cold and windy December 10 found 15 Flying Quail members meeting at Ole Zims for our Christmas dinner. Needless to say no one ventured out in an A, they are tucked away for a long winters nap.

Don and Janice Bench hosted the meeting with colorful poinsettias on the table, which each household took home after the meeting.

We broke from tradition and the boys sat at one table and the gals had their own. There was plenty of conversation until the family style serving began. It is impossible to go home hungry from that meal. There was some "pie switching" that took place prior to the meal and I believe everyone had a favorite some of which were eaten before the main course.

President Paul Neal presided over the business meeting where there was a report from Bill Pahl on the Penn-Ohio board meeting that took place in November (same day as our chapter meeting). It was decided not to hold a January chapter meeting knowing a number of members will be in warmer areas.

Dave and Sharon LeRoux had perfect chapter attendance in 2017....congratulations!!!

The Brownellers will be hosting the February meeting (probably in Findlay), so we look forward to our "A" adventures in 2018.

Thank you to all members that hosted a meeting or adventure during the past year.

Merry Christmas and Happy and Healthy New Year to all our Penn-Ohio friends... see you on the road in 2018.



COPUS HILL

Correspondent: Mary Jane Saylor

Copus Hill has NEVER been a group known to turn down a chance to eat!!! Saturday, Oct. 14th was no exception as we gathered at Gene and Sharon Vickers backyard estate for our annual bean soup supper. Along with several guests ranging from friends to children and friends and even a grandchild (is a sophomore in high school still considered in the child category??), we eagerly awaited the call to "bring your bowls" to the kettle!!! Some saw the line and headed for the side dishes of salads and desserts which this time were pretty evenly divided and were way more than enough for the 25-30 in attendance. The pleasant late afternoon weather with the colors, smells and feel of impending "serious" fall made our outdoor dining all that much better.....not to mention the excellent bean soup made over an open fire!!! Before any one could retreat to the swings or hide in a corner of Gene's garage for a nap, Pres Tom Franzen called our meeting to order and with the usual stuff out of the way, we discussed locations for the Spring Penn-Ohio meet we are hosting in May 2018. As several places were yet to be called, a decision won't be made til next month. Then, we went through items for the Penn-Ohio Board Meeting. By then, the coffee and cider needed to be refilled so the meeting was adjourned and as chairs were pulled closer to the fire, we all enjoyed talking, joking, laughing and carrying on till way after dark. Great job, Vickers!!!

Copus Hill continued...

Although I could not attend, I was informed I retained (?) my correspondent's job (no one else spoke up!!) at Copus Hill's November Thanksgiving meet hosted by Bill and Betsy Alexander at their lovely home on November 11th. As our newest members, they outdid themselves with ham and turkey complimented by members' side dishes and desserts. (I hear Betsy's freshly made cinnamon rolls were to die for!!!) I am very sure that tummies were full and I am very, very sure I know a couple members who went back a couple of times!! The meeting was held after the feast and as I understand it, officers were elected (more like rail-roaded) into continuing for another year with the now famous "we need new officers as I've had it long enough"!!!...congratulations (again) to Tom Franzen, president; Gene Vickers, vice president; Sally Franzen, secretary; Carolyn Long, treasurer; and, me (Mary Jane Saylor) as correspondent. Discussion and decisions were made on the location of spring banquet for Penn-Ohio and schedules passed around for monthly activities. Betsy and Bill have a lovely home and members enjoyed it as they conversed and socialized before thanking them for their outstanding efforts for our Thanksgiving meet.









RIDGE RUNNERS Correspondent: Darlynn Fink

What do the Ridge Runners do when they get up in the morning and see that the temperatures in the high 20's and everything is covered by a thick frost?? Well, they decide that it is a great time to go to Cook Forest State Park and have a picnic! November 15th was one of those mornings. The group had a brunch of pancakes, sausage, doughnuts, apple cider, plus lots of hot coffee to begin the crisp (well, rather COLD) day. The fireplace in the open-air shelter did offer a little warmth, however. Thanks to all who contributed firewood. They even left a stack for the next group to use to warm up their visit. We are a hardy bunch who love to get outside and enjoy the forest in all seasons. At least, we didn't have to shovel snow as we did when we had an April picnic a few years ago. Only one Model A braved the cold temperatures. What else do you do on a cold autumn/wintery morning? You plan your Christmas party. That event, however, will be INSIDE.

My apologizes to Rubber City and NEO chapters.......I misplaced your articles until AFTER I had all the rest of the chapters already entered into this copy of the the Quail Call......therefore, your articles are not in the right order (the chapters are usually entered by order of beginning dates of the chapters) but you will be back in your regular spots next issue! Diana



RUBBER CITY Correspondent: Bruce Rollings

Forecast says it's going to be Winter soon! What a great weather year it's been, gotta accept the inevitable! We here in suburban Lakemore have had 15 or 20 snowflakes so far-- I've at least been thinking about taking the Relic 3 blocks to the gas station to fill up the tank! As the year elapses, we had 41 Rubber Duckies at our November meeting at the New Era Cafe (hot sausage sandwich was excellent), and one of the results was chapter elections! Barring any documented Russian interference in the campaigns (?), 2018 Rubber City officers are:

President: Gary Martin Vice President: Rob Allshouse

Secretary: Margaret Martin Treasurer: Dave Gould

Sunshine: Bev Allshouse Members at Large: Dave Weisel & John Menches

Correspondent: Bruce Rollings

Several Penn-Ohio membership milestones were recognized, significantly Jim and Betty Vincent 40 (Forty!) years - big congrats there!

