

2008 HHH Rider Comments

Was an excellent ride. Not sure what route changes you made from last year, but this year seemed much better scenery and road type wise. Route markings were great, and I honestly wondered at each corner "who and how do they sweep all this?" All in all a great event to wind down a year of cycling with.

Thanks to all the volunteers, we do appreciate it.
Paul Silla

had a great ride, well organized, great route, we must of said more than 5 times throughout the ride how nice the roads where. The rest stops where great too. just a great ride and will recommend to others next year. thanks for all your hard work.

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Awesome ride! Did the century and really enjoyed it. Please thank all those who made the ride possible.
Candace Jones

We had a great time, lunch was good and the route was well-marked, I only wish we lived closer so we could do more riding with the HHH!! Thank-you for all of your hard work, the volunteers were very friendly.
See you next year!!
Craig and Becca Eiben

Please thank the volunteers for me . They were very kind to wait for a few of us to finish the 100 (way past the hours they were suppose to be out).
Thanks Dr. Nivar

I had a good time on the ride, notwithstanding the rain. The course was well marked and, with very minor exceptions, the road surface was in good shape and well maintained. This was my first time at the HHH, and I look forward to next year.

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At first the rain seemed a bother, but as it started to clear it seemed like last year was fading into this and seemed appropriate.

I wanted to tell someone how wonderful the ride was and how meticulous you all were in taking care of your riders. It was one of the best long rides I have been on, with the exception of the rain. We waited until it stopped before we started so instead of doing the full 100, which would have taken us forever, we did 60 miles. We kind of make up our own route towards the end. Talk about headwinds, did you order those? Wow, it sure proves how tough you are when u have to ride for miles in that wind.

All in all, I can't say enough how wonderful the ride was. I was commenting to my teammate how great it was to have SAG all over the place, rode hazards marked, police at busy intersections, adequate food and water stops, and great lunch stop. What more can a distance rider ask. I will absolutely put this on my list of rides that are an annual must.

Thank you and all the people who volunteered for a wonderful and safe day. Congratulations too on finally sending the rain away.

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It was great in spite of the rain in the morning and the major headwind gusts at the end of the century. My rain gear held up pretty well and I dried out quickly when the sun came out. The headwind at the end gave us something to brag about. We especially loved the country lanes - smooth and no traffic. The variety of corn fields and soy beans kept us laughing. All the volunteers were enthusiastic and friendly. My favorite muffins were the apple cinnamon (or something like that) and the peach. Nummy! The monster cookies lived up to their hype. Thanks for all of your hard work putting this ride together.

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My friend, John Drews, and I appreciated the hospitality of your volunteers, especially the nice lady who used to live near Traverse City MI. However, We didn't enjoy the last leg of the 100 which seemed to be mostly due west, into the wind. That was tough after already riding 73 miles. Because we didn't arrive until about 8:50a.m. on the morning of the ride, it appeared we missed most of the vendors who had been there. That was a little disappointing. I guess we'll make an effort to get there earlier next year.

In all, like the rest of the participants, we overcame the weather and enjoyed the day. Thank's again for your hard work,

Brad Martin
Hillsdale MI

The HHH was awesome (once the rain stopped). You had the course marked very well, the roads were very nice. The volunteers were spectacular. Each rest stop was well staffed and had plenty of good things to eat. Even a fire to dry our wet butts. The cops stopping traffic was a nice surprize. One of the best organized rides I've done. Hope to be there next year. june

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The first and last rest stop was awesome! Loved the coffee and chocolate cupcakes/muffins. The wind was wicked at the end but we prevailed!

Thanks L Fergy

It was a great ride and I will return next year!

Regards,
Bruce Oppenheim

My first time was impressed with the marked directions on the roads. We had a great day there were twelve in all from our fitness center in Hermitage, PA, At the Beach Tanning and Fitness. Five did the 62 mile it was great beautiful country side, also liked the fact very little traffic, we will try for the 100 mile next year . Seven did 32 and will do 62 next year.

We came back so excited I think we will recruit more next year.

Thank you for a great day.

Oh yes I tried to buy the bright green staff shirt liked it better than the white for sale!!! I had no takers.

