

## 1. Dear Mick

Thank you for the pictures and thanks to the HH club so much! What an awesome day. From the pancake breakfast start, to the tremendous support all day it was tremendous. Coming into the finish on Sunday was one of the biggest thrills of my life – I am still on a high thinking about it! What a great club you have in Findlay! The support was just wonderful, and the last 12 miles having the guys escort me by cars gave me such a boost of energy. You all were unbelievable. I couldn't believe you waited for me to come in so late. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for making the day so special. I will never forget this experience.

God bless you all for your heart and spirit!  
Chris Domer

PS. Next year I'll get a road bike, so I won't be coming in so late!

2. Always one of my favorite rides, HHH once again proved to be a well planned, well run ride! The "welcome" at the finish line was really a nice touch as were the certificates and massages. The route was extremely well marked, no gravel, very light traffic - what more could we ask for? You fed us well (loved the home made muffins at the first rest stop) and had plenty of helpful volunteers. You guys really do a top notch job. By the way, do you have any leftover long sleeved t-shirts you are selling at a discount? I'd be interested.

Thanks to all who had a helpful hand in the HHH!

KimberLee Kinney

3. It was a great ride!! The support was awesome!! We especially liked the fact that there was a "bonus" rest stop around the 90 mile mark for the hundred! The food was great and we had a fun time. Nancy

4. My son, John Sternen, started riding the HHH when he was 6 years old- rode 32 three times, 64 two times and this year 100 miles at age 12. Just curious, any other kids this young to do the 100 miles? The cheering at the end was fantastic!! We have a wonderful family tradition. Debbie

5. Thanks to I just wanted to let you know what an enjoyable day I had yesterday - in part because of the efforts of your fine organization. The course was well marked (including the hazards), the rest stops, and lunch break were first rate. and even breakfast was entertaining. I completed my first Century and even though it was well passed the 6:00 scheduled course close, people were at The Cube to "cheer" us in. One thing did happen though that I don't think involved a member of the Handlebars, but it really added to my experience and I just wanted to let you know about it. I normally use a wheelchair to get around, but when I'm riding I carry a pair of crutches for "emergency" use. I'm not very good with them, but it's better than crawling! At the lunch break, my riding partner helped me walk into the cafeteria and got my food for me while I sat at the first seat I got to. After we ate, it was off to the restroom. They seemed to be a mile (at least) away and I'm afraid that by the time I got there and back out to my bike I would not only have been too tired to complete the Century ride, but its doubtful if we would still have time to ride the Century before we ran out of daylight. Then a nice lady who I'm assuming was a janitor at the school building we were at (she didn't have on an HHH Staff shirt and she knew exactly where to look for what she wanted) saw us struggling along and offered a rolling desk chair. It worked as a great makeshift wheelchair and let us complete the trip to and from the restroom in a fraction of time that it would have taken for me to walk! I don't know her name, but I really appreciated her thoughtfulness. And tell whoever ordered the weather - "great job", Kurt Traylor

6. Hey Mick,

I really like the new route, though riding the first 15 miles staring into the sun was pretty painful. Other than that, it was very well run and a ton of fun. Thanks, Robby Craun

7. Dear Mick,

Thanks for hosting the HHH! It was my first century ride and I enjoyed it immensely! I thought it was well organized (online registration, packet pick-up at The Cube, rest stops, lunch, the cheering at the end of the ride, the certificate pick-up, etc.) The route was super - the roads were in good shape, they were scenic, and it was easy to follow the markings. I can only imagine how much work goes into making the ride happen so flawlessly! Thanks to you and all the planners and volunteers for all your hard work! And kudos to whoever arranged for that glorious weather!

Kind regards,  
Mary Kay

8. Dear Mick,

This was my 6th organized ride this year, and it was by far the best. The HHH is a "well oiled" event. All the work, time and attention to detail is evident.

