

## **German bicycle rider on fifth trip across U.S.**

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Gettysburg hosted a unique visitor among the numerous tourists who flooded the town for Memorial Day weekend.

Hans Erich Myers, a German native, came through Gettysburg on Friday in the middle of his fifth trip across his adopted homeland — on a bicycle.

Since this trip began 117 days ago in California, Myers says he has chalked up about 5,500 miles. Since 1986, he has ridden about 20,600 miles and has seen all 48 of the continental United States.

Myers said he has lost five pounds on this trip which began Feb. 1.

Carrying more than 70 pounds of gear, the 36-year-old has thus far biked down U.S. Highway 101 in California to Santa Monica through the Mohave Desert, over to Nevada, past the Grand Canyon, into New Mexico, through the Oklahoma Panhandle and north to Pennsylvania. He has been averaging 60 miles per day.

Myers is keeping a daily journal of his travels, just as he has done on the other four bike trips. He hopes to turn his notes from this trip into a book, to follow up one he already had published called "Pedal-Bound" about his first American bike trip.

The biker has no sponsorship, and though he refuses to ask for money he says he has seen many acts of kindness throughout his trips across the country.

After spending a little time in Gettysburg Friday, Myers headed south towards Williamsburg, Va.