



2017 GREAT RACE

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Along the Way!



Gary in "Time Out"

DAY FOUR French Lick & Franklin, IN

Today was a day of typical mid America. A Grant Wood painting is what the racers saw all day. Picturesque farms as far as they could see. Church steeples sticking high above the corn identifying where the towns were. Part of the day wound through Amish country. It was like taking a trip back in time 100 plus years. Lunch was in French Lick, Indiana. A very small town, best known as the home of Larry Byrd, the famous basketball player. Today tourists come to stay at the old hotels (2), and to play the golf courses in the area. The town was full of greeters and local vintage cars. The British Car Club brought out about 50 of the members' cars. Pretty impressive for a small town in Indiana!

The farm landscape continued all afternoon and the stop for the night was Franklin, Indiana. Even though Indianapolis is just 25 miles north, this little burg remains a solid rural community. Thousands came out to see the racers. As a special treat, Stu, Patty and I went to the Max Merritt Packard Store here in Franklin. You would NOT believe it! They had four buildings jammed with Packard parts. Stu was in Packard heaven! The fried chicken dinner was great and Gary and Stu admitted they were a little tired, but still having fun. Tom and Suzanne Jones have done an excellent job in being their support team. When I talked to Tom tonight, he said he was signed up for next year's race from Buffalo, NY to Halifax, Nova Scotia. I guess I had better get signed up too!

Stu and Gary did well today again!

1st Leg	2nd Leg	3rd Leg	4th Leg	Total	AdjHdcp	Position
27 sec	6 sec	1m6 sec	10 sec	1m 49sec	2M 1Sec	12th
Late	Early	Early	Late			

Rookie Position 7th
Overall Position 70