The route was so well marked, I've never seen one better; the roads were so clean and so few cars; the sag service was visible throughout; the rest stops were plentiful; the staff was always helpful and pleasant and acted like they truly wanted to be there for us. The weather was perfect and the showers were priceless. It felt so good to get a shower and it made all the difference for my 2 hour drive home. The certificates and the cheers crossing the finish line almost made me forget about my aching thighs after 103 miles!

I did the HHH century in 1986 (I still have my patch) and glad I came back finally. I brought 3 others with me and will bring more next year.

Thank you for all you guys do to make this event happen. I don't know how you can make it better.

Rebecca Bidinotto  
Cleveland, Ohio

9. fantastic experience....great support from all involved....It was our first ride in the HHH but not our last..Mark and Vickie Frazer

10. Thank you for a very Memorable First Century ride!!! I will definitely be making this my yearly Century ride for now on. The accomodations were incredible!!! Dwayne Francisco

11. This was our 1st time riding HHH. My father rode it for 15+ years and highly recommended it. We were not disappointed. The ride was the best run ride we have ever been on. The roads (and potholes) were well marked and the rest stops were great. This was our 1st 100 miler and we look forward to next year. Thretradewinds@aol.com.com

12. Mick,

I enjoyed the ride this year - the change of direction made for nice change in scenery. This was my 3rd year riding this event. I have enjoyed the ride each time. My only issue was it seemed like after lunch - the wind was in my face through every turn :)

Another suggestion for the weary bike rider is maybe a 1 mile marker till rest area on the road.

Great support - friendly volunteers!

Keep the rain away on ride day! See ya next year!

Tim Jones

13. Hi,

This was our first year to ride the HHH. We had a great time. Just continue the same weather and it'll be great every time. Seriously, I think the ride was well organized and well supported. We plan on doing it again next year, and the next year, and the next...

Dwight Elliott

Cincinnati, OH

14. Hi Mick...I think this was our favorite ride. I liked the reverse direction. Seemed like less tail wind at the end, save the final ride along the highway, which was a killer, but what the heck. Whole wheat bread for the peanut butter and jelly sandwiches was a treat. I've been complaining about the darn peanut butter and jelly on hamburger buns for the past seven years and perhaps this was the year of the turnaround. Thank you. You can do away with donuts at rest stops unless your goal is to test riders ability to endure abdominal bloating and cramps. Speaking about rest stops, anyway you can make the first am rest stop a little closer to the starting point. You know how theres a tendency to get hydrated at breakfast etc. stc. I think this was the best organized ride. The staff was most helpful. We had a fine time and hope to keep on coming. Oh yeah and if you can order up some weather like yesterday's weather for years to come, that would be divine. Thanks again. Alan Kurzweil, Akron, Ohio

15. We loved everything about the ride except riding into the sun early in the morning, worried about cars seeing us. You get an A+ on marking the roads and on the breaks. We talked to riders that came from other states because they have heard about your great ride.

We did like leaving and returning to the High School better than the Cube.

Also, loved your bright orange clothing this year and getting the certificate at the end of the ride. Thanks for asking and we will be back next year.

Fannie and Leon Slabaugh

16. Kudos Mick to you and the club...awesome event and great hospitality! Pam

17. Mick. I really enjoyed the ride this year as I have the 2 times before. I rode 100 miles in 1975 in the 5th HHH on my brand new Raleigh Super Course. I did 50 on the same bike last year (as I was 50) and this year 68 on the same bike. She still rides like the wind! Getting the certificate was good and I LOVED the cheering committee at the end...nice touch. I hope to ride with the group some time soon. Thanx for all your work on the HHH.

