

Sports Notes: Naples resident entered in car race around the world

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From New York to San Francisco. From Beijing to Paris. In a car.

That's how part-time Naples resident Roy Geigel will be spending his time this spring, along with 26 other teams, competing in the World Race 2011.

The teams will depart from Times Square in New York City and make their way over 15 days to San Francisco. From there, all the cars participating will be shipped to Beijing, where the second leg of the race embarks all the way to the Eiffel Tower in Paris.

In all, the racers will cover more than 23,000 miles and 12 countries. The race is expected to end July 23.

"This isn't a dream come true," said Geigel, who will drive one of two cars for Price Team Racing based out of Wisconsin. "It's not a dream come true because I could never dream something this big. This race is above and beyond that."

The race was originally scheduled to take place in 2008, the centennial of the original World Race which was held in 1908. But a snafu with the Chinese government led to all the competitors' visas being cancelled.

Price Team Racing will make history with its multi-fueled Chevrolet Corvette — able to run on 6 different fuels — in hopes of proving that the automobile can travel around the world. That car will be driven by Jerry Price.

The 65-year-old Geigel will be racing the team's other car, a 2010 Toyota Highlander.

"We have enough time and money to do something like this," Geigel said of his teammates. "But most of all, we have understanding wives that allow us to do this."