Susan Manes

We enjoyed the ride very much, even considering the rain. Fortunately, it wasn't that kind of rain that chills you to the bone, and we were glad for that. Worst thing was the wet socks, which just didn't want to dry out. Your club members, though, did an excellent job making it a great ride. Anything within your control that you could do to make it an enjoyable and safe, you did. The clean swept intersections did not go unnoticed, nor did the well marked rough spots, holes, busy intersections, etc. Also, we appreciated the Sheriff's Deputies at busy intersections. I haven't ridden the Hancock since the 24th and 25th Annuals, which were so very well organized. It has only gotten better! If any organization wants a ride to model, I would suggest they ride and check out the HHH!!! Can't think of a thing you could do to improve on the Hancock! Well now wait, maybe make dry socks available at rest stops during rainy rides. Just kidding- Good job!! Ken

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Very well done! Your volunteers were very helpful and enthusiastic! I recruited 2 people to join me on their 1st century and they want to do it again next year!

My only suggestion is that for the past 2 years, at the 1st rest stop at the church, there is a VERY long line for the 3 porta-potties. Need to at least have 6 or more. People were getting frustrated. That is my only suggestion!

Again, **great job** and see you next year!!!

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That was my first ever tour ride and really enjoyed it. Could of used a few more porta-johns at the Reilly Creek Church (long line-up). Only got 50 miles in on the route but rode another 17 miles off the route later that day (didn't do the full ride to Carey and back as my riding partner didn't want to go that long). Next year I WILL make that 100 miles. Maybe I will do it yet this year somewhere. I will definitely enter this event next year. Matter of fact I want to join your club next year and participate in some of your weekly family rides and other local events as I am getting into biking more and more as I have lost 10 pounds this summer! I plan to take off 3 days next week from work and ride most of the Little Miami trail in Southern Ohio.

Tom Schneider
Findlay Ohio

Another great job by the hancock handlebars-I was one of the few that took advantage of the free sleepspace at the cube-that was a big help to me-although I always enjoy the donuts at the first rest stop I would prefer something like peanut butter and jelly be added at that location-keep up the good work!

Bill Hanz

Mr Gould: I just wanted to take a minuet and thank you and the volunteers for a really great day. I have done a lot of COP rides including Goba and Xoba, so you know that I am no stranger to well run biking events. That being said, I want you all to know that you have an absolutely first rate organization.

I never used a map, the course was so well marked. The rest breaks had great food and very friendly volunteers. I especially enjoyed riding the Old Route 30 section. I grew up in Hancock County so it was quite an experience to travel down Route 30 and not have a semi a few feet from my rear end. I am sorry that I cut the ride short last year, I heard the unopened new Route 30 was a blast to ride.

The rain was no problem at all. All the way to Arlington, it was no problem. I had not done a 100 miler for a while so I started at 7 sharp to give myself plenty of time to cover the distance. I have volunteered for various events and I well know that often nothing satisfies some participants. I hope you all let the compliments outweigh the complaints.

I do have one suggestion. The rain was no problem but the head winds from Carey to Findlay were a bit of a challenge. Next year, could you please shift the wind direction as the day progresses so that we always have a tail wind?

Thank You to each and every organizer and volunteer for re enforcing my memory of Hancock County as a warm and wonderful place. See you next year.

Sincerely,
Ron Dukes

Mick:

I originally planned to do a hundred but my son needed help moving Sunday afternoon so it is convenient that you offer the metric hundred. Even though I soloed, I was in good company. I was invited to ride on the end of the line of the folks from Wheeling. They were fun to talk to .

The rain made the ride a little more adventuresome. At least it wasn't cold.. Thanks to the church at the morning break and as always I felt comfortable and rested after lunch. Even though I wasn't able to go on to Carey, I enjoyed saying "good morning" to all taking the short route to lunch on my way back to Findlay.

Barney Beckman

Please thank whomever was responsible for the gluten free snacks, they were much appreciated by my gluten intolerant wife.

Bob

This was my 2nd year of riding the HHH. I enjoyed it! The rain was fine. The headwind....that was another story!

Tim Jones

I have done the HHH for several years now. We always look forward to this ride. It is usually our last "century" of the year.

It seemed to me that there were a lot more people riding the hundred this year. Usually you don't see many riders on the back 50.

My favorite story of this years ride was the "greeting Lady" at the lunch stop. She was at the head of the line I entered and was asking everyone where they were from. She was very nice and it made a great conversation starter among the riders. I saw her at the end sitting at the table in the Cube and thanked her for the great job she did. Sorry I didn't ask her name. Hopefully you will know who I am talking about and recognize her.

Steve Hemmelgarn

Sorry about the rain, that was my fault. This was my first century and I know that the first rain we had in 9 weeks had to be because of me - middle name is Murphy 🤔.

