

9TH ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL MEET REPORT

This report was written while heading back from a very successful meeting of GTO's in Wichita. With Richard Whaley at the wheel, Neal Blankenship asleep in the back and myself Jeff Inskeep riding shotgun we are making good time on our return trip to Columbus.

The only way to give an accurate account of this memorable trip is to start at the beginning. Richard and I met at Neals house 7/6/88 and at 6:00 a.m. we hit the road. We had not made it to London were Nick, Sally and Jamie in his 69 had met Donna, Ron and Kevin Landis the day before to caravan to the nationals. There has already been a few jokes about seeing Nick broke down along U.S. 70 W. Nick sometimes known as the "wrench" has been known to have his share of mechanical problems. Hopefully with the day head start we won't pass them along the way. Being in an official mood we voted to a least take a picture and wave if we do pass them.

We decide to try to make it to Wichita by 6:00 p.m. to help with registration. With total trip being about 840 miles it meant the Blankenship Lear Van had to average 70 miles per hour. Boom... we pick up our trip mascot at Springfield, its a blackbird that has attached itself to the windshield wiper post. We are just about ready for our first pit stop. Looking like an Indy pit crew we pull into Greencastle IN. at 9:15 a.m. We all have our duties; Richard pays for the gas, Neal checks the oil and cleans the bird off the windshield and I pump the gas. 9:21 and we are off again. Neal tells us that the bird was small compared to the giant grasshoppers of the Kansas plains. He says they have been known to break windshields. Well its now Richards naptime and time to really haul some ass.

Well two pit stops later and one traffic jam which turned out to be a good looking female construction along

I-70 not a stalled green 69 GTO as we had joked. We are just past Kansas City, MO. and heading into the vast wasteland known as Kansas. Neal reminds us to keep an eye out for those grasshoppers. We pass two GTO's on trailers from Illinois. One last pit stop and it's 40 minutes to Wichita.

At 6:45 p.m. we pull into the Marriott parking lot with time for one last "Nick joke". We meet Donna and Ron Landis at registration that has now been open for 45 minutes. They had transported the Pre-registration packets from Columbus to the meet. They had arrived there only an hour ahead of us and Ron indicated that "Nick has a small fuel problem". It is now time for some dinner and then off to check out the parking lot.

1. MOUNTING BOLTS - TORQUING LIMITS.

Do not exceed maximum torque limits specified for grade of bolt used (Figs. 1 & 4).

7,'16" Dia. Bolt 40 - 45 Ft. Lb.

3/8" Dia. Solt 25 - 30 Ft. Lb.

Tightening of the mounting bolts beyond the limits specified above could cause distortion of housing which would bind mechanism.

Flatwashers should be installed between splittype lockwashers and housing.

2. ASSEMBLY ALIGNMENT

Move all levers to Neutral positions. "Neutral" position is the mid-position of travel of shifter levers. Insert alignment tool (or suitable $1/4^{\prime\prime\prime}$ dia, rod) into shifter alignment holes (Fig. 1),

IMPORTANT

Be sure that tool reaches notch in far side of housing.

Withdraw alignment tool completely, then reinsert. If tool enters all holes through housing and levers freely, shifter is correctly aligned.

A lever that does not accept insertion of tool is out of alignment. Observe levers while inserting tool -a lever that moves when tool is inserted is slightly mis-aligned and should be adjusted correctly.

NOTE: Some four speed units do not have an alignment hole in their reverse lever. Such units are aligned when the front edges of levers are perfectly parallel with the front edge of the shifter frame.

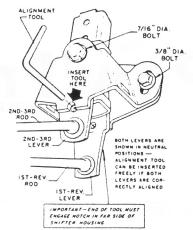


FIG. 1 SHIFTER ALIGNMENT

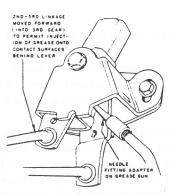


FIG. 2 LUBRICATING SHIFTER

3. LUBRICATION

All shifters are greased at time of manufacture.^{*} Due to exposure under vehicle, it is necessary to periodically replenish this lubrication. Lubrication of the shifter should be included when the vehicle is in for regular oil changes and/or suspension lubrication.

Use a needle fitting grease gun adapter on grease gun nozzle to direct grease into vital areas. Use grease liberally.

