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California Bicycle Museum Announces Major Milestones: Progression to Permanent Location and Major Announcement in 2009

The California Bicycle Museum announces a list of major milestones representing eight years of progress toward a permanent bicycle history museum in Davis, California. The future museum will create a visitor attraction in Davis matching the bike-friendly and enjoyable atmosphere in the downtown area. The California Bicycle Museum is being created to educate the public about the history of bicycles and the important role they play in our society. The museum will serve as an educational and research center for all aspects of cycling and bicycle history. It will include interactive displays, restoration facilities, and children's activities as well as interpretative exhibits highlighting the past, present, and future of cycling.

Major milestones for the California Bicycle Museum include the following:

1. Pierce Miller Acquisition, July 2000. UC Davis with assistance from the City of Davis acquires in the Pierce Miller Antique Bike Collection from the Modesto-based family of Pierce Miller. The collection had been stored in a barn since the 1960's and was remarkably intact. The bicycles were transported to UC Davis in summer of 2000.
2. *Pierce Miller Collection photography compilation. UC Davis contracts with professional photographer to catalogue the entire Pierce Miller collection in December 2002. Photography processing and mounting was completed in February 2003.*
3. *UC Davis and the City of Davis host the 16th Annual Cycle History Conference in September, 2005. The conference includes attendance from bike experts and collectors from around the world. Attendees are treated to a special tour of the Pierce Miller collection and individuals provide advice on the future care and curatorial needs for the Pierce Miller collection. (September 2005)*
4. Pierce Miller Exhibit at Folsom History Museum. UC Davis presents an exhibit of the Pierce Miller collection at the Folsom History Museum in October 2006 to January 2007. The small exhibit receives numerous compliments and generates local interest in creating a permanent museum in Davis. (October 2006)

5. UC Davis, City of Davis, and California Bicycle Museum begin effort to plan permanent museum in downtown Davis and establish initial effort to collaborate with the U.S. Bicycling Hall of Fame. (October 2007)
6. California Bicycle Museum launches initial website and completes articles of incorporation, files for 501(c)3 tax exempt status (February 2008).
7. *California Bicycle Museum provides AMGEN Tour of California display in Palo Alto to occur in conjunction with the Day 1 Prologue of the 2008 Tour of California. Visitors in Palo Alto crowd the display room for details on the Pierce Miller collection. One-day attendance at the exhibit is estimated at 700 people. (February 2008)*
8. AMGEN Tour of California, Davis display by California Bicycle Museum occurs in conjunction with the Stage 2 route through downtown Davis during the 2008 Tour of California. Downtown restaurant Bistro 33 provides exhibit area and the Davis crowd has opportunity to view the Pierce Miller collection. (February 2008)
9. California Bicycle Museum, in conjunction with the U.S. Bicycling Hall of Fame, announces Davis as the location of the 2008 hall of fame induction ceremony. The inductees Mike Plant, Jeanne Golay, and Cheri Elliot will be joined in November by family members of the late Jimmy Walthour as the newest honorees into the Hall of Fame. (May 2008) <<<link to press release>>>.
10. *California Bicycle Museum hosts a one-day exhibit of the Pierce Miller collection in association with the Davis Bike Club July 4th Criterium. Events include a full day of professional, amateur, and junior racing as well as a children's ride and autograph signing from locally-based professional riders. (July 2008)*
11. *California Bicycle Museum loans exhibit materials from the Pierce Miller collection to the Shriners Hospital for a temporary display. (August 2008)*
12. *California Bicycle Museum loans exhibit materials to UC Davis Centennial Exhibit at the California State Fair (August 2008)*
13. California Bicycle Museum announces professional cyclist Levi Leipheimer as keynote speaker for the 2008 U.S. Bicycling Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony. Leipheimer wins bronze medal at Olympic Games in Beijing. (August 2008) <<<link to Press Release>>>
14. *California Bicycle Museum announces PG&E and other primary sponsors to the U.S. Bicycling Hall of Fame induction dinner (August 2008)*
15. California Bicycle Museum announces temporary exhibit of the history of the bicycle at the 3rd and B Street building in Central Park in Davis. City of Davis provides basement space in the 3rd and B Street building to host the exhibit at a key downtown location. Exhibit features the Pierce Miller collection and additional materials on loan from key collectors in California as well as materials on loan from the U.S. Bicycling Hall of Fame. (September 2008)
16. California Bicycle Museum provides extended participation during the Sunday, October 12 Celebrate UC Davis Centennial street fair and ceremony. Nearly 2,000 people view the 3rd and B Street exhibit in one day. (October 2008)
17. *California Bicycle Museum Induction Preview. Cycling luminaries including Ted Ernst, Wayne Stetina, Jacque Phelan, Mike Plant, and Steve Johnson visit the 3rd and B Street exhibit in advance of the U.S. Bicycling Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony (November 2008)*

18. California Bicycle Museum hosts the U.S. Bicycling Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony. Northern California media and over 350 attendees are treated to a memorable evening from the 2008 inductees and keynote speaker Levi Leipheimer (November 2008)
19. California Bicycle Museum provides relocation proposal to the U.S. Bicycling Hall of Fame. The hall of fame has requested relocation proposals and is expected to select a new host community in 2009. The permanent museum of the California Bicycle Museum would co-locate with the U.S. Bicycling Hall of Fame to form a key visitor attract in northern California. (December 2008)
20. *California Bicycle Museum facilitates donation of bicycles from the Gary Cook Estate (December 2008)*
21. California Bicycle Museum extends viewing of the 3rd and B Street exhibit up to and including the AMGEN Tour of California Stage 1 start on February 15 in Davis. The California Bicycle Museum projects that total viewing of the 3rd and B Street exhibit will exceed 10,000 people during the five-month exhibit period.