The volunteers were great! To a person, they all seemed really happy and that went a long way to make the ride enjoyable. Helmets off to them!!

I would however request that you reevaluate the brochure. You see I grew up in Toledo and I absolutely know what flat is - THAT WAS NOT A FLAT RIDE!!

Now if you came from Denver sure, but the climb out of Carey, and into the wind of course (my fault also) was really tough. I asked a volunteer how you could call that climb flat and the answer was

"Well it's flat in Hancock, that was Wyandot". See how helpful he was. 🗺️

Oh and I didn't like crossing a 4 lane highway either.

All kidding aside it was a well run event and I would consider doing it again. (unless you don't want the rain).

Paul Barber
Toledo

Hi Mick,

Well the rain did put a damper on things since the forecast, not yours, was 0% chance of rain only 12hrs before. But you guys (and gals) do a wonderful and fantastic job of putting it all together!! I, and my buddy, did all 102 miles of the ride!! The routes and the marking were great!!! We did miss a turn but saw the turn-around markings. (There was a dog involved.) The muffins at the rest stops were wonderful. I had a zucchini at one and a cranberry at another. Lunch was great!!! I liked the selection and really appreciate the veggies and the "baked" chips!! We had fun!! And as 57 year olds we are looking forward to doing it a few more times!!

Your team is awesome!!

George Novotney

The HHH was only my third tour and I road 75 miles. It was preparation for this past weekends ride. We took the 62 and added some miles out and back on the hundred route to make 75. Just this past weekend I rode the Westerville Dry Run Century with all of the wind they had in Columbus. The rain was much better than the 60+mph winds.

The HHH was the best prepared and supported ride I have been on. The marking was very easy to follow and the pavement was very clean.

Thanks to everyone who had a part in preparing and working the event.

I look forward to riding the HHH century next year.

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Great ride!

I especially liked the way the holes in the pavement were marked with bright paint and circled, etc.

The Cube had plenty of room to change, etc. and everyone was very friendly.

Thank you! I will return!!!

Celeste Grime

I thought the ride was good, but my friend and I think that the stops are not separated out enough. It seems like it takes forever to get to the first stop, then there's lunch, then there's a stop very shortly after that, then home. We rode the 62 mile route. Other than that, great ride!

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Hi Mark,

It was a great ride, as usual. Maarking, sweeping were 1st class. I know you couldn't do anything about thhe rain, but at leaast you could've turned the wind machine off. My only criticism is lunch. As a club member & officer I know food is expensive. The lunch food is truly among the worst I've experienced on organized rides. Aside from that...great job!

Larry Best

The ride was FABULOUS! It was my first 100 and you and your team set incredibly high standards. The staff were amazingly nice, the route was very well marked, food was great (the gluten-free muffins were a wonderful treat since I don't do wheat. It was also wonderful to have meat at lunch.)

I was in the group of 3 who finished the 100 last. I was amazed at how thoughtful folks were, weren't condescending re: our speed, didn't rub in any sense of hassle since they were waiting for us, etc. Instead, they were incredibly gracious, friendly, helpful, kind, thoughtful. I got the sense that it was a matter of principle that you stayed open for us, so it seemed like folks felt proud for doing that instead of irritated. I was amazed to learn that you sweep streets in such a discreet manner so we didn't even see you. You set a new standard for what we call "gracing" (when you're helping people feel welcome, get their needs met, take care of the logistics, etc.)

So, thank you very much! I hope it was as much fun for you as it was for each of us. \

Kris Olsen

This was my second HHH. It is a great ride. It is well-organized and the course is well-marked and swept and the roads are in fine condition, much better than they are in the Chagrin Valley east of Cleveland, where I usually ride. One comment -- how about trying the ride clockwise from Findlay rather than counterclockwise. Both years, 2007 and 2008, the last 25+ miles from the last rest stop on the 100-mile route have been pretty much right into the wind. I wouldn't say it was grueling, but it does wear on you. If the ride is clockwise it won't guarantee a tailwind over the last miles but since the prevailing winds are from the west, that will at least increase the chances of one. I will be back next year regardless. It is an enjoyable ride and one I look forward to for the whole season.

Sincerely, Bruce Smalheer

Thank you for sponsoring a great ride. The food was good and route very scenic. looking forward to next year.

Dave and Denise Wilson

Hi,

I did enjoy the ride, up until I took a major spill...I just want you to all know how helpful, kind and professional everyone was to me. Had it not been for your volunteers, I perhaps would have had a worse experience. Everyone was just terrific, the Sag crew, ambulance and your hospital is outstanding!

