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World record attempt uses different oil

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A Victoria couple have embarked on a road trip, but it's not rubber they are leaving on the road, it's vegetable oil.

Cloe Whittaker and Tyson Jerry are trying to beat the Guinness world record for the farthest trip on alternative fuel.

The current record is held by a German team who travelled 38,137 kilometres on natural gas.

"The thing is they define alternative fuel as anything other than conventional fuels which they identify as natural gas, diesel, gasoline and petroleum products," Jerry said. "So I am not sure why they hold the record."

The trip will take the twosome up into Alaska, and into the territories, then the couple will go across Canada diagonally and enter the U.S. via Maine.

On the website www.drivetosustain.ca, visitors can follow along the trip and see video posts and blogs.

The film idea was picked up by a production company, who put them together with a public relations firm who is donating \$50,000 worth of work.

What started out as a road trip with a twist, now has the couple working pretty hard to get together with media contacts and planning their itinerary.

"It's pretty exhausting but we'll find our groove," Whittaker said during their stop in Smithers last week. "And we can change some of the timelines."

While in Canada, the van a converted Mitsubishi Delica is fueled by various stops at New York Fries, who are picking up the tab for the vehicle's fuel.

"It's just fry grease that is filtered and then put into the tank," Whittaker said.

Once the pair hit the States, they will be going to Taco Time outlets for their fuel.

They will be visiting communities and learning about green initiatives and passing along the information as they go.

"We will also be visiting some of the disaster areas along the way like the tar sands and the depleted cod fisheries out east," Jerry said. "It will be a nice contrast of the black and white and I am sure there will be some grey along the way."



Jennifer McIntosh/The Interior News Cloe Whittaker and Tyler Jerry made a pitstop in Smithers but it wasn't for gas. The couple are trying to set a long distance world record for travelling on alternative fuel.

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