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Photo Above: Linda and John Perona (Lake Elsinore, Ca – Black Sheep) show off their new fur helmets. Riding with these helmets can create quite a hairy situation! ♦



Street Vibrations 2005 (Reno, Nevada)

30,000 riders from many different Western states and beyond crowded the canyon-like streets of downtown Reno for the annual STREET VIBRATIONS. Like every other scooter rally you have ever been to, there were the bikes, the stunts, the concerts and the vendors – but Reno is just a little bit different. Unlike Laughlin and Daytona which sprawl throughout the city, Reno's event



is contained - even jammed - into a few streets. You might even say that there is a weird sort of intimacy as you walk the streets and see the sights; rubbing elbows with the other tourists.

Black Sheep had a booth in Reno this year. (Above: Donna Coggins – Temecula Valley BSHDFC – talks with a visitor to the booth.) We were excited to discover that we were in the brand new “Events Center” with names like Arlen Ness and Boss Hoss. We even had a corner booth with terrific exposure! Our elation began to wane, however, as we discovered along with the big guys that this was a new location for vendors in Reno and it took most of the crowd until Friday night to figure out where we were! (Sheesh! We arrived on Tuesday!) Nevertheless, we made the most of the opportunity and met hundreds of great people.

We couldn't be confined to the booth and a few of us ventured out into the streets where we met CMA, Soldiers for Jesus and Bikers for Christ. (The Army, Air Force, Navy and Marines!)

The weather behaved, the rooms were reasonable and the crowds were tame. Another city...another motorcycle rally...another opportunity to ride for Jesus. (Below: John & Donnie in Virginia City and Baby Face hands out candy!) ♦



Hitched at Tahoe

Chuck and Kim Weber (Temecula Valley HOG) took advantage of Reno's Street Vibrations and went to nearby Lake Tahoe for their vows; a knot that was tied by our national president, Marty Edwards. They were joined by a couple of dozen other HOG members who hugged the ledge where the ceremony took place. Congratulations Mr. and Mrs. Weber! ♦



Black Sheep: Promise Keepers (San Jose, CA)



Promise Keepers is a world-wide men's movement that began in 1990. In the beginning there was Bill McCartney (head football coach for the University of Colorado) and

Dr. Dave Wardell. We can begin to understand PK with one quote from Bill McCartney: “Way back before Promise Keepers had a name, we looked up the word **integrity** in Webster's Dictionary. He gave six definitions: ‘utter sincerity, honesty, candor, not artificial, not shallow, no empty promises.’”

(Above – Bill Dumas and “Super” Mario Montalvo; Tri-Valley BSHDFC work the booth while Below – Ron Walker; Lake Elsinore BSHDFC – listens to one of the speakers.) We continue to understand PK with what they call: The 7 Promises of a Promise Keeper: They are: (1) A Promise Keeper is committed to honoring Jesus Christ through worship, prayer and obedience to God's Word in the power of



the Holy Spirit. (2) A Promise Keeper is committed to pursuing vital relationships with a few other men, understanding that he needs brothers to help him keep his promises. (3) A Promise Keeper is committed to practicing spiritual, moral, ethical, and sexual purity. (4) A Promise Keeper is committed to building strong marriages and families through love, protection and biblical values. (5) A Promise Keeper is committed to supporting the mission of his church by honoring and praying for his pastor, and by actively giving his time and resources. (6) A Promise Keeper is committed to reaching beyond any racial and denominational barriers to demonstrate the power of biblical unity. (7) A Promise Keeper is committed to influencing his world, being obedient to the Great Commandment (see Mark 12:30-31) and the Great Commission (see Matthew 28:19-20).

Black Sheep's heart beats with PK. That's why we thought that it would be a good place to go and tell OUR story. About 10,000 men joined us in San Jose, CA last month where we passed out THOUSANDS of stickers, cards, tracts and pamphlets. Black Sheep present were Marty Edwards (National Pres), Ron Walker (Lake Elsinore Chapter), Johnny Lujan (Sacramento Chapter), Bill Dumas (Northern California Director) and SUPER MARIO Montalvo (Tri-Valley Chapter). It was our strategy that out of 10,000 men there MIGHT be one or two that rode a Harley who would be interested in Black Sheep. We were right!

