

Subject: Great Race - Day 7

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Greetings from Kingman, AZ. The Great Racers are spending the night in Lake Havasu while our Tour Group is in Kingman. The Tour group had a great time today as we took the train from Williams, AZ to the Grand Canyon. No matter how many times I go to the Grand Canyon, it awes me every time.

Today's Great Race can be described in two words - VERY HOT. The day started out hot and just kept getting hotter. When they had lunch in Kingman, the temperature was 105. By the time they finished in Lake Havasu, the temperature was 116.

There were no aces today for either team but they are still doing very well. After all, they are still racing and "To Finish is to Win." Unfortunately, ARC's third team that started the race, is back home in SCW. Car problems took Gordon Monten and Lauren Mately out of the race a couple days ago.

Tom's Report -Team John S. Chaney/Jones did well today. The day's total time was 48.45 seconds off. On leg 6 after lunch, we were driving on Route 66 and did not see the landmark as directed. After 5 minutes we discovered we were going back to Peach Springs (East) and not to Oatman (West) on 66. We turned around and made up the lost 10 minutes and were able to get back in the lineup to allow for an .11 sec late for the leg. Rod drove like John Chaney would have loved and we made it back in line before we had a checkpoint.

Lake Havasu had a great car show lining the street we finished on and a dinner under a tent in the 116 degree heat. They had large air coolers that made it feel 20 degrees cooler. Rod and I put our own "swamp cooler" on the car to see if it could cool the 100+ degree temps, but we decided to tough it out with the windows down and opening the vents. Many people asked about the Thermodor cooler and some even had stories of when they were young and the family car had one to keep the family cooler on trips. So many great memories.

Looking forward to Stage 8 to San Bernardino along Rt. 66. Some of the car club guys in Lake Havasu are considering entering the 2016 Lincoln Highway Great Race from San Francisco to Chicago. We told them to send in their entry early as it is filling up

fast.

Don and his Cap - Chris Kloth had to return to Missouri for a new job yesterday, so Dick Crabtree joined Don today to navigate. He was nervous to begin with but Don said he did a great job. The heat was a major factor today. They had to continually adjust for all the hills, and even had to run some donkeys off the street in Oatman. Don told a reporter that when your radiator is cooler than your car seat, it is pretty hot. He also said he felt like he was in a convection oven and all that was needed was spices and he would be ready to be put on a platter.

Oh yes, Don lost his cap again today. It blew off and landed on the boat tail where Don was able to grab it. Dick commented that he had the best coke ever in Oatman. He also said the best part of the race was when they stopped.

Don and Dick's time today was 1.23 off. It was so hot that we were just happy that they survived. Tomorrow may be even hotter as the Great Race travels from Lake Havasu to San Bernardino. Keep up the good work, guys.

Attached are some pictures on the actual course.

Patty and Mary Jo