

**31st
ANNUAL**

Photo Review of the Great Ohio Bicycle Adventure



June 15 – 22 • 2019

GOBA Recognition and Notes

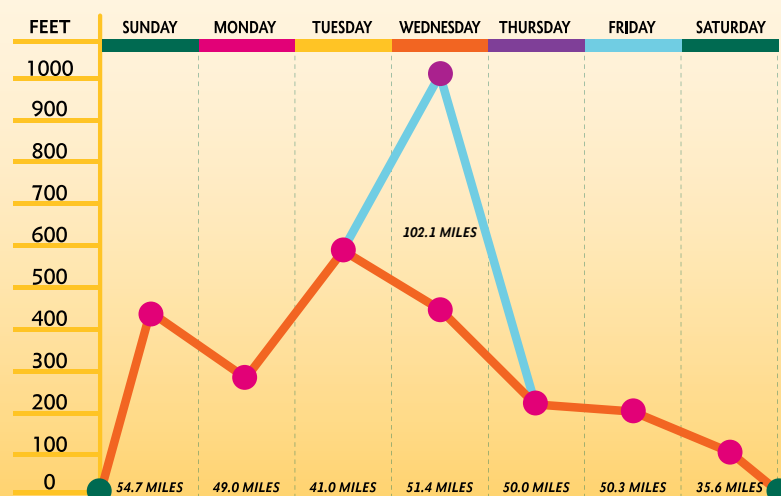
INTRODUCTION

The Great Ohio Bicycle Adventure is a bicycle-camping tour and “an adventure on two wheels with your friends.” **GOBA 31** was held June 15-22, 2019. GOBA features bicycle touring at a leisurely pace, for approximately 50 miles per day through some of the friendliest and most beautiful areas that Ohio offers. The daily routes lead you to amazing tour attractions and welcoming food stops, while the overnights are spent being entertained by our host towns and camping under a blanket of stars. The weeklong Adventure is perfect for individuals and families, offering fun, Ohio hospitality, and a challenging and rewarding vacation.

GOBA is an event of Columbus Outdoor Pursuits, a non-profit organization devoted to non-competitive outdoor recreation. Visit outdoor-pursuits.org for activity and membership information.



Elevation Chart



PHOTOS

The photos taken by the GOBA volunteer photographers are posted on the photo website [SmugMug: https://goba.smugmug.com/GOBA31-2019](https://goba.smugmug.com/GOBA31-2019), which will take users to the page that shows all the albums for 2017-2019.

The file name for each photo contains the name of the photographer: Michael Kahrl, Tom Klausing, Jeff Pierron, Jerry Rampelt, Michelle Rampelt, Julia Schmitt, Ron Schroeder, and Tom Sheehan. Each photo is protected by copyright of *The Great Ohio Bicycle Adventure* and the photographer. Contact the GOBA office regarding permission for publicity or commercial use of the photos.

Photo Credits: Front cover by Julia Schmitt; back cover by Tom Klausing (top) and Ron Schroeder (bottom).

NOTE

The data for *What We Rode* is based on the Ride With GPS maps. The totals for anyone who rode all the routes (including the century on Wednesday) are 383.3 miles and 3,037 feet of climbing. Cyclists who rode only on the four “mandatory” days and used all of the shortcuts would have totaled 151.3 miles (climbing stats not available).