Plans to attend PK conferences in Washington and Texas had to be cancelled at the last minute due to the lack of funds. Brothers in Christ or not, the 10x10 booth space was \$750 for an event that lasted a little more than 24 hours. Perhaps next year we'll be ready for more such events. More than one hundred men expressed enough interest in Black Sheep to become regular recipients of this newsletter. If you're reading this guys - we want to invite you to become "two-wheeled promise keepers!" ♦

NLS4 - National Leadership Summit IV...already?

The first weekend of March 2006 will bring our fourth event where Black Sheep members and friends from all over the country will gather for the renewal of friendships and mission. Why do we speak of it 5 months in advance? Because we know you are busy folks and we want to get you thinking about this very important weekend! Some will have to fly a great distance and you'll need some time to set-aside a few dollars for the journey.

Every BSHDFC chapter is urged to send at least one representative who will participate in the seminars and business. It's a time to review updates in our young organization's bylaws and become more efficient in carrying out our mission to share Christ with riders in 50 states. How else do Black Sheep from Alaska to Florida and California to Pennsylvania keep in step with one another and our purpose?

The summit will be held in Lake Elsinore, CA (70 miles north of San Diego) at the Lamb's Fellowship. The event is open to anyone; members and non-members alike. Look in next month's issue of this newsletter for further details. ♦

\$5,000 Jackpot Winner In California!

Submitted by Melanie McMullen (San Diego BSHDFC)

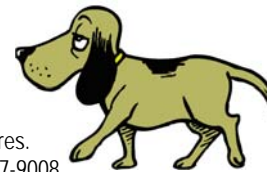
A Highway Patrolman pulled a car over and told the driver that because he had been wearing his seat belt, he had just won \$5,000 in the statewide safety competition. "What are you going to do with the money?" asked the policeman. "Well, I guess I'm going to get a driver's license," he answered. "Oh, don't listen to him," yelled a woman in the passenger seat. "He's a smart aleck when he's drunk." This woke up the guy in the back-seat, who took one look at the cop and moaned, "I knew we wouldn't get far in a stolen car." At that moment, there was a knock from the trunk and a voice said, in Spanish, "Are we over the border yet?" ♦ (Thanks Melanie for sharing your personal testimony with us!)



Welcome back David!

Northern California Black Sheep David Munday went down hard more than a year ago and hasn't straddled a bike until this last month. His leg was shattered and then pinned in several places after a bike went out from under him. Welcome back David! We love you! Go easy! ♦

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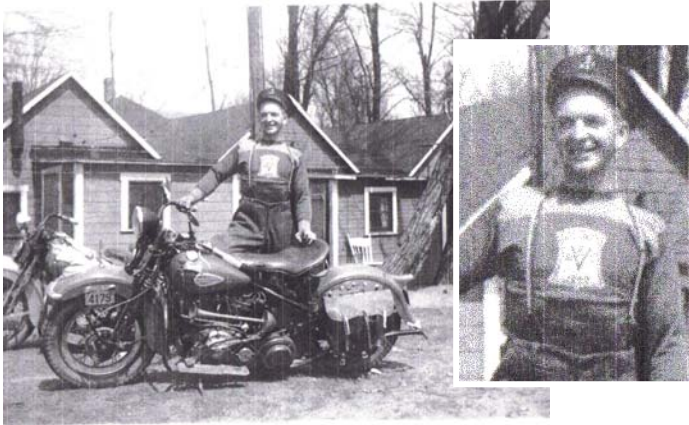
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1945: My Dad and His '45

Submitted by Ron Campbell (BSHDFC; Sarnia, Ontario, CANADA)

I just came across this old picture today and as you may expect, it's pretty special to me. My dad was born in 1926 in Macina, New York. He worked hard as a young man in the tobacco fields. He always was in great shape – and still looks pretty good today at the age of 79. Back then, he was known as "the strongest man in Sarnia." He even traversed the treacherous St. Clair river – something that few would have attempted.