PROCEDURE:

Pry dust cover off with screwdriver blade. Perform the following operation on each lever, one ato time. Move lever all the way forward (Fig. 2). Inject grease behind lever. Move lever all the way to the rear. Inject grease ahead of lever.

After all lever areas have been greased, replacedustcover. CAUTION: DO NOT OVER-BEND DUST COVER.

* Recommended lubricant - water resistant E.P. Chassis Lubricant .

4. GEARSHIFT CONTROL LEVER REMOVAL

The control lever can be released by inserting a thin rule or a piece of .015" to .020" thick shim stock into the socket alongside the base of the lever on the driver's side. Insert to a depth of at least one inch (Fig. 3). Lift the lever and the rule up out of the shifter socket.

Replace lever. Bayonet retainer will lock lever automatically.

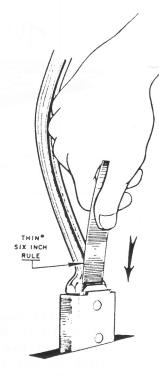


FIG. 3 CONTROL LEVER REMOVAL

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CALENDAR

August 20 - Regular Show Meeting Carroll Old Timers Show Carroll Ohio (Rt 33 just N. of Lancaster) Meeting at 1:00 Info call the GTOACO Hotline 837-4372

AUGUST 27 - ANNUAL CLUB PICNIC Kerry & Kathy Parkers See Enclosed Map 3:00 until ? Bring your GTO for Club Photo Also Annual Early Vs Late GTO Volleyball Tournament BE THERE

SEPTEMBER MEETING TO BE ANNOUNCED AT PICNI

December 10 Xmas Party Jim & Dianne Evans house mark your calendar August 6 Corvettes of Lancaster Burger King in Lancaster 7-11 Rt 33 in Lancaster

August 6 Strokers at the Kmart Parking Lot S. Hamilton Rd., Gahanna Oh

August 13 and 27th McDonald's on Rt. 250 at the Claymont Center in Uhrichsville Oh 7-?

August 20 Apple Barrel Cruisin Hocking Valley Mall Kmart Parking Lot N. Memorial Dr. Lancaster Oh

August 20 Hi-Wynders Crusin at Ritzy's Westland 6:00 -?

August 20 U.F.O Cruising VASO'S, Broad & Yearling Columbus Oh 6:00-11:00

August 20 Igniters at Arby's Business Rt 23 North Chillicothe

August 27 Consumer Square, Tussing Rd and Brice Rd. Reynoldsburg Oh

August 20 Carroll Old Timers Festival Reg 9-12, Judging 12 noon Entry \$5.00 12 to 4pm DJ Joh Bauer Carroll, Ohio

August 21 Brown Pontiac 5625 W Central Ave, Toledo 7th Annual show & Swap Sponsored by Northwest Oh Chapt POCI Reg 9-12 \$8.00 Reg. Participant Judging Swap meet space \$5.00 (10x10) GM parts only August 21 9th Annual Rad & Custom Show Igniters Street Rods Inc. Ross Co Fairgounds Rt. 104 North Chillicothe Oh, Reg 9-1 Price \$8.00 trophies to top 10 street rods and top 10 street machines

August 27

Reg 9-noon, Marion Co Fairfounds Marion Oh, Promoter Marion Co Fairboard with Denny's Street Shop and Heart of Ohio Corvette Club

August 28

10 Annual Croton Car show and swap meet Hartford Fairgounds, Croton Oh Model car contest, music by Chop N'Oil, Juding by N.C.S.A. Officials Sponsored by 1949 to 1959 Ford Products Club, Reg. 8-1:00 \$5.00 Reg. fee Flea Market 10 x 15 space \$5.00

August 27 & 28

Piqua Antique Car Klub, Troy 88 West Central Ohio Largest 19th annual Summer Car Show Flea Market and Collector Car Auction 27th 11:00 am collector car auction Consignment fee \$20.00, flea market 8-5 28th flea market 8-5, car snow all cars 1970 and older Reg 8-12:30

August 28 Marigold Festival Auto Show London, Ohio Contact Ron & Donna Landis of our club for info 852-1742

Cruisin with the Dozers Sept 4 5-12 am, Ricart Ford Dealership Rt 33 E and Hamilton Rd. at I-270 Exit, Sponsored by Performance Ford Club of America \$5.00 adults, Children under 12 free gates open at 5 pm music starts at 8pm SAYS ALL MAKES WELCOME

