Wheels: Another e-mail asks, "I have a 1994 Taurus with a speedometer problem. The hand doesn't work when first started, but after about 15 miles of driving, it works. I had the cable replaced but it didn't help. Do you have any input on this problem?"

Halderman: Does the vehicle have cruise control? If it does, then the problem could be in the cruise control unit. Also, which cable was replaced? In many cases there are two cables – one from the transaxle to the cruise control and the other from the cruise control to the speedometer. Most newer vehicles do not use speedometer cables, but use the vehicle speed sensor in the transmission to produce the signal needed by the speedometer.