Sincerely, Melanie Kocher

18. This is the 3rd year in a row that I've driven up from Dayton to do your century. It is always the best supported ride of the year and this year it was even better! Mike Kakos

19. Hello Mick.

I have ridden the HHH for quite a few years. I use to live in Maumee and was a member of both T.A.B. club and the Maumee Valley Wheelmen. I moved to Wapakoneta 4 years ago. We formed a cycling club in Wapak called Revolution Cycling Team with 75 members currently. The last two years we've had 12-16 cyclists from the group. This year there were maybe 6 of us due to other commitments. I want to say it been one of the best HHH rides I've attended. There appeared to be a lot of care in marking the holes in the roads... incredible. You guys must have gone thru several cases of paint. The corners were very well swept. The food stops were on par from the previous years although the first one had muffins which were very good. I personally don't believe I need to eat much while cycling but breakfast was good on that stop. The course was plotted to take in the better roads ... good job! Except maybe that one before the 46 mile stop that shook your teeth :-). SAG was very visible, also.

I see you're handing certificates of completion. They were nicely done but personally I didn't need one. I think a lot of folks appreciate that. We had one guy in our group do his 1st century so it was exciting for him to get one. Overall, very nicely done. Keep up the good work.

Yours in Sport,

John Safian  
Secretary, Revolution Cycling Team  
(National Senior Olympian, Cyclist 55-59)

20. Mick,

The ride and support was great along with the super weather. I thought the bell ringing and completion certificates was a cool addition. The effort you and your team put in to this years event was very much appreciated.

Thanks,  
Dan Minard  
Canal Fulton, Ohio

21. I generally ride around 1000 miles a summer on tours and I can't think of a better organized tour than yours. The food, the support, the volunteers, everything was first rate. The local bike shop that put a new rim strip on my brothers wheel just before the start of the ride saved the day for us. The cheering section at the finish outside the Cube was a nice touch. Thank you and see you next year, Ron Dukes

22. Congratulations on very successful tour. We could not expect better weather than that. Nice selection of route for the 100 mile loop with good marking. Well organized tour I can recommend it to others. Also I would like to express my appreciation to those who let me ride together with friendly manner. This has nothing to do with the organizer, but there were many casual riders riding side by side whole across the road instead of single or double line. It is important for the club to have many beginner riders for the tour. However, we need to educate them properly by easy instruction showing sketch on application sheet or something.

Kaz Horie

### 23. Mick

I rode with my son, my 12th HHH (approx), his 3rd. Always a well-run ride. The "unofficial" 5th food stop should be maintained, that last leg for century riders (especially old ones!) is rather long and deserted otherwise. Only two suggestions re: the Cube site. You advertise that the cutoff for indoor sleeping is 10-pm. I have arrived about 9.30 the last two years and the place was already locked up. I had a hell of a time last year getting someone to come out and open the door. Also, could you PLEASE figure out how to turn off the lights in the sleeping room, or put us in another room where we can turn off the lights? For two years, we have looked everywhere and tried everything, but no one can figure out how to turn off those lights.

Please take these as constructive suggestions, not complaints. Your club has, and continues, to run an excellent ride. Since my first one was in the mid-70s, and I'm still coming back, that should be obvious!

And what about that weather.....

Peter Dague

24. Rode the hhh. Don't think we didn't notice the fantastic road hazard warnings and the sweeping. We rode fast 100 mile in 5:20, so the hazards came fast. We , a group of now 11 come from Akron as an end of year celebration. Well done.

One thing for the wind-- which is considerable. I think you'd need to ask your group why not do 50 miles in a northwest direction and the turn around. Surely there is some facilities out that direction.

Michael Smith

25. Yet another great tour! I started riding with the club back in '83. I've since moved away but always enjoy coming back with my family to do the HHH. It's a tradition in my family, starting with Grandma (Louise Bean), aunts&uncles, my sister and me and our cousins, and now with my kids riding taht makes four generations!

Feedback on this year:

\*I did enjoy the new route. However, starting at 7am, once we turned in Mortimer we were riding directly into the sunrise. Yah, it was beautiful. However, it was very bright and with that lighting we missed a stop sign or two.

