

## RING GEAR REPLACEMENT

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Starter problems? Ring gear need replacing? You looked in the shop manual only to find a discussion of oil baths and high temperature. You pass it over saying you can do without. Well, one of our notable club members has found a unique and easy way to get the job done. The best way is in conjunction with an offering to cook breakfast on a Saturday or Sunday. No doubt your wife, mother, or live-in girlfriend will accept, but how will this solve the ring gear problem? The idea is to get access to the kitchen facilities without the usual hassle of using the kitchen for garage work. The only necessary part of the menu is the baking of some hot breakfast biscuits. The night before remove the ring from the flywheel by breaking with a chissel and hammer. Clean the flywheel well with a solvent to remove oil, grease, etc. The next morning put the flywheel in the freezer and the new ring gear in the oven along with the biscuits. Start the cooking of the eggs, pancakes, whatever. When biscuits are done, 30 minutes or till brown, take out to cool down. Take the ring gear out of the oven (remember its hot), place ring gear around the flywheel. It should be large enough to easily fit around the flywheel. If not, return to the freezer and oven respectively and slow down rest of breakfast. If it does fit, hold level until it cannot be moved. It will tend to distort. It must be held flat. Back to the kitchen. Finish cooking breakfast. Serve, eat, and then clean up!

P.S. You might ask G.T. for his recipe on "Ring Gear" biscuits.