Subject: Finding more $$$ for audio stuff
Posted by Bill Epstein on Wed, 28 May 2008 05:55:25 GMT
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My 2002 3 liter V-6 Ranger has never done better than 22MPG on the highway and has generally averaged 18MPG.2 weeks ago I began driving like I was 80 years old. Slow off the mark from a stop and never over 60MPH on the freeway.I filled up tonight with 13 gallons that covered 293 miles of driving, about 60/40 highway/city. That's 22.5 MPG, a 20% increase. That cuts my $200 a month gas bill by 1/5 or:A 500 mile trip at 70 MPH takes 7 hours, 10 minutes. At 60, 8 hours, 20 minutes. Leave early and pocket the savings.

Subject: Re: Finding more $$$ for audio stuff
Posted by Wayne Parham on Wed, 28 May 2008 16:15:28 GMT
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My cars are all geared to do best around 65-70. Any slower and you're too low for top gear, so back one and engine speed increases. Any faster and you're pushing air.

Subject: Re: Finding more $$$ for audio stuff
Posted by Shane on Thu, 29 May 2008 02:04:31 GMT
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Well my '06 Mustang gets 30-32 on the highway all the way up to 80mph. It gets a good 26mpg in town, unless I have my foot in it, then it gets 20. But it's so much fun to hit the gas!My motorcycle only gets 40-42 mpg if I keep it between 60-70. Any more than that and it drops quick. Gas for this puppy is where most of my extra $$$ goes to, especially in the summertime.

Subject: Re: Finding more $$$ for audio stuff
Posted by Wayne Parham on Thu, 29 May 2008 17:18:51 GMT
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Yeah, motorcycles have terrible aerodynamics, especially the cruisers like Harleys. Rice rockets, less so. But there is a lot of surface area and it isn't a clean surface, instead there's a lot of appendages and stuff hanging off the bikes to disrupt airflow.

Subject: Re: Finding more $$$ for audio stuff
Posted by Shane on Thu, 29 May 2008 19:51:03 GMT
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Yeah, especially when they weigh 700lbs like mine and have a windshield.

Subject: Re: Finding more $$$ for audio stuff
Posted by Wayne Parham on Thu, 29 May 2008 20:16:42 GMT
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Oh, yeah, pushing a winshield is like pushing a billboard. But I'll bet it's nice on long rides.I always let my head hang a bit forward to balance the wind pushing back, keeps me from getting tired.