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Creating a Bicycle-Friendly Indiana
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Welcome to the Bicycle Indiana e-News. The Bicycle Indiana e-news is sent monthly to bring you up to date information on Indiana bicycling news.

News from Headquarters

Strategic Plan Under Way

Bicycle Indiana is working to establish a clearer, more needs-driven agenda on behalf of Indiana cyclists. To that end we are in the process of developing a three-year strategic plan. An important part of this process involves input from the bicycling community. To that end, we are in the process of conducting a survey to gain critical input from bicyclists of all interests. The survey will close on July 8th. We hope that you have already taken the survey, but if you haven't please take a few minutes to do so. Feel free to forward the link to your friends, business owners, anyone you feel that would provide insight from participating. [Survey](#)

The Worcester Whirlwind

Marshall 'Major' Taylor is a relatively known name amongst track cyclists. But *what* he has done in cycling doesn't compare to *how* he over-came racial discrimination to be the first African-American world champion cyclist. He was given his first bicycle at age 13 to be an entertainer outside of a bicycle shop. He performed stunts while wearing a soldier uniform, hence the name Major.

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While he did grow up in Indiana he moved away in 1896 when he was banned from bicycle racing for winning too many races.

His career continued throughout the United States and the world. Unfortunately the discrimination followed his career as well. His accomplishments on the bike are only shadowed by his professionalism, he has stated:

"Life is too short for any man to hold bitterness in his heart."

Today Indiana is proud to be where Marshall 'Major' Taylor got his start into cycling. We hope his legacy lives on throughout the cycling community. In 1982 Indianapolis named the recently built velodrome after this historic figure. The Major Taylor Velodrome is still host to many regional and national events, including national championship races. The Indiana Historical Bureau has planned a historical marker dedication in honor of "Major" Taylor for August 13th at the Indiana State Fairgrounds.

Funding Rides

Please support these funding rides which support Bicycle Indiana:

July

[July 11, Hauteans in Motion](#)

[July 11, Round Barn Bike Ride](#)

[July 12, 38th Annual Three Rivers Festival Tour](#)

[July 13-18 RAINSTORM \(RAIN: Same Thing, Only Ride More\)](#)

[July 18, Ride Across INdiana \(RAIN\)](#)

[July 25, Great Greenway Tour](#)

August

[August 1, Lions Pride Ride](#)

[August 8, Son Seekers Ride](#)

[August 15, Back 2 School Ride](#)

[August 15, Sizzling Century](#)

[August 23, YWCA Run, Jane, Run Bike for Women](#)

[August 30, Wabash River Ride](#)

For the most up to date listing of Indiana rides, races and events...

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Bicycling News Around Indiana

- N.I.T.E. Ride a [success](#)
- Cyclists want drivers to be [cautious](#)
- [Docs on bikes](#)
- [Tippecanoe Traffic Study](#)

Upcoming Events & Notes

- Pedal & Park Volunteers needed during the Indiana State Fair. Free entrance to the fair and donation made to Bicycle Indiana for your assistance. E-mail info@bicyclingindiana.org
- Please complete this [Survey](#) about bicycling in Indiana.
- Support IBC with the purchase of our new 180's eco fleece hat, sporting the IBC logo. Check it out on our [home page.](#)
- July 31st-August 2nd - LAB National Rally of [Cyclists](#)
- October 17th - Inaugural Indiana Bike Summit

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