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Bike of the Month

Gary Block (Temecula Valley BSHDFC)



Gary Block is 100% Wool! Cut him and he bleeds BSHDFC colors. He has served in several leadership roles including several years as the president of the Temecula Valley

Black Sheep. Furthermore, Gary has led the Temecula and Lake Elsinore sheep in raising thousands of dollars for the national office – through garage sales! We know – it sounds so simple, but twice a year the two chapters pool their “junk” (and the junk of their many friends) and people just keep driving up and buying it!



Gary has also opened his garage on a weekly basis for several years now for a casual “man cave” that brings riders from within and without BSHDFC for a simple meal, a little wrenching and a few laughs. Thanks Gary for all that

you have done for this ministry. (And thank-you Lindsey for allowing us to invade your home for man cave!)



This month’s featured bike is Gary’s 2005 Road King Custom. He writes, “This bike was built, not bought, and all work (including the engine modifications) were performed [by Gary] at man cave. Work includes:



- 95 CI with 203 Screaming Eagle cams
- Rinehart True Duel exhaust
- Hog Pro wheels
- Larry Fairfield pin striping
- Chrome work by North County Plating
- 16” Buffalo Bars
- Metzeler tires



Nice job Mr. Block! And thanks for being such an awesome member of the flock! ●

New Year’s Resolutions Just Don’t Work!

Marty Edwards (Founder BSHDFC)

What do you think America’s top ten New Year’s resolutions are? I’m not sure where I first heard it, but it has become one of my “top ten” quotes of all time: **“More of the same changes nothing.”** In other words, if I live 2012 the way I lived 2011, I shouldn’t expect much of a difference. Instead of making meaningless New Year’s resolutions, I should be choosing one thing that I am going to do differently, starting right now.



Someone else said it this way: **“Insanity is doing the same thing over and over while expecting a different result.”** I will, therefore, STOP

doing the same things that never seem to work and try something new – hoping for a different result.

If Dr. Phil (Yeah! I've seen a few episodes!) heard us announce that we were going to make the same resolutions for 2012 that we made in 2011, he would ask, "How's that working for you?" C'mon! Don't make resolutions this year! ("I hereby resolve to never eat pork rinds ever again!") Instead, make a few "adjustments."

I'd like to lose a little weight ...O.K., a lot of weight, but I'm not going to "resolve" to give up all of the foods I like and I'm not going to go out and buy a new running suit! My nemesis has always been "Pepsi!" Not Diet-Pepsi (which incidentally works well at taking rust off of chrome wheels and killing gophers in the back yard!), but in 2012, I am going to drink half of the Pepsi that I consumed in 2011 – and I know that I can do that because I started last November!

I'm not going to buy that running suit, but I have started playing a lot of racquetball and I'm ready to increase the number of times I play each week. (I've never beaten Jeff Hemm, but 2012 is a new year!) And when I buy my favorite little pack of white donuts...I'll eat three instead of all six.

What about you? Any changes you would like to make? Ride more? Drink less? Exercise? Finish that project in the garage? Stop cussing? Don't think of it as a resolution – that just doesn't work. When you announce to your body (or mind) that you are about to deprive it of what it loves most, it sends out the most amazing defense – little hormones that cry, "Foul! Foul!" And that's when you hear Dr. Phil asking, "How's that working for you?" Don't make resolutions! Make adjustments. Face it! You're not going to lose 50lbs this week. You're not going to develop washboard abs in a month and you're not going to learn Spanish this year (Unless, of course, you're Spanish!).

Bill Murray taught us to take "baby steps" in the movie, "What About Bob?" The reason that works, is because looking back and seeing progress (however small) is far more encouraging and satisfying than seeing broken resolutions and promises.

