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Bike couriers from across the world convene in Edmonton next week to test their skills on a vicious cycle

Putting mettle TO THE PEDAL

By Ian Tizzard

THE news is nearly a year old, but not commonly known: The second-best bicycle messenger in the world is Sara Martin from Winnipeg.

That's according to the final standings at last year's Cycle Messenger World Championships in Seattle, where Martin filled more of a manifest book in four hours than almost all of the 1,000 people there.

Next week, she takes a break from delivering packages for Rene's Courier in Winnipeg to head off to this year's championships in Edmonton, July 1 to 5.

She'll be joined by four other local couriers (Jonah Clark, Evan Wilcosh, Ellen Smirl and Glen Macaulay) and maybe a few who will make it there yet ("I'd go if somebody offered me a ride," says bike messenger Matt Magura).

The five days, sanctioned by the International Federation of Bike Messenger Associations, include a lot of socializing, some bike-messenger advocacy, an AGM, a skills competitions and, of course, a race to find the fastest, most organized messengers in the world.



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Winnipeg's Sara Martin, 22, is the second-best bike courier in the world.

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