

Flying Quail April 2021

Last month I talked about the passage of winter and the eventuality of spring, getting our cars out on the road for a nice tour and making sure the cars are prepared and in shape to make those first/next tours. Well, in southeast Texas if you made it through the “Big Freeze” you are finally seeing some signs of warmer spring weather. If you live up north; God bless you and hang on. Spring is just over the horizon. With the warmer weather Elaine and I recently joined up with the Brazos Valley A’s for a wonderful tour through some of east Texas’ prime wildflower terrain. Unfortunately the wildflowers hadn’t bloomed yet but the countryside was still beautiful. About a dozen cars make a 225 mile or so loop, complete with a lunch stop, and the day was just lovely. Nothing like a drive in the “A” with old and new friends combined with lunch on an absolute spectacular day. I hope I’ve made you jealous so that as soon as the opportunity presents itself you’ll get a chance to do the same.

I’m sure I’m like many of you, working on my “A” to make sure she’s ready for the trip to our National Tour in June. We’ll end up trailering part of the way but we’ll still put substantial miles on our touring “A”. I started early doing the routine maintenance and checking out the many small details that can make the difference between a safe and happy tour and one that’s not so safe and happy. The process of getting our cars ready for touring makes for a great club activity. Nothing like a bunch of old guys standing around a car offering their advice to the one poor guy doing all the work. Oh well, if it works don’t change a thing.

I was reviewing some old chapter coordinator newsletters lately and ran across some advice so good I think it bears repeating. Rick Black, Chapter Coordinator at the time wrote: “In the January/February issue of *The Restorer*, you should have located your 2003 Membership Card near the front of the magazine. Take at least one card out, remove your mailing label from the cover of *The Restorer*, and stick it to the back of your card. There are many times when you’ll need to know your membership number, so having your card and your address label with you will come in handy.” I know some are experiencing delayed delivery of the current *Restorer* due to delays by the US Postal Service. But eventually the mail will get through and what was sage advice in 2003 is sage advice now.

In these hectic times don’t forget to count your many blessings and “Pay Them Forward”!

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