One more thought from my list of favorite quotes: "God loves me just the way I am – but too much to leave me this way." That means I am a work in progress. PBPWMGINFWMY stands for, "Please be patient with me, God is not finished with me yet!" ●

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American's Top 10 Resolutions for 2012

According to Yahoo.com

1. Quit smoking
2. Lose weight
3. Quit drinking
4. Go back to school
5. More time with family
6. Try something new
7. Spiritual growth
8. Take a trip
9. Pay off Christmas debt
10. Get a better job



BTW: Have you seen the movie 2012? Thousands of years ago the Mayan calendar predicted the end of the world for 2012. Ooooo! Maybe they were right. Maybe they were wrong. Doesn't matter. Sooner or later this world ends for all of us, right? Question is, are you ready? Jesus said, "...about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels (or the Mayans) in heaven, nor the Son, but only

the Father. As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left. Two women will be grinding with a hand mill; one will be taken and the other left. Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come." (the Gospel of Matthew 24) ●

R.A.M. (Righteous Army of Men)

By James Bowles and the Riverside BSHDFC

The men in our chapter decided to honor our wives this year for all the support that they have given us. Of course, we should honor them every day because they are a gift from God to us, but we decided to do something a little extraordinary because the ladies in our chapter are extra ordinary. They are special!



Our women ride hundreds and sometimes thousands of miles through all different kinds of weather. They join us in our bike blessings, poker runs, rallies, chapter breakfasts, HOG events, HOG runs, coffee nights, overnights and weekend events – all without complaining!

One time our ladies rode 700 miles in one day through the Tejon Pass, north through Napa Valley, through the Redwood Forest all the way to Crescent City, CA. They didn't complain one bit.

Because of things like this and the fact that they were primarily responsible for helping us raise over \$2000 in a chapter fundraiser, we decided to take a day, have a mandatory chapter meeting and send our ewes to the Glen Ivy spa - all together as a group!

Husbands were challenged to keep this quiet and put together an assortment of swimsuits, footwear and makeup. [That should have been good!] We made a plaque of honor commemorating this special event. Although we didn't carry the whole event off perfectly, the honor was well received by our ewes. ●

Newly Elected Chapter Officers

Most of our chapters have just had their elections. We now need the phone number and email of every chapter president. Please send to: Vicki@BlackSheepHDFC.org as soon as possible!



BSHDFC and The Patriot Guard

by Matt Gardner (San Antonio BSHDFC)



I recently joined our HOG members on a few Patriot Guard missions. On our second mission, we were asked to escort men and their families to their new homes which had been provided by Homes For The Troops. Three more houses had been built and all three ceremonies were on Veterans Day.

We were waiting for the police escort at the second home where a young man was waiting around as well, but this guy was in a wheel chair. He had no legs. It was his house we were riding to. Pictures were being taken and small talk was taking place. Many of us told him how thankful we all were for his service and sacrifice. Later on, I found out the new home was just a few blocks from mine. As he went to get into his handicap vehicle something made me ask him if he wanted to ride on the bike to the house and he said "Sure!" As my friends helped him onto the bike I thought wow I don't deserve this.

My friend Neil was put on point and the two of us were second in line. As we pulled onto my passenger's street, Neil let us pass so we could lead the group up to the exact house. I kept thinking, "Man, I don't deserve this! I didn't hammer one single nail. I didn't lay one board. I am not worthy of this privilege; giving this man a ride on my bike". Finally it came to me, Jesus didn't deserve the nails, the boards, the cross...and yet He was there. As the tears welled up behind my glasses, I could see my wife and friends standing in the receiving line with American flags and photographers standing by. They put my passenger back in his chair and I took my place at the end of the flag line. All I was doing was standing with my friends; standing for something we believed in. I've been back to the house a few times to invite my new friend and his family to church and to see if they need anything but no one has been home.

Our job is not done yet. Its simple! Our ministry is one of presence. If you're not present you aren't going to have the opportunity and privilege to minister. Get involved! Represent Christ well with compassion and understanding. Take the time to listen to what they are really trying to say. Earn their respect so that one day, when the opportunity arises, they will respect what you have to say. That's what we are all about! ●

Happy New Year Black Sheep!

