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MAJOR TAYLOR CENTURY

Sunday, October 4, 2009 Whitinsville, Mass.

Bicycle 25, 62 or 100 miles on the scenic roads of south-central Massachusetts, and a little bit of Rhode Island and northeastern Connecticut.

All rides leave from the Whitin Community Center, 60 Main St., Whitinsville, Mass.

Directions

Whitinsville is part of the town of Northbridge.

FROM THE NORTH: Take I-290 west and connect to Route 146 south in the center of Worcester at Brosnihan Square. Follow Route 146 south to the Purgatory Road exit. Turn left at the end of the ramp. Follow this road about 3 miles into the center of Whitinsville. The Whitin Community Center will be on your left. Turn left at the next traffic light on Hill Street. The entrance is 100 feet ahead on the left.

FROM THE EAST OR WEST: Take Mass. Turnpike (I-90) to Exit 10A (Worcester/Route 146). Follow Route 146 south 8 miles to the Purgatory Road exit. Turn left at the end of the ramp. Follow this road about 3 miles into the center of Whitinsville. The Whitin Community Center will be on your left. Turn left at the next traffic light on Hill Street. The entrance is 100 feet ahead on the left.

FROM RHODE ISLAND: Follow Route 146 north to the Lackey Dam Road exit in Mass. Turn right at the end of the ramp. Follow this road 3 miles to the center of Whitinsville (traffic light). The Whitin Community Center entrance is straight ahead 100 feet on the left, on Hill Street.

CENTURY (100 miles) -- check-in 7:15-8 a.m., depart **8 a.m.**

METRIC CENTURY (62 miles) -- check in 8:30-9 a.m., depart **9 a.m.**

QUARTER CENTURY (25 miles) -- check-in 9:30-10 a.m., depart **10 a.m.**

RAIN OR SHINE

Entry fees -- Before Sept. 30, 10th Gear & Seven Hills Wheelmen members, **\$15**; nonmembers, **\$20**.

Day of ride, 10th Gear & Seven Hills Wheelmen members, **\$20**; nonmembers, **\$25**.

Online preregistration: www.sevenhillswheelmen.org/majortaylor

Entry fee covers continental breakfast, cue sheet, arrowed route and snacks. Helmets are required.

WHO WAS MAJOR TAYLOR? Marshall W. "Major" Taylor (1878-1932), who lived in Worcester, was world cycling champion in 1899 and American sprint champion in 1900. Known as "the Worcester Whirlwind" and "the colored cyclone," he was the second black world champion in any sport (the first was bantamweight boxer George Dixon in 1891). More about Major Taylor and the monument at the Worcester Public Library: www.majortaylorassociation.org

Century information: www.sevenhillswheelmen.org/centuries.htm