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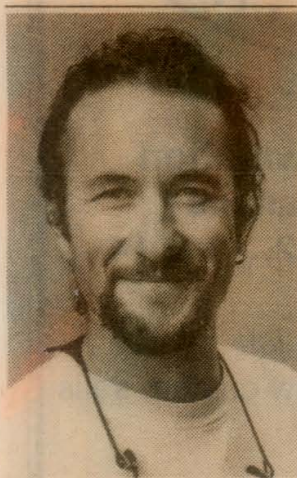
WE GO WHERE THE WIND BLOWS

LOOSE LIPS

The last of the firsts.

Guinness lists round the world walkers, sailors and fliers. But there is no listing for traveling around the world by muscle power alone. At least not yet. The two Englishmen who will likely put such a record on the map, 29-year-old Jason Lewis and 30-year-old Steve Smith, are currently in the Bay Area preparing for the next leg of their journey.

Their odyssey began in England in July, 1994, when they pedaled



Jason Lewis.

a 26-ft boat across the English Channel to France, then Portugal — and then 4,500 miles in 111 days to Miami. Upon arrival, they could barely walk. The little boat, *Moksha*, was put aboard a truck and arrived in San Francisco earlier this summer. Smith rode a bicycle here. Lewis took off on roller blades. He was hit by a car in Colorado, broke both legs and ended up in a wheelchair for nine months. Once recovered, he put the rollerblades back on and arrived at the Golden Gate on September 10.

It is the adventure of the trip that keeps the two longtime friends going. Educated and articulate, Smith and Lewis "were burnt out by the rat race and totally bored with our lives." Once they came up with the idea of a

human-powered trip around the world — and actually obtained backing for it — there was no holding them back. They quit well-paying jobs and took off.

Now they sleep where they can, eat what they have to and work to ready *Moksha* for the next leg of the journey. (The boat was also damaged in a collision coming across country.) When it's ready, they'll pedal it down to Long Beach. If that shakedown goes well, the duo will ship the boat to Ecuador. They'll cycle down to meet it, and then take off for the planned nine-month pedaling journey to Australia. From there it's on to Malaysia by kayak, bicycles to France and maybe even a pedal-powered zeppelin back to England. Look for them to arrive back in England by 1998 and in Guinness by '99. We wish them following winds and lots of carbohydrates.

If you want to meet a couple of real adventurers, Jason and Steve are happy to talk about the expedition. Feel free to drop by the boat at Pier 66 on Illinois Street, or contact them via phone — (800) 934-0114 — or their email address: <http://www.tach.net/public/orgs/pedal/pedalplanet.html>.