GOBA Notes



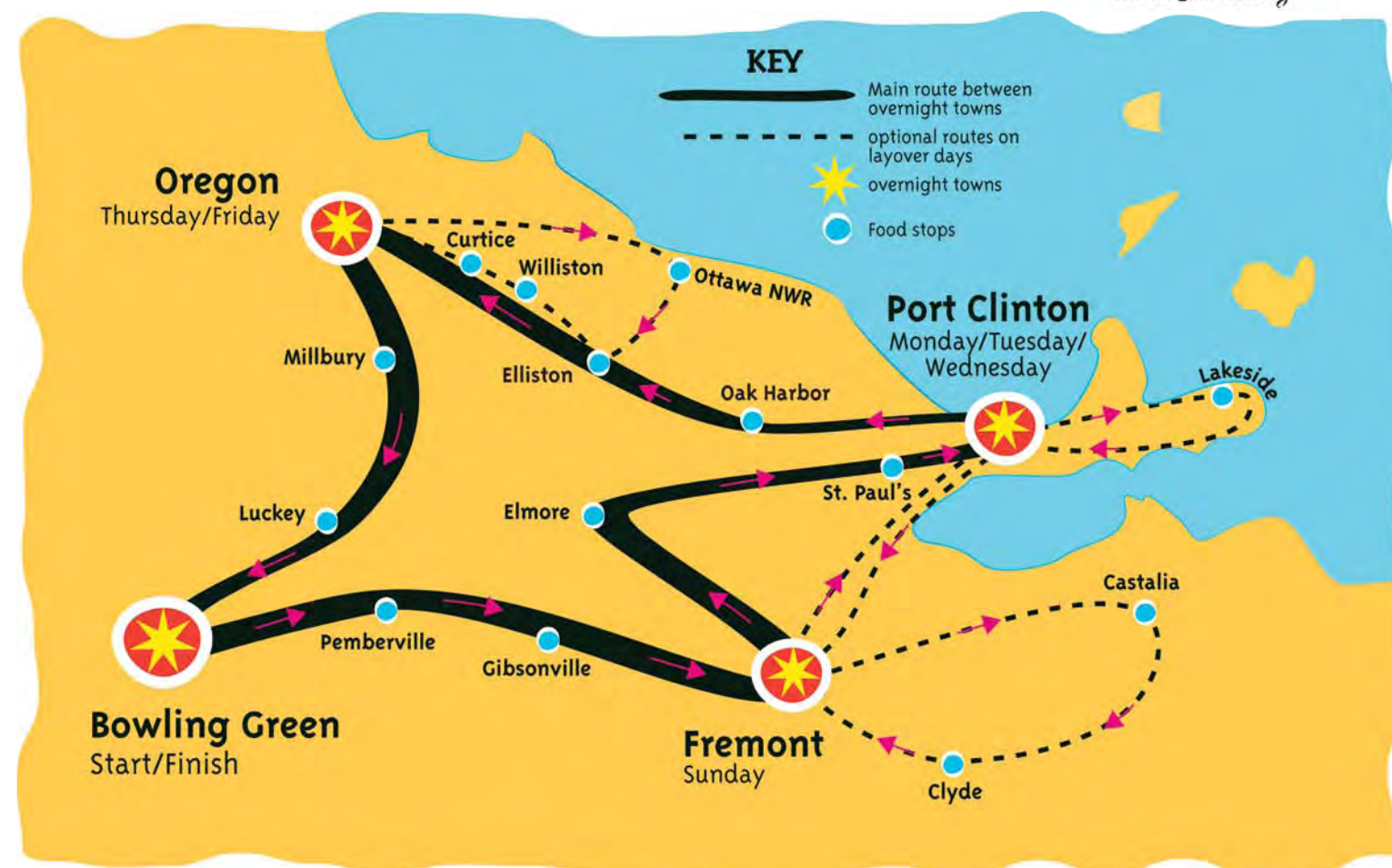
What We Rode! (excluding shortcuts and side trips)

SUNDAY	..... June 16	..... 54.7 miles	..... 443 feet of climbing
MONDAY	..... June 17	..... 49.0 miles	..... 294 feet of climbing
TUESDAY	..... June 18	..... 41.6 miles	..... 599 feet of climbing
WEDNESDAY	.... June 19	..... 51.4 miles	..... 463 feet of climbing ...or 102.1 miles...1,073 feet
THURSDAY	..... June 20	..... 50.0 miles	..... 236 feet of climbing
FRIDAY	..... June 21	..... 50.3 miles	..... 208 feet of climbing
SATURDAY	..... June 22	..... 35.6 miles	..... 184 feet of climbing



COME SAIL AWAY...

Route Map • GOBA 2019



GOBA Riders' Quotes

“Great roads, overnight facilities, shortcuts, helpful staff, food stops and entertainment!”

Best GOBA yet. All-year rider. The temperature was outstanding for riding and tent sleeping. Option day activities were great. It will be hard to beat GOBA 31.

LOVED the extra layover days to explore, ride, hike... this was a GREAT idea!

This was my first GOBA in almost 20 years. Several of my friends cautioned me that it wasn't like "the good ol days" of the '90s, so I didn't come in with high expectations. I was pleasantly surprised!

We had a great time. I was riding with my 5-year-old and we took advantage of the shortcuts when she needed them. I really liked having the freedom to choose our mileage, which really made for a great experience for my daughter.

