# PEDALING WITH PURPOSE

## 28 years in the making

Phil Cooper's mission to raise money to help find a cure for MS began nearly 28 years ago. In May of 1984 as a George Washington University senior, had had hoped to bike across the country in celebration of his graduation. It was an idea of grandeur and, without the proper training, equipment, or experience, the dream was put on hold. Since then, Phil made it his personal goal to bike across the US on his 50th birthday.

Phil saw the fulfillment of his dream as an opportunity to better the world and make a difference in the lives of many. Since 1984, Phil has ridden hundred of charitable miles to raise money and awareness for multiple sclerosis. He, along with his family, friends and Cooper Pest Solutions' team, has been tirelessly involved in the MS150 City-to-Shore ride each year in New Jersey. But, with the approach of his 50th birthday, Phil is set to put his involvement, passion and 28 year-old dream to the test.

Phil will bike over 3,700 miles, through 57 US cities with the Bike the US for MS TransAtlantic Ride. In true keeping with his personal mission, he has organized **PhilAcrossAmerica** and hopes to raise over \$50,000 for MS in honor of his 50th birthday. On July 11, 2012, Phil will greet his 50th in Telluride, CO, with 2,488 miles behind him and thousands of dollars raised. Help Phil make this journey both a huge personal success and one that raises money for the 2.5 million people worldwide who are afflicted with multiple sclerosis.

### JOIN THE JOURNEY!

#### 06/02/2012 Glendale, VA Mineral, VA 79 miles 06/03/2012 Charlottesville, VA 68 miles Mineral, VA 06/04/2012 Charlottesville, VA Vesuvius, VA 48 miles Troutville, VA 66 miles 06/05/2012 Vesuvius, VA 06/06/2012 Troutville, VA Blacksburg, VA 48 miles 06/07/2012 Rest Day Rest Day 06/08/2012 Blacksburg, VA Wytheville, VA 64 miles 06/09/2012 Wytheville, VA Rosedale, VA 82 miles 06/10/2012 Rosedale, VA Breaks Interstate Park 43 miles 06/11/2012 Breaks Interstate Park Hindman, KY 68 miles 06/12/2012 Hindman, KY Booneville, KY 64 miles 06/13/2012 Booneville, KY 49 miles Berea, KY 06/14/2012 Berea, KY Bardstown, KY 90 miles 06/15/2012 Bardstown, KY 44 miles Hodgenville, KY 06/16/2012 Hodgenville, KY Rough River Dam, KY 55 miles 06/17/2012 Rough River Dam, KY 74 miles Sebree, KY 06/18/2012 55 miles Sebree, KY Cave in Rock, IL 06/19/2012 Cave in Rock, IL Carbondale, IL 85 miles 06/20/2012 Rest Dav Rest Dav 06/21/2012 Carbondale, IL 51 miles Chester, IL 06/22/2012 Chester, IL Farmington, MO 45 miles 06/23/2012 88 miles Farmington, MO Eminence, MO 06/24/2012 Eminence, MO Hartville, MO 78 miles 06/25/2012 Hartville, MO Ash Grove, MO 74 miles 06/26/2012 Ash Grove, MO Pittsburg, KS 67 miles 06/27/2012 Pittsburg, KS Chanute, KS 60 miles 06/28/2012 Chanute, KS Cassoday, KS 97 miles 87 miles 06/29/2012 Cassoday, KS Nickerson, KS 06/30/2012 Larned, KS Nickerson, KS 58 miles 07/01/2012 Larned, KS Dighton, KS 95 miles 07/02/2012 Dighton, KS Tribune, KS 70 miles 07/03/2012 Tribune, KS Haswell, CO 81 miles Haswell, CO Pueblo, CO 89 miles 07/04/2012 07/05/2012 Rest Day Rest Day 07/06/2012 Pueblo, CO Westcliffe, CO 59 miles Westcliffe, CO Garfield, CO 66 miles 07/07/2012 07/08/2012 Garfield, CO Gunnison, CO 49 miles 07/09/2012 Gunnison, CO Montrose, CO 66 miles 07/10/2012 Montrose, CO Telluride, CO 66 miles 07/11/2012 Rest Day Rest Day 07/12/2012 Telluride, CO McPhee Reservoir, CO 74 miles 07/13/2012 McPhee Reservoir, CO Blanding, UT 77 miles 07/14/2012 Blanding, UT Hite Recreation Area 80 miles 07/15/2012 Hite Recreation Area Handsville, UT 52 miles 07/16/2012 Hanksville, UT Oak Creek Camporound, UT 67 miles 07/17/2012 Oak Creek Campground, UT Escalante, UT 45 miles 07/18/2012 Escalante, UT Panguitch, UT 74 miles 07/19/2012 Panguitch, UT Cedar City, UT 58 miles 07/20/2012 Cedar City, UT Milford, UT 56 miles 07/21/2012 Milford, UT Baker, NV 84 miles 07/22/2012 Baker, NV Ely, NV 62 miles 07/23/2012 Ely, NV Eureka, NV 78 miles 07/24/2012 Eureka, NV Austin, NV 65 miles 07/25/2012 Austin, NV Middlegate, NV 73 miles 07/26/2012 Middlegate, NV Fallon, NV 48 miles 07/27/2012 Fallon, NV Carson City, NV 62 miles 07/28/2012 Carson City, NV Silver Lake, CA 58 miles 07/29/2012 Silver Lake, CA Folsom State Rec Area, CA 79 miles Folsom State Rec Area, CA 07/30/2012 Winters, CA 33 miles