\*The route was well marked as always. Some of the arrows were a bit confusing though. Arrows were pointing into driveways or parking lots. Not sure if there's much you can do about that, seeing that you mark two telephone poles before each turn. The only reason it was an issue for us this year was because my son and I were going for a time goal, and were pushing the pace and riding tight. We had to slow down quite a bit for some turns.

\*And really nit picky, but exactly what flavor of Gatorade was that at lunch?! It looked brownish/purplish... I opted for water!! post on a multisport forum. I have a friend in Indiana who has put HHH on his "to do" list for next season. He hadn't heard of it before and said that it looks like the perfect tour for him and his family.

Also from my multisport forum--I have a friend who had a business meeting in Findlay. Knowing that I'm from Findlay, she asked if I knew of any good routes for her to ride while she was in town. I told her about the routes HHBC has marked. I'm not sure if she contacted Corey or if she stopped in and talked with Roger, but she was able to ride a couple routes while she was in town. Nicely done HHBC!!!

Cathe (Haas) Perhala

26. This was my first time doing the HHH and I thought your organization did a wonderful job - well marked route, excellent rest stops, nice course, plenty of water and good support all around. Now, if you could just do something about that wind - the ride would be perfect!!

Gretchen Jones

27. Mick,

This was my first time and really enjoyed it! Definitely plan on riding next year.

Chris England

28. Congratulations to you all for the BEST cycling experience my wife and I had this year. In every way you showed concern for our safety and enjoyment of your wonderful bike ride. The cheerleader greeting we received when we returned Sunday brought a tear to our eyes. Let me tell you more.

My wife, Karen, will be donating a kidney for her brother on Oct 1st. All year we have been training so we could accomplish our first century before the surgery. We purchased new TREK Madones for the ride, but TREK let us down. So we decided to set our sites on the 62 mile route and do it on our 25 lb Cannondale and Raleigh road bikes. When we checked in on Saturday night, we got an encouraging pep talk from the volunteer registering A thru D. She told us to "do the Century"...! We kept an open mind and decided that we would make the decision at lunch, to short or long...? Well, we decided to long, the day was perfect and your ride was so well organized, (you advertized SAG, and we actually saw the SAG vehicles out on course, other clubs talk SAG but rarely delivered like you guys) we thought we should take advantage of an opportunity that might never occur again.

It started with the tears caused by the cheerleader greeting, my wife, the kidney donor and rookie road bike rider, just grasped the magnitude of completing her first century, and how that all tied into her saving her brothers life. NOW she wanted that T-shirt that we forgot to order, both for her cycling accomplishment and how that tied into her gift to her brother. Well, I am hoping that "somehow" I can surprise her with a T-shirt and sweatshirt for this event, and her accomplishment. I know that they were taking orders on Saturday night when we registered. Is there some way you could help me out...?

Regards, Karen and Larry Ouimet

Karen and Larry, we were the couple wearing the "3 FEET PLEASE SAFE DISTANCE" Jerseys'...man we got lots of comments about those, ask your photographer. He took our picture at the next to the last rest stop. We are looking forward to your event next year, TREK should have delivered our Madones by then... :- ) 9-14-09

29. Just wanted to drop an e-mail to everyone in your organization for a great ride. You guys all did a great job with the route, rest stops, check in, SAG support. Thanks to all the volunteer staff. Nice people! You guys know how to put together an organized ride the way it should be. Thanks again, Tony Wrobel

30. It WAS a GREAT day, good weather, good air temp, the new route was good (I like riding to destinations vs. zig zagging out to nowhere just to rack up mileage), good food, staff very friendly and helpful. **The route could be improved thru town, there are some dangerous intersections to navigate.** [JBBosse@MarathonOil.com](mailto:JBBosse@MarathonOil.com)

31. Comments sent to club member Wally Kudlaty:

Sunday's Hancock Horizontal Hundred was a great time ... your club did a solid job! The map and road markings -- some of the best I've seen this season .. and the road surfaces were very good ... lots of fresh asphalt! Also, the SAG was well covered and executed -- the motorcycle-based SAG caught everyone's attention ... very cool! The farms, fields and general scenery of the route, the sun coming up, beautiful blue skies with a touch of white clouds, all coupled with great conversation and laughs along the way ... made for unforgettable day-long experience! Wally, another totally unexpected good surprise, was your club's organized cheering section at the FINISH line!! Everyone loved that finishing touch ... let your team know it gave the ride something special and not seen before ... and it was just plain fun! Also, the high school girls cheering us across the line made sure Larry, Pete, and I did not lose our intensity at the end -- ha-ha!

