

1965 RADIO REPLACEMENT

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Recently I had to replace the radio in my 1965 fastback which is equipped with air conditioning and a console. Through trial and error I found a very good system.

Due to the air conditioning and console the radio is not easily removed. I did not want to uproot the console and move the air conditioner evaporator so here is what I did:

1. Disconnect antenna lead-in.
2. Cover steering column with towel.
3. Drop instrument panel onto steering column; don't forget to disconnect speedometer cable first.

4. Disconnect speaker wires, power wire and radio light wire by reaching through opening at instrument panel.

5. Remove screws from cardboard glove box (empty box first).

6. Push glove box back down just far enough to slide radio out.

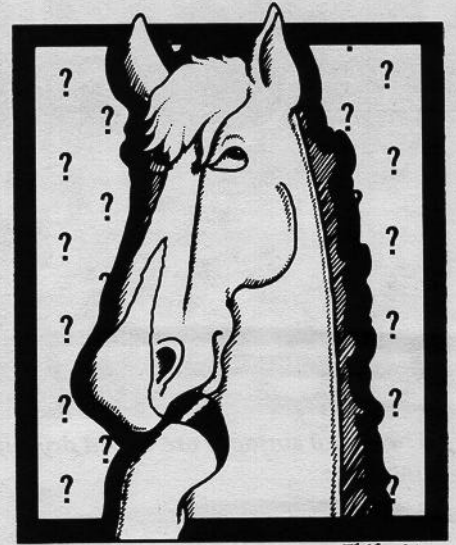
7. Remove knobs and nuts from front of radio and single nut from rear of radio.

8. Slide radio out through glove box opening.

9. SMILE.

The hoses to the air conditioner evaporator were so tight I could not have moved the evaporator a quarter of an inch without disconnecting the hoses and losing the charge. So, even without the console, the above system may be preferable to moving the evaporator.

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