



## 2017 GREAT RACE

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Along the Way!



Gary, Stu & Gertrude...Finish Line

### Trophy Run

After an early breakfast, Drivers, Navigators, and all crew members attended a mandatory Kickoff meeting. This is the last meeting until the teams get together for the Awards Banquet 10 days from now in Traverse City, Michigan. Friday's meeting was to thank the racers for participating, give them insight of some of the points of interests along the way, and a collective prayer for the safety of all participants. Just after the meeting was a brief overview of the rules and techniques of a Great Race.

Late morning the Trophy Race began. It is approximately a 150-200 mile rally in rural Florida. Gary and Stu said the day was very hot and extremely humid! Gertrude too felt the heat. After running for a while she didn't want to start back up again after a break. No worry, they got it going each time. How did they do? They did incredible. Their total penalty points with handicap adjusted **38.13** seconds. That is VERY good for a Rookie team. That put them in 53rd place overall and 5th place in the Rookie Division out of 36 Rookie teams. NOT bad at all with a couple of car issues!!! . Gary Masak shared with me that he is ready to commit for next year's race. All smiles!

Having completed the Trophy Run, the teams are now ready for the 2500 mile journey north. Not all the butterflies will be gone, but the mind is now focussed. This evening features a festive dinner for all racers and crews. There will be a few speeches, but mostly a good meal and a few drinks.

One thing to note, because the event involves cars, concentration and skill, very little drinking or alcohol is involved, especially by the Drivers and Navigators! **Safety is paramount!**

**This was an excellent start for our team! Thanks to Tom and Suzanne Jones for ALL their support!**

### SCORING:

Leg #1	Leg #2	Leg #3	Leg #4	Leg # 5	Total Adj Hdcp Score
11	3	2	4	26	38.13
Great job team!					

Tomorrow: ***The Great Race Begins!***

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