



North Pole Black Sheep: Where The Wool Is Appreciated

by Thomas McGhee (North Pole BSHDFC)



Editor: Thomas McGhee is one of our newest and most northern members of the flock. He was introduced to us through Doug Boyd, our president in Anchorage. Here is his story:

I am very excited about what we are going to do here in North Pole and Fairbanks, Alaska. I began "Cherokee Riders" when called on to provide motorcycle training in Fairbanks and North Pole. The local ABATE, HOG and motorcycle dealerships had sponsored an MSF coach's training class to have more new coaches for our area needs. My wife pushed me

into taking the class which I wasn't real thrilled about. Not to mention that out of the class I was the only one who passed.

When I graduated, we started providing the MSF Basic Riders course, but by mid summer, long before riding season was over, the ABATE group dropped the ball and chose to stop sponsoring the classes. Because I was the Harley parts manager at the local dealership and a Life Member of HOG, again I was pressured to open my own sponsorship and I started "Cherokee Riders MC." The name Cherokee Riders MC was used because I am a registered Cherokee with family who walked the Trail Of Tears. For years I have wanted to start a Cherokee riders group so this played right into my flesh. The MC stands for my last name initials, but the local riding groups thought I started a new club. (Continued on page 2)

"Luther the Dog": Black Sheep Ambassador of Good Will

Luther left Southern California a few months ago on a tour of the United States and Black Sheep chapters. After a nice stay in Anchorage (photo below) he went on to Southern Florida where he had some kind of a run in with the authorities.



Today he is on his way to visit the Fresno flock and from there to Maine, USA. ♦

The Abominable Snow Man Rides a Harley-Davidson

OK – so we have this "cold weather" thing going for us in the June edition of our newsletter. First, Thomas McGhee (left) at North Pole, AK and then Doug Boyd and the gang (below left) in Anchorage hosting our dog Luther. Well, not to be outdone, may we introduce Mike "the abominable snowman" Lundborg, our current president in Minnesota.

Mike took these photos to make the point that it is NEVER too cold to ride! (So. Calif. Black Sheep whine when it dips below 70 degrees!) While we appreciate the encouragement, we can't help but ask, "Who is he giving a left hand signal to!?" (More from Lundborg on page 2) ♦



Don't Mess With Texas

Duane Wilhite is a Black Sheep who lives and rides near San Antonio, TX. Last month he rode to a particular rally and was immediately encouraged to put his bike in the bike show. While impressing the crowd with his beautiful custom Softail, he also handed out dozens of New Testaments (Duane is a Gideon) and prayed with four people to receive Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior! Don't mess with Texas – baby! ♦



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(Continued from page one/Thomas McGhee) Now here's where the flesh left and God stepped in. I had no idea I would love teaching motorcycle riding as much as I have. It has become a passion. The word of mouth recommendations I have received has astounded me. (I taught 381 riders last summer with the help of one other coach I had trained.) But it's only because God told me to give this part of my life to him – which I have. It is used as a ministry to share his love with others through the joy and happiness He has given me. At the end of each class the graduates receive a pocket cross with their certificate and told, "ride bells are nice but the power in Jesus Christ is the only Spirit that will truly save your soul." In no way do we hide our love and dedication to serving Christ. It is through him I teach riders more than just how to ride but how to experience his spirit in the wind riding with them.

Editor: After joining BSHDFC, Thomas wrote the following letter to his local HOG chapter. (Photo of Thomas/below left)



My Fellow Riders,

What an honor it was to lead the Annual Spring Ride. Good weather, smiling faces and one of the tightest formations I have seen lately. (They made me slow down).

This Sunday I saw a lot of old friends and familiar faces. It was awesome to see so many people from my motorcycle classes up and riding. The camaraderie is alive and strong here in the interior. From the depths of my heart I want to thank each and every one of you for allowing me to teach and support the motorcycle training. I believe it is more than providing a class. I believe it is teaching the individual how to enjoy the sport of motorcycling.

This weekend you saw a new patch being flown on my back; **Black Sheep HDFC**. We are a national motorcycle ministry committed to serving H.O.G. The group was founded by Marty "Slow Dog" Edwards in 1999. The Black Sheep are not interested in bringing "religion" to HOG. We do believe, however, that sooner or later everyone has spiritual needs and that BSHDFC is uniquely equipped to meet many of those needs. We do this by providing pastors for weddings, renewing wedding vows, bike blessings, hospital visitation, funerals, grief counseling, alcohol and drug abuse referrals and simply by making ourselves available to volunteer. We have no intention to start our own riding club. It is through our Statement of Faith that we choose to ride with our faith on the outside instead of hiding it on the inside. Many of you have known me for years. You have seen me party as hard as the next guy. You have also seen that if it wasn't for my spiritual faith I wouldn't be here today. So as you see the Black Sheep colors increase, accept us as we are and always know we have an extremely strong bond. By the way, if Jesus was riding, He would trade in the donkey for a Harley Davidson.

