Subject: Common block conumdrum

When developing programs in IDL, I often work with common blocks.
However, if I try to change the definition of an existing common
block, I get an error because it IDL thinks that I am trying to use a
pre-existing common block in a naughty manner. According to the
user's manual (v3.6 p6-10) this is what IDL should do.
   However, when creating new programs, I often want to change the
definition of the common block as the program developes. How can I do
this, short of exiting IDL and starting over? Is there some "delvar"
equivalent for deleting common blocks or programs from memory?

Sincerely,
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