

Subject: Great Race - Days 8 and 9

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DAY 8. The Great Racers went from Lake Havasu to San Bernadino, CA. Hot! Hot! Hot! That Is how the day was described. Going through the desert, the temp was 110+ and the winds made it even worse. It was described as a stinging heat. The day was truly a challenge for man and machine. Don stuck with his earlier story of just needing seasonings and he would be ready for the platter to be served as lunch.

ARCs two remaining teams did great. Surviving the day was the biggest accomplishment. Don Kloth, car #95, with Dick Crabtree navigating, finished 51st for the day. Rod and Taylor Jones, car #32' finished in the 76th position.

One day left and it may prove to be the toughest yet, having to navigate Los Angeles traffic.

DAY 9. The Great Racers traveled from San Bernadino to the Santa Monica Pier by way of hills and traffic. Don said it just didn't seem right to have a checkpoint just over a hill where the speedster could only achieve a speed of 35 mph. Never the less, Don and Dick finished the day with a score of 16.8 which was 26th for the day. They scored another ace in the final leg of the race. Rookie Navigator, Dick Crabtree, overcame nerves to do a great job navigating for Don when Chris had to leave Flagtaff to start a new job.

The John S. Chaney Memorial Team of Rod, Tom, and Taylor scored 36.10 for the day which was for position 56. This team thoroughly enjoyed this experience together in memory and honor of car loving Chaney's before them. Their 1960 Ford Fairlane, car #32, belonged to Rod 's grandfather who was Taylor's great-grandfather.

The final cumulative standings for The Great Race 2015 shows the overall winners are the Sharps with a score of 58.08 for all 9 stages of the race. They are car #1 so I think they have done the race for many years. We can all be proud to be represented by our ARC teams. Car #95, Don and Chris Kloth and Dick Crabtree finished 48th overall with a 9 day score of 6:36. Car #32, Rod, Tom, and Taylor Jones finished 53rd overall with a cumulative score of 7:23.65. Car #102, Gordy Monten and Lauren Matley put in a very good effort before having to drop out because of car problems.

Don Kloth wants to give credit to everyone from ARC who worked on the Speedster. He said the Speedster just kept purring along through everything that was thrown at it - rain, heat, hills, wind - just to name a few. Don is kinda like that himself, driving everyday of

the race.

Rod Jones was all smiles when he said this was the greatest experience ever to be able to do this with his dad and daughter. He said he sure hopes the can do it again. The entire Jones family were smiling the whole 9 days.

Herb Clark enjoyed leading The Great American Tour along Route 66 following The Great Race, but is looking forward to doing the Great Race next year with his grandsons, Austin and Aiden, who were along working for the Tour this year. Next years Great Race will go from San Rafeal, Ca to Moline, IL following roughly the Lincoln Highway. We invite all of you to join us in some capacity for next years race. What an experience!  
TO FINISH IS TO WIN.

Patty and Mary Jo