

# LETTERS

## *'Bicycle Vern' to Peddle from Fairfield-Fairbanks*

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Howard Rock, Editor

Sir:

Please start a one year subscription to your newspaper the Tundra Times and bill me right away and I will pay by return mail.

I am hoping to gain some information about your part of the country that might be helpful in my proposed bicycle trip from Fairfield, Ohio (18 miles north of Cincinnati) to your fair city of Fairbanks, Alaska.

I expect to start the trip either June 17th or June 24 and will make the 4148 mile trip in 38 days or less.

I have been making cross country trips for the past five years and at the age of 53 (April 72) will do my longest one to date.

In 1969 I did a 2929 mile coast to coast trip from San Diego California to Rehoboth Beach.

Deleware in 26 1/2 days and this year 1971 did Mexico to Canada. This 2,302 mile trip from the Mexican border at Brownsville, Texas to the Canadian border at International Falls, Minnesota took 17 days 21 hours and 45 minutes. I did 18 straight century days that ranged from 100.4 miles to 164.2 miles per day.

I started riding at the age of 47 after a 26 year lay off from bicycles and in the past five years (7 month season here) have traveled 31,950 miles. This past season was my best and I did 9,057 miles in '71'.

I am not sponsored by anyone and I ride solo and the bicycle you see coming up the Alcan Highway sometime the latter part of July will be Bicycle Vern from Fairfield, Ohio. Don't be surprised by what I look like I am not the lean all American boy but just an old rider that can go the big mileage.

If you wish to publish this letter do not do so until my subscription starts.

Sincerely,

Bicycle Vern the Alaska rider.