

# The Moyer Lincoln Mercury-1965 Mercury Comet A/FX

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Campaigned by Sam Auxier Jr. for Moyer Lincoln Mercury in Frederick, Maryland, this is #7 of 8 A/FX Mercury Comet lightweight drag racing cars built by Bill Stroppe and Associates with the ID. # BS1044.

Ambrosio Concepts completed the complete nut and bolt restoration in Denver, Colorado. Their hard work paid off by winning the National Automotive Heritage Award at the 2018 Ford Nationals. After applying the bright white paint to the body, the race-day lettering was hand painted the old-fashioned way.



The body features lightweight fiberglass doors, hood, and bumpers. The bodies were acid dipped to save weight back in the day, and they used aluminum bumpers to save even more. The dual scooped hood is a true ram-air system connected to an airbox that feeds the dual Holley's.



The 427 side-oiler was rebuilt with fresh internals. But the outside remains vintage-looking, not giving a clue to what's inside. The big-block features a fresh over-bore to fit a set of Ross forged pistons. The pistons are connected to a Crower billet crankshaft and Crower steel rods. The camshaft was upgraded to a roller unit, as were the rockers.



The iron heads were ported and polished by Ladd's Porting Service in Elkridge, Maryland. The Manley stainless valves and Comp valve springs and retainers keep the RPMs happy.

The top-end features a high-rise dual-quad aluminum intake manifold with twin Holley 600 cfm. carburetors. A big set of open headers let the big Ford sing.

Backing up the 427 is a Hurst-shifted Top-Loader 4-speed connected to a heavy-duty 9-inch rear end filled with 4.11:1 gears and a spool.



The interior is all 1960s, with low back bucket seats covered in deep red vinyl and vintage aircraft belts secure the driver for quarter-mile blasts. There's a 3-point roll bar residing between the seats for a little more head protection. The rear seat has been deleted to save weight.



The chassis was strengthened and fitted with ladder bars and coil over shocks front and rear. The Comet wears reproduction pie crust slicks mounted on vintage re-chromed Cragar S/S mag wheels. Elapsed times were in the low 11.0-second range.

Sam Auxier Jr. went on to race a string of successful Mustangs, Mavericks, and even a Pinto. Today Sam hosts the "Sam Auxier Jr. Show" on Facebook, where he interviews some of the most famous people in racing.

