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Metric= 5.8 L engine- L/100 km City and L/100km Hwy



This article profiles a 1962 Ford Galaxie 500XL owned by William Nawrot driven back in the day of bias ply tires and freedom from ethanol laced gasoline. Above is a closeup look at a Galaxie 500XL. This detail shot of the car is cropped out of a Ford advertising poster which Bill cut out of a magazine and put up on his wall back when he owned this car.

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### GAS MILEAGE TESTS OF 1962 GALAXIE'S WHEN THEY WERE NEW City/ Hwy

The standard engine in the 1962 base Galaxie was the 223 cubic inch straight six. Many Galaxies came equipped with the optional V8 292 engine. The Galaxie 500 and 500 XL were higher end cars sporting extra chrome and interior trim

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The XL model was introduced as an answer to the Chevrolet Impala SS. Like the SS the XL also had bucket seats and console that added a sporty flavor. The XL was available in 2 door and convertible models.

The Chevrolet Impala and Ford Galaxie were first and second place in sales and were also first and second for top gas mileage as determined in the Mobil Economy Run.

The annual Mobil Economy Run was sponsored by Mobil gasoline. Driver's competed over highway terrain involving mountains and city traffic. The goal was to extract the most economy out of the cars while maintaining a minimum speed. The cars were carefully scrutinized and guarded to ensure they were factory stock. The Mobil runs provide a general idea of the ultimate mileage that could be squeezed out of totally stock showroom condition car.

A 1962 Ford Galaxie V8 driven by Bill Levy managed 20.7478 MPG in the 1962 Mobil Economy Run. For comparison a 1962 Chevrolet Impala V8 squeaked past this with 20.7788 MPG when driven by Byron Froelich (sponsored by Bob Rosenthal Chevrolet, Arlington, VA).

Bob McDaniel squeezed 20.7141 MPG out of a 1962 Plymouth Savoy V8 sponsored by Monroe-Zeder Chrysler Plymouth in North Miami. John Hine Pontiac in San Diego, CA sponsored a 1962 Pontiac Catalina V8 which managed 19.2010 MPG when driven by Roy Swanson. A 1962 Dodge Dart, Chevrolet Bel Air and AMC Ambassador were all down in the 18 MPG range.

These gas mileage figures were attained with the most economical base V8 engine installed. In the case of the Galaxie this is a 292 V8. Bill's XL has a larger optional 352 V8 which would likely have dropped below 20 MPG in the Mobil Economy Run conditions.

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The OOC Galaxie 500 XL by definition is a 2 door car. In Bill's case it was a hardtop model. The 500 XL was also available as a convertible.

Bill bought his Galaxie 500XL for \$750.00. After tax and title fees the total came to \$778.50. For a young kid that was a lot of money. Bill paid the majority of it by check as seen below on his original receipt.

Jack Stewart Ford, Inc.  
11400 So. Crawford Ave.  
PHONE PRESCOTT 9-2800 CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60655

ACCT. NO. \_\_\_\_\_ DATE 11-25 1966  
RECEIVED BY \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS Josephine Bellin CITY \_\_\_\_\_  
DOLLARS 628 CENTS 50

OLD BALANCE	ON A/C	PAID IN FULL	NEW BALANCE

DRAFT	M. O.	CHECK	CASH
		<u>600.00</u>	<u>178.50</u>

FOR

RECEIPT NO.	CUSTOMER NO.	KEY
SOURCE TO <u>09822</u>	<u>24554</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>

ACCOUNT	ACCT. NO.	AMOUNT	KEY
CASH SALES	3388		<input type="checkbox"/>
CONTRACTS IN TRANSIT	3388		<input type="checkbox"/>
ACCOUNTS REC. VEHICLE	3388		<input type="checkbox"/>
ACCOUNTS REC. SERVICE	3388		<input type="checkbox"/>
CUSTOMER DEPOSIT	3388		<input type="checkbox"/>

Bill bought his car from the used car lot of Jack Stewart Ford, Chicago, Illinois. Bill took delivery Nov 25, 1966. See a story on the dealership filed under ILLINOIS/ CHICAGO in the DEALERSHIPS section of this website.

Bill recalls that the engine in his Galaxie 500 XL was what guys on the street referred to as a "352 Blue". Back then the Ford engine blocks were painted black but valve covers were painted a special color to denote their displacement. Blue valve covers indicated a 352 cubic inch engine. This engine was a step above the smaller V8 292 usually found in Galaxie 500 XLs. Because this was the sportier XL model it makes sense it was ordered with a stronger optional engine

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1962 - Ford - 2DR HT  
Lic. No. - R17741

Serial No.: 2667X20547  
2 - 1962  
86 - Chicago  
67 - GALAXIE 500XL 2dr HT  
X - 552C1, 2V Special  
201,547 - odometer

65B - GALAXIE 500XL 2dr HT  
T - color  
S - trim  
2.56 - DATE (July 28, 62)  
4 - DIS. DISTRICT  
1 - BEAR ALLS, Regular, 500/1  
4 - BEAR ALLS, Regular, 500/1

Radio  
352 - BLUE  
Crown C Make  
W. Waller - Salesperson  
Clerk  
Partial dash & mirror

6667X20547 Ford Galaxie 500XL door tag confirm the presence

PLANNING CALENDAR							JANUARY 1967	
Sunday	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	Saturday		
							7 1.00	
1							0	
8	9 1.50	10	11	12	13 520644 3.00 Miss above 3.00	14 2.00 521480 2.00		
15	16	17 2002 2.00 3.20	18 5041.1 0.00 3.20	19 52282.7 1.00 20R	20	21 2.00 2.00 9.70		
22	23 2364 2.00 6.50	24	25	26	27	28		
29	30 2043 3.00	31						

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PLANNING CALENDAR							FEBRUARY 1967	
Sunday	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	Saturday		
		5	1	2	3	4 2.00 2.50	6.5	
5	6	7 26115 2.00 6.5	8	9	10 26639 2.00 2.20	11 2.00 1.00		
12	13 2747 2.00 1.00	14	15 2784 2.00 2.20	16	17	18 2815.6 2.00 2.20		
19	20	21	22 Washington's Birthday	23	24 3000.1 5.00 15.00	25		
26	27	28						

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PLANNING CALENDAR							MARCH 1967	
Sunday	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	Saturday		
			1 59106.1 4.00	2	3	4		
5	6	7	8 59331.3 11.8 4.00	9	10	11		
12	13 59426 5.40 1.00	14	15	16	17 59604.5	18		
19	20 59707 3.00	21	22	23	24 Good Friday 3.00 8 gals	25 5.00 5.30		
26	27 59801 3.00	28	29	30	31 5406.6 2.00			

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PLANNING CALENDAR							MAY APRIL 1967	
Sunday	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	Saturday		
	6 16	7 16	8 16	9 16	10 16	11		
12	13 59702 2.00	14 16	15 16	16 59796.1 3.00	17 16	18		
19	20 59876 3.00	21 16	22 16	23 59970.6 3.00	24 16	25 2.00 2.00		
26	27 59954 3.00	28 16	29 16	30 59955.0 3.00	31 54636.7 3.00			
	23 24 59979.9 6.00	25	26	27	28	29 59979.9 6.00		

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