Also, our Stanley Koczur won the 50-50 raffle with a ticket number very close to mine - so it goes! We're all looking forward to our Christmas Party on Dec. 10 at Menches Restaurant in Green, always a great event and, for many of us, the debut (encore?) of the traditional Christmas Sweaters!

Equally important is the welcoming of new members, John Frohnapfel of Mogadore, Jim & Carnita Hixon of North Canton, and Brian and Cathy Mullins of Hudson - I'm told we gained a '29 Roadster Pickup - go Truckies!!

We also participated in the Akron Santa Day Parade on Nov. 25 - weather was OK but "chilly". We had round 2 of Thanksgiving and Ohio State / You-know-who football game that day, so I have no report of Parade details - my bad!! ANYWAY-- it's been a great year, topped off for us by the August Blimp and Soapbox Derby event from our standpoint, and all our thanks to everyone who participated in and supported all the Penn-Ohio events in 2017, and to continued fun & success next year!!!



NEO Correspondent: Pat Proch

On October 14th, Chris and Nancy Wolf led twelve families, 10 Model A's, and 2 modern cars on a delightful tour through Amish country departing from Chardon. Many buggies and wagons were on the road, some of the occupants surprised by being passed by these old Model A's. The group stopped in Windham, Ohio for lunch at Dee's Hometown Diner. Following lunch the group headed back to Chardon and got in the middle of traffic in Burton, which had their annual Apple Butter Festival going on. After getting back in Chardon, the travelers enjoyed ice cream at King Kone. The following members were on the tour: Chris & Nancy Wolf, Al & Laura Gezann, Bill Schreiber, Jeff & Linda Thirion, Gene & Karen Brolund, Don & Debbie Lynch, Marty Hosta, Ken & Sharon Keener, Paul & Carol Witt and grandson, Stevie, and Rich & Linda Dynes. The following guests joined the members for the tour: Gary & Evelyn Thirion and Phil & Hope Heller and their niece, Katies.

NEO continued:

Activities rolled slowly to a stop after Chris & Nancy Wolf, Ken & Sharon Keener, Marty Hosta, Rich Walters, and Jean Yomber attended the Penn-Ohio Fall Banquet in Pemberville, Ohio. The Wolfs and Keener drove to Fremont after the Fall Tour stayed overnight in a hotel there and traveled to Pemberville the next morning. Marty Hosta, Rich Walters, and Jean Yomber drove to the Banquet on Sunday morning. After enjoying coffee and donuts, our members toured the town of Pemberville visiting the old Opera House, Beeker's General Store, Riverbank Antiques, and Pember-Furry House, the oldest house in the town. After an enjoyable lunch of either chicken or lasagna, the fun began. According to Chris Wolf, the Chinese auction was hilarious and unbelievable. Ken and Sharon won 14 prizes, Rich and Jean won 4 prizes, Chris and Nancy won 2 prizes for a total of 20 items out of a total 56 prizes or nearly 36% of the total! As the centerpieces were raffled off, the table won most of them. Not only could the NEO table not stop laughing, but they could be banned from future meetings. The table was overflowing with prizes. Since Ken and Sharon drove a sports car, Chris and Nancy transported their prizes home in their modern car.

November's meeting focused on the annual Potluck dinner at the Lake County Historical Society. The NEO chefs featured dishes such as cabbage rolls by Karen Brolund, breaded chicken cutlets by Laura Gezann, lasagna by Jean Yamber, and a delightful pineapple casserole by Donna Mazzone.

In reading the most recent Quail, it was noted that a member must renew for 2018 prior to December 31st or you will be treated as a new member with zero years of membership to your credit. Several years ago at an Executive Board meeting a motion was passed to make your membership cumulative, not consecutive, that is, if you could not be a member for a year or more due to circumstances, you would not lose your past years of membership. When you rejoined, you picked up where you left off. If your card and dues come in past 12/31, you should continue on, not drop back to zero, which is PUNITIVE. Suppose you lost a year of work and did not earn anything toward Social Security, upon your return to work are you going back to year zero and lose all your previous credit or do you pick up where you left off? It appears that the motion that was passed has been ignored. The will of the board members, who voted for the motion, has been ignored.

Over the weekend of November 30th thru December 2nd, several members including Bill Grof, Rich Walters, Rich Merkosky, and Marty Hosta parked cars for the Lake County Historical Society's Christmas Open House.

On December 10th, NEO members will meet at Vittorios restaurant in Wickliffe for a Christmas party, gift exchange, dinner and meeting. The menu sounds wonderful. Afterwards, everyone will head home for the holidays. We hope everyone will have enjoyed a very Merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year's celebration.

TECH TIP Written by AJ Pennington and reprinted from June 2010 issue of Quail Call

Anyone that has tried driving a Model A with a V8 pressure plate just won't go back to the standard "A" plate. It takes about half the pressure or less to depress the pedal. "What a difference!" It also eliminates clutch clatter. For a touring car this is a must in my opinion.

But as far as I'm concerned this is not enough. When cutting down the rim and face of the flywheel, you should take it one step further and lighten it. And I mean don't mess around, cut it. I lighten a flywheel to 37 lbs. starting off with 64 lbs. This is quite a reduction.

I once had a flywheel in my garage that I thought was too light to use in a sedan. I gave it away to a friend who was building a speedster. I felt that you needed some momentum that is created by the flywheel. Well, after some experience, I now know we are not driving tractors.

The benefits of a lightened flywheel are many. A lot less stress on the rear main is one of them. Quicker acceleration and deceleration is the most beneficial to most of us with standard transmissions. It makes shifting a lot easier and with patience can even shift without double clutching. Even going to a lower gear is easier. I use a 37 lbs flywheel in my Slant Windshield Town Sedan with no ill effects even when pulling a trailer. Not one person that I put one of these in their car has asked me to take it back out.

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