Wheels: Another question comes from Dewey who has a 1992 Lincoln Continental equipped with a digital dash. The dash is dark (does not light up) and a replacement headlight switch did not correct the problem. Do you have any ideas?

Halderman: I checked the wiring diagram for the vehicle and a fault (open circuit) in the panel dimming switch (dims the dash lights) is the most likely cause of your problem. It seems as if the headlight switch was replaced based on a guess rather than an analysis of the circuit involved. Don't feel bad, I too have jumped to conclusions and later found out that the part I replaced did not need to be replaced. It is always wise to double check and perform simple tests whenever in doubt. In this case, first check the wiring diagrams and check the voltages in and out of the switch to check that the switch is, in fact, defective before replacing.

