

St. Louis to Springfield, MO – 06/29/06

Today was a mild day in comparison to other days. It took support vehicles an hour to get out of St. Louis and we hit road construction at several points along the way. We stopped in Cuba for lunch and I emailed a couple of pictures to the Union Bulletin newspaper back home.

Our venue today was in the parking lot of a mall in Springfield, MO. The temperature was 91 and on that black asphalt it seem even hotter. After I dropped the boys off at the venue to setup the gate I headed to a laundry mat again to do team uniforms. Our starting position is 97 which puts us out last today.

Tony tells me that the crowds were good in the stops today but by the time they arrived everyone was sweeping the streets! Here in Missouri we visited Mexico, Cuba, and even Lebanon. You might say that in one day we are world travelers. Then again, we never left the US!

There were several cars that did not make it in today. One broke an axle and my be out of the race. The 1960 Chevy Pickup had an accelerator problem and hit another car. It will be repaired and continue.

Several other were picked up by their support crews and hauled into Springfield. We had a good score today with 24 seconds. I believe the team is beginning to understand the process.



The weather is changing from wet to hot so now we will complain about something new. You may notice that my thoughts do not flow as well these days. As we travel along and I get more tired, it becomes harder to think creatively. This morning we had a discussion about what day it was. A simple question went wanting for a simple answer. When we had determined the correct answer the gentleman asking said he needed to go find his driver. The problem is that HE is the driver! Fatigue does funny things with the mind!

Tomorrow Wichita KS!