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8:00 p.m. Feb. 11
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Biker ends trek Seattle-Eugene, 1 day!

By Marian Green
Of the Emerald

No one said it would be easy, but as he pedaled the last leg of his 300-plus Seattle-to-Eugene bicycle ride, 53-year-old Eugene Smith made it look simple.

"Nothing to it," Smith said, breathing heavily just minutes after dismounting from his bike onto the red carpet at Valley River Inn. Having barely caught his breath, Smith peeled off layers of clothing and talked to nearly 50 people who had anxiously awaited his arrival.

Smith made the 24-hour, non-stop journey to raise money to help curb world hunger. His ride was sponsored by World Runners, an international organization of athletes working since 1978 to end the hunger crisis. But ride pledges received by early afternoon Sunday were only \$77, much less than expected.

Smith said he would have arrived three hours earlier if Washington State Police hadn't pulled him over five times and made him detour 30 miles on back country roads.

He also took a spill near Harrisburg, separating his clavicle, a bone near the shoulder blade. "Other than that, everything went all right," he said.

Smith clipped along at a pace of about 19 miles per hour, a speed he said he "never thought I'd be able to maintain."

What got him through the long haul down Interstate 5?

"I didn't dare stop," he said. "I just knew I was going to get here, and when I saw the Eugene exit, I thought it was the most beautiful thing I've ever seen."

But for 14 hours, Smith couldn't see much of anything. The stretch of I-5 was lit only by a full moon.

Before the trip, Smith said he feared the nighttime would be cold, lonely and eerie. But in retrospect, Smith said darkness wasn't too frightening.

"Sometimes it was eerie, other times it was spiritual," he said.

Riding at night has a "strange motion. Sometimes, it almost felt like you weren't doing it," Smith said.

After Smith praised his four-man road crew and kissed his wife Elaine, a four-legged greeter sauntered up to congratulate him.

From now on, the greeter, a 5-year-old Wildlife Safari cheetah named Kayham, will be the official mascot of World Runners. Her trainer, Laurie Marker, said Kayham is a natural for the title. "What better mascot than the fastest land mammal — the cheetah," she said, noting that Kayham has been clocked at 78 miles per hour.

"I'm impressed. I really wasn't sure he could make it," said Mark Jackson, owner of the Pedal Power bicycle shop, which provided a trip mechanic and arranged for the donation of the



Photo by Mark Pynes

Eugene Smith was stopped five times by Washington State Police during his trek to raise money to curb world hunger.

15-speed Bridgestone bicycle Smith used on the ride.

Saturday night, Jackson said he had nightmares and couldn't sleep worrying about Smith, who has ridden a bike only a few short months. A long-time runner, Smith switched to bicycles in September while recuperating from an ankle injury.

Emily Whitlock, who also celebrated a birthday — her 55th — Saturday, rode her bicycle out to Valley River Inn to meet Smith, because she thought the trip was "neat."

"He's got to be in awfully good shape to do that," she said.

Pledgers still can support World Runners by phoning 683-6453.

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The legend goes on to say that while in jail he made friends with the jailer's daughter, and by miracle he restored her sight. The morning of his execution, he sent her a message signed, "From your Valentine."

Valentine was beheaded and near his grave a tree burst into pink blossoms — a symbol of lasting love.*

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