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DAVIS, CALIFORNIA TO HOST U.S. BICYCLING HALL OF FAME INDUCTION CEREMONY

DAVIS, CA – For the first time ever, The U.S. Bicycling Hall of Fame will hold its annual induction ceremony in the western United States. On November 2, the community of Davis, California will host the 2008 US Bicycling Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony. The dinner and induction presentations will take place at Freeborn Hall on the UC Davis campus.

Inductees to be honored at the event will be announced by the Hall of Fame on May 26, 2008. The Hall of Fame selects inductees from among former competitive cyclists in the following categories: Veteran road and track racing 1970 and before, Modern road and track racing 1971 through 2003, Off-road (mountain, cyclocross, or BMX) racing, and Contributors to the sport of bicycle racing. The Induction Ceremony will also feature a prominent speaker from the competitive cycling community. The keynote speaker will be announced in June, 2008.

The US Bicycling Hall of Fame was founded in 1985 at Somerville, New Jersey. Part museum, part membership organization and part advocate for all aspects of cycling, the Hall's operations are driven by a threefold mission: promote and preserve cycling's history; recognize safety and fitness aspects of the sport and encourage participation in all cycling activities.

The Hall of Fame chose to hold this event in California, in part, because so many living Hall of Fame inductees reside in the western United States. Organizers are making special invitations to all Hall of Famers to attend this year's event. The Hall of Fame expects this ceremony to be the largest gathering of US Bicycling Hall of Fame inductees to date.

The Hall of Fame chose Davis, California, in recognition of the community's strong connections with bicycling. The city pioneered the creation of bicycle lanes in California over 40 years ago. The Davis Double Century and 4th of July Criterium are some of the oldest races in the Western U.S. Davis has played host to competitive cycling events for decades, up to and including Amgen Tour of California stages in 2007 and 2008.

Davis was also acknowledged by the League of American Bicyclists as the first Platinum Level Bicycle-Friendly Community, the League's highest designation. There are more bicycles than people in the Davis community, and the city's logo features a high-wheeled bicycle.

The hosts for the 2008 Induction Ceremony are the City of Davis, U.C. Davis and the California Bicycle Museum, located in Davis. The California Bicycle Museum is a newly-founded nonprofit organization working to establish a bicycling history and education center in Davis.

The public is welcomed to attend the November 2nd induction ceremony, which includes a reception, dinner, a silent auction and the opportunity to meet and greet all the honorees. Sales of sponsor and table packages to the 2008 Induction Ceremony as well as individual seating will begin in June, 2008.

For more information and updates on 2008 Induction Ceremony news, go to www.usbhof.com.