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So. California's Regional Breakfast Hits The Road After 5 Years

There are currently a dozen chapters of Black Sheep HDFC is Southern California. Each month these chapters come together on the first Saturday of the month for what they call a "regional breakfast." It's a simple event with good food, good friends, DJ music, the usual 50/50 and door prize drawings and a place to stage a ride with friends for the afternoon. Often there is a contest for "best bike" or "best beard" or anything else to keep the crowd laughing. The Black Sheep "store" is also open for an opportunity to buy tee-shirts, hats, patches, stickers, etc.



Over the last four years the breakfast has grown from ten to a hundred and fifty riders and has moved to and from several locations. The breakfast currently meets in Temecula (60 miles north of San Diego, 90 miles south of L.A.) at Rosa's Café and Tortilla Factory. Dale and his team from Rosa's have done a terrific job with the food and service! (They have the best tortilla's in the world! Photo Above: Inside the Tortilla Factory)

Individual riders and other motorcycle organizations have made the Temecula breakfast their planned destination for the day's ride. Sometimes Black Sheep from as far away as Santa Maria, Fresno and Las Vegas will appear. It is the highlight of the Annual National Summit in March when Black Sheep come from all over the country.

Needless to say, the breakfast is growing beyond the ability for any one restaurant to accommodate the sheep and their friends. As a result, chapters have used the regional breakfast as a prototype for starting their own local monthly events. It has also been decided that the regional breakfast will hit the road with three rotating restaurants and locations.

The plan for the next year is for the regional breakfast to continue on the first Saturday of the month – but at one of three locations. The September breakfast will once again be in Temecula at Rosa's. The October breakfast, however, will journey 50 miles north and west to Laguna Hills (Orange County). The host will be BJ's Restaurant and Brewhouse. (5 Freeway to Laguna Hills, exit West on El Toro Road). The time will still be 9am and the price will still be \$8 for breakfast, beverage, tax, tip, and a door prize ticket.

The following month's location is still pending but the plan for the third month is to venture even further north and this time east to the San Gabriel Valley; 50 miles east Los Angeles which could include Pasadena, Monrovia

or Azusa. The fourth month will then return to Temecula and the pattern will repeat. (Photo Below: Faithful volunteers like Bethany Whiting make serving the guests much easier.)



"I am aware that by moving the breakfast around, some will choose to not make the ride – but that's alright. Our goal was never to provide entertainment for our members, but to introduce ourselves and the claims of Christ to riders all over Southern California." says founder Marty Edwards. "Our smallest attendance at the breakfast currently has come from Orange County and San Gabriel Valley and so that's why we're going to go to them." Information regarding the locations of upcoming breakfasts will be listed on the website at www.blacksheephdfc.org and on the hot-line at 951-757-9008.



"This doesn't have to be a Southern California thing." says Marty. "Our Central California sheep are doing a similar thing involving four or five chapters that meet monthly at Apple Annie's in Tulare (Photo above). I'd like to see our chapters all over the country create such a venue for meeting new people and sharing our love for motorcycles and Jesus. Bikers love to eat and ride and have a few laughs. Nobody has objected so far to us telling them that Jesus loves them. It's just an all-around great idea." ●

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Look What I Found At The Black Sheep Breakfast

by Susan McQuaid

I got my bike, a 1200 Sportster, in 2003. I knew I had to have a Harley, but I didn't know a single person who rode. Some friends of mine in Los Angeles had recently purchased Harleys, but I had yet to ride with them. Here I was, a single Christian woman, riding all alone.



I went to a HOG rally in San Marcos, California that summer when I came across Black Sheep HDFC. I stopped and met some nice people and got on the mailing list.

For months I got emails from Ken Kane [San Diego President], inviting me to the monthly So. Ca. Regional breakfast in Temecula. Finally, March 2004 I agreed to go. I met the San Diego riders at the park & ride in Escondido. They had kickstands up and were ready to ride when I arrived. We rode to Temecula, and by the time I got there, I really had to use the ladies room. Problem is, when I came out I didn't know a single person. You see, everyone had had their helmets and sunglasses on in Escondido and now I found myself all alone not recognizing anyone! I spent the entire breakfast all by myself, being somewhat shy, and towards the end of the meeting decided it was time to leave.

As I was about to leave, I was approached by Lenore Payne, who was a very friendly gal. I told her I was from the San Diego area and she excused herself briefly and came back with "my Eric" - right there by the soda machine we began to fall in love. The rest is history!

