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About This Newsletter

Welcome! If you would like to receive this free monthly newsletter by email, simply let us know by contacting our office: Vicki@BlackSheepHDFC.org. (951) 677-1407 *

Here Comes Wisconsin How a Region Develops

Black Sheep started in Southern California with just five men...then there were six. Six more came from about thirty miles away...and then there were twelve. Four riders from Northern California were on vacation in San Diego and picked up our newsletter that we were putting in the local dealerships. Those riders from No.Ca. joined us...then there were sixteen...and the rest is history.

The point is, every chapter, every state, every region and every country **began with just a few or even one person** committed to the mission of Black Sheep HDFC. Through the years we have seen whole states absent of any influence from Black Sheep HDFC – and then, BOOM! It happened that way in Pennsylvania and it's beginning to take shape in Texas and Wisconsin.

We currently have members in five Wisconsin cities:

Richard Tyler	So. Range	(Orange)
Mark Blanchard	Coloma	(Purple)
Jon Ricker	Juneau	(Red)
Steve Anderson	Plover	(Blue)
Robert Franklin	Twin Lakes	(Green)

Four of these cities are in a relatively close region that stretches less than two hundred miles from North Central to Southeast – or, about a hundred miles to a central rendezvous; an easy morning ride. (Richard Tyler in the North is unfortunately a daunting three hundred from a lunch meeting with the other members.)

Hopefully, before the summer's end, these four (or maybe five) will gather in the middle some place for lunch to coordinate their efforts in developing Black Sheep in Wisconsin. They can do this by having lunch together, attend an event at one of the dealerships or even coordinating their appearance at the Wisconsin State HOG rally. Their unity and cooperation will be decisive.



The Bible teaches us that “iron sharpens iron” and that “a rope of three strands is not easily broken.” In other words, **we are far more effective as a team than as a group of individuals.** (synergism)

One exciting strategic development to Wisconsin is that Milwaukee is the birthplace of Harley-Davidson!



What an interesting story it will be to see BSHDFC grow and develop in the “motherland.”

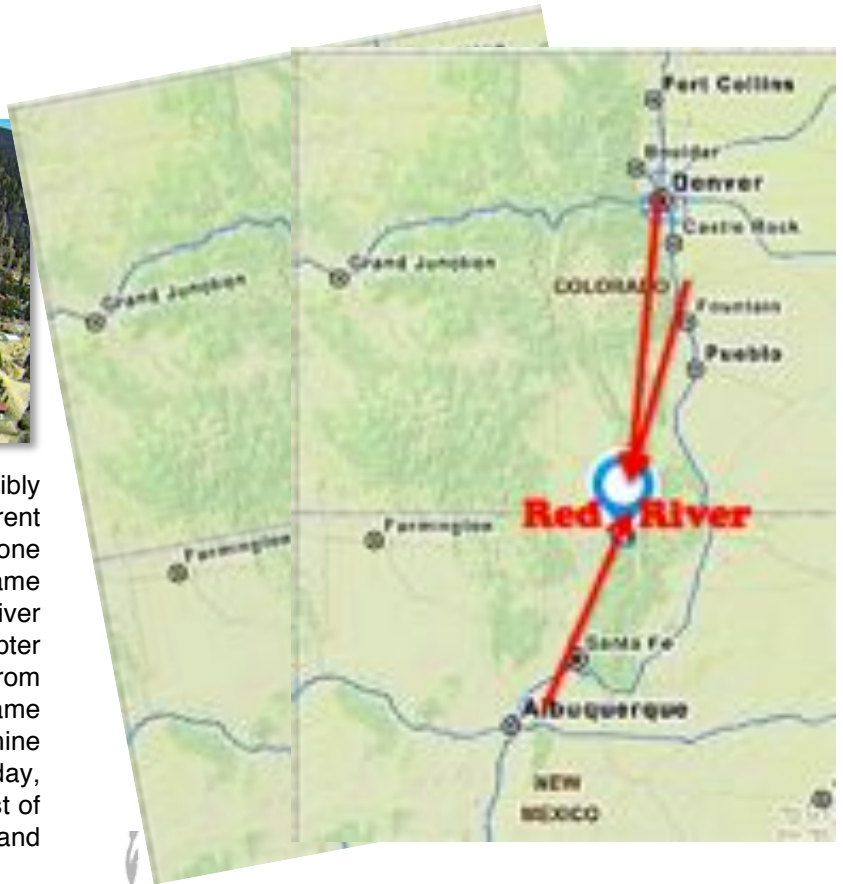
We welcome our newest member to the Wisconsin sheep; Pastor Robert Franklin. Robert is the associate pastor at Gridley Congregational

Church, a graduate of Tyndale Theological Seminary and newly married to his wife Cathy. He has completed mentorship and has a swell cowboy hat! ...so we welcome the Franklins to the flock! We are eager to see what happens in Wisconsin! *

Three Chapters at Red River, NM Rally
Steve Smith, Albuquerque BSHDFC



The 2015 Red River Memorial Rally offered incredibly beautiful scenery while 20,000 bikers from all different backgrounds and states lined Main Street for one crazy party! Three Black Sheep chapters came together, working side by side to make the Red River Rally a resounding success! The **Pikes Peak** chapter from Colorado Springs, the **Mile High** chapter from Denver, and **Duke City** Albuquerque, NM came together to set up a double booth with three shoeshine chairs! It was (as usual) a slow start on Thursday, but by Saturday, they had all three chairs filled most of the day! We offered prayer and bike blessings and the crowd responded with gladness and cheer!



RED RIVER

We were in the process of blessing one rider and his 1948 Indian Chief in the middle of the street, when those around us observed what we were doing. We ended up blessing ten more bikes in a row as people cried, "Bless mine! Bless mine!" It truly was a privilege to be there. What a great time for all the Black Sheep to come together serving and praying for our fellow motorcycle riders. It's just what we do! *

Who wants to go to Red River in 2016?

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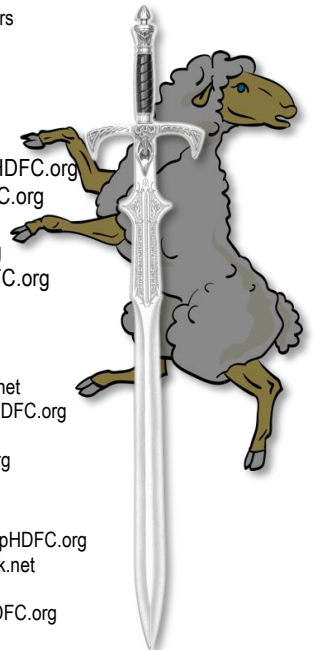
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