For my dad and I's first time on the GOBA, it was brilliantly organized and the number of families was amazing.

This was our first time at GOBA. It was excellent. It exceeded our expectations.

For my first GOBA, I thought it was a lot of fun. Loved the shortcut option especially with having a kid with me. People and staff were very nice. Overall a great experience.

”

DAY 1: Arrival in Bowling Green

Saturday, June 15

Unloading and more...

DAY 1: Bowling Green

- All roads lead to Wood County Fairgrounds.
- Unloading vehicles and setting up tents while dodging persistent raindrops.
- Getting your rider packet and watching the cycle safety video.
- No bike parade because of rain. Costume contest and band moved indoors at fairgrounds.
- Watching the BMX bikers do fantastic tricks.
- The lively music of Ginger & the Snaps.
- Getting dinner from colorfully painted food trucks.
- Going to sleep to the sound of raindrops hitting your tent fly.



DAY 2: Bowling Green to Fremont

Sunday, June 16

54.7 miles or 39.8 miles

DAY 2: Bowling Green to Fremont

- Waking to a foggy, rainy morning.
- Eating delicious doughnuts, sitting in a firetruck and dropping a donation into a firefighter's boot at the first stop, the Pemberville Fire Station.
- Riding along the winding Portage River.
- Seeing a section of a World Trade Center antenna at a park in Gibsonburg, then lunch at the Legion Hall.
- Riding past piles of lime, and making an impromptu stop at a farmer's market.
- Pulling into Terra State Community College and setting up your tent.
- Taking the bus to downtown Fremont.
- Seeing gallows at the 1892 jail and dungeon.
- Touring the President Rutherford B. Hayes museum, library and home.
- Enjoying antique bicycles set up by the Ohio Wheelmen.
- Opening ceremony, concert and food in the Terra auditorium.



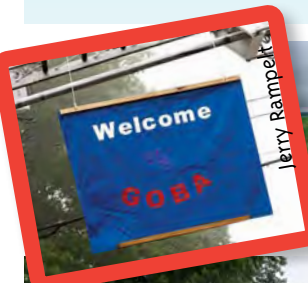
Tom Sheehan



Tom Sheehan



Tom Sheehan



Jerry Rampelt



Michael Kahr



Michael Kahr



Julia Schmitt



Michael Kahr



Michael Kahr



Julia Schmitt



Jerry Rampelt



Julia Schmitt

DAY 2: Bowling Green to Fremont

Sunday, June 16

54.7 miles or 39.8 miles



Tom Sheehan



Tom Sheehan



Tom Sheehan



Julia Schmitt



Tom Sheehan



Tom Sheehan



Julia Schmitt



Tom Sheehan



Michael Kahr

DAY 3: Fremont to Port Clinton

Monday, June 17

49.0 miles or 36.6 miles

DAY 3: Fremont to Port Clinton

- Easy 12 miles on the North Coast Inland Trail.
- GOBA kids stopping at the playground in Lindsey.
- Great coffee and snacks at Elmore's old railroad depot.
- Optional tour of Schedel Gardens on the edge of Elmore.
- Traveling again along the Portage River.
- Excellent fried chicken and homemade bread for lunch at St. Paul's church near Oak Harbor.
- Arriving at Port Clinton High School and setting up tents in the sunshine.
- Enjoying the evening talk by author/cyclist Chris Register, and meeting his guest, Miss America 1963, Jackie Mayer of Sandusky.



DAY 3: Fremont to Port Clinton

Monday, June 17

49.0 miles or 36.6 miles

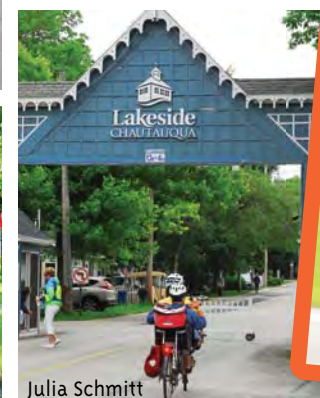


DAY 4: Layover Day in Port Clinton

Tuesday, June 18

- DAY 4: Layover day in Port Clinton
- Perfect weather for outdoor activities.
 - Multiple views of Lake Erie on the optional ride.
 - Passing numerous Lake Erie wineries.
 - Lunch on the hotel lawn at Lakeside Chautauqua, a Methodist camp that has Chautauqua-like programs.
 - Stopping at historic Marblehead Lighthouse and climbing the steep stairs for wonderful views.
 - Short side trips to Lakeside Daisy Nature Preserve and the Civil War cemetery on Johnson's Island.
 - Admiring vintage aircraft at Liberty Aviation Museum.
 - Taking a ferry, either to South Bass Island (Put-in-Bay) or Kelleys Island (Glacial Grooves).
 - Evening movie at the school, or exploring downtown.

