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Bikers take off on
the early morning
rides at the start
of the annual Pedal
and Play ride March
19 in Laisley Park.



Jessica Reading, left, and sister Erica came all the way from Oklahoma City and Kansas City respectively to honor their dad, Jim, who passed away from leukemia last year. Jessica even rode her dad's Cervelo bicycle.

TEAM Punta Gorda volunteer Jim Townsend, bottom, tends to a line of riders registering at the 30- and 62-mile table. Riders said the registration process was well organized and fast.