



2017 GREAT RACE

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Along the Way!



Gary, & Stu Dining @ Coker Tire

DAY THREE Bowling Green, Kentucky

The morning started with a hosted breakfast at the Coker Tire Museum. If you are ever in Chattanooga, stop in for a tour. They have a morning and afternoon tour. You will see some really old rare cars and motorcycles. Not to mention you will enjoy the southern hospitality.

This was a rare day indeed. Shortly after leaving Chattanooga the race entered into the Central Time Zone. It stayed in the Central Time Zone until right at the end of the day when the teams went back into the Eastern Time Zone. Lunch was in the hospitable Murfreesboro, Tennessee. Tired and maybe a little confused about the timezone they are in, the racers pulled into Bowling Green, Kentucky. They also were going around in circles. This is the home to the Corvette manufacturing plant. So the racers who wanted too, got to take a test drive around the 3 1/2 mile test track. Dinner was compliments of the famous Holley Carburetor Company. It is also their hometown.

Too bad our boys don't have much time to enjoy the scenery. Leaving Chattanooga is a beautiful drive. Knowing they are on secondary roads in the back country makes it even better. As of this morning, Gary told me only one car so far has dropped out due to mechanical problems. He also had high praise for all the towns along the way who welcome them as they come through.

The Navigator gets his/her Route Instructions 1/2 hour prior to taking off in the morning. A few minutes prior to the time to receive their papers, they walk up hoping to get them a few seconds early. Not a chance! I told Gary to then find a place to hide. The Navigator needs to go over the instructions to see if he can find any "gotchas" before you head out on the course. It is also a great time to do many of their acceleration/deceleration calculations ahead of time. It is sometimes hard to find a secluded spot in a crowded hotel with many well wishers wanting to talk. Gary found the perfect spot! He crawls in the back of "Gertrude," their 1936 Packard, and there is plenty of room ...and privacy!

Our Arizona team was late to the 3rd Checkpoint today causing a 2 minute penalty. I haven't talked to them yet to see what happened, but the rest of the day was very good for a Rookie Team. My best guess is they missed a turn and couldn't make up the time. It happens to all competitors.

1st Leg	2nd Leg	3rd Leg	4th Leg	5th Leg	Total	AdjHdcp
9 Sec	9 Sec	2 Min	9 Sec	35 Sec	3:02	2:31:06
Late	Late	Late	Late	Late		

Rookie Position 24th of 35
Overall Position 88 of 120