### When it comes down to new cars, how do you deal with a bellyache?

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The-chicken and the-egg syndrome is at work in figuring out who teaches teachers.

Ance each year, it's MoTech's turn.

Thysler's Livonia-based auto education center plays host every fall to presentations by the four domestic anto-makers and auto-plate suppliers, disposite device companies and report manual publishers.

This year's presentations largely involved an issue the multi-million dollar advertising biltzes for new model introductions tend to figore.

Down there below all that new-car sery chrome — make that new car

sexy chrome — make that new car sexy EPA mileage figures — are the non-sexy new car guts.

How do you deal with a bellyache?
Ford's Escogt-Lynx, Chrysler's K-Car and the General Motors X-car are all fine and dandy. But what happens when the wheel bearings give out on the Escort, the digital fuel injection system goes balky no your V-3% to Calliac, or the Eagle's four-wheel drive won't?
The MoTech session this year, the third since the demonstrations began gave more than 300 high school and college auto shop instructors a first-hand book.

dec-tape presentations on repair procedures for the new engines.

Sitting on its racing slicks off to one side, looking like a forform dinosaur in a world of garter snakes, was MoTech's own — a hemi-engined drag strip Barracuda. It probably shakes the earth at 8,000 rpm, but it's old hat to the instructors. They hardly gave it glance.

"I COME every year," said Larry Bennett, a Troy resident who teaches automotive engineering at Oakland County Community College.
"Why? Product update. It's the best way to do it. You come here and you get to see the latest in books and the latest in equipment that might be usable. With the cars changing the way they are, it's a necessity."

"I hit this one every fall," said Dick McLenon, a high school auto mechanics instructor from Charlevoix. "It is worthwhile. I traveled almost 300 miles to get here. "There aren't many places where you can get the straight scoop straight from the manufacturers."
"This is the best conference there

"This is the best conference there is," said Rod Anderson, a high school auto shop instructor from Galyord. "I like the update sessions, of course, and then I like to see the exhibits."

Anderson conceded that his students stand little chance of coming face-to-face with a 1981 car in his shop.

"We're two or three years behind." he said, sadly. "But these '81s are going to be in eventually."

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