

Arrivals and Orientations

Thursday brought us all together for the first time. The boys came in at 12:15 a.m. so we let them sleep in until about 9:30 our Philly time. They went through registration and all got their pit passes and then since I would not feed them at 1:00 in the morning I promised them we would go to IHOP. The picture below is a satisfied crew. We had to finish the signage for the truck and trailer so we went out to the lot where the car and trailer were stored. I introduced our team to the teams from Lawrence Kansas and Charleston.

Thursday was packed with some time to see the Liberty Bell and eat Philly sandwiches. Then it was off to Rally School and a meeting of the X-Cup teams with the Rally staff. Tony was late arriving and got in about 30 minutes before the Rally School. After the evening meeting he and I



headed out to the roads of Philly to get acquainted with “Abigail.” Learning to drive an unfamiliar car is as difficult as learning to navigate. By the time we got the car put away and back to the hotel everyone was in bed.

I spent some last minute time by myself catching up on expenses when a thunderstorm blew in. In no time conditions went from humid to windy to wet and then to really wet. We had covered Abigail but the Pat’s are driving in the open class. Their ‘56 Thunderbird was not well covered so Pat (the man) and I ran down the block in the pouring rain to get to the truck and headed back out to the lot to put his car in the trailer.

Wet and sticky we returned to the hotel and went to bed knowing that we would be up again in less than 6 hours getting the car and breakfast back to the hotel in time for the Trophy run starting at 8:00 a.m.

Don’t forget to check out our pictures at our website.

Cheers!