My prayers were answered. Not only did the Lord send me a handsome, God fearing man, He sent me a Harley rider! He's my perfect match! Two weeks ago, he surprised me with a brand new Softail Deuce...it was a wedding gift! Thank you for being our other match-maker (the first one is the Lord, of course!). -Susan ●

Becoming Something More Than A Black Sheep

by Slow Dog

We had just finished the monthly So. Ca. Regional breakfast in Temecula when a nice young couple approached me. "We want to join Black Sheep!" they said with a certain amount of enthusiasm. "Great!" I returned as I took their applications. But as I looked at the forms I noticed that they had not filled in where they go to church and their pastor had not filled out his recommendation. When I asked them about this they looked a little confused. I said, "You go to church - right?" They shook their heads "no." I probed further, "Well, you're Christians - right?" Again a puzzled look. They then explained to me that they were not very "religious" people, but that they had been coming to our monthly breakfast for about 8 months and had really enjoyed themselves. (Had we not made it clear who we were and what we were about?) They continued, "We love the people and the way they treat each other. We love the atmosphere, the peace and sense of joy that we feel when we come here." I was beginning to understand as I asked if they would like to take a booth and sit for awhile. (Our faithful helpers took over for me, putting away "the stuff!" thus allowing me the time to sit and talk with this couple.)



I began by explaining to them that the "atmosphere, the peace and sense of joy" was what we have come to understand as the presence of the Holy

Spirit. I explained to them that we are all sinners - born that way from birth - me, them, you the reader, the Pope, Billy Graham - everybody! I explained that this sin in us separates us from God and leaves us in a state of hopelessness and without direction or purpose. I explained that when Jesus Christ died on the cross, He did so as the Holy and perfect Son of God - as a sacrifice in our place. His death on the cross paid for our sins and His resurrection from the grave proved that He was Who he said that he was - the Son of God! Tears began to well up in their eyes as I asked them if they would like to be forgiven of their sins and come to know Jesus Christ as their Savior and Lord. They agreed and so we prayed.

With a few more tears than before, we left the restaurant and I introduced them to the one who would become their local Black Sheep chapter president. I explained to him what we had just done and he was overjoyed as he hugged them and welcomed them into the family. Others heard what was going on and they began to gather and welcome the couple into the family. The next day was Sunday and the new Christians attended church with some from the chapter. Their new life was just beginning.

They came to their eighth breakfast planning to join Black Sheep. What they joined was far more important than any church or motorcycle organization. They joined the family of God. On Friday night, they were lost - no answers and no hope. On Saturday morning they understood who they were - sinners who had been saved - a member of a family with countless similar testimonies. THIS is what Black Sheep is all about. THIS is why we ride - why we send out newsletters such as this one - why we were at Sturgis and Laughlin, Hollister and Daytona. We ride to tell you that Jesus loves you and has paid for your sin. Join us in the joy of being forgiven. ●

On The Road Again

Chattanooga, TN. By the time you are reading this newsletter Black Sheep will be returning from the National HOG Rally in Tennessee. Our members will be there from California, Pennsylvania, Tennessee and Florida. Pictures and report in the October newsletter.

Sturgis, South Dakota Yep! We were there! Black Sheep from at least six states reported riding the Black Hills in August. Pictures and report in the October newsletter. Slow Dog will be taking the booth to Sturgis in 2006 and setting up at the Harley dealership in Rapid City.

Reno, Nevada Hook up with us at Street Vibrations this October. Look for the flock in their own booth on the streets of Reno, September 20th-24th.

San Jose, CA and Houston, TX Promise Keepers is a national organization of men who have vowed to keep their promises to God and family. We thought it would be a great time and place to meet thousands of Christian men who just might also ride a Harley. Our booth will be in San Jose on October 7th and 8th and in Houston on October 14th and 15th.

A Heartfelt Thanks

There are so many who support the mission efforts of BSHDFC to take the claims of Jesus Christ to riders all over the country. You support in many different ways including through your membership, non-members volunteering, financial donations, contributing airline miles and more. As we grow, it takes more and more resources to travel around the country, print materials such as this newsletter and our tracts and purchase booth space at major events (\$1000 for Reno, \$2000 for Laughlin, etc.). Our phone bill alone would weaken the knees of most family budgets. We could do none of this without you. We believe in what we are doing. We see fruit for our efforts in three areas: people are surrendering their lives to Jesus Christ, prodigal sons and daughters who have walked away from their faith are returning and "pew sitters" are now straddling a bike in order to carry the Gospel anywhere the front wheel leads them. Thank-you! ●

This has been a very expensive summer for this ministry. Thank-you for your faithful financial support.