I am looking for the complete name and address of the man who helped me. He gave me a card but it was lost on the way to the hospital. I believe his name is Larry Innsweed or Inswood? He is a retired Firefighter and Chaplain to the Fire Company. If You could please send me his name and address I would like to thank him!

Thank you,
Michelle Hutterer

I've done a large number of 100m+ group rides, and I have to say that this was definitely one of the best as far as road markings and clean corners. The stops were well-stocked and the people were very friendly.

I look forward to doing it again next year (minus the rain, of course) :)

Matt Downs

P.S. Is there always a strong headwind from miles 74 - 90? :)

I've ridden the HHH many, many years with my father both on singles and tandem. Due to health problems, he quit riding two years ago, shortly after my husband died. This year, I introduced the man I've been dating for 8 months, to the HHH ride and to tandeming! We had a very good time. Fortunately, we locked our keys in the truck, and while waiting for AAA, the weather cleared and we decided to ride. We really enjoyed it. The new location is a good one, (although there is some nostalgia in the high school location for me!). As usual, the routing, marking, sag service and food/rest stops lived up to all needs and expectations. I've helped organize rides in my area and am aware of all the work that goes into a "simple" bike ride. Thank you, thank you, thank you to all you volunteers who make it happen! My years' of memories past of HHH, riding with my dad and other family members and friends are precious to me; so much fun and comradarie! Keep up the good work - Tom and I will be back next year!

KimberLee Kinney

Kudos to you!

The ride was great. Very well marked. Very well organized.
Janel Behm

Hello,

I had a great time! It was my first Century and all the things I had read about how the course was flat and a good choice for one's first 100 helped me feel comfortable in my decision to ride in your event.

I've ridden in about 7 events this year and by far yours was the best. There always seemed to be cyclists around or in site. (A safe feeling.) It was a very good feeling mingling with all the other riders at the stops. I'd never seen so many riders.

The route was marked very well. (I never even had to see one of your "turn-around markers" which I thought was a great idea and way beyond my expectations). Also, the road surfaces were clear, so someone must have done a lot of work painting markers and cleaning the gravel etc.

I also think special thanks should go to the people who made the map. I've never seen a map so helpful and professionally printed. I even enjoyed the rain!! A wonderful event. I'll be telling more people about it. Everything about your event is so professional

I'm glad to get the opportunity to let you know how much I enjoyed your hospitality!

Good day,

Jon Romer

Columbus, Ohio

Hi,

I have ridden the HHH a number of times over the years. I grew up in Findlay but the HHH didn't start until after I left. However, with family living in town, we come back for the ride frequently. I firmly believe that the HHH does the best job marking the routes every year!!! I have never gone off the route in Findlay but have had some significant problems with other rides in Ohio. That happened to us twice this past year. I believe that a good map is also important, especially, if the club has not marked the route well. If you are lost and without a good map...bad news. We also noticed a significant number of Sags on the route. My daughter actually received assistance from one this year. The help was appreciated very greatly. My family started riding the HHH way back (in the first years). We plan on continuing to ride in the HHH for many years to come or until I am too old to ride. (My mother (now 92)quit riding when she turned 80. She belonged to the HHH and used to ride with Emma May Gray.) Keep up the good work. See you next year!

Pat Goshorn (Louise Bean's daughter)

Thanks for the note about HHH. I thoroughly enjoyed the ride and overall event. I used to belong to Hancock Handlebars back in the 1970's and after spending over 25 years riding in the Cleveland area and now that I've relocated back in Bowling Green, it was great to come back to ride your ride. I even saw a few folks that I hadn't seen in over 25 years (namely Dave Bewley as photographer of the day). My riding buddy from Chardon, OH rode the ride with me (we were the crazy guys on the fixed-gear bikes) and despite his being used to riding the hills of Eastern Geauga County and the scenery there being quite nice, he kept making comments on how beautiful it was and he finally admitted that it was one of the best Century rides he'd ever done (and he's done many over the years). So kudos to the Handlebars and I hope to have more of my old Cleveland-area riding buddies stay overnight at my house in Bowling Green next year and we'll join you in 2009.

Thanks again for putting on a great ride, despite the rain. It turned out to be a beauty of a day!

