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rive sensibly and save gas

"Summertime and the livin' is easy . . Or it should be:

And part of that easy living is the knowledge that you can jump into your car or RV and take off for a weekend of fish-

ing or camping or touring. However, there are indications that the principal ingredient for that weekend (or week-long or month-long) trip-gasoline-could be in short supply during the months when we use it most. And, even worse, what

supply we have could cost a great deal more this year.

So how can we be sure to get the most out of what we have at the least cost?

First, be sure your car is in its best condition. Take it in for a tune-up and be sure ev-erything is working properly and efficiently.

Second, don't over-burden your vehicle. AAA says your car loses about one-tenth of a

mile per gallon for every 100 pounds of extra weight; about one-half mile per gal-lon in a smaller car with a

smaller engine. Third, have a planned route in mind. This doesn't mean you must go directly from Point A to Point B without taking side trips. But try to have your side trips continue you in the correct direction to reach Point B.

Fourth, pay attention to your tires. See that they are properly inflated according to the manufacturer's recommended cold tire pres-sure. Improper inflation can rob you of good mileage.

Fifth, air conditioners drain energy. Chances are, just riding with the windows open will keep you comfort-able. Go easy with the unit and save fuel and money.

How you drive is as important as the condition of your vehicle. Keep these tips in

mind for better gas economy: 1 - Observe the 55 mile speed limit. For that matter, tests have shown that 45 mph is the most economical speed at which to travel. Not only will you save money, you'll be able to see the Great Outdoors better and spot places you want to explore.

2 - Keep a steady soft foot on the accelerator. Speeding derness areas are served only up and slowing down cost gas.

3 - Avoid Jack Rabbit starts. They waste fuel and cause extra wear on the tires. 4 - If you're caught in traf-fic or waiting for someone, necessity, one that operates turn the engine off. Idling on batteries or household wastes fuel and increases pol-

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