Hopefully, we can all do this ride next Season.

there it is. nice event guys..

Wally Kudlaty

32. My compliments to all involved on a very well run event. I had a great ride and the staff were all very accommodating. The route was amazingly smooth, safe and well marked. Douglas Arenberg M.D.  
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33. Thanks again for a great ride. It is always a pleasure to participate in the Horizontal Hundred. I am wondering if you could please check your records for rider Gary Drake. When I registered yesterday, my master ticket did not indicate that I had ordered a t-shirt. I was thinking that my check included the cost of an XL t-shirt. I will try to get a copy of my check to verify, but was hoping that your records could do that more quickly than my bank. Thank you for letting me know what your records indicate. Again, I look forward to participating in next year's ride. Gary and Marcia Drake

34. Roads and markings were fabulous just like last year. Only pulled out the map once at lunch to see how far it was to the next rest stop! Food was great too. I only had crumbs from the m&m oatmeal cookies at the 70 mile stop but I was riding relatively slow. So glad I got a patch. I love it! Glad I ordered a t-shirt too - fun logo. The certificate was a nice touch - gives me more to show off!  
Elizabeth Tidd

35. Great ride, plan to go next year. Any thought on having some repair ability at the rest stops, don't mind paying for it, but I lost a spoke on about 55mi and it would have been to have someone to fix it--regardless I finished the 100--will bring a spoke next time though it hasn't happened in 5 years Thanks again...Mark C. Rowland, CPA

36. Mick -

Thank you for an excellent ride this year! I took my group of Scouts (50 miles) and they very much enjoyed it. We couldn't have asked for better weather, although the north wind was a bit different. Food was great, especially the chocolate muffins. Nice course this year too with plenty of new pavement. Cheering section and ice cream at the end were a nice touch.  
Thanks again! -- Karl Borneman

37. The ride was excellent, the weather was perfect! The ride support was second to none, we'll be back next year! I guess the only request would be no more fluorescent t-shirts and sweats...  
John Orben

38. Excellent Weather, Excellent Roads, Excellent Support! Thanks HHH !  
Paul Labbe, Centerville, Ohio

39. Thank you! We thought the ride was very well marked and the support team was helpful and pleasant! We especially liked the PBJ sandwich option for the veggies among us! Anita Levin

40. Love the ride. The certificates were nice but not necessary. I love the patch and I feel that is enough recognition. Appreciate the sweeping of gravel at the turns and marking the pot holes. I makes for a much more pleasurable ride. Now if you could figure out how to make the wind blow behind us for the last 20 miles.....Germano Bressan

41. Mick,

Thank you for another well organized, clearly marked, pleasantly hosted ride. The chair of this year's Weather Planning Committee should get a medal.

Best wishes,  
Phil Obermiller  
Cincinnati

42. Hello Mick:

You all did a fantastic job of organizing and executing a great event. I last rode the HHH in '03. The weather that day was nearly identical to Sunday's and I thought then that I probably would never ride another Century as good as that one. Although the weather was the same, this one was even better due to your being exceptionally well organized and paying attention to ALL the little details that made it a top-notch event.

I heard several riders - riders who evidently ride in a lot these - comment that this was the best organized ride they've ridden. One said, "....that is why I return to Hancock County each year.

