

Why Indy?

By Kim Hunt

Logistics, cost and convenience added to a region full of cyclists hungry for a good show in determining how NAHBS chose Indianapolis for its 2009 convention. Don Walker, promoting the show for the 5th year, pointed out that Indy convention executives made the city a reasonable choice.

It was Indianapolis' cycling notable Jeff Gold, now of De Rosa cycles, who said it best. Gold pointed out that, while Portland, Oregon, and many other cities are wonderful places and known as cycling hot spots, Indianapolis is within comfortable driving distance from Chicago, and Detroit . . . Cincinnati and Louisville. It's a very accessible town. As well, Gold observed, more and more cycling companies are choosing the Midwestern city because of its central location. Endura, a clothing manufacturer, recently chose Plainfield as its home base — possibly because of its accessibility to Fed Ex and DHS shipping facilities. Endura joins Zipp Speed Weaponry and Speedway Handmade Bicycle Works as cycling suppliers local to the area.

Additionally, it's entirely appropriate for NAHBS to visit Indianapolis — the city, the home of what Major Taylor Velodrome manager Linda Fink says is one of the nation's top five velodromes. The velodrome, approximately 5 miles northwest of the convention center at 3800 North Cold Spring Road, has hosted both the USCF Masters and USCF Collegiate Cycling Track Nationals. Once home to the 1987 Pan Am Games, the facility is now home to cycling teams from Indiana University, DePauw University and the national champion Marian College cycling team, among others.

The show fills a gap in a comparatively underserved area. Indiana has long been host to competition, first on the wooden velodromes of Major Taylor's era, then on the cinder tracks of DePauw and Indiana, and on mountain bike trails throughout the state. As well, enthusiasts who participate in regional events like CIBA's Hilly Hundred and the NITE Ride and who commute on the area's Monon Trail certainly merit an event of this magnitude this close to home.

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Visit the booth and go to the party at Big Car Gallery 8:00pm tonight in Fountain Square.



Friday Seminars and Panels

- 9:00am
Carl Strong - The Business of Custom Frame Building 204
* This seminar is for professional framebuilders ONLY
- 11:00am
Richard Schwinn - Bike Fitting for Custom Bicycle Builders 205
- 2:00pm
Keith Noronha - Metals: Strength vs Stiffness - Why Does It Matter? 206
- 3:00pm
Gary Prange - So you want to mount decals? .. 206
- 4:00pm
Don Walker - Track Bikes A-Z 205

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New Framebuilders' Collective

By Paul Skilbeck and Naomi Szczesiul

An influential new organization has emerged from the ranks of handmade frame builders. According to a press release issued 26 February, eight frame builders from three countries have spent the last 24 months working together to create an international organization which they hope can strengthen the trade, pay homage to its past, and work towards ensuring that its future is bright and profitable.

The Framebuilders' Collective includes Curt Godrich, Sacha White, Nick Crumpton, Dave Kirk, Carl Strong, Dario Pegoretti, Darrell McCulloch and Richard Sachs.

A website <http://www.framebuilders.org> provides information about the group's mission statement and an FAQ list.

The press release adds: "All founding members are enthusiastic about the Collective's potential and are now looking forward to finally being a public entity after two years of planning. Efforts are underway to expand the names involved so that the Framebuilders' Collective will be a true representation of the talent and the commitment that is part and parcel of the professional frame-building trade."

The new collective will build on work started by NAHBS to raise standards in the industry.



2009 NAHBS Awards

By Paul Skilbeck

A significant development accompanies the 2009 NAHBS Show Awards. Whereas in the past builders have voted on the best bicycles in a range of categories, this year a jury will take on the task of determining the best bikes in 13 of 15 categories (below). The two non-jury categories are President's Choice, decided by show founder Don Walker, and Peoples' Choice, decided by attendees.

The two jurors thus far announced to determine the award winners are Dale Brown, proprietor of Cycle De Oro in Greensboro, NC; and Steve Hampsten, of Tournesol Cycles in Seattle.

NAHBS Award categories and 2008 winners:
Best Lugged Bicycle (2008 – Bruce Gordon).
Best Fillet Brazed Bicycle (2008 – Dave Kirk).
Best TIG Welded Bicycle (2008 – Mike De Salvo).
Best Paint Job (2008 – Brian Baylis).
Best Carbon Fiber Bicycle (2008 Nick Crumpton).
Best Titanium Bicycle (2008 – Black Sheep).
Best Road Bicycle (2008 – Bruce Gordon).
Best Track Bicycle (2008 – Retro Tech).
Best Off-Road (2008 – Engin).
Best Tandem (2008 – Calfee).
Best New Builder (2008 – Courage).
Best City Bike (2008 – Ahearne).
President Walker's Choice (2008 – Naked).
People's Choice (2008 – Naked).
Best of Show (2008 – Naked).