Best Regards,

Andy Carpenter
Bowling Green, OH

Mick, The ride was great except next time could you leave off the wind? That last 25 miles was rough. I live in the area but rode at different times with people from Cleveland, Cincinnati, and Pittsburg. All commented on how well everything was marked and supported. Thanks, Randy Underwood

This was my first century and despite the early rain, I enjoyed every minute. I was riding for time and was very pleased with my performance and the route. I guess I must have been the only one who missed the lunch stop. Somehow I missed the turn, and didn't see the "turn around" paint. I got momentarily lost but found the route again. However, I guess I picked up the route after the lunch stop unknowingly. By the time a bicyclist I caught up with told me I had missed lunch I was too far past to turn around. Thanks for all your work putting this together. I'll plan on returning next year.

Chuck Kohl

Thanks for the ride. It was my first HHH and my first century in almost 20 yrs. It was well organized, supported and the volunteer staff was great. I will do the ride again next year. I didn't mind the rain, but could you hold off the wind on the last 25 next time? In spite of the wind and only 2 of my 5 chain ring bolts left and loosely hanging on, I made it through the last 25 in one piece.

Also, I think that there were more pictures taken, will you be posting them soon? I wanted to see if I "made the cut" and show it to my wife.

Thanks again,
Mark Cohea

I love your ride. Have done it many times. I can't think of a single thing I'd change.
TOM_KAGY

Hello:

Yes, that was a great ride. The route was hands down the best marked I have ever seen! Love that!!! Many tours could take a lesson from your markings!

I was really glad to see that Chuck Harris was there with his Ultra Light mirrors at the event the night before and the day of the ride. The only negative was that I felt the vendors were a little sparse. I expected more vendors. It seems to me that the first time I participated in this ride in 1995 there were many more vendors. I rode in the "Wurst Bike Tour" in Bucyrus, Ohio this summer and they sold raffle tickets for a Giant bike giveaway. It would be nice to see something like that at next year's ride. Maybe a fundraiser for your club? Just a thought! See you next year.

Happy cycling,

Linda Niese
Ottawa, Ohio

Dear HHH Volunteers:

I didn't like dodging all the potholes.

I particularly didn't like making two left turns into heavy 4-lane traffic the last 100 yards of the ride. That is highly dangerous! - particularly when many riders are exhausted at the end of the ride and prone to error. (I rode 36 miles - I assume all riders finished the same)

As usual, the course was well marked and food was good at the rest stops. Race packets were distributed efficiently. Overall, the event appeared well organized.

However, you have the two major problems I mentioned.

Dennis Thompson
Niles OH

Hi, My husband & I were so impressed with the organization of the ride. It was our first organized ride. We did the 36 mile and found it to be well marked.. We were very impressed with the lunch. We thoroughly enjoyed ourselves and plan to repeat in 2009. Mary Ann & Jim Thomas

Hi Mr. Gould:

I want to thank you for putting on what I thought was a great ride. I'm 62 years old and this was my first 100 mile ride and I finished dead last. But I had a great time. I thought you folks put on a professional yet friendly ride. In this regard I would particularly like to thank Bob Balcomb and the other folks who staffed rest stops 3 and 4. They kept the stops open til we arrived (even though it was after the closing time when we got to #4) and were very pleasant, kind and supportive. Indeed, Mr. Balcomb even made sure we made it back to the "cube". And they did it all without making us feel self concious or embarrassed. No small thing in my opinion. You all are to be commended for the ride you put on. Thanks again. It was great.

Jack Lesick

I rode with my buddy and we both had a great time! This was my second century and my friend had done several but this was his first one in several years. We both appreciated the excellent route markings and especially the warning markings on the road. The only thing I think that could have been better was the number of porta toilets at the first rest stop. There were only two and there were a few hundred wet cold bikers that had to pee. I understand that this is a fund raising event for your club and that those things cost money to rent but even one or two more would really have helped the traffic jam. With that said PLEASE KEEP ME ON YOU MAILING LIST!!!! I will definitely be back next year! I'll bring more of my friends too! Geoff - Geoffrey Hultgren geoff4248@embarqmail.com

This was my first HHH, and I took my mother (56 years old) with me on her first HHH. We did the short course as a first try, but we will definitely return. The course was great. The marking and sweeping were wonderful and the overall experience guaranteed our return next year. Thanks for a great experience!

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Hi,

My only comment is about my surprise at the poor "locker room" facilities for the men at the Cube.

We may have been spoiled all these years at Findlay High School.

Thin wooden benches, no lockers, some hooks attached to wood planks on the wall to hang items, no lavatories after using the toilets, temperamental shower valves, etc.

