



## 2017 GREAT RACE

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Gary, Stu & Gertrude

### Preparation Day

Now the team has arrived and their thoughts can start turning toward the race activities. First thing after breakfast was preparing the 1936 Packard (Gertrude) for the “Tech Inspection.” Car number #123 was scheduled for 10:06 AM EDT. All cars are inspected to make sure all safety equipment is in good order, including lights, signals, horn and etc. The inspectors will check to make sure the motor that is supposed to be under the hood is in fact the one they find. Additional equipment required is one gallon of water, flares, first aid kit, and flashlight, etc.

While the inspection was going on, there are several people putting on all those advertising stickers. At first I hated them, but the stickers later became a badge of accomplishment! Stu & Gary also needed to register. Here they will get a list of activities and pick up crew badges which will get them into the many functions. Usually they get a “Red” rookie cap to wear. This actually helps the veterans identify the “newbies.” Not a bad idea, they then know who to help when they see a puzzled look on the face of someone wearing a red cap. There will also be some optional training activities.

Meanwhile the car is prepared for the Friday Trophy Run! This activity helps shake out the bugs in the car and the jitters in the stomachs! One activity that is very important is to take the car out and check the speedometer against the “Measured Mile.” Great Race Speedometers (\$1100), are accurate to 1/1000 of a mile. It is important to make sure it is calibrated each day to help their performance! This exercise helps the Driver focus on driving and maintaining precise speeds. The Navigator will be looking at his charts, setting his stopwatch and the time of day clock. Just prior to each race day, the navigator should check his stop watch with the “World Clock.” It is the official time for the Great Race. Want to check your watch? Call 719-567-6742.

Just heard from Stu. The group is getting ready to head over to the Jacksonville Zoo for dinner. Stu commented that Jacksonville is a “Wonderful Host City.” It is almost 6 PM in the Eastern Time Zone.

Tomorrow: ***The Great Trophy Race***

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