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Salmon running over the weekend through Lowville Park to spawning grounds.

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*Hi Dave
I have a 1988 Chevy Van with 84,000 miles on it. Recently, I've been hearing two quick clicking noises when starting it. I hear the noises while the engine is starting up/turning over. The van has been starting up just fine, and everything seems normal, aside from the clicking. I don't hear the clicking when the truck is running. Any ideas?
Dan*

Sounds as if you're developing a crack in the flywheel... the noise will get worse as the crack spreads. Try and remove the convertor shielding and see if you can pin point the sound. ...only solution here would be to remove transmission and replace the flywheel.

*Dave
Lately when I go to drive my car it starts, then about five minutes later it stops. All electricity is cut off. I turn the ignition off and wait about 30 seconds and all the electricity comes back on. It does this all the time so I keep doing the same thing as I drive, can you HELP?
Wes*

This type of repair is almost impossible to diagnose without access to the car. If I were to hazard a guess I would look into the ignition switch... Sounds as if it's worn and over heating, this would cause the contacts to lose their continuity. Have the vehicle scanned by a competent technician. Be patient, electrical problems are hard to find.

Dave Redinger a mechanic with over 40 years of experience operates his shop "DOCTOR H HONDA SPECIALISTS" in Toronto for the last 24 yrs. Dave can be heard every Saturday morning at 9:00 on "THE NEIGHBOURHOOD MECHANIC". Email your questions to: stikky@ca.inter.net or AM740.ca

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