

Time to check those brakes and shocks

"You drive it, we'll fix it," may not be the motto of Jake's Auto Service but it's certainly what Jake Adema, the owner, believes.

Jake has been in the automobile business since leaving Georgetown District High School about 20 years ago, and he enjoys being able to work on all types of vehicles.

He opened the shop in 1977 and finds "the biggest challenge is that every car has its own peculiar quirks."

Most of the work he does is on North American automobiles but he also works on both European and Japanese cars as well, Jake said.

Jake noted the pace of technology is accelerating so fast

that he finds it tough to keep up. "Whenever I can get a new technology course, I take it," Jake said.

Jake would rather keep the changing pace of technology of vehicles constant to be able to continue his business the way it is operating; he says most automobile services will start to specialize towards the turn of the century. "I may be forced to (specialize) if systems change too fast," Jake said.

He believes that the newer cars are in some ways more reliable than the older vehicles. The new cars can generally go greater distances between servicing, he says.

Coming into the summer months Jake says the only thing people need to do is get regular servicing.

Jake noted very few people change to snow tires during the winter so generally there is no need to switch back to summer tires. He said about 98 per cent of car owners use all-season radials.

Drivers should get their cars' brakes and shocks checked out to make sure they will last through the summer. He noted air-

conditioning units should be maintained before the hot weather arrives. As always regular maintenance should be watched, Jake added.

A combination of "all sorts of things" helped Jake set up his shop in Georgetown. Both the timing and cost was right, he said. "I'm from this area. I grew up in this area," he said.

"It's not often that we're shy of work," he said as he continued to

work at fixing a car's power window.

Most of his new customers hear about his shop by word of mouth, Jake said. The rest, "99 per cent of my work, are repeat customers," he added.

Although the shop will fix almost anything, when there is no local dealer for a car that needs fixed, attaining the right parts can take a lot longer, he says.



Jake Adema, owner of Jake's Auto Service, carried on working during a recent interview. He was trying to fix a power window. Mr. Adema says his business is very rarely "shy of work."

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