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Photo Above: Is that Santa and his sleigh? No! It's a few of our members from Eastern Pennsylvania. They are planning to RIDE to Lake Elsinore, CA at the end of February for our 6th annual National Leadership Summit. They claim that the wagon is their "chase vehicle." If you would like to join their wagon train, just contact Eastern PA Black Sheep in the directory. f

Photo Left: Slow Dog was invited to speak in upstate New York last month. Afterwards, he and wife Debbie took the opportunity to see the sights and deliver literature to several Harley dealerships. It was also an opportunity to meet our New York leaders face to face, Gary and Sally Bachowski.

Merry Christmas from downtown Lake Placid, New York. ☐

little or no presence. Imagine if we had "long riders" coming out of not just California – but from every state that we have members, rendezvousing with one another for this objective.



That's exactly what I and four others did last month. We went to the famous Tombstone and colorful Bisbee, while making a base camp in Sierra Vista (AZ). We took mostly back roads there and back, with some Interstate and stopping at dealerships in Yuma, Tucson and Sierra Vista. Five of us made the trip, Denny Coggins, Mike Augustine, Jim Birmingham, Jack Sloan, and myself. We had an awesome time! *Photo above: Ken Mole instructs the team. Photo below/left: Mike Augustine in downtown Tombstone. Check out the hombre with the coffee in the background! (Inset is Ken Mole) (Continued page 2)*

Introducing: "The Long Riders"

Submitted by Ken Mole (Lake Elsinore BSHDFC)

A few years back, Slow Dog led twenty-five Black Sheep members from Southern California to Eugene, Oregon (About 2200 miles). That trip resulted in a lot of good memories, terrific riding through some beautiful country and the start of our ministry in two Oregon chapters.

National Leadership Summit is Upon Us!

Photos Below From 2007 Summit. 2008 information on page 4.



Imagine if we could do something like that again – and again – three to four times a year; missionaries riding to bring an awareness of the Gospel and the Black Sheep Ministry to HOG chapters and Harley dealerships in areas where we have



(Long Riders Cont.) Any member in good standing would be welcome to join the Long Riders, but not every member will be able to meet the necessary requirements.

- Can you share your faith with others openly and boldly?
- Can you afford the time to be away 5-10 days at a time?
- Can you afford the expenses of such a trip?
- Can you ride 400-500 miles a day?
- Are you comfortable riding at interstate speeds? (70-75 mph)

Few will be able to participate in every long ride and will need to choose on a trip-by-trip basis. After the first long ride (defined as 1000 or more miles in any one trip), a member may purchase a "Long Rider" master patch and individual mission destination patches.

All rides will have well planned out routes and stops and will include scenic opportunities (i.e. it's not just about "goin' and blowin'"). We are also encouraging some to join us with a chase vehicle and trailer. Either way, no rider will be left behind alone.

If you are interested in this special focus or have any questions, contact me at (951) 264-1563 or send an email to: moleman2@ca.rr.com

Editor's Note: I am excited about Ken's plan to go the distance for Christ and this ministry. Ken is a mature Christian gentleman who has spent many years as a "long haul" trucker. As for motorcycle rides, Ken has rolled up some serious miles including (from So. Ca.) one trek to Milwaukee and on to Alaska. Each of these were 15-18 days and 5000 miles. He told me, "These are lifetime memories!" I highly recommend Ken's ability and character and have commissioned him to lead our new "Long Riders" ministry. ~Slow Dog

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PT Cruisers and Harleys Unite in San Gabriel

Slow Dog made a surprise visit to San Gabriel BSHDFC's bike night in West Covina last month. Boy, was he confused to discover a parking lot full of PT Cruisers! The mystery was solved, however, when it was explained to him that the "PT Cruiser Owners Club of San Gabriel Valley" has partnered with the sheep to help out some families on Thanksgiving. The San Gabriel sheep were thankful that the cruisers contributed twelve Thanksgiving dinners (with all of the fixings!) and a serious wad of cash! Add that to the sheep's efforts and a lot of people were blessed in Christ's name! (PHOTO: Tim Petarra (L) presents a "Best Bike" trophy to a local HOG member at Bike Niight.) □



So.Ca. Regional Breakfast Grows

Since the beginning of Black Sheep in 1999, the group has met on a monthly basis for breakfast on the first Saturday of every month. Other riders started showing up and as the flock began to grow the need for bigger restaurants became a challenge. Today, fourteen So. Ca. chapters (stretching from Santa Barbara to San Diego i.e. 200+ miles rain or shine) scramble to keep the event effective.

The challenge is finding a restaurant that will seat 150+ riders (in private), at the cost of eight bucks a head (all inclusive) and have good parking as well. The new strategy now calls for four different (rotating) locations to better reach non-Black Sheep riders AND to include our own members in Ventura and Santa Barbara Counties to the North.

The first suggestion is always, "How about a church?" The answer is, "Non-Christians want to have breakfast at a church about as much as Christians want to eat at a mosque!" Oh, it would work for yet another great big gathering of Christians, but we're not about Christian entertainment. We're about building bridges between those who have and haven't heard about the Good News of Jesus Christ.