Beautiful Killers

Submitted by Steve Whisner (TVBS Secretary)

True Story (Photo): An oncoming car clipped a deer and sent it straight up into the air, then came straight down, head-first into a brand new truck. The deer's head went thru the front windshield, cutting the animal in half with the head and shoulders landing in the woman passenger's lap. The back half of the deer flipped up, smashed in the top of the truck, and landed in the bed. The male driver panicked when he saw his wife soaked in blood – but it was the deer's. Neither one of the humans were hurt. They were lucky!



FACTS: According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration there are about 1.5 million car accidents with deer each year that result in \$1 billion in vehicle damage, about 150 human fatalities, and over 10,000 personal injuries. The actual numbers are probably higher because the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's figures for deer accidents rely on inconsistent state reporting- there is no standard reporting of deer accidents in the country yet, and a "reportable deer accident" varies significantly between states. In an insurance claims statistics study conducted in 2004-2005 the top ten states for deer accidents were listed. According to this study, Pennsylvania drivers experience more deer collisions than any other state. The number of accidents increases with the deer migrating and mating season which occurs between the months of October and December. **Worst states for deer collisions based on total number of claims filed with one of the country's largest auto insurers:**

- #1 Pennsylvania
- #2 Michigan
- #3 Illinois
- #4 Ohio
- #5 Georgia
- #6 Minnesota
- #7 Virginia
- #8 Indiana
- #9 Texas
- #10 Wisconsin



Motorcyclists are especially vulnerable to serious injury in a deer collision. In 2002 only two percent of the cars and 1.3 percent of the utility trucks crashing into deer resulted in serious human injury or a fatality, but 75 percent of the motorcycle-deer crashes resulted in serious injury or death to the rider.

The typical deer strike occurs with the animal suddenly leaping in front of the vehicle, often at night. The vehicle slams into the deer, with sickening consequences. What's startling is the amount of damage even a small deer can do to a speeding vehicle. If the motorist happens to be a motorcyclist, the odds are high that both deer and biker will be seriously injured.

Tips to avoid deer accidents:

1. Be attentive when riding and driving! Slow down for deer!
2. Use high-beam headlights when driving in deer territory to increase your vision. This will increase your time to react to a deer hiding on the roadside who decides to jump in front of your car.

(The use of car-mounted 'deer whistles,' do not seem to affect deer and may result in drivers being less aware. These devices don't work! Watch out!)

3. If a collision with a deer is unavoidable, it is usually best not to swerve to avoid it, brake and hold the wheel straight. Turning the wheel to avoid the deer may result in a worse accident with another car, or cause the car to spin out of control resulting in a much more serious crash.

For more information visit: <http://deeralliance.com/node/60> ●

International Leadership Summit 2012

It seems strange to be talking about ILS2012 already, but it's just seven months away and people are starting to ask. The dates are **May 3rd, 4th and 5th**. There will be an informal mixer on the evening of the **2nd** and we will conclude about noon on the **5th**. Book your flights accordingly.

We will once again be hosted by the Lamb's Fellowship in Lake Elsinore. Every Black Sheep chapter must be represented by at least one member. **Start raising money for the trip NOW!** Anybody can come; members and non-members alike. Look forward to a weekend filled with music, food, riding, speakers, seminars, a bike night and a Saturday morning banquet. ILS is our annual meeting. Members come from all over the United States and abroad. ●

2012 Dates We Have So Far...

Send Us Dates From Your Neck of the Woods

- Laughlin, NV River Run - April 25th - April 29th**
- BSHDFC International Leadership Summit (ILS) - May 3rd-5th
- West Coast Thunder in Riverside, CA - May 28th**
- Mid-America BSHDFC Rally in Columbia, MO - July 6th - July 8th
- Sturgis - August 6th - August 12th**
- So Ca BSHDFC Black Jack Run/Rally at Griffith Park – Aug. 26th
- Rocky Mountain BSHDFC Rally Durango, CO - Sept 7th-9th.**
- Ca. State HOG Santa Maria to Sacramento) - Sept 11th-15th
- Street Vibrations in Reno, NV – Sept 26th-30th**
- Biker West Coast in Madera, CA – October 6th-7th
- HELP Ride in Temecula – End of October**
- Support Our Troops in Temecula– 1st Saturday in December

