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Black Sheep: It's a Family Thing

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At age seven, my first "motorcycle" was a Fox mini-bike with a 3hp. Briggs and Stratton motor. It was love at first sight! My first real motorcycle came at age 10 and was a 1974 Honda CT90. Today, I am riding my 33rd motorcycle; a 2003 Harley Davidson Electra Glide.



Last Saturday, my 12 year old son in his infinite wisdom said "Dad lets go to the Harley Shop and get something for mom's Harley!" You see, in late 2004, I also purchased a 2005 Sportster for my wife Andy in hopes that she too would learn to ride and love it as much as I do. Three years later the bike was sitting in the garage with 59 miles on the odometer! Through the years, Andy and I found a lot of reasons not to ride. The arrival of our son Jake, changes in employment, construction of our


garage/loft project etc. Whatever reason, the little black sporty just sat unappreciated and unused.

The Black Sheep M/M has exposed Andy and Jake to a side of motorcycling that they have never seen before. We are a solid Christian group with a purpose. So I am so proud to say that on



Sunday May 6th 2007 my lovely wife put on her Black Sheep HDFC vest and said "This is it! Teach me to ride!" Now let me preface this by saying that Andy has indeed attended the MSF beginner's course and has ridden dirt bikes and atv's over the years but never a large street bike. In the past, our attempts at learning to ride have not fared well. My lack of patience as a teacher is what I blame the most, but on this day Andy cruised the parking lot, replicating the DMV skills test perfectly! Then the surprise of a lifetime...we actually went for a family ride! The Sharrock family on wheels! Something that I thought I would never see. We rode 67 miles together as a family that day.





The difference? We realized that when Andy was riding just for me...things always seemed to come up. But now that we are riding for Jesus, as a family, there is a greater reason to ride. 

Third Regional Director Appointed


Sometimes we have to go looking for leaders. Sometimes they simply emerge. Such is the case with Tom Anthony, Arizona BSHDFC. His natural giftedness for compassionate leadership has led the state ministry to this conclusion. When asked, "Who would make a good regional director for Arizona Black Sheep?" one name kept coming up - "U-Turn" (Tom's road name.).



"U-Turn" will remain the San Tan's chapter president for several months. The January elections will probably be moved up, however, to free up Tom for chapter development in Tucson which already has eager riders in place .

 **Note to Andy Sharrock:** Tom's wife Tina (above) received the road name "YICKY" when someone challenged her to ride her own Harley. Tina sat up straight and declared, "Yes I Can!" Thus the name...YICY! 

Sweet Carolina Black Sheep

Black Sheep national president, Marty Edwards, took advantage of his annual pilgrimage to NCOM (National Coalition of Motorcyclist) to meet No. and So. Carolina Black Sheep for the first time ever! He was also privileged to preach at FREEDOM BIKER CHURCH which is just outside of Raleigh, NC. If you ever get the chance, check this church out! Rockin' music, a wonderful bunch of people and a pastor who is passionate about Jesus and ministry to bikers! (L to R: Curtis & Gail Melton, SC-BSHDFC and Mickey Hicks, NC-BSHDFC.) 



Sheep Raise Money For Mom & Son & Special Needs Van

Thanks to everyone who helped the San Tan chapter raise money for Henry and Maria. Henry has Muscular Dystrophy and is confined to a wheel chair. Maria, his mother, has a van but since it does not have an electric lift, she has been lifting Henry AND his very heavy electric wheelchair in and out of their vehicle. Maria is Henry's sole provider and it would be catastrophic if she were to hurt her back and become unable to work.



(Photo Above: L/R – Tom and Tina Anthony , Henry, Maria, Diana and Tim Doty)

After not having much luck locating a van within our price range, we finally found a VERY nice, low mileage van with a wheel chair lift already installed. Because of your generosity and a very gracious God, there was enough money raised to not only purchase the van but to also have all of the preventative maintenance performed and to put on a new set of tires. What an awesome God we serve!

