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**32ND INTERNATIONAL CYCLING HISTORY CONFERENCE**

**July 13-17th, 2021**

**Indianapolis, Indiana**

The 32nd International Cycling History Conference (ICHC) will be held in Indianapolis, Indiana, one of the leading bicycle cities during the 1890’s bicycle craze. It is also the hometown of Marshall “Major” Taylor. Currently, Indianapolis is living Major Taylor Mania which participants will enjoy during their visit here.

These conferences are held once a year and each year in a different city. The purpose of ICHC Conferences is to provide a forum for the participants to give presentations on various aspects of the history of cycles and cycling in a friendly atmosphere that encourages discussions between presenters and the other conference participants.

In addition to the usual presentations on various aspect of cycling history chosen by the presenters, there are plans to have several lectures on Marshal “Major” Taylor who was born in Indianapolis and got his start in the world of bicycling racing when working for the Hay and Willits Bicycle Company while still a young teen ager.

One of this conference’s featured events will be a visit to the Indiana State Museum for a private showing of the Major Taylor archives as well as a cocktail reception. This reception will include a talk by the museums own Kisha Tandy curator for the Major Taylor archives and Major Taylor historian.

Our evening programs will feature several keynote speakers related to Indianapolis bicycle history and Major Taylor. Indianapolis’ own Tiffany Benedict Browne will be our opening night speaker as she rolls out her new book on Indianapolis Bicycle History with a book signing after her presentation.

Other activities will include an optional bicycle ride touring Indianapolis with an emphasis on our cycling heritage. Other tours include: Indianapolis Union Station, the first Union Station in the U.S.; Major Taylor signage, Indiana History Center & 1898 LAW holdings, and finally, we will visit the Diamond Chain Company which is one of the few bicycle related factories that are still ‘standing and in operation’.

On Saturday afternoon our participants will have the opportunity to tour the Indianapolis Motor Speedway track and museum. Indianapolis bicycle leaders Carl Fisher, James Allison, Arthur Newby, and Frank Wheeler were the original founders of the track.

Our coffee breaks will be in a room adjacent to the lecture area in what is to be a “bringing together” of the conference participants and local members of The Wheelmen and the Hoosier Antique & Classic Bicycle Club who will be exhibiting their Indiana bicycles and ephemera. Knowledgeable members of the clubs represented will be present to talk to the conference participants about the bicycles being displayed and the rich Indiana cycling history.

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