

From the Glove Box



Batteries, Generators, and Door Handles

There were four questions in the **GLOVE BOX** for discussion at the **November** meeting. The first from **Donna Onat** who is having some troubles with her battery and was considering a replacement. Some people recommended using an eight volt battery in place of the standard six. She wanted to know the benefits or drawbacks of such a change. There was little support for the switch. The six volt should work fine if it has enough cold cranking amps and the battery cables are heavy enough for a six volt system. It is the current available to the starter rather than the voltage that makes the difference. A good battery and heavy cables will supply enough current if the starter is sound. Also it was mentioned that the Chevy Chat site has information on this subject.

The second item came from your Glove Box coordinator. On the way to the Meeting the generator light came on in the 78 El Camino. Not wanting to have further problems, especially with a cast on my left leg, that car was left home. Another Chevy provided transportation. The question was what might be the problem. Lee Folsom immediately pointed out the belt has to be tight enough for the alternator to do its job properly. A loose belt will make it turn, but not produce current. The next day the belt was tightened and the problem went away.

The next two items came from Rod Schein. He wanted to know about putting new door handle ferrules in his 40. The Filling Station told him the tool they had would only work up to 36. Jim Seiber said that he had a tool that worked on his 40 convertible. Since the two on them both have 40's the tool should work for Rod. They will get together for further exploration of the subject.

Rod also wanted to know what color the hood moulding emblem stripes should be painted. There was no definitive answer on this question. It needs further investigation.

Keep the questions coming. This feature helps us all.

Jim

New questions or questions & answers are always welcome. You can email me at farrismej@aol.com. Thanks. **Jim Farris-Custodian of the Glove Box**