Special thanks to "Bill" and to the people from R.O.C.K. Riders of Christ Church of the Valley for going above and beyond. We appreciate you all. ☞

Same Van...New Look!

On the top of page one you will see a photo of our basic white van which has a brand new vinyl wrap! Our thanks goes out to Bob Knight and The Image Zone (Murrieta, CA) who helped to make this possible (for a fraction of the cost). First we sent Bob our primitive ideas on paper. He then took those ideas and did the computer magic graphics that you are looking at. Bob and Marty Edwards then spent 13 hours late one night last month applying 14 color vinyl panels to the van. It's a process of clean, apply, stretch, heat and snip.

The Image Zone is the official printing and graphics supplier for BSHDFC. They are currently printing (not copying) our newsletters, brochures and tracts. They are also the source for all of your Black Sheep business cards. Check them out on our web site or go to TheImageZone.com and say "thanks" to Bob, Brian and Sean for all of the work they do for us. And tell Bob to stop being such a woose and buy a Harley-Davidson!

Before you receive this newsletter the van will also be dressed up with flood lamps (front and rear) and an emergency light bar which will come in handy for our roadside rescue work. ☞

Back from the Dead

By Tom Peterson (Tri-Valley BSHDFC)

As a motorcycle rider with over forty years experience, I was new to the East Bay (Pleasanton) area and was looking for ride mates and ride routes. Therefore, I became involved in the local (Livermore) HOG chapter. (Livermore is just east of Oakland, CA) At several of the HOG rides, I had seen people wearing vests with patches reading "Black Sheep". I thought to myself, "That's rather ominous!" But these people seemed to be quite accepted by the regular HOG members, so I just ignored them and, being a retired peace officer, gave them a wide berth. Then at one of the pre-ride briefings, I happened to be standing right behind one of them when something caught my eye. The word "GOSPEL" [i.e. Good News] just seemed to light up and virtually leap off his patch! I then read the whole patch: "I am not ashamed of the Gospel..." Then I saw the words "Harley-

Davidsons for Christ" I thought to myself, " I guess they're not so ominous after all!"

As a Christian myself, who has never been ashamed of the Gospel, I began watching the people wearing those patches. I quickly learned that I liked them! I liked their cheerfulness. I liked their manners. I liked their mannerisms. At the next HOG ride I approached a Black Sheep member and he invited me to their next meeting, which my wife and I attended. We quickly found the rest of the Tri-Valley Black Sheep chapter members to be of the same ilk as the people I had originally met. Today, we are Black Sheep. Becoming a member has been a very happy and blessed experience for us both.

THE REST OF THE STORY... I was a Correctional Sergeant for sixteen years at Pelican Bay State Prison in Crescent City, CA. On the morning of May 9, 2005, I suffered sudden death cardiac arrest, less than five minutes after arriving at work, and was found dead, lying on the floor of my office. Lori (who is now my wife) got a call from our pastor while she was at her work in Walnut Creek. She was told that they were uncertain if I was going to survive. She went home, packed and drove the 400 miles to Crescent City so she could be at my bedside. She stayed by me through my medivac flight to the best cardiac hospital in the area – Medford, Oregon. She was there when I finally regained consciousness two weeks later. She was there through three more weeks of rehab, and moved me into her apartment in Pleasanton where I continued my rehab.

We had been scheduled to get married on May 28, 2005, so she had to go through canceling all those arrangements - our marriage license had even expired. We finally did get married November 6, 2005, during the regular Sunday morning church service. So here I am. I survived! I got married! I moved to Livermore and joined Livermore HOG and Black Sheep HDFC. Ain't that quite a story? God is good...all the time! And, all the time - God is good. (Ps118:24) ☞

WISDOM: Notes From the Saddle

The Unknown Rider

Your reflection looks best on a clean milk truck.

Your gas tank reserve is only good for half the distance to the next gas station.