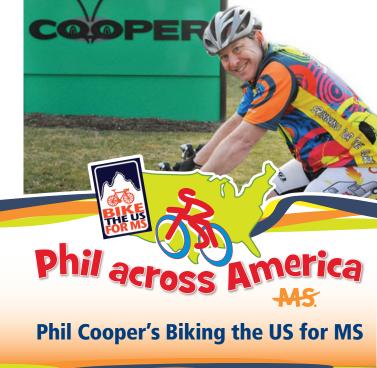
**3,780 miles in 57 days** Pedaling with passion for MS • Join the Journey

San Francisco, CA

42 miles

07/31/2012

Winters, CA



#### June 1—August 1, 2012 Join his Journey with Bike the US for MS



#### **BIKE THE US FOR MS ROUTE**

END

Glendale, VA

MILES

60 miles

DATE

06/01/2012

Yorktown, VA

# **FOLLOW PHIL**

As Phil Cooper, President of Cooper Pest Solutions, prepares for his trek across the US, a large part of his focus is on becoming as strong and fit as he can be, taking Phil from Phlabby to Phit! Through his dedication and work with personal trainer Mike Urban along with his structured approach to eating and nutrition with the guidance of nutritionist Shara Aaron, Phil is now at a weight that he hasn't seen in 15 years. He is transforming himself to get out there and move across miles for those with MS.

Leading up to the ride, beginning on June 1, Phil Cooper, President of Cooper Pest Solutions, is undergoing a physical transformation. You can follow the progress and learn about his preparations on the Phlabby to Phit section of the website. His fitness team is led by personal trainer Mike Urban and nutritionist Shara Aaron. Once the ride begins we encourage you to follow the daily blogs, tweets, videos, tracking and lots of other fun stuff as Phil ventures from Virginia to California.

## Join Phil's Journey For MS



"Like" PhilAcrossAmerica & share with your friends to get the word out and donate



- Get up to the minute information on Phil's trek on Twitter at @philacrossus@PhilAcrossUS
- See Phil's training & get some workout ideas on You Tube "PhilAcrossAmerica'sChannel".



www.philacrossamerica.com and www.biketheusforms.org for up-to-date info.

Learn about MS, the Bike the US for MS Tour,

Projects, volunteer & donation opportunities www.biketheusforms.org



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# **BE A SPONSOR**

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As Phil joins the Bike the US for MS Transatlantic Ride, bring your company along for the ride. Be seen while never having to leave your office. A variety of sponsorships are available, each providing an assortment of exposure.

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Get involved in raising thousands of dollars for this unpredictable neurological disease. Join Team Cooper along with these generous sponsors.



## Join The Journey For MS

For details, check out the "Sponsorship Opportunities" section of the **PhilAcrossAmerica** website at www.philacrossamerica.com. OR e-mail Phil directly at phil@philacrossamerica.com

# MOBILIZING FOR MS

Multiple sclerosis. It's a disease that affects approximately 400,000 Americans and 2.5 million people worlwide. There are approximately 200 new cases diagnosed each week with many more going unreported due to the ambiguous first signs of the disease. Raising money through **PhilAcrossAmerica** in conjunction with Bike the US for MS will give mobility to the research & volunteer programs for this disabling disease.

## DONATE 50 BY 50 — MAKE A DIFFERENCE

#### **Every Donation Counts**

Raising over \$50,000 for multiple sclerosis by the time he reaches 50 years of age is a mission possible for Phil Cooper with help from everyone. Whatever you are able to give toward **PhilAcrossAmerica** is a step closer to the goal that's been 20 years in the making.

Join The Journey & Donate At: www.philacrossamerica.com Click the "donate" button

**EVERY BIT MATTERS** 

## **RIDE WITH PHIL** EASY AS 1, 2, 3

## Pick your starting and end point.

Choose any distance or number of days (see the back panel of this brochure for ride intinerary). Help encourage Phil by **riding with him** and keep the 3,780 mile ride fresh and fun.

2 Bring yourself. That's it! Bikes are provided. The **PhilAcrossAmerica RV** is equipped with bikes, tents, air mattresses and food. Bring your bikewear and you're good to join the ride the minute your feet hit the ground!



#### 3) Fly into a city along the route

Get yourself there and the PhilAcrossAmerica RV will be there to greet you! C'mon and be a part of this mission!

#### **Pedal With Passion By Joining At:** www.philacrossamerica.com Click on the "Join the Ride" link