

# TIP -- OFF WITH THE HEAD

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Engine tricks, - Old, old, old, but new to me. Don't want to plier mark that old Cox, Fox, OK head trying to remove it from the cylinder? When other means fail, try this: Get some low temperature alloy, such as Cerrobend, melt it using boiling water, then immerse the (cleaned) cylinder and let it cool. Now simply unscrew the cylinder and the plier marks will be on the alloy. Remelt the alloy and remove it. There will be no transfer of alloy to the cylinder at all

I melt the alloy in a glass container set in a pan of water. Anything able to with stand boiling water is good for a container. These alloys can be purchased from Micro-Mark, part number 80962. Type 160 (for 160° -the melt temperature) works just great. It is about \$15 for an 11.4 oz bar. I bought two but one is probably enough to do small engines. Micro Mark can be reached at 1-800 -225-1066.