God Bless
Thomas McGhee

Wheels of Grace – The Magazine

We can't encourage you enough to support WHEELS OF GRACE magazine! **Peter Kaye (editor of WOG) was awarded the top Media Award at this year's NCOM in Louisville, KY!** Congratulations Peter! WOG Magazine is an excellent tool for encouraging Christians and telling others about Jesus. But don't just buy it for yourself! Buy two and leave one behind for someone else to read. Order your subscriptions today at: www.WheelsofGrace.com. ♦

NCOM 2006: National Coalition of Motorcyclists

After a great deal of encouragement from fellow motorcycle ministries, Black Sheep HDFC was present in Louisville, KY for NCOM where hundreds of motorcycle leaders met with attorneys, senators and congressmen for the purpose of discussing biker's rights and legal affairs. Representing BSHDFC was our national president and national board member Noel Perez.

This is the place in the article where we usually tell you about the great food, the great bands and all of the beautiful riding opportunities. NCOM, however, is all business. It was important, however, for us to meet and converse with those who are helping to shape our state and federal laws and with those in other motorcycle organizations. This will be helpful as BSHDFC continues to develop in other states where we often encounter opposition to a new organization in town. The more people we know – and the more that know us – the better.

There were a few light moments such as attending two open houses, one sponsored by Soldiers for Jesus and the other by Bikers for Christ. Fellowship with brothers and sisters is always good in a situation such as this. And then there was the afternoon of light-hearted fun and silliness when Slow Dog and Noel joined Peter Kaye (Wheels of Grace) and members of his staff to visit the world famous Churchill Downs, well known for being the home of the Kentucky Derby. Slow Dog's horse was the 8-1 favorite (but came in last place – after the tractors who were there to scrape down the track. Uh...Slow Horse?). Good thing NCOM concluded with better results than the horse races. ♦

Southern California Sheep Celebrate Chapter No.13

Southern California Black Sheep chapters stretch from as far north as Santa Barbara to as far south as San Diego. To the far east of what is known as the Los Angeles basin is the San Gabriel Valley which



includes everything from Pasadena to Covina. John and Sally Anne Salazar (photo above) are long time members of BSHDFC and have been blessed by J.R. Aaron, president of the Pomona Valley chapter, to start the **San Gabriel Black Sheep**. John tells us that the chapter will begin with a minimum of eight members, with only him and Sally Anne coming from Pomona Valley. The other six members are brand new members of the flock. The chapter was launched on May 26th. ♦

Wisdom For Black Sheep From The Land of Vikings

Mike Lundborg (Minnesota Black Sheep)



Mike Lundborg (pictured here with wife Stephanie) and the Minnesota team are doing a terrific job at the Twin Cities Harley-Davidson dealership. Below Mike shares with us a correspondence that he had with William Lemieux, chaplain of St. Paul HOG (Minnesota's largest chapter with over 600 active members.). Evidently Mike had been discussing that motorcycle

ministry can be difficult and challenging. Mike confessed that he was “pooped!” and the chaplain wrote: “Pooped is good at this point. Let me explain...as this will shed some light on the Black Sheep horizon as I see it today.

What we are doing is serious stuff! It is about as serious (and dangerous) a calling as one could have in this life. We are taking back what belongs to God. [i.e. people’s lives which have been compromised or destroyed.] We are about restoring the King’s domain – and the evil one (and his crew) are pretty pissed about it. So much so that all HELL wars against us. THAT my friend and brother will make any believer “pooped.” So, there you have it – “pooped is good.” You are doing what you have been called and empowered to do. Congratulations! The down side is that HELL is warring against you...because you are a good and faithful servant. Keep it up!

Here is what I have written on the background (wallpaper) of my laptop:

*We have a mission – stay the course.
We have a target – don’t be distracted.
We have a statement of faith – proclaim it.
We have a code of character – STAND FIRM! ♦*

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Western States Black Sheep Rally – July 2006

First we called it the CALIFORNIA STATE RALLY, an event to unite the Northern and Southern California chapters (there were no central Ca. members then.) When Arizona and Nevada came on board, we called it the TRI-STATE RALLY - but the second year of that event, the boys from Oregon showed up. We think we have a finalist! Introducing the **2006 WESTERN STATES BSHDFC RALLY!** And if the East, Mid-West or Southern sheep want to come, they can. But if they want their own rally, we’ll come to them.

Our first WSR will be July 14th and 15th (with a “no program” optional day on the 13th). Our lodging is in three motels in beautiful “old town” San Luis Obispo, but our evening meetings and BBQ will be a nice 12 mile ride to the coast in Los Osos (Morro Bay). Our poker run will meander through some beautiful country and along the coast, visiting at least one local Harley dealership (probably Atascadero). The BBQ will be prepared and served by Ken and Kava Coop – same people who did an awesome job in Solvang a few years ago. Call today for a registration form before it is too late! ♦

A Promise To Pray

Hundreds of Black sheep raised their hands in Visalia, CA last year, vowing to pray for T.J. Kowacz (Arizona), who is our only member in Iraq. Have you remembered to pray for his safety and for his family at home? (Wife Jennifer pictured here, Dad “Buzz “ and mom Gina.) ♦



It’s fun to just take a ride around the block...IF YOU’RE A PAPERBOY!