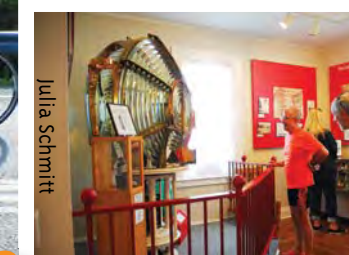
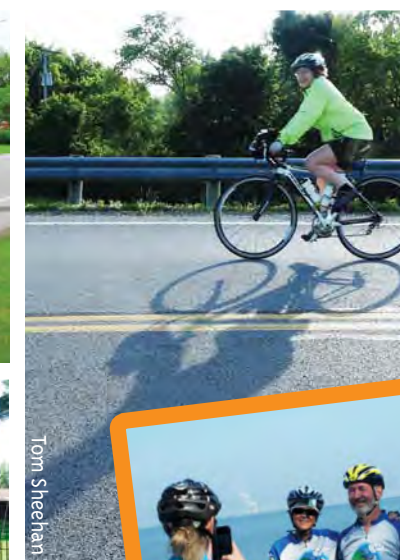
41.6 mile loop



DAY 4: Layover Day in Port Clinton

Tuesday, June 18

41.6 mile loop



DAY 5: Layover day in Port Clinton

Wednesday, June 19

DAY 5: Layover day in Port Clinton

- Optional century and half-century loop through downtown Fremont, where restaurants have rider specials.
- Century riders adding a second loop, to Castalia, then eating again in Fremont.
- Clyde Garden Club hosting a special stop for century cyclists.
- A food truck at a farm along Mud Creek is the first and last snack stop for all cyclists.
- Excellent weather, but wind pushes Lake Erie water into swollen rivers, causing minor flooding on roads.
- Some pedal or bus to the South Bass Island ferry.
- Others take a charter bus to Cedar Point and ride the rides!
- The Rotary Club perch wagon serving up a local favorite in camp.
- Live music, magic show and food at the party at Waterworks Park.



Julia Schmitt



Ron Schroeder



Ron Schroeder



Ron Schroeder



Ron Schroeder



Ron Schroeder



Jerry Rampelt



Tom Sheehan

DAY 5: Layover day in Port Clinton

Wednesday, June 19

51.4 mile or 102.1 mile loop



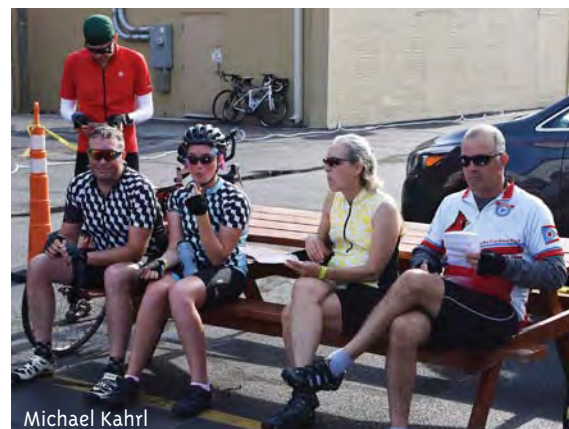
Julia Schmitt



Julia Schmitt



Jerry Rampelt



Michael Kahrl



Ron Schroeder



Michelle Rampelt



Ron Schroeder



Jerry Rampelt



Jerry Rampelt



Michael Kahrl



Tom Sheehan

DAY 6: Port Clinton to Oregon

Thursday, June 20

DAY 6: Port Clinton to Oregon

- Rainy, but strong winds spare northwest Ohio.
- Lake Erie floods downtown Port Clinton, forcing route detour.
- Seeing Davis Besse nuclear power plant on the horizon for much of the route.
- Oak Harbor Chamber of Commerce hosts first food stop.
- Many rail crossings. Riders stopping to wait for trains.
- Lunch at Trinity Church in tiny Elliston offers nice refuge from rain.
- Cyclists packing The Crazy Lady Saloon in Curtice, the third stop.
- Rain kicking up again as riders roll into Clay High School in Oregon.
- Learning maritime history at the National Museum of the Great Lakes and "M*A*S*H" lore at Tony Packo's.
- Honoring longtime riders at Golden GOBA dinner.
- Buses shuttling baseball fans to a Mud Hens game in Toledo.



