



Saying Goodbye To A Few Good Friends

by Slow Dog



Someone said to me, "You've got to meet this guy. He makes great jewelry." As Black Sheep's national president, I am always looking for great ideas, resources and opportunities for our members. For that reason, I traveled to a motorcycle event in San Diego to meet Mike Gasabyan or as everyone else knew him, "Mike the Jeweler."

The man I met had a big smile, a thick accent and a wonderful collection of original jewelry designed and created by him. Mike has created pieces for Black Sheep, Bikers for Christ, Frontline Warriors, Soldiers for Jesus and many more (Mike created Black Sheep's first ring, a woman's ring and a beautiful cross medallion.). Unlike so many vendors, Mike always seemed to be more interested in our satisfaction and appreciation than our money. If you wanted to make Mike smile all you had to do was tell him how beautiful his work was.

We lost Mike from complications following a motorcycle accident last month. Mike was a member of the Armenian Hye Riders. I counted him as a friend and a brother in Christ.

From Ken Kane (San Diego BSHDFC Pres.)

Bill Foepfel went home to be with the Lord on Sunday, Oct 22nd. Bill had been a Biggs HOG member, a Black Sheep member, worked in Harley Sales and most recently in BMW motorcycle sales. He touched many people and will be greatly missed. Any cards or letters can be sent to my home: 29724 Platanus Drive, Escondido, CA 92026).

Brand New Chapter in Central Tennessee

By Jeff Pierce

Fun! Exciting! Thrilling! Needed! Providential! Were just a few of the words that were used to describe Saturday's kick off ride for our new Chapter of Black Sheep in the 'Boro' (AKA Murfreesboro, TN).

Our day began with 7 of the 8 new members meeting at the Cracker Barrel Restaurant for breakfast and a ride (Photo Above). Sarah and I arrived early to make sure everything was in place and to greet everyone with a warm smile. What a joy it was to see everyone walk through the door with their colors flying for Jesus. While we all anticipated a great day together, none of us knew how blessed this day would actually be. (...continued page 2)

Luther's Amazing Journey



small brown fellow in the middle.)

Our ambassador of good will - "Luther the Dog", has been traversing the country in a 9" x 12" cardboard box (with holes), visiting our chapters and nomads from California to Maine. Each of Luther's hosts fills out a "travel log" and has their photo taken with the ambassador. He is then shipped to his next destination. (Pictured below is Jen and Bob Foss, Black Sheep members from Maine. Luther is the

Luther is currently on his way to Los Angeles by way of the East coast. From Los Angeles he will travel to Ohio, back to California, then Pennsylvania, back to California, then Nevada, back to California and so on. (He's really racking up some serious airline miles!) Ask your chapter president when Luther is coming to your town!

We Get Letters: "Bikers In the Strangest Places!"

Sent From Dr. Mark Gordon (Pres. So. Dakota BSHDFC - Photo Below)

Dear Slow Dog: I don't know if you're aware, but in So. Dakota, there is a ballot issue being put to the voters that would outlaw all abortions in the state except to save the life of the mother. The debate has been very heated. I'm involved with a group of doctors called SD Physicians for life in support of the abortion ban. The lies on the other side are non-ending. Anyway, last night we had a rally here in Sioux Falls and Alan Keyes was the keynote speaker. He got the troops fired up. (...continued page 2)



(Letters cont.) Tom Veigh and I attended wearing our Black Sheep colors. I think some people were wondering what a couple of bikers were doing at an anti-abortion rally. It was good. We had several inquiries. We could definitely use prayer as we get closer to the election for all the pro-life voters to get to the polls. We could also use prayer for protection against attacks from the evil one that have come to some of the pro-life side. Please pray that God would use South Dakota to begin a nationwide trend to end abortion and bring revival to this nation.

(Tennessee cont.) While enjoying some fellowship around the table, waiting for our food to arrive, a man walked by and seeing one of the patches on the back of our vests, stopped dead in his tracks. His sudden stop and obvious attraction to the colors captured everyone's attention. He backed up, read the patch, and then said: "How can I become a part of this?" I stood up and said "I'm glad you asked!" I introduced myself to him and to the rest of the group and we invited him to join us. For the next several minutes we all listened as our new friend Ray Loyd shared his faith in Christ and his excitement for having just purchased his first new Harley Davidson three weeks ago. Ray not only stayed for the meeting, but he came along for the ride also. A future Black Sheep Member for sure!

I shared the story of how Black Sheep began and we did the business thing" appointing officers and reviewing the By-Laws and other important information that needed to be shared. We then proceeded to the parking lot to round up the hogs.

Rumbling out of the parking lot we headed for the local Harley Davidson Dealership for a chapter photo. While standing around the bikes I noticed my friend Pastor John Williams, walking towards me. I had just met with him about two weeks prior to challenge him and his wife to join Black Sheep as our Chaplains. I asked John if he had thought any more about our meeting and he said: "that's all I have thought about" then he told me that they had prayed about it and they wanted to join Black Sheep.

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Welcome Kentucky as our 26th state where Black Sheep HDFC is present and riding for Jesus Christ! And welcome to Barry and Robin Davis of Lexington,

our first members there! Send them an email and welcome them to the flock! Pray for their safety and effectiveness in this ministry. ●

On The Road Again

By Slow Dog

In the New Testament of the Bible, Jesus told Christians that they were to "Go and make disciples of all nations." The key word here is "GO." For years, as a senior pastor, I looked for creative ways to entice people to COME to my church that we might show them that Jesus loved them. Some churches would go so far as to have famous Christian musicians or athletes come, hoping that their names would attract new faces. I once heard of a church who gave away new bicycles to every young person who would come to the church for the first time. I have two problems with that. First, Jesus is the prize, not a bicycle –and- Jesus is the famous guy who can change our lives, not some worn out rock star. Secondly, Jesus told us to "Go..." He did not tell us to "Get them to come..."

