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Seattle-To-Portland Bike Ride Wraps Up

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PORTLAND, Ore. – The annual Seattle To Portland Bicycle Classic, commonly referred to as STP, started Saturday and ended Sunday night.

Thousands of riders took part, cycling more than 200 miles from Seattle to Portland, the 29th year the event has taken place. Gerald Marvin was one of those riders, despite the fact a car hit him from behind in last year's event. Marvin sustained cracked vertebrae, a partially collapsed lung and a head injury requiring nine stitches.



The man arrested for running over Marvin, Daniel Whittlinger, is scheduled for a court trial in August. He is facing felony hit-and-run, driving under the influence and several assault charges.

Partially in response to Marvin's accident, as well as other safety concerns, the STP is advising riders to ride in a single-file line. Also, there will be 'ride refs' and 'gold wing patrols' who will hand out tickets for safety infractions and keep an eye out for unsafe cycling behavior.

Almost 2,500 bicyclists will complete the journey in one day while the other 7,000 finished on Sunday. While most were back by 5 p.m. Sunday, many lingered along the road; the weather was warm, the company was good, and that road was long. The event benefitted many regional charities and causes, and organizers called it a huge success.