A personal note..... Sunday was a day that I will long remember. The first ten miles or so, with the sun coming up, the freshness of an autumn morning, breathing the cool (maybe that should be "COLD") air, and to be on the bike, I wanted to sing at the top of my lungs, "OH, WHAT A BEAUTIFUL MORNING, OH WHAT A BEAUTIFUL DAY, I'VE GOT A WONDERFUL FEELING, EVERYTHING'S GOING MY WAY." (*a line from OKLAHOMA*) It truly was a wonderful, even joyful, day for me. The end-of-ride "Welcoming Committee" was a really neat touch. Not one complaint from here!

Thanks again for a memorable day!!!!!!

Looking forward to next year's..... Mark Thomas

43. Just want to thank you for a great ride. This was my first Hancock 100 and I enjoyed it very much. The route was marked well and the streets were great. This ride will be penciled in for sure next year. Next year I plan on staying overnite at the cube. Robert Plescia

44. Hi Mick, It was great. The ride, the event itself was terrific; I was amazed at how carefully the route, potholes and obstructions were marked. Whoever, pulled that off deserves special round of thanks. You guys did a wonderful job. Thanks again. Lou Krueger

45. Mick, This was my first year doing the HHH. I have participated in the Tour de Donut in Greenville the last three years and a friend of mine told me about doing the HHH last year, so I signed up to do the ride this year since it was the day after the Tour de Donut. I had a blast. I live in West Virginia so it was nice not to have to contend with hills and mountains. The event was well organized and all of the staff/volunteers were very helpful. I look forward to doing it again next year. Sincerely, Jeff Cottrell

46. Mick, Best HHH yet. Great location. Great food/stops. Great route. Great markings. Great job. Glad changed course direction (although the wind was still uncooperative). Please do something about that next year - but keep the sunshine and moderate temperatures. Cheering at end was a nice touch. I think the certificates along with patch is a bit overkill. Maybe, issue certificates only to those completing first century ride. Again thanks for a masterful job. You are a true maestro. Michael

47. This was my 8th Century ride this year and your's was one of the best.

The yellow markings on the road to identify road hazards was excellent!!! The route was so well marked, I put my map away after the first rest stop. The only thing you do next year to make it better is to have the same great weather!!! One small improvement could be to have Gatorade/Snacks at the end of the ride at The Cube, especially after the Century. Was a great ride, I look forward to next year. Paul Borowski, Stark County Bicycle Club member, Massillon, Ohio

48. Liked the new "reverse" course a lot. Had 8 with us and it was a great day all around. One guy ended up shredding a tire toward the end and SAG took a little while but was "phenomenal!!" The change in the course did help with the wind to some degree and I would highly recommend the same or similar in future years. Stops were well done and excellent markings on the course. We were all very satisfied!! Great Job!! Thanks, Scott Buckosh

49. Dear Mick,

This year's ride was first-rate. Loved the cheering section at the ride's end. Thought the rest stops were extremely well-placed and well-supplied. The stop at the 90 mile mark was a lifesaver. The volunteers were even friendlier than I remembered from previous rides. Really enjoyed the long, quiet stretch on old US 30. Starting from the Cube was new to me, since I hadn't ridden since 2005, but it worked well. Only downside to using the Cube was the additional time riders were forced to spend on a busy Broad Ave. But, really, how could that be avoided? It was nice to see the tents next to the Cube. I don't remember any camping going on when the event started at FHS. Overall, the ride was even better than I expected. I hope to ride again next year if at all possible. How blessed I am, as a Findlay resident, to be able to participate in a world class event starting only five miles from my home!

Many thanks to you and to all the other volunteers. Job well done!  
Steve Williams

49. Just a note to thank each of you for staging a wonderful event. The course was well marked and the support was very good. I had a wonderful ride on my first century. I was most impressed with the way you dialed in absolutely perfect weather!! How did you do that?

Thanks. I had fun. Please forward this to the race staff and crew.