And so, Black Sheep "Goes." We spend a great percentage of our annual budget, literally thousands of dollars, "Going..." We "Go" through our website, through this newsletter and other literature and by physically mounting up and riding to events where we hope to meet people and tell them about Jesus. Truthfully, if you've been to one motorcycle rally, you've been to them all. Same music, same food, same vendors, same custom choppers and the same crazy dude riding a motorcycle in a giant steel ball. What is different for us are the people we meet and the stories they tell. People everywhere have a story to tell and in the end, everyone is searching for hope and truth.

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This has been our busiest year since we started in 1999. Members in 26 states have been to countless motorcycle rallies and events. Some set up a booth or perform some kind of service. Others may simply ride to the event and let their patch do the talking: "We are not ashamed of the Gospel of Jesus Christ for it is the power for salvation to everyone who believes." This year we have been to events in Northern and Southern California, the Laughlin River Run, Sturgis, Arizona Bike Week, Street Vibrations in Reno and several Promise Keeper events. At the time most of you will receive this newsletter I will be in Galveston, Texas, meeting with members from at least three states at The Lone Star Rally. Plans are being made now for Black Sheep to be in Laconia and Myrtle Beach in 2007. And we don't do these things in order to see the crazy dude riding a motorcycle in a giant steel ball – again. We do it so that we can "Go" and make disciples of all nations.

Motorcycle ministry is expensive...and dangerous. Mike the Jeweler went down hard in the rain and lost his life. Los Angeles Black Sheep, Greg Petrie was severely injured last month while passing through San Jose when a car fishtailed and knocked him off of his bike. It seems like every year someone dies and several are seriously injured, but Black Sheep continue to ride because every year HOG members and other bikers die or are seriously injured. The difference is that they do not yet know Jesus as their Lord and Savior. They are not yet disciples of his and to go out into eternity without Jesus is Hell. So we ride and will continue to ride until Jesus comes or until we can ride no more.

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Jesus said, "I am THE way, THE truth and THE life. No one comes to the Father but by me." Being a good person is not enough to save your soul. Giving a thousand dollars to the latest fundraiser will not win you any points with God. The fact that you were baptized into some church as a child will not be enough to get you out of hell and into heaven. Jesus said, "You must be born again." That means that something supernatural needs to happen within you. It's something that you cannot buy or earn. It happens when God calls you to surrender your life to him and you accept. From that point on, you are not better than anyone else, just saved by the grace and mercy of God. And that is why we

are on the road again – to tell you that Jesus loves you and that you must surrender your life to him. Trust Him for today, tomorrow and eternity. ●

You Know You're A Yuppie Biker If...

1. If you can't figure out why the battery on your new bike won't stay charged.
2. If your trailer has more miles on it than your bike.
3. If you move your bike and the grass is brown under the wheels.
4. If your tattoo washes off.
5. If you have doubled the weight of your bike with bolt on chrome.
6. If you really believe in "factory custom" bikes.
7. If the last time you went to the Harley dealer you came home with golf balls and a toilet seat.
8. If it's not fun to ride unless someone sees you.
9. If your ponytail comes off with your cap.
10. If you leave your garage door open just so people can see your bike.
11. If you're a HOG member and think you're an outlaw.
12. If you stop 30 miles from Sturgis to unload your bike so you can ride in.
13. If other people you consider bikers scare you.
14. If you paid for your new FXSTC in 24 months or less.
15. If you won't ride unless it's a group ride.
16. If everyone on your last group ride works at your law firm.
17. If you've ever said "Isn't it too cold, wet, hot, dry, or dark to ride?"
18. If your saddlebags have a special pocket for your cell phone.
19. If the most important item in your toolkit is a manicure kit.
20. If this article made you a little mad!

Laconia Bike Week (New Hampshire) June 9th-16th

[The following is an email excerpt sent to our members last month]

The Cost:

1. **FLIGHTS:** Costs will vary (n/a if you are close enough to ride.)
2. **LODGING:** Our member Fozzie in Maine has secured a beautiful Christian campground (group cabins) less than 45min from Laconia central. **\$250 per person includes** Seven nights, ground transportation to and from the airport, daily continental breakfast, a biker Breakfast for area BSHDFC prospects and a genuine Maine Lobster feed!
3. **BIKE RENTALS:** 7 days. (n/a if you are close enough to ride.)
--7 days, big v-twin, \$650.00
--Plus \$25 per day for coverage (\$2000 deposit/deductible)
4. **MISC:** Food, bike fuel, miscellaneous do-dahs....

Total Cost for a single flying would be. \$1470 – that includes everything listed above. Cost for a couple flying and sharing one bike would be \$2120. Of course, if you are riding to the event from the Mid-West or East Coast, \$250 for a week's lodging near Laconia would be your only expense and that is NOTHING for Laconia Bike Week! (Nasty little motels with vermin are \$200 per night!)

Where do we go from here?

We are now accepting 16 non-refundable checks for \$250 from our members! **Our members will have the first opportunity UNTIL 11/15/06**, but we will open this to anyone else on the waiting list after November 15th. (Make checks out to BSHDFC and put "Laconia" in the memo.) Once we have the camp reserved, we will look for a group deal on flights, but flights and bike rentals will be left up to the individuals. (We cannot reserve bikes until April 1st, but I assured the HD guy that I would be calling back each month. Bike reservations will no doubt go quickly and require some sort of a deposit to hold the bike.)

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Street Vibrations: Reno, Nevada (Sept 20-24, 2006)



Big Bike Weekend: Redding, CA (October 12-15)



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