



York to Washington, PA 06/25/06

Today we left the small town of York, PA through the wooded hills of Pennsylvania. To this point it has been the wettest day of all. Rain fell all day, although, it has been lighter than yesterday. Luke navigated and the other boys had to get up early and meet the staff to ride to the lunch stop. We are setting up the gate at lunch for a couple of days.

I loaded the trailer and luggage and headed to Washington, PA alone. My peace was interrupted about 35 miles out of New Stanton when I blew a tire on the trailer. I have no spare but because it is a tandem axle, I removed the bad tire and wheel and limped into Washington. Monday will be a day for repairs.

Washington is built on a series of hills. The venue is in front of City Hall at the top of a hill. It's a beautiful setting but a climb to the finish. Rain fell until about 2 hours before the start of the show. By the time the cars arrived the streets were dry but we were still wet with humidity.



Team Walla Wall was the first X-Cup team in today. As Motor Mouth does, he assured us that we were in 1st place so far with a score of 3:06:40. Not such a good score but until other came in we were first. I was standing on the sidewalk in front of City Hall when the time was announced and overheard a young man question how we could be first with a score like that. I explained to him that we were first because no one else in our division had arrived yet. That led to a discussion about the different divisions.

There are some beautiful classic cars in this town and they lined the street leading to the gate just as we did in Walla Walla last year.

Today is Luke's birthday and we had that announced at each of the stops. Luke was given the mic at the noon stop. As I am told, he was at a loss for words. I told Luke that since it was his birthday I was going to let the score slide and just plan on throwing it out at the end. Even with a high score, we came in second for the day. The boys from Philly are having a tough time keeping their car running.

We finished the evening servicing Abigail and putting her away for the night. Tomorrow will be another day!