

Dear Selection Committee:

My name is Charlie Moody, and I am the General Manager of Recycled Cycles. This is where I met James Bethea. To find out that James is being nominated to join the Mountain Bike Hall of Fame brings a huge smile to my face. I probably do not know James in the typical way, but I hope to give you a look at James other side of life and what he was doing when he wasn't tearing up the trails!

I met James at Recycled Cycles around the end of 2014. He worked as a builder and mechanic for a bike store that was selling about 3500 bikes a year at that point. James worked in the First stand in the back where he was always accessible for knowledge and my amateur questions while I was still adjusting to the store. James always had a great story about riding and racing. But I always saw the best side of James as he was working with customers and sharing his love of bikes to new and experienced riders. Tuning up little problems for riders as he was floating through the store. James always had a huge smile on his face whether building up Huffy's for kids or amazing looking race bikes for him and his friends.

To see James riding and racing again, and still putting his name on the leader boards is awesome to watch. I believe he is a great ambassador to the sport, and brings a lot energy and excitement to Mountain Biking that the world would love to see. And with his name in the cycling world, a great honor for both James and everyone connected to him in the past.

Sincerely,

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