

Farmington family cuts gas use in auto club test

Two members of a Farmington family became "gas watchers" by cutting their gasoline consumption 26 percent in a two-week driving demonstration sponsored by Automobile Club of Michigan.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Zamechky and their children, Kathy, 12, and Dina, 7, completed the driving test Thursday.

"The Zamechky's successfully showed that Michigan motorists can reduce gasoline use without changing life-styles or eliminating necessary travel," said Maxine Swift, Auto Club's Farmington manager.

During the first week of the program, the Zamechky's drove their two cars as usual. They simply noted the miles they drove and the amount of gas used.

During the second week, the family cut down on gasoline consumption by relying on suggestions from Auto Club's "Be A Gas Watcher" pamphlet. The pamphlet is available free at the Auto Club's 55 offices statewide.

As a family, the Zamechky's drove 361

miles and used 23 gallons of gasoline. During the second week, the family drove 301 miles and used 17 gallons of gas.

In order to reduce their gas consumption, the Zamechky's drove slower, used their smaller economy car more often and consolidated shopping trips and coasted to traffic lights.

"Farmington motorists who drive 15,000 miles annually save approximately \$140 by cutting gas use at least 15 percent," said Swift.

"That estimate is based on no-lead gasoline selling for \$1.34 per gallon."

WHEN YOU DRIVE slower, it's easier to read other people's bumper stickers.

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Linda and David Underdown Jr. of Birmingham weren't disbelievers, but after a week of watching the number of trips they made in their two cars and consciously driving slower, they proved it to themselves.

Underdown also had both family cars tuned up before the second week of the program. He drives an Oldsmobile and Mrs. Underdown drives an Opel.

Overall, figuring the performance of both cars together, the family averaged a 20 percent increase in miles per gallon in the second week of the program.

The Underdowns attribute their improved mileage mainly to three things — driving slower, getting the cars tuned up and keeping air pressure in the tires at the recommended level.

Underdown also rode his bicycle to work one day when one car was being tuned up and his wife needed the other. Then he rode the bicycle back home to pick up the car later.

THE STARR FAMILY of Plymouth — Vada and Don — never really considered themselves to be gas-guzzlers.

One of the most surprising tips Mrs. Starr said she learned is that it's more fuel efficient to turn on the air-conditioning system than to roll down the car windows on a warm day. "It decreases resistance," she said.

According to Auto Club estimates, the family reduced its gas consumption by 36 percent after the second week of the test. Both Starrs agreed the pro-

gram was beneficial in that they became aware of the amount of mileage they did rack up in a week's time.

In the first week, the two family cars, a '76 Granada and a '77 LTD, totaled 630 miles using 47.7 gallons of gas. In the second week, the cars totaled 488 miles using 30.4 gallons of gas.

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At first, pre-planning is an irritation, but in the long run it is a benefit.

Starr also reduced his highway speed from about 60 m.p.h. to 50 m.p.h. "I think it made a difference," he adds. "I dropped consumption at least a mile per gallon."

Starr estimates he gained an extra two miles per gallon after reducing speed in the second week.

Mrs. Starr says while her husband worked at reducing his highway speed, she worked at maintaining a consistent speed, which also is expected to reduce gas consumption.

A SOUTHFIELDED family reduced their gasoline usage more than 30 per-

cent during the two-week gas-watcher program.

The Powers family was reluctant at first to join the experimentant not because they don't believe in conservation. Rather, they felt they'd already taken all the fuel-saving steps available two months ago when they decided to save money by curbing their energy appetite.

Mrs. Debra Powers walks or bikes to her job at the Magnolia Community Center. Her husband, Eddie, drives the family car to work at Kmart headquarters in Troy daily and makes a point of stopping for groceries on his way home from work.

But, by being even more conscientious, the Powers were able to reduce their mileage by 33 percent in the second week of the program.

"What we did was drive the way we were handling it two months ago in the first week and used the Triple-A tips the second week," said Eddie Powers. My wife rode her bike more and I walked.

The program also stimulated me to start car pools to work with someone who lives within two miles of me."

Major shopping trips by car were reserved for Saturday, Powers said, with the family plotting the course before leaving so they wouldn't retrace a path.

The only trip Sunday was to church, five miles away.

THE PRODIN FAMILY of Livonia survived a recent gas-saving experiment without too many tears.

The Prodins have three cars: a 1980 Ford van, a 1980 Ford Mustang and a 1974 Pinto. Only the eight-passenger van was used in the two-week experiment and because of some mechanical trouble, gas mileage figures are inconclusive.

The Prodins logged 280 miles on the family van the first week of the experiment. They trimmed that to 200 miles the second week.

"I was surprised by the miles we put on the car the first week," said Judy Prodin. "The second week we tried to combine our trips. If I had to drop somebody off at work I'd also go to the store and stop at the library."

The fuel-saving experiment didn't seem to crimp any of the five Prodin children's lifestyles.

Kevin rode his bike to his girlfriend's house about 11 miles away. But he didn't mind. He thought it was kind of fun," said Mrs. Prodin, a substitute teacher at St. Michael Catholic School.

John Prodin, a personnel supervisor at Ford Motor Co., generally drives the family Mustang.

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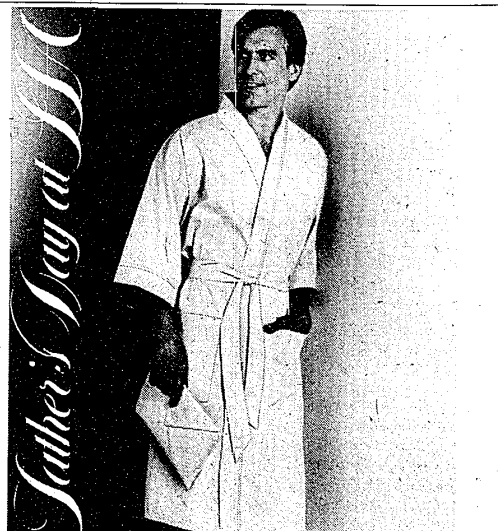
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