Jim Wolf

Nashville, TN

50. As always, the ride was very well organized. We really appreciate the clear markings on the roads and the well-supplied rest stops. I was amazed at the number of holes and bumps in the road that were marked. This past year I was one of the co-directors of the Mad Anthony River Rally in Perrysburg. I have a greater appreciation now for all of the work and planning that does into a ride -- and you folks do it very well. Can you tell me what program/software you used for mapping? I wasn't able to find any program that would print out a detailed map with enough street names, so would like you know what you used. Thanks for the info, and thanks for a great ride. Debbie Tassie

51. Mick, it had been 20+ years since I rode the HHH but I thought everything went great. The weather was perfect, roads that were selected were smooth, well marked with very little traffic and the food was great and plentiful.

Thanks to you and the HH staff for putting on a great ride. Jerry Woodruff

52. Hello Mick Gould, Whoever was in-charge of the weather this year should be paid a handsome fee! You moved the date back compared to previous years and Mother Nature cooperated. *I do hope that you go back to your "normal" weekend since this year the HHH followed the Holmes 100 Cycle Fest on Sat Sep 12. For the last 2 years I have enjoyed having 6 days rest in-between these 2 events.* I want to reiterate what I heard a lot of cyclists say last Sunday: "The route is VERY WELL marked." I have gotten lost on other events due to poor markings. You always do a great job of marking the streets. Please continue that! Your volunteers are the greatest. They are warm, friendly people and you appear to have a nice size of volunteers for an event like this. The certificates were new this year and I liked that. I stumbled on them as I was going to use the Cube's facilities after finishing the HHH. I do not recall seeing or reading where you were going to have them available. Maybe you can put it in your flier for 2010. The lunch stop and water breaks are very well run and organized. Please continue that! I observed more SAG vehicles this year than in the past. If this is new, please continue that! For the century loop heading north right at the beginning, it was really great riding on those newly paved roads – GREAT PLANNING. *One suggestion – I thought the 14 miles on CR 304 was a lllllloooooonnnngggg trek! It was a little monotonous (however not a lot of traffic). If you like that route, maybe you can put up staggered signs with "encouragement" or with jokes on them.* The HHH was outstanding this year and you can count on me attending it next year. Keep up the good and hard work. I appreciate it!  
Sincerely, Tim Krall [timothy.krall@sbcglobal.net](mailto:timothy.krall@sbcglobal.net)

53. It was a great ride! We look forward to the HHH again next year. Thanks, Deb Hazlet

54. Mick,

This was the 1st year that I have ridden this ride. We chose the ride because two of us ride recumbents. I brought along 3 other riders who had never completed a century before. The comments we were making were that, the roads were quiet, the route was well marked, the break stations were well staffed and the swept corners and well marked road hazards were icing on the cake. We typically will ride 50 to 70 mile rides on our group rides so having all the support was great. I have done many other organized events and this event ranks up there in the top in regard organization and support. Thanks for making the experience enjoyable for us.

Jeff Roe

Wadsworth, Ohio

55. Mick

My wife Sandy and I had a wonderful time. This was our first long ride and the day, volunteers and participants made it a ride that we will participate in again. Thank you for putting on such an enjoyable ride.

Ed Monfort

56. This was our first century ride and you really had it well organized. We were really surprised at the shape of the roads and how well they were marked. We will definitely be back next year. Thanks

Mark Kuns

57. Well organized. Rest stops placed at the right spots, food and volunteers great. Loved riding in to the cow bells and cheers. T shirts suck unless you are doing road construction. Could they be more hideous?

Alan Mikesell

58. Great ride, good lunch and enjoyed the new course routing.

Thanks Dave

59. After my parents, now 82, had ridden in the HHH a number of times, my wife and I along with four sail boat racing / biking friends all enjoyed our first HHH ride this year. Great job by everyone who supported the ride. Thank you. We will be back to ride in the 40th HHH next year, when my wife is also 40. :-)

Dean Caley

60. I really enjoyed the course. The only thing I didn't like was, I thought we were on the Lincoln Hwy. too long. Other wise everything was great, even the weather.