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Sometimes Our Membership Is Skin Deep...

Any members who would like a copy of the original artwork for this tat, just let us know at the national office. ●



New BSHDFC Van

Our thanks to those anonymous members who helped the national office purchase a brand new, 2005, ¾ ton Ford Econoline Van for this ministry. (You know who you all are and we love you!) It's about a city block long (Compared to our little Chevy Astro) but it carries our small PA system, the EZ up, the chairs, the tables, the banners - and a whole bunch of tee shirts! It also allows travelers to trailer a couple of bikes if they need to (which we promise to cover with a HONDA bike cover.) Sometimes a Harley is just too big on "cool" and too small on "space!" ●



Men and Women of Faith and Surrender

Mission Statement of BSHDFC: "To introduce Jesus Christ to the world of motorcycle riders, for the purpose of making more and better disciples through the ministry of the local church."

Statement of Faith

- We believe the Bible is the authoritative Word of God.
- We believe there is only one God, eternally existent in three persons; the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.
- We believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in all of His miracles, in His substitutionary and atoning death through His blood which was shed on the cross, in His bodily resurrection to the right hand of the father and in His personal return in victory and power.
- We believe that all persons are sinful and lost and in need of salvation and that that salvation comes only through the name of Jesus Christ and His sacrifice on the cross.
- We believe in the present ministry of God the Holy Spirit; in His convicting, cleansing and empowering work.
- We believe in the resurrection of all persons; that they are resurrected to either eternal life and glory or to eternal damnation.
- We believe in the spiritual unity of all Christians. We are the church, united as the bride of Christ.

Black Sheep: We are men and women of faith who have surrendered our lives to Jesus Christ; King of kings, Lord of lords. We invite you to do the same. (951) 757-9008 ●

Buddah Isn't The Only Idol
by Marty & Debbie Edwards

Psalm 16 Reads: "Keep me safe, O God, for in you I take refuge. 2 I said to the Lord, "You are my Lord; apart from You I have no good thing.... 4 The sorrows of those will increase who run after other gods. I will not pour out their libations [or sacrifices] of blood or take up their names on my lips. 5 Lord, You have assigned me my portion and my cup; You have made my lot secure. 6 The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; surely I have a delightful inheritance."

Stop by the local motorcycle shop on any weekend and the chances are good that you will meet a few friends eye-balling all the new bikes for sale. Casual conversation usually gets around to the immediate or inevitable need for a new bike. Everyone nods approvingly as if they understand completely why this acquisition is essential...an unquestionable necessity. The truth is, anything that we desire in our affluent western culture is usually not very difficult to justify. We see it...we want it...we buy it...any way we can!

Now, every rider will need a new bike sooner or later. Engines wear out and colors fade. But the constant drooling and sleepless nights thinking about chrome and paint jobs betrays that something is missing within and qualifies us as a candidate for idolatry. But you protest, "I couldn't be guilty of idolatry! I'm an American! I don't have any statues with fat bellies and I don't keep any shrines in my back yard!" But make no mistake, idolatry is more basic than this. Idolatry, in any form, is the artificial and impotent substitute for the real thing. When people are empty on the inside, they go looking for something that satisfies. It may be money, chrome or even chocolate.....ANYTHING that might fill the void. But GOD is the only shape that fits this puzzle and apart from God we have nothing that is truly good!



The Psalmist resolves to steadfastly resist the urge to let anything but God fill his need. Instead, in verses 5-6, the writer speaks to the value of contentment as we let God give us what we need instead of ourselves scrambling for everything we want. We can then rest knowing that what God has assigned us is truly the best. If you need a new bike, buy a new bike, but don't be fooled into thinking that a bright and shiny new toy will ever fill an empty heart, especially if we can't afford it or it brings distress into our relationships.

The boundary lines spoken of in verse 6 speak to the inheritance that we are allotted as a child of God. As we rest with contentment in the place He has provided for us, we can be thankful that what He gives us is truly good in every respect. Need a new job or a new bike or a whole new life? Maybe.....but perhaps seeking the Lord FIRST is the best answer. ●

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