The So. California leaders have now secured three locations and are in need of one more to make the rotation complete. In addition to the monthly regional breakfast, most of the chapters have their own monthly breakfasts as well. □

All He Wanted Was A New Harley-Davidson

Submitted by Eagle Rider (Central Oregon BSHDFC)

A young man was getting ready to graduate from college – with honors. For many months he had admired a beautiful new Harley-Davidson in a dealer's showroom, and knowing his father could well afford it, he told him that it was all he wanted for graduation. As Graduation Day approached, the young man awaited signs that his father had purchased the bike.

Finally, on the morning of his graduation, his father called him into his private study. His father told him how proud he was to have such a fine son and told him how much he loved him. He handed his son a beautifully wrapped gift box. Curious (but somewhat disappointed) the young man opened the box and found a leather-bound Bible with the young man's name embossed in gold. Angry, he raised his voice and said, "With all of your money you give me a Bible?" Then he stormed out of the house...leaving the Bible.

Many years passed and the young man was very successful in business. He had a beautiful home and a wonderful family, but realized his father was very old and thought perhaps he should go to him, for he had not seen him since that graduation day. Before he could make arrangements, however, he received a telegram telling him his father had passed away and had willed all of his possessions to his son. He needed to come home immediately and take care of things.

When he arrived at his father's house, sadness and regret filled his heart. He began to search through his father's important papers and saw the still new Bible, just as he had left it years ago. With tears, he opened the Bible and began to turn the pages. His father had carefully underlined a verse: "And if ye, being evil know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more shall your Heavenly father which is in heaven, give to those who ask Him?" As he read those words, a motorcycle key dropped from the back of the Bible. It had a tag with a dealer's name, the same dealer who had displayed the Harley he had desired years before. On the tag was the date of his graduation and the words... "PAID IN FULL."

How many times do we miss God's gifts because they are not packaged as WE expected? God DOES want to give good gifts to his children. That's why he gave us his one and only son Jesus Christ to die for our sins. Merry Christmas. □

Caring for Kids: Hemet, CA

Tom "Joker" Mitchell and friends from the Hemet Valley raised more than \$15,000 for needy children in their community. The October event included a beautiful ride, bands, door prizes, breakfast AND lunch, a ride pin and ride tee-shirt. Once again, those loud, scary, insensitive biker thugs are out there loving people and meeting needs! Way to go Joker! □

Southern Fried Black Sheep

There is a growing number of Black Sheep in the deep south. We thought all was lost when Atlanta firecracker Brick Mason developed an inner ear condition which prevented him from riding his bike. He dropped the bike twice before surrendering his wheels, so this was no quick or easy decision. Brick is still a part of our team in Georgia and we are all praying for his divine healing!



Newcomers to Georgia Black Sheep include Jimmy and Pamela Hunt from the Savannah area (Photo) and Terry Woods who is near Atlanta. There must be something special in those peaches, because all of these folks are fired up about this ministry! Welcome to Black Sheep Georgia! You are "...on my mind!" □

Our thanks to those who make this ministry possible through their generous financial support. We could not do what we do without you! 2007 tax deductible donations end 12-31-07



Photo: Slow Dog speaks at last year's National Leadership Summit.

Fly and Ride Hooks Up Sheep



Ron and Jill Walker (Lake Elsinore BSHDFC) jumped on a plane in Los Angeles, flew to Erie, Pennsylvania and then jumped on a Harley-Davidson! It was a trip to see the Fall colors change before their very eyes! They traveled through New York, Vermont, New Hampshire, Maine, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. During their stop in Maine they hooked up with Bob Foss, our leader there. (Photo: Jill and Ron Walker and Fozzie Bear) □

NLS6 Registration Forms Are Here!

The backside of the "Members Only" letter (sent only to...uh...members!) is your 2008 registration form. Fill this out and return it to secure your place at this year's National Summit in Lake Elsinore, Ca. The event is free and SOME housing is available with our local members. (For housing, contact Judy Kentish at 951-698-6988). Every chapter needs to be represented at the national summit. If your president is unable to attend, please send a representative. And if you're not a

member...you can come too! Check out what Black Sheep HDFC is all about! Call or email us and we will send you a registration form as well. NLS6 is February 28-March 1st. (Plan on arriving on the 27th as we will begin early on the 28th.) □

Getting Chilly Out There?

We have warm beanies and hooded sweatshirts for riding this winter. Our embroidered sweatshirts come in Gold, Black, Brown and Tan and sell for \$48 plus shipping. Just give us an email or a call and we'll send an invoice to any member (We know where you live!) □



Montana by Transfer

We have had several chapters strengthened or even started when members were suddenly transferred from one state to another. The latest such event took place when new member Kim Hickman from Washington state moved to the wild frontier of Montana.



Kim escaped serious injury after a significant motorcycle accident which happened just weeks before his move east. He remembers little or nothing about the mishap but retained a perfect understanding of our mission and is eager to get things started in Montana.

Pray for our nomads around the country. They are riding hard for Jesus! □

Our sincerest thanks to the men and women fire fighters of So. California - several of whom, are Black Sheep.



Black Sheep primary covers are back for Evo and Twin Cam! \$189 + \$9 s/h (Ca. residents add \$14 sales tax.) Sold to members only.

Point Covers and Belt Buckles coming soon!



Happy Birthday
JESUS!

