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## CROSS-COUNTRY CLASSIC CAR RACE RETURNING TO PLACERVILLE

**ORANGE, CA - March 23, 2006** - The National Guard Great Race is returning to Placerville, California this summer as part of its annual rally-race across the country. The modern day equivalent of an around-the-world race that took place almost one hundred years ago, the Great Race is a world class-competition on public highways, using classic automobiles in a race of time and endurance.

This year, the race will start in downtown Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on June 24, and will finish 4,200 miles later in San Rafael, California on July 8, 2006.

On July 6, 2006, Placerville will host an Overnight Stop for the drivers and navigators of one hundred vintage cars racing in the annual summertime competition. "When the Great Race came through Placerville in 2000, the drivers enjoyed their visit so much that they awarded us a "Great American City" prize, which won a large cash award for the El Dorado County Library," said Lisa Crummett with the Placerville Downtown Association. "We are working hard to host another award winning reception for the racers and the community."

"We're excited to bring the Race to such a wonderful community," said Wayne Stanfield, COO for Rally Partners, Inc., event organizers. "Seeing the Great Race is just about the ultimate experience for anyone who is a car lover--unless they participate. We're thrilled to be bringing it to the citizens of Placerville."

The Great Race will go International in 2008, when it celebrates the Centennial of an around-to-world race, 22,000-mile race from New York to Paris, France in 1908. 20 teams in alternative fuel automobiles and 20 teams driving vintage cars will duplicate the 1908 route in 80 days. For more information, please log on to [www.greatrace2008.com](http://www.greatrace2008.com)

For 23 years the Great Race has delivered family entertainment and community events in more than 900 cities in North America. Rally Partners, Inc., the event organizers, is focused on bringing experiential automotive events to consumers both nationally and internationally through Great Race events.