Jerry Rampelt



Julia Schmitt



Jerry Rampelt



Ron Schroeder



Tom Sheehan



Julia Schmitt



Ron Schroeder



Ron Schroeder



Ron Schroeder

50 miles or 39.3 miles

DAY 6: Port Clinton to Oregon

Thursday, June 20

50 miles or 39.3 miles



Tom Sheehan



Tom Sheehan



Tom Sheehan



Tom Sheehan



Ron Schroeder



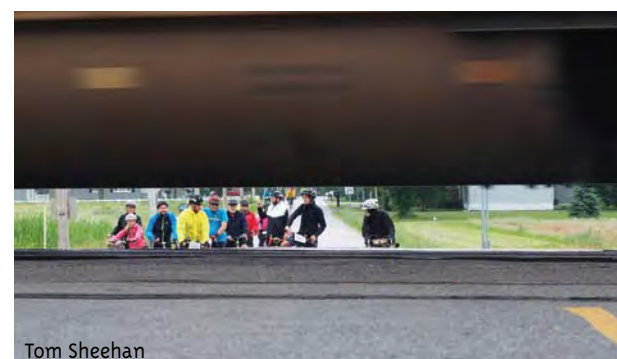
Julia Schmitt



Tom Sheehan



Ron Schroeder



Tom Sheehan



Ron Schroeder



Michelle Rampelt

DAY 7: Layover Day in Oregon

Friday, June 21

DAY 7: Layover day in Oregon

- Mild, dry and sunny.
- A short ride past a coke-burning power plant to Oregon's shoreline, then enter Maumee Bay State Park on a bike path.
- Passing Lake Erie beaches, but it's a little chilly for swimming.
- Visiting the Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge for lunch and riding a tram into the marshes.
- Buses to Toledo for museums and other downtown destinations.
- Family Outdoor Movie Night, swimming, yoga, disc golf, pickleball and many other activities.
- Gathering in the Clay High stadium for the GOBA Song Contest, then the classic/party music of local band *Mess With Emily*.



Julia Schmitt



Julia Schmitt



Ron Schroeder



Ron Schroeder



Ron Schroeder



Ron Schroeder



Jerry Rampelt



Jerry Rampelt



Julia Schmitt



Ron Schroeder

50.3 mile loop

DAY 7: Layover Day in Oregon

Friday, June 21



Tom Sheehan



Jerry Rampelt



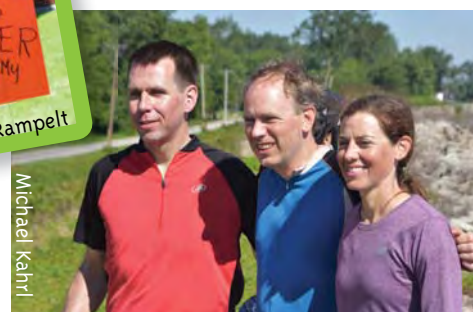
Michael Kahrl



Tom Sheehan



Jerry Rampelt



Michael Kahrl



Tom Sheehan



Michael Kahrl



Jeff Pierron



Ron Schroeder

50.3 mile loop

DAY 8: Oregon to Bowling Green

Saturday, June 22

DAY 8: Oregon to Bowling Green

- Beautiful weather and a tailwind!
- Filling up on Chris Cakes pancakes in the Clay cafeteria.
- Stopping in Millbury at the Fireman's Recreation Hall for a morning snack.
- Passing the large, imposing structure of the former Brush Beryllium plant while rolling into Luckey.
- Enjoying pie and fabulous coffee after a wonderful lunch at the Legion Hall in Luckey. They even gave away GOBA buttons.
- A Renaissance-type festival at the Wood County Fairgrounds beckons returning riders.
- Goodbye, GOBA cyclists. See you next year!