Your keys are deep in that pocket inside the raingear you just put on.

Your friends will laugh at you now, it may take you a while longer

That empty bag you want to kick has a rock in it.



Regarding road kill and other road hazards:

Watch for the usual like sand, oil and water. But keep in mind things like wet painted lines, arrows & concrete can be slicker than a con man at a carnival.

In the last few years I've seen more riders point to a pavement hazard using the appropriate boot toe (in the old days we just pointed down with a hand). I like the boot thing it's more visible from behind and less difficult for the rider to do. So if your flock doesn't do this, try it out next time. Try to give the following riders a chance to learn from your viewpoint.

At one point during the relationship with your bike, you will have to pick it up. The safest and least embarrassing way to learn how is in your own garage at home.

Start with a not-full gas-tank on the bike, a large empty flat spot, and maybe a friend to assist. Put a sleeping bag on the floor next to the bike. See that the switches are off. And then lay the machine down on the bag. If possible put the machine in gear to keep it from rolling away from you. Find a couple of grab points that are metal and not hot. Use crash bars, frame rails, you know solid stuff. Don't use soft saddlebags or other strap on gear, they may slip or tear away. Be careful if using the handlebars they want to move as the bike comes up. Use your legs not your back.

Back the side of your butt into the soft seat and then, while pushing into the seat and holding the handlebars, back up and stand up. Some of us just grab a frame

chunk or seat edge and lift with the legs. If yours has crash bars like a Road King or Electra Glide, try a rocking motion...sort of a "1-2-3 up-sa-daisy." The point is learn how to do it NOW and you'll know what to do on the road. ☘

Western States Rally: July 13-14Register NOW!

Members and Non-Members alike are invited to this year's WESTERN STATES RALLY in beautiful San Luis Obispo/Morro Bay! The dates are July 13th and 14th with optional no host - no activity sloth days on the 12th and 15th. Live band "The Revelators" and special guest speaker/singer from Australia Steve Grace will be with us. The WSR will also feature a poker run, bike games and the traditional "Ride For Pie." There's always plenty of door prizes, cash prizes, a ride tee and ride pin, beautiful riding country and our annual "President's Only Breakfast."

ANY motel on Monterey Street in SLO will be within a mile of the others. Our motel options include:

The Sands (805) 544-0500	\$89-\$98
Travelodge (805) 543-5110	\$105-\$115 (They have opened more rooms!)
Los Padres (805) 543-5017	\$99
Super 8 (805) 544-7895	\$109-\$119-\$129

You may also choose to take advantage of some free housing made available by local Black Sheep members and friends from El Morro Church of the Nazarene. For this option call Scott and Anne Wilcox at (909)596-0869. ☘

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Western States Rally! San Luis Obispo/Morro Bay! July 13-14th

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What's Happening? A beautiful ride to the central coast of California! Two evening rallies with two special musical guests! Poker Run! Bike Games! Door prizes! 50/50! Ride for Pie Friday Night! Includes event tee and ride pin! President's Breakfast! Ride in Bike Contest!

Cost: \$55 per person before June 1st. \$65 after June 1st. Youth 18 and younger are free. **MEMBERS & NON-MEMBERS WELCOME!**

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Event Location: El Morro Church of the Nazarene 1480 Santa Ysabel Ave. Los Osos, CA 93402 (12 beautiful miles from our motels.)

Directions to Church from Hwy1 South to Morro Bay. Take Los Osos/Baywood Park off ramp and turn right. Follow So. Bay Blvd to the first stop light. At the light turn left and you have arrived.

Directions to Church from Hwy101 Take Los Osos Valley Road and travel west. Follow the road to So. Bay Blvd and turn right. Go to Santa Ysabel (2nd stop) and take a right and you have arrived. Lost? Try (805) 528-0391 or (951) 757-9008

Schedule: Registration begins Friday the 13th at 4pm at the church. The evening rally begins at 6pm. (additional schedule TBA).

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