



3rd status - the brakes have been re-lined, and brake drums have new bearings installed. All 4 brake shoe systems have been re-assembled. The front brake systems and drums have been installed and now appear to work. I took out the rear end housing and rear springs and degreased them. I identified a mystery piece as a cross member that goes under the battery box and installed it. Unfortunately, the battery box was then too deep, so I shortened it, drilled new holes, re-painted and mounted it. Since then I have removed everything in the chasis aft of the transmission, to remove the transmission. However, it is still stuck to the bell housing. Apparently, it was forced on and will not come off easily. The wear pattern on the gears makes me think it will be noisy in 1st and 2nd, so it's got to come off. I'll try using threaded rods and nuts to get it off the bell housing. A friend has offered me a '32 trans that would be synchronized, but I will have to shorten my driveshaft to make it fit. I'll look at it next week and decide. If I don't go for the '32 trans, he has a friend who may have other 29 -31 transmissions. At a minimum, I'll find some replacement gears for mine.