Ron Schroeder



Julia Schmitt



Ron Schroeder



Julia Schmitt



Ron Schroeder



Julia Schmitt



Ron Schroeder



Michael Kahrl



Jerry Rampelt



Michael Kahrl

35.6 miles

DAY 8: Oregon to Bowling Green

Saturday, June 22

35.6 miles



Julia Schmitt



Julia Schmitt



Julia Schmitt



Julia Schmitt



Julia Schmitt



Ron Schroeder



Julia Schmitt



Ron Schroeder



Julia Schmitt

Song Fest



Michael Kahl



Ron Schroeder



Ron Schroeder



Ron Schroeder



Julia Schmitt



Michael Kahl



Jerry Rampelt



Ron Schroeder



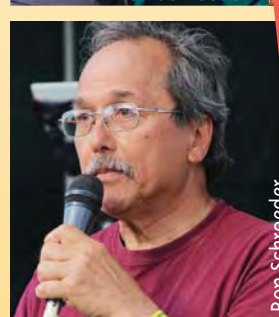
Michael Kahl



Ron Schroeder



Ron Schroeder



Ron Schroeder



Ron Schroeder

Golden GOBA Riders



10 Year Riders

Ron Schroeder



15 Year Riders

Ron Schroeder



20 Year Riders

Julia Schmitt



All Year Riders

Ron Schroeder

GOBA 31 Honorees

Bill Gordon Memorial Award:

Sandra and Steve Woosley

Rider 31 Drawing:

Connie Brys

Rider 2019 Drawing:

Susan Livingston

Costume Contest:

Connie Ziegler

Song Contest:

Brian Kerr, Jeff Kerr, Bryan Munch,
Don Milnor (quartet)

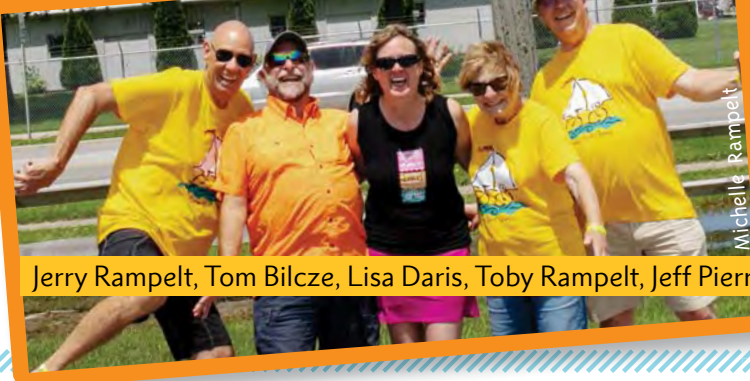
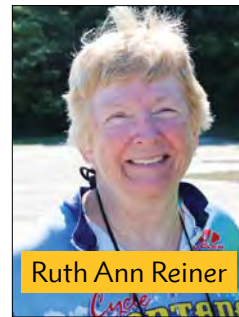
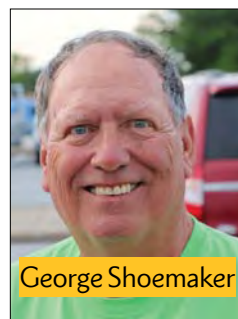
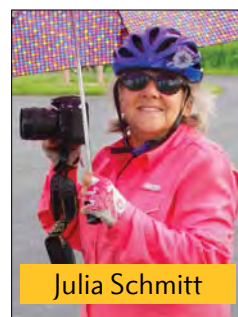
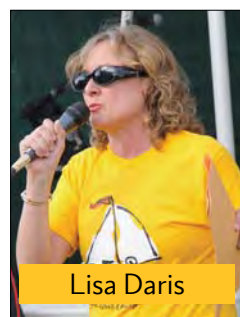
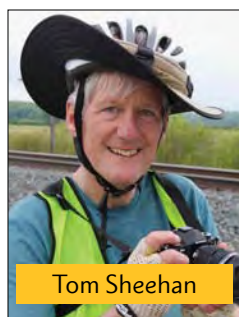
"Guess the GOBA Towns" Jersey Winner:

Dave Coleman

All Year Riders (9):

Alan and Deborah Casanova, Michael Elwood,
Richard Grove, Albert Murn, Tom Prislusky,
Larry Steele, Sandra Woosley, Paul Wright

GOBA Staff and Volunteers



More photos and fun...





❁ JOIN US! for **GOBA 32 | 2020** ~ JUNE 20 - 27

