



2017 GREAT RACE

Following ARC Along the Way!



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Leaving Ozone, Texas DAY 2

Our 2017 Great Race Team was spotted pulling out of Ozone, Texas around 7:10 AM this morning. After a full day of driving, they decided to rest for the night in this small town of a little over 3,000 people. Some say that number is counting the livestock. Ozone is in Crockett County, and is named after the famous frontiersman Davy Crockett. Ozone is known by many as the "Biggest Little Town in the World." Although you can see all the way across town, the forefathers had the foresight to incorporate the land around the community for miles. Hmmmmm! On the map you will find the closest big city is San Antonio. (3 hours away.)

The planned resting place tonight is in Slidell, Louisiana. Tomorrow there is about 525 miles to go. Safe Travels!

Today's plan is to knock out about 750 miles. So arrival time is now on Wednesday. The real action for the Great Race kicks into full swing on Thursday when all of the 130, or so race cars will undergo an extensive safety check and a check for legality/compliance! Yes, you must conform to the rules! On Thursday night all the racers and crew members attend a nice dinner and welcome party.

This year the race course will head from Jacksonville, Florida to Traverse City, Michigan along the famed "Dixie Highway." There will be stops along the way at museums and other points of interest. Coker Tire owns the rights to the Great Race. The Dixie Highway runs right through Chattanooga, TN, the home of Coker Tire. A BIG DAY is planned in Chattanooga for all! The final day is always exciting and this year will not be a disappointment. Traverse City Michigan is the home of Hagerty Insurance. Hagerty Insurance is the largest sponsor of the Great Race. What a finish this should be!

More about the Great Race:

Each year the Great Race follows a different route. The route totals about 2500 miles actual rally distance. The course/competition is always on 2 lane roads. Rarely are these roads heavily traveled. Support Crews must take alternative routes to get to the overnight stops. The racers are followed by at least one enclosed semi transport truck in case of breakdowns. The carrier is "Reliable Carriers." This vehicle leaves one half hour after the last car departs. After the required lunch break, the cars "restart." Since they are not necessarily in the same order as their morning start time, they leave based on their arrival time to the luncheon in one minute intervals. Confused yet?

If you do not want to receive a daily briefing please let me know. Herb Clark
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