

## ***Indianapolis, IN to Springfield, MO***

Abigail rolled out of Indianapolis in good spirits and so did the team. Today we touch 3 states as we travel to St. Louis, MO. The weather is looking better as we go west. In fact, we are very glad to be out of Pennsylvania just in time to miss the major flooding.



Jeff and Tony are running on full power and should do well today if they stay on course. At Rally School we learned that the top three priorities for racing are 1) Stay on Course, 2) Stay on Course, and 3) Stay on Course. The fourth priority is to Stay on Time. Our biggest challenge so far has been to Stay on Course!

The rest of the team traveled the 280 miles on the freeway and arrived in St. Louis mid day. We have a beautiful view of the Arch from our hotel and the finish gate in on the bridge crossing the Mississippi River.

While we waited for the racers to arrive Hyman Ltd. Classic Cars treated us to dinner of barbeque pork sandwiches. The view was great and so was the food.

Philadelphia came in first with a score under 2 minutes so I was hopeful that we would do the same. Our score was 1:40 which was good enough for a second place finish for the day but still keeps in third overall. Most importantly, the team and car made it in on it's own power and everyone was still smiling. What a great adventure!

Tragedy struck the Great Race for the first time in the three years I have been doing this. After the show on the bridge, returning to the Pit area one of the racers was struck by a local driver and pushed into the center concrete divider. The 1932 Ford Racer was totaled and the driver and navigator sent to the hospital. Last word was the father and son team were all right.