Some Jerks Go To Heaven

by Slow Dog

I'm a Christian. But I know when I say that, most have already made up their mind what that means. For some it means that I'm a decent enough guy with better than average morals. I probably don't drink or smoke or swear and I go to church at least twice a year (Christmas and Easter).

For others, I'm the jerk who cut you off on the freeway or stepped in front of you in the grocery store line. Perhaps I am the parent that punished you for listening to rock music or drug you off to church when you didn't want to go. I might be the Sunday school teacher or priest who sexually abused you. I could be the guy with the Christian stickers all over his car who wouldn't let you play basketball in his driveway. Maybe I'm the boss who came on to you or the Christian friend who preached one thing but lived another.

But I **am** a Christian. That is supposed to mean that I am a follower of Jesus Christ. It's supposed to mean that I have read and am reading the Bible and attempting to live as it says – no matter what. It is supposed to mean that I keep the 10 Commandments – or at least try to. It's supposed to mean that I love my neighbor as myself and forgive my enemies and treat my wife (or husband) and kids right. It should mean that I give an honest day's work for an honest day's dollar.

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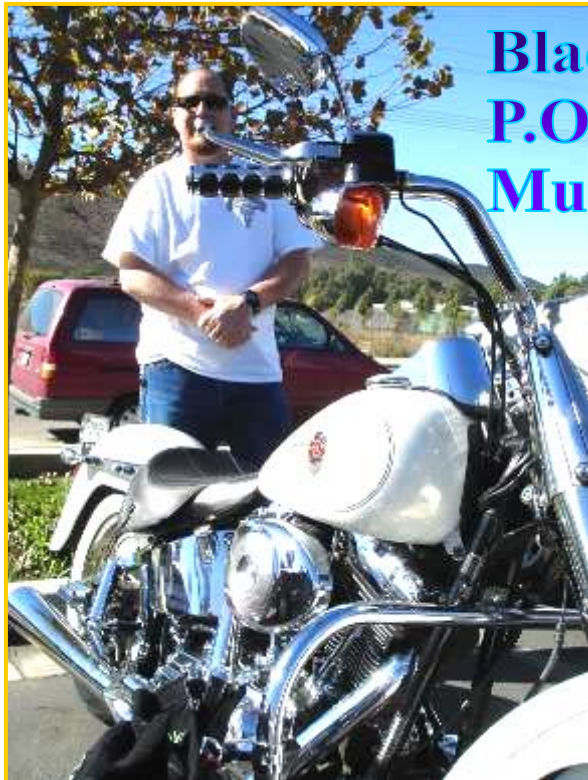


I should obey the laws (all of them) and my name should stand for something good within the biker community.

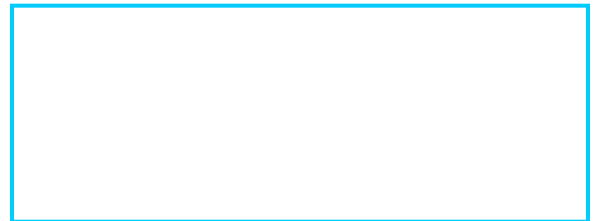
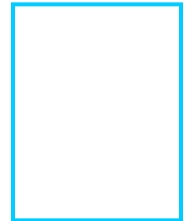
So, I want to apologize for all of those who claim to be Christians but don't live like it. I want to apologize for every time I have misrepresented Christ or acted like a jerk! But most of all I want to apologize for causing you to hesitate trusting in Jesus. I was a jerk – but He wasn't. I was too strict as a parent – but He wasn't. I was a hypocrite, but He never was! Please – don't throw away your eternal soul because of Christians who don't act like Christ. Don't go to HELL because some guy chased you down the street with a Bible.

Bikers just like you will come to a realization one day that there is a God and that He is good. They will read and pray and come to believe that Jesus Christ is God's Son and that the Bible is His holy Word and that every sentence is true. They will go to church, get baptized and perhaps throw on a vest with a Christian patch and start passing out tracts. Some of them are nice people – and some of them are still jerks! Their past is forgiven and they will never pay for their sins – because Jesus paid for it all on the cross – but they are still jerks! But they are jerks who have been forgiven...and God is not finished with them yet either.

If you become a Christian someday – be the real thing - not some church-speaking, holier than thou nutcase – but the real deal. Love God and love people and do the right thing. Watch how you drive, ride, speak and treat people. When the appropriate opportunity arises and the Spirit of God is leading, tell your friends about Jesus. Tell them that He loves them and died for their sins. Tell them that there is a God in Heaven who isn't mad at them but loves them very much. Tell them you're sorry for being a jerk sometimes and for all of your friends who have been jerks. Tell them that we're just people – just ordinary flawed people – who found out about Jesus and are going to live forever. ♦



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Who is this guy and why is he playing his Harley like a trombone?