



## 2017 GREAT RACE

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### THE RACE IS OVER...Heading back!

If you could, you, would sleep in today? Most cannot! It is time to pack up and load up the car and figure out the road back to Phoenix. Stu and Gary with Tom & Suzanne are heading toward Kansas City. Tom and Suzanne will rent a car and visit family in the area. On Thursday, Tom and Suzanne will attend the Memorial for David Pierce, a former ARC Charter Member and a major contributor.

Stu and Gary will venture on to Grand Junction, Colorado to see Stu's ailing brother. Stu promised him a ride in Gertrude. After the short visit, the two racers will head to Arizona.

Now the thought comes to the 2018 Great Race. The course will be from Buffalo, NY to Halifax, Nova Scotia. I have never been to Nova Scotia, but friends tell me it is a great place to visit. Tom & Suzanne Jones have already signed up. I was ready to get my deposit in until the Studebaker deal fell through. I just bought a fully restored 1930 Model A, but it will not be the car for this trip ?????

While writing this daily report about the 2017 Great Race, I have heard from several of you who would like to do it or something like it. You should! Really! Whether it is with your spouse, or a friend, it should be on your bucket list. ARC now has over 20 members who have been involved in a Great Race. Some as Drivers or Navigators, but many who have played the important role as a support crew member. If you would like to get involved, let me know! Maybe I can help?

Another opportunity is regional competition. There are several race/rallies around the country. I know one I plan to attend in Springfield, MO. It is four days long, has strong competition, and incredible routes each day. What I like best about this competition is that each night you return to the Hub City and stay in the same hotel. One of the hardest things on the Great Race is checking in and out of the different hotels everyday. In a regional event, you can go back and relax at the end of the day. Each night there is a social gathering where you and your competitors can talk about the happenings of the day.

For the last four years, ARC has sponsored a mini Great Race/Cactus Derby. Participation has been sparse. It takes a couple hundred hours to set up a course and put on such an event. If we can get a larger group to participate I would consider doing it again. My thanks to those who have participated in the past.

So, I hope you enjoyed hearing about the adventures of Stu Searing and Gary Masak. They were great to work with and such great competitors. Good Luck, ?????2018? Thank You!

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