Thanks Barb Myers

61. On September 13<sup>th</sup> I rode my very first century. I just wanted to commend your staff for a job well done. The course was well mapped and at each rest stop everyone was friendly and helpful. I definitely will tell all my roadies about your century ride. I noticed that pictures were taken during the ride is there a web site to check out the photos Thanks for the great ride. Ron Lucas, Sharpsville, PA.

62. Great Ride Very Well Organized Thanks

Randy Donnamiiller

63. Mick,

This was my first century and I am happy to say that I completed it. What a rush to do so!!! Excellent preparations by you and your crew. Breakfast was great. Everyone along the course was helpful. Road markings were great too. Our only problem was that we missed the turn for lunch. (Too busy looking ahead watching someone else who missed the turn instead of looking at the road markings ourselves). I especially appreciated the cheering section at the finish line. Any idea what the registration attendance was for each of the events???

thanks,

Roy Schmoutz

64. Ride was great, riders and host club workers great, overall a good time riding the 100. Did not receive certificate of completion however, my name was added to a list that would be mailed out. any info on whether or not that has happened would be appreciated. (his certificate was mailed to him!)  
Joseph Crowe

65. Mick,  
Thanks so much! I am looking forward to the ride next year. I heard great things from all my friends!  
Kelly Biese

66. This was our first ride. We did the 36 mile. THought it was very well organized. the rest spots were great. Lunch great.  
Joyce Lammers

67. Mr. President.....sorry for the delay....this was the 4th or 5th HHH for me and my friend(s). It was the BEST !! Of course the weather had alot to do with it.....specially since we remember the rain last year....still , the ride was truly one of the best I have ever been on.....everything was "san-fran-tastic"! My childhood friend did his first century - having the folks waiting at the finish to cheer us was GREAT! A wonderful end to a great ride. You had heaps of help , a great lunch , well marked and cleaned roads, everything was great. Count on us next year - and be you can be certain that I will be telling all my bike friends about the HHH !!  
RANDY BEACHLER LAGRANGE, KENTUCKY

68. It was a great ride!! The support was awesome!! We especially liked the fact that there was a "bonus" rest stop around the 90 mile mark for the hundred! The food was great and we had a fun time. Nancy Orben

69. Mick,  
Thanks to you and Hancock Handlebars for organizing a great event. This was my first century (first ever organized bike ride, actually) so I have nothing to compare it to, but I'll say a couple of words. I chose yours as my first specifically because I had heard that it was well organized and supported. That and because it is so very, very flat :)

It was beautiful riding out of town into the rising sun in a long, quiet train. It took all the stress of riding in a group (which I'd never done before) away to have the police waving us through the big intersections.

Thanks to the city of Findlay for being so generous. The road markers were fantastic. I have no idea how long it takes your volunteers to go around painting all that, but every single intersection was marked. The markers for the pavement hazards were a bonus. I even saw one hole in the pavement with a circle painted around it and it was helpfully labeled, "hole" ;)

One comment about the route, and I don't know that there's anything you could do about it, so take it for whatever it's worth. Coming in to town at the end of a long day, it was a little stressful to negotiate traffic.

On Broad street I think, I VERY nearly rode into a storm grating. It could have been a very ugly end to a beautiful day. It was my own fault, and don't mean it as a criticism at all. I just thought I'd mention it, as it was the only thing of the entire day that threw me off.

Having survived that, I can't tell you what a thrill it was to come around the corner (BTW, how nice to not have to make two left turns on Main street) and have a group of people cheering me home. It was so encouraging and satisfying. Also, the certificate of achievement was icing on top. I suppose experienced riders might not care much about that stuff, but for me it couldn't have been more inspiring. I thought the organizers were all great and very encouraging and helpful. I know I made the right choice to make the HHH my first century. I can tell, because I got up today thinking about my next one. I'll definitely be back, and next time I won't come alone.

Thanks so much,  
Jay Bundy