"Bing" as he was called (for looking a bit like Bing Crosby) bought a 45 cubic inch Harley-Davidson in 1945 when he was just 20 years old. He continued to ride Harleys his entire life and today peddles a bicycle to keep in shape! Dad's mom loved the Lord and as a result of her influence and prayers, most of our extended family knows Jesus today. ♦

One Great Magazine

We just want to give a plug to WHEELS OF GRACE magazine for a job well done! This is a first rate, quality magazine. It's not just the great stories and full color photographs. WOG has done more to unite Christian bikers across the country than any other publication or organization we at BSHDFC know of.



Christian riders need to support this magazine. Peter Kaye is a precious brother in Christ with a heart for all bikers and the promotion of Christ's saving grace.

Check it out at www.WheelsofGrace.com. An annual subscription is a mere \$21 and worth every penny! ♦

Just a Few of The Flock Who Came To Reno in 2005



More Than A Thrill: Why Black Sheep Ride
by Slow Dog

There is NOTHING like riding a big v-twin – NOTHING! The roar between your knees...the g-force as you pull away from the light...the wind blowing in your face. There's just nothing like it. It's fun...it's freeing...and for some it's better than therapy! And when you're tired of riding it can be therapeutic to just sit and stare at your ride. Then there are the friends...the rides...the towns...the experiences...sights that just don't look the same when viewed from a car. You who ride know what I am talking about. There are three kinds of people in America: Those who ride, those who WISH they rode and those who just never will get it! (May they love their Toyotas forever!)

For Black Sheep, there's MORE! Sure, we love our bikes and friends and we love to ride, but make no mistake about it – we ride for YOU! There are nearly a million HOG members now and a countless number of others who ride big twins and we know that you are NEVER going to come to our churches – and so we come to you. We come to tell you that there is a God and that He is good. Before knowing Christ, some of us were really messed up – while others "thought" they had it all together. Jesus saved us all and He'll save you too! Knowing Jesus will give you purpose for today and hope for eternity. ♦

Mid-West Rally Next Summer?

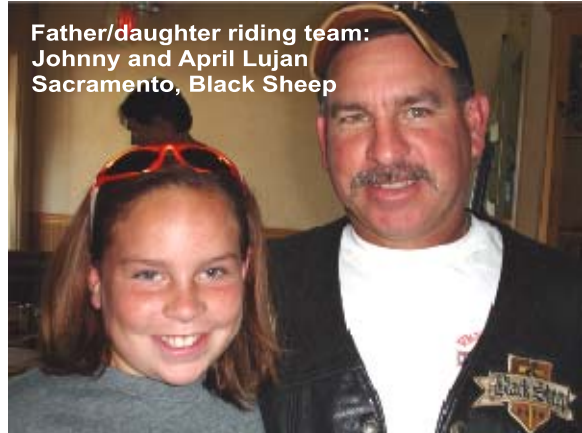
There are two major annual events for BSHDFC and both of them happen on the West coast; National Leadership Summit and the Western States Rally; formerly known as the California State Rally and then the Tri-State Rally. With a growing number of members throughout the Midwest and East, it's time to start thinking about when and where we might want to have a Mid-West event in 2006. Current thoughts include: Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky and Tennessee. May or June seems to work out for most. For your thoughts and ideas, email: SlowDog@BlackSheepHDFC.org. ♦

A New Chapter is Born: Sacramento, CA

Members from Northern and Southern California Black Sheep went to Sacramento last month to meet with members there along with a dozen other riders who were interested in bringing Black Sheep to the state capitol. (Govenor Schwarzenegger has yet to comment but inside sources suggest that he believes that anyone who doesn't join Black Sheep is a "girly-man!") Pastor Sandy Shoemaker will lead the chapter by selecting his officers and introducing the patch to local clubs. Bill Dumas, No. Ca. regional director will oversee SAC's development. ♦



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NOVEMBER SO. CA. REGIONAL BREAKFAST:
Margaritas in Pasadena - Sat. 11/5 at 9am