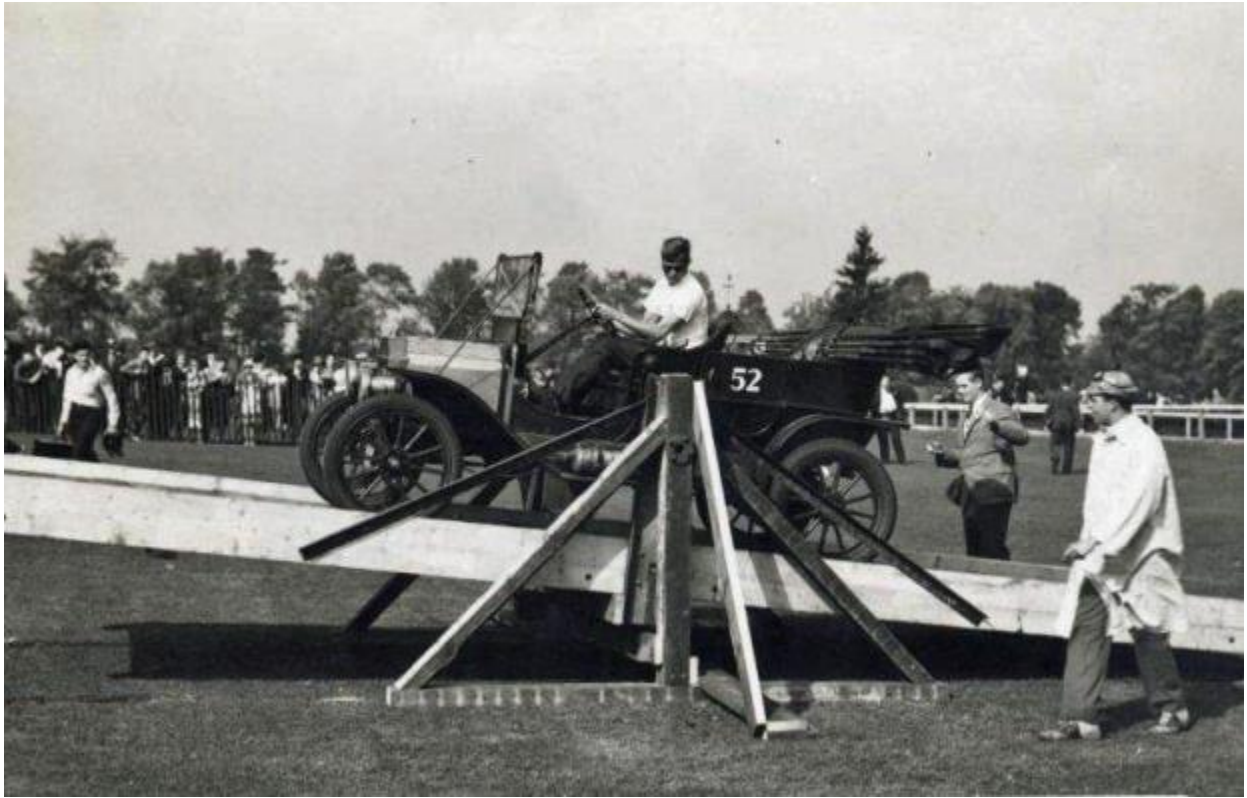


TEETER-TOTTER CONTEST HELD AT THE 1939 VMCCA RACELAND MEET



This was a teeter-totter contest held at the 1939 VMCCA Raceland Meet in Framingham, Massachusetts. The teeter contest was won by 21-year old Austin Clark, Jr. with 1910 Ford touring car. Clark won the contest since he was able to go back and forth between the low and reverse pedal of the Ford using both feet, making it a lot easier than other cars.

The copy accompanying the photo read:

"The teeter contest was then gotten underway, and was carried off in decisive fashion by Austin Clark in a 1910 Ford who achieved perfect balance by riding his low and reverse pedals alternately. Smith H. Oliver's first trial was successful through his admirable stop in the exact center of the platform, but in a second attempt he found it impossible to slip his Stutz's low and reverse gears as readily as did the planetary Model T. He was awarded second place."

This event taught many members the planetary low speed bands must grip tightly if steep grades are to be climbed, but this was cheerfully charged to experience for there were no consolation prizes. The design of the teeter was agreed to be a masterful calculation, since a perfect balance was possible, but not crazy enough to create ties and run-offs."

Walter McCarthy