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Ohio wheelman Brian Born was brought in to give riding demonstrations on the Lions Club's Boneshaker high wheeler. He also found himself regularly steadying the bike for "kid photo-ops." This boy, incidentally, is Ben Coy. From Indiana, he is the great-grandson of Ropp and Mary Emma Triplett, who the Ride to Remember honors each year. — Photo by Joe Schriener



The Bluffton Biking Beavers decided to skip the Tour de France this year to ride in the local event. — photo by Joe Schriener



The Lions' Dick Ramseyer (center) is the lynchpin in not only the Ride to Remember, but in the ongoing work on the Bluffton bicycle path. — photo by Joe Schriener



Bluffton's Dough Hook was providing sandwiches for the riders when they finished. — photo by Joe Schriener

by Joe Schriener
This year's Ride to Remember was, well, a "ride to remember." Despite temperatures in the upper 90s last Saturday, with a heat index of 110, bicyclists,

nonetheless, came from all over. Sweat glistened on the riders, even before they started.

Multiple length courses were set up. And no matter what the length, sweat was, at

least, triple what it was when the riders started.

The ride's end base was set up at the pavilion on the east end of the Buckeye Park. There were energy bars, sports drinks, Dough Hook sandwiches and bicyclist banter everywhere.

Both individuals and area bike clubs came out for the event. And a high-

wheeler from Kenton was brought in to give demonstrations on the Lions Club flagship 1890's replica Boneshaker bicycle.

The event was sponsored by the Lions Club and proceeds go to the continuation of building an inter-connecting bicycle path throughout Bluffton proper.



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Despite the record high temperatures, 10 cyclists completed the 112-mile Triplett Challenge during the 5th Annual Ride to Remember on Saturday, July 20. Shown here are three of those riders, Dave Erb, Corinne Gordon and Martin Extejt. Bill Triplett, co-chair of the event, presented the certificates.- photo by Barbara Lockard