



2017 GREAT RACE

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Along the Way!



Gary, Stu, & Gertrude Receiving Ace!

DAY TWO The Road to Chattanooga

Today Car #123 was the 62nd car to start from Tifton, GA. The course went from peanut farms to plantations to beautiful mountains. Sprinkle in the heavy traffic around Atlanta and it makes for a long day. No matter how far you go around Atlanta, there will be traffic, even on the two lane roads in the country. It is hard to score well in areas where there is traffic. None of the actual competition is done on major highways, but sometimes it is necessary to take Interstate roads just to get through some of the larger cities. Racers are NOT on the clock. It is called a "Transition."

Most racers will tell you they don't see much of the scenery while competing. It is a true statement. The Driver is focussed on the speedometer and the Navigator is knee deep in keeping on the right roads and making speed calculations on the fly. Concentration like this for 8-10 hours can wear you down, but they wouldn't trade the experience for anything!

Gary and Stu got an ACE yesterday. It prompted normally quiet Great Race veteran, Don Kloth, to comment on what an enormous feat this is on any day, let alone on their first day! Job well done!

Chattanooga is the home of Coker Tire. Coker Tire owns the rights to "The Great Race." So it was no surprise the whole community showed up to cheer on the competitors. It was a day to remember!!! Corky Coker is the owner. He is outgoing and a devout Christian. He gets very involved in the race. Wade Kawasaki is the President of Coker Tire. Several of you met him last Winter when he spoke to our group. Wade is a business genius and is currently the Chairman of SEMA. For the last several years, Jeff Stumb has done a fantastic job as Director of the Great Race. Jeff is a friend to all racers and his leadership has made this event the premier event of its kind.

After about 270 miles of competition and passing through 5 checkpoints, our team did much better today. No Aces, but they were only off by a total of 27 seconds! I cannot express to you how good that is especially for a Rookie Team! Here are the results:

1st Leg	2nd Leg	3rd Leg	4th Leg	5th Leg	Total	Adj Hdcp
3 sec	5 sec	2 sec	5 sec	12 sec	27 sec	
Late	Late	Early	Early	Late		

Rookie Place 2 Incredible!!!!

Overall Place 41

Thanks for all the good wishes to the Race Team. I am passing them on to our race team and support. Tom and Suzanne Jones are incredible!

