

# Notes from the Conference Organizers

**C**urrently all our participants are back home or traveling about and we have another successful International Cycling History Conference in the record books thanks to many folks help. Presently I am at the famed Indianapolis Motor Speedway which you were able to visit during the conference. So, please oblige my racing metaphors.

The race to Indy for the 31st ICHC is now in the “rear-view mirror.” Our numbers may have been lower than hoped but the content quality made up for a small “qualifying field.” We have come away having socialized with old friends, made new friends, and heard an array of presentations on many cycling topics that all belong in the “winners circle.”

So many folks helped make our conference a success. Hats off to those that ran these events in several outstanding venues. A shout out to Irene Sanderson for stepping up at the Registration Table and to my family for helping with t-shirt and ticket sales. Our “first place qualifier” must be Phillip Sanderson who was on the Program Committee, but it was Phillip who ran all the technology for the entire event.

A special thanks to all those that prepared papers and presented during the conference. Our invited evening speakers were both informative and entertaining.

It has been a joy to meet and spend time with all involved. The “checkered flag” has been waved, but the ICHC will continue and have much more success in the future.

*-Tammy Haley, Co-Chairman*

**T**ammy Haley and the many People from in and around Indianapolis, Indiana, USA, that she recruited to help her must be appreciated, and thanked, for the very interesting program of events that took place around the Conference of Papers on Cycling History that is the center of all International Cycling History Conferences (ICHCs). Especially interesting was a visit to the Indiana History Museum and the exhibit that tells the story of Marshall W. Taylor, known to the world as Major Taylor, that occupies much of the Museum’s 2nd floor. This is a “Must Not Miss” exhibit because of its extensive collection of items owned and used by Major Taylor during his many years as a winning bicycle racer despite the horrendous acts of racially motivated injustices on and off the bicycle racetrack that he endured with grace.

This Conference took place in the impressive monumental building that is the Indiana War Memorial dedicated to the men and women from Indiana that have served over the years in wars to protect the freedoms that belong to all people the world over, and the conference participants were all laudatory in their comments about the facilities as well as the Program itself.

Certainly, the 31st ICHC now takes its place with the previous ICHCs as a Conference where cycle historians meet to get better acquainted with one another, to discuss issues relating to cycling history, and to present papers that summarize noteworthy research on subjects of interest to cycling historians. Thanks to all who took part in the 31st ICHC and helped to make it both enjoyable and interesting.

*-Gary W. Sanderson, Co-Chairman*



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**T**he 31st ICHC was held in the Indiana War Memorial (IWM) located near the center of the City of Indianapolis, the Capital of the State of Indiana, which was an important center of the bicycle industry of the United States in the latter part of the 19th Century and the first part of the 20th Century. The IWM was a meeting place that afforded fully equipped and comfortable meeting rooms, accommodations and restaurants within walking distance, and a friendly staff that made our Conference run smoothly. (Photo: Diego Delso; printed under Creative Commons Attribution-Share Alike 4.0 International license.)

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