Reminded me of a jail facility, not a modern recreation center.

I graduated High School in 1978, and our Junior High and High School facilities were better equipped.

Other than that, a great ride, and plan to be back next year.

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I have been doing the HHH(100 miles) for 18 years, so obviously I enjoy the trip and your club does a great job hosting it.

I do have one suggestion. Vary the route more. Maybe not every year but we have been on the same run with some variation for a number of years. In past years the route went through towns of Ottawa, McComb, N. Baltimore, New Reigle, Jenera. Just a thought on mixing it up more.

Jim Gist

Dear Mr. Gould,

I brought 5 of my team mates up to do the HHH this year for the first time. I myself have spent many season contemplating the ride, but just have never had the opportunity to partake. This, for a couple of our folks, was their first organized century. It was thought to be a good one to try since it was virtually flat. However, I, as team director, warned them of the monotony of repetitive motion and constant position as well as the brutal westerly winds that never seems to dissipate in outskirts of Flag City USA. You see, coming from Wheeling, West Virginia, we are accustom to long dredging climbs, gripping fast descents, and beautiful creek or ridge roads that often find you protected from the elements. Therefore, I knew regardless of the terrain, a 100 mile training ride can be challenging, and for that matter, enjoyed for its many different reasons. In part, the weather did dampen our spirits, however as you indicated, the route was wonderfully marked, once dry the turns were great, the stops were very well stocked, and the venue was a beautiful fit.

Here is my only suggestion and I believe it is something worth major consideration for future HHH rides. It would have been nice to see more of a controlled start, but more over, a climactic finish. Regardless if it is just another ride for some. Regardless of any prize. Think about all those riders who are looking to get into the sport or have never participated in such a feat. This was a huge accomplishment for not only a few members of our own team, but many MANY other people. I even witnessed people in your own community who face many daily challenges, may not have even ridden the full century, who have trained for months, who braved the elements, all for what? To end in a parking lot where only maybe there immediately family members gave them the gratitude they deserved. Sure it may seem like training for you and I, for some, this was a dream. Truth, I felt sorry for those who worked so hard, suffering in the rain and wind for the majority of a day to go home with just personal memories? Cycling is a social sport, to be shared and supported. Isn't that what the Hancock Handlebars are all about? Then provide that to those who are less fortunate to be in your club as a thanks for supporting and coming to your event. Put up a pseudo finish line, get some volunteers from the community out there to welcome in those courageous participants, show them how much you appreciate them attending. I'll bet you will find the same in return. In closing, we really enjoyed ourselves and most certainly look forward to attending the event with a crew next year. I invite you and members of your club to certainly contact us if you are ever in the Wheeling area looking for a shop and/or a ride. Thanks so much for a great job.

Kevin Ayers

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Greetings!

Thank YOU and your team for the recent HHH ride!

It was very well done, and was a great day in spite of the rain. The route was superb and as advertised, was amazingly flat.

Please pass on my thanks to all those who work so hard to make it happen.

ps: This was the first time since 1992 that I've ridden any distance over 100 miles. The summer caps a bit of a comeback to cycling after giving it up in 1993 because of career pressures, (what a stupid thing to have ever done,, but I'm back now and loving every minute of it,, except of course, the odd hill which we have plenty of in Cinci and surrounds)RGP

Sorry I am a bit late with my comments on the 38th HHH.

As with any large organized event such as this, it runs on the volunteers. So please take all my compliments and pass them along to them. Each and every one of them I encountered were friendly, helpful, and fantastic.

This was one of the very best run bicycle events I have ever participated in 40 years of road cycling. I only regret that it was my first HHH. I wish I had ridden many more, and I will return in 2009. I thought the pinnacle of organization was TOSRV for it goes like clockwork each year. You and your folks make them take a back seat. (it even rained for ONLY an hour)

The Saturday registration and vender exhibit was good, although I can't believe more vendors didn't participate. I bought from 3 that were there.

One small suggestion. More Porta-Johns for the first rest stop, PLEASE. A minor detail, but the waiting line was "dance around" long.

No name?

I thought HHH was a wonderfully organized ride. I brought my wife (she does not ride) and she had a great day wandering around your beautiful town. I did not enjoy the headwind for the last 25 miles but that was beyond your control. A great weekend and I will be back! If any of you folks from up north would like to ride the hills of Greene County and our beautiful bikeways, give me a call. Would love some ride partners!

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