

First “Dip Stick” Award

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Checking the Engine Oil prior to Departure

- In Preparation of Leaving Fredericksburg Monday AM.
- I went to the engine compartment to check the engine Oil level as I always do.
- I checked the oil level and it was full.
- I pushed the Dip Stick in as I always do and apparently when I turned the stick to engage the lock it did not happen.
- I did not double check that click.

Who Knew?

- That the oil from the engine would leave the engine through that small orifice in such a fashion.
- That it would make such a huge mess.
- Would endanger the engine operation.
- We are fortunate!
- The engine still works.
- Only about 1/3 of the Oil was lost.
- We only travelled ~200 miles.

Retrospective

- Prior to leaving Fredericksburg Nancy received a call from my Heart Dr's office saying that I should not have Coffee (Caffeinated or decaf) or any other caffeine for 24 hours in preparation for my chemical Stress Test on Tuesday.
- Therefore, Nancy took away my coffee and Diet Dr Pepper and replaced with water.
- We departed about 10:30am and about 11:30am we changed drivers
- Later it started raining and Nancy noted that she could not see the TOAD in the rearview Camera.
- I suggested that the rain had covered the camera.
- **Now we know that it was the oil that covered the camera.**

In The future!

- Double check the lock on the Dip Stick!
- Have a look around when changing drivers.
- Pay more attention to the Cameras.

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noun

1. a graduated rod for measuring the depth of a liquid, especially oil in a vehicle's engine.
2. INFORMAL - a stupid or inept person.



Messy Disconnect!



All Over!



Every where!



The Discovery! After 200 Miles



Tow Components will no Longer Rust!



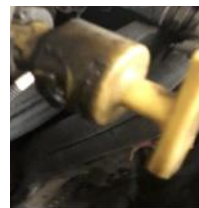
Seems that the oil went most every where!



And some on the engine Batteries!



Looks to be about 1/3 of the oil missing, It was full when leaving Fredericksburg



Oil Dip Stick! It has a lock position