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**Gene and his boys visit the Pacific Ocean as they journey across the US.**

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### LONG RIDER GENE GLASSCOCK TO ARRIVE IN MADISON

**Madison, WI** - At 10:00 AM on Monday, August 22, 2005, Long Rider Gene Glasscock will ride to the State Capital to meet with Doug LaFollette, Secretary of State of Wisconsin. This makes the 43rd capital that Gene has ridden to on a trip begun almost three years ago.

In September 2002 Gene, a founding member of the Long Riders Guild, began an epic journey to visit all the state capitals, similar to the journey taken by four riders in 1912 who visited all 48 states.

The Overland Westerners, as the original four young men were called, began their journey in from the state of Washington. They rode a total of 20,352 continuous miles throughout the years of 1912 to 1915, making them the first and only Long Riders to accomplish such a feat.

Gene was 67 at the time he began his trip, and is the oldest person that the Long Riders know of to make such a journey. He has two purposes for making the trip:

- To raise money for the Philips Fund, a unique scholarship program that offers under-privileged young adults from Paraguay the chance to attend college in Florida. In return, the students sign a contract stating they will return to their homeland to help educate their people.
- To send a message to an often overlooked portion of America's population as well—its senior citizens. As he told the Long Riders Guild, "I know I'm older now. But I can still swing into that saddle. So even if I have to ride a little slower, I want older people to look at me and realize they don't have to just sit on the porch and do nothing. I'm proof positive that they can mount up, ride out, and still live life!".

His initial mounts for the journey were George and Frank, two six year old Tennessee Walker geldings named in homage to George Beck and Frank Heath, Gene's predecessors. The geldings were purchased in 2002 from Adams Horse Sales in Kentucky.

After completing the first 10,000 grueling miles, Gene contacted the Bureau of Land Management Adoption Program for assistance in procuring two mustangs to help him finish the journey.

Tosi, a black mustang gelding gathered in 1997 in Lander, Wyoming, was trained in South Carolina before working in a trail program and an equine therapy program. He now rotates between being ridden by Gene and carrying his packs.

Buddy, an eight year old sorrel mustang gelding, was gathered from Adobe Town, Wyoming. Buddy was trained by inmates of the Colorado Department of Corrections through a special program which helps both the inmates and the mustangs improve their lives. After training, Buddy joined Gene and his equine team mates in Oklahoma.

This is the second epic journey undertaken by Gene Glasscock in his lifetime. He rode Cactus, his Quarter Horse, from the Arctic Circle in Canada to Equator, Ecuador from May 9, 1984 to May 7, 1986. Gene gave Cactus to the President of Ecuador on that day. He is the only person on record to make the 12,000 mile journey.

Visit Gene's website, [www.geneglasscock.org](http://www.geneglasscock.org) to view the map of his journey and keep track of his progress. He has a small, dedicated staff helping to find host families along the way to offer Gene and his boys a place to rest. There is also a wonderful photo gallery of his journey so far.

The public is invited to help welcome Gene and "his boys" on the State Street side of the Capital at 10:00 AM as they arrive on Monday.

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