

Speed Ventures

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Pat called Robin. With only ten minutes left to decide, there was one last thing Pat wanted to know. “Give me the temperatures at starting time for the races where we did not have any gasket problems.”

“What do you need them for?”

“Just curiosity, do you have them?”

“Hold on.” Robin was organized, which counted for a lot at a time like this. “Okay, here we go. I am going to give you the number of races at each temperature. Let’s see, one race at 66 degrees; three races at 67; one each at 68 and 69 degrees; two at 70; one each at 72 and 75; two at 76; one each at 79, 80 and 82. That 82 was Tampa. What a scorcher that day turned out to be. And I don’t have the last two races on my list. They were 78 and 73 degrees at race time.”

Pat plotted the points as Robin read them off (see below). It was time to call Chris.

Exhibit 2: Pat’s Plot of Ambient Air Temperatures for Races