Now Riding on Streets of Gold

Doug Cummings and Gus Binnell

We said "good-bye" last month to two more great men; members of Black Sheep Harley-Davidsons for Christ. Mike "Gus" Binnell (right) was a retired member of the Inland Empire chapter in California. Pastor Doug Cummings (left) was the founder of our ministry in Northern Utah. Both men were loved and respected. ●



"Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed; in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality. When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: "Death has been swallowed up in victory. Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?" (1Corinthians 15:51-55)

Loma Linda Toy Run

All photos by Steve Key

Motorcycle clubs and ministries from Southern California delivered more than 1,000 toys for the young patients at Loma Linda University Children's Hospital on Sunday as part of the 19th annual Motorcycle Rider's Association Toy Run. Once again, Santa (Photo below) and Mrs. Clause were (Shhhh!) none other than High Desert Black Sheep's Bear and Little Bear (Smith)





An audience of LLUCH patients and their families watched as more than 150 motorcycles roared in to the LLUCH parking lot. Toys were distributed to the children in front of the children's hospital as well as inside the Stater Bros. Activity Center and in patient rooms. In addition to



the toys, nearly \$5,000 was raised for LLUCH, thanks to the joint efforts of the MRA, Quaid-Harley Davidson, Chaparral Motorsports and Norwalk Motorcycle Club.

One rider commented, "We can't think of a better way to spend the day just knowing we are all bringing a little happiness into these kids' lives. Just to see those smiles as we ride in with the toys means the world to us."

The photo below is of a group of Black Sheep who knelt beside a sick child and prayed for them. Parents almost always welcome the opportunity for prayer. (And what is the man in the black sweatshirt and hat to the left thinking as we pray?)



Winds and cold rain did not cancel the Loma Linda run, but the number of riders and bikes was certainly far less than in previous

years. In past years, hundreds of bikes have rolled the streets of Loma Linda to bring toy and God's blessing to these wonderful children. ●

Why Mentorship?

Beginning this month, BSHDFC will require all incoming members to go through a 5-6 month mentorship program before receiving a patch. The following is a portion from lesson #1.

Why mentorship? Black Sheep: Harley-Davidsons for Christ (BSHDFC) began in 1999. In the beginning, a Christian testimony and a commitment to ministry was all it took to become a patched member. Through the years, however, members came and went as they discovered...

- The nature of motorcycle ministry
- The priorities and values of this particular ministry
- The time and cost involved and
- The high standard of character and integrity expected

In an attempt to better prepare people for this ministry, we increased our requirements, lengthened our interviews and established more and more opportunities for instruction and training. While things got better, there were still unacceptable numbers of people who came and left within a year or two. We deeply desire something better for our members and this ministry.

What if I am already a mature Christian – or even a pastor?

Much like any other kind of missionary work, motorcycle ministry is unique from work within the local church. Someone with a doctorate in ministry is not necessarily prepared for street ministry in the inner city. We have had a number of well educated and experienced pastors join BSHDFC only to discover that their years of training and experience in seminary did not apply much to motorcycle ministry. Buying a new motorcycle and a leather jacket does not prepare one for the motorcycle sub-culture.

What if I am coming from another motorcycle ministry?

Motorcycle clubs and ministries can differ significantly from one another. While on the outside we may have some similarities, it is the subtle differences that can create significant problems later on. An incoming member from another M/M needs to leave that ministry behind and prepare to learn Black Sheep's rules, values and philosophy of ministry.

How long will this take?

First, let's ask the question: "What's more important: an embroidered patch on your back or an opportunity to minister to bikers?" Opportunities for ministry start NOW! In fact, you have probably already started to ride with our members and involved yourself in areas of service. Terrific! Your time spent meeting with a Black Sheep mentor, learning about this ministry and waiting for a patch, is not time wasted! As a part of your mentorship program, we expect you to continue to be as involved as you can. This is your opportunity to see if this ministry is right for you and our opportunity to see if you are right for BSHDFC. If all goes well, the process will take between four and seven months depending on your schedule. Ministry, however, begins NOW! ●