

# Travelling cyclist raises funds for MS

by **Daphne Thomas**

A Missouri native has travelled across the United States by bike raising money for a good cause. The goal is to continue funding for research for a cure to multiple sclerosis.

Frank E. Briscoe, known as “The Old Guy on a Bicycle,” of Nevada, MO, located north of Joplin, started seven years ago bike riding. Just last year this cyclist traveled from Washington State to Florida. “I rode 6,300 miles in 126 days,” said Briscoe. He has raised nearly \$11,000 to fight multiple sclerosis.

At the age of 66, this year he decided to begin his travel at the Lakes of Minnesota. “I want to travel the course of the Mississippi River,” said Briscoe. The trip is expected to take 45 days and his destination is the gulf of Mexico in Louisiana.

Along the way, he stopped in Charleston and visited with Karen Teeters, director of the chamber of commerce. His overnight stay was with Pastor Dan Faust of the United Methodist Church and his family.

“If it wasn’t for the support of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, funding

for research would be very minimal for medical facilities,” said Briscoe.

Briscoe said research has come a long way throughout the years. He was inspired to support this mission when a special speaker who was suffering substantially from the dis-

ease. Through the assistance of the MS Society, she said, “I can now hold my own grandchildren” research in medicine has helped her a great deal.

Briscoe can be reached by visiting his website at: [www.oldguyonabicycle.com](http://www.oldguyonabicycle.com)



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