



## 2017 GREAT RACE

Following ARC  
Along the Way!



The Finish Line in  
Traverse City, MI

Stu Searing  
Gary Masak  
&  
Gertrude

**Final Day Traverse City, Michigan**

***To Finish is to Win.*** This morning is not like any other morning of the Great Race! It finally sets in that you are about to complete a feat that few others will ever get to experience! Stu Searing and Gary Masak have just completed a 2500 mile rally/race in an 81 year old car! They were Rookies competing against racers who have done this for 25-30+ years! Winning was not their objective, but they certainly did not embarrass themselves.

The morning starts like every other morning for the last nine days. But, today is different. The competition is basically only in the morning. As the Arizona team heads out, they are thinking about how they can possibly move up into 3rd Place. Every effort is on doing well this morning. Once the competition has ended, they will start to reflect on the week they just had as a team, the new friends from all over the world they have met, and all of the "What if's." I can tell you this is an event they will NEVER forget.

After lunch they formed as group. The cars took their place in the predetermined line up and headed about the route to the finish line. Pulling into the big Arch at the finish line signifies the end of the journey. The crowds are cheering them on and their smiles are bigger than ever. It is just magnificent!

Tonight the teams and support crews will be guests for an end of the trail dinner. The Awards Dinner is a place to sit and celebrate your achievements with the other 120 teams. Awards of money and trophies will be handed out. Speeches will be made. A video capsulating the entire trip will be shown. Then it is over!

After saying good bye to the friends made along the way, they will head to their rooms for a well deserved night of sleep! As a Sun City West resident, I am SO proud of this team! I hope you feel the same way as I do!

\*In the next couple of days I will be sending out a summary of the race and my thoughts about the Great Race. I cannot end this note without pointing out the great Support Team of Tom and Suzanne Jones. Stu and Gary will tell you how truly great their support was to their success.

They did it! They Finished 4th in the Rookie Division and xx Overall. They won \$2000,

1st Leg	2nd Leg	3rd Leg	4th Leg	5th Leg	Total	AdjHdcp
5sec	3 sec	1sec	3sec	1 Sec	13 Sec	10.79
Sec						
Late	Early	Late	Early	Late		

**Today**

**Thru 9 Stages**

Rookie Position 6      **4th Overall Rookie**      **35 Total Rookie Teams**  
Overall Position 25th Today      58th Place Overall      121 Teams Started

