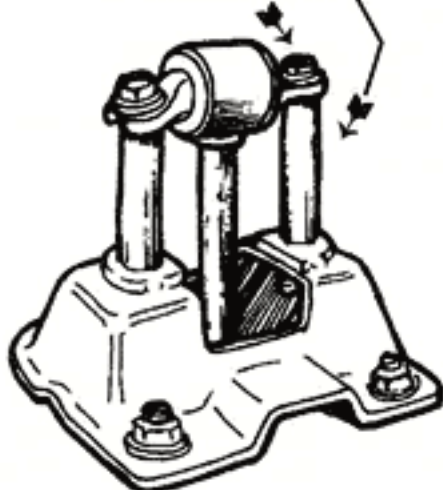


## SHADETREE MECHANIC TIP-1

1 1/2" X 7/16" I.D. Sleeve  
2" X 5/16" bolt



If you can't beg, borrow or steal a spring compressor, you can use your shock absorber to hold the coil spring instead. Unbolt the shock at the top, extend it, and install a pair of 1 1/2" sleeves and 2" bolts to hold the shock in the extended position. Then unbolt and disconnect the spindle at the upper ball joint. Finally, unbolt the spring saddle from the upper control arm, unbolt the upper arm at the inner pivots and remove it carefully by maneuvering around the spring that is being held up by the spacers. Drill the new holes and then reverse the above procedure to reinstall the arm. A note of caution: the shock and its mounting points must be good and strong before attempting this method.

## TIP-2 HOMEMADE COMPRESSOR



This can be easily fabricated; all you need is an 18" length of 1" diameter threaded rod, an old Mustang front shock absorber and a Falcon/Comet upper mounting bracket. Cut the lower mount off of the old shock and weld it to the bottom of the threaded rod. To use this shade tree (made it myself), bolt the rod in place of the shock absorber; then bolt in the Falcon/Comet upper mount in place of the Mustang (or Shelby) mount. Unbolt the lower spring saddle from the upper control arm. Drop a flat washer over the 1" threaded rod (for a bearing surface) and then a 1" nut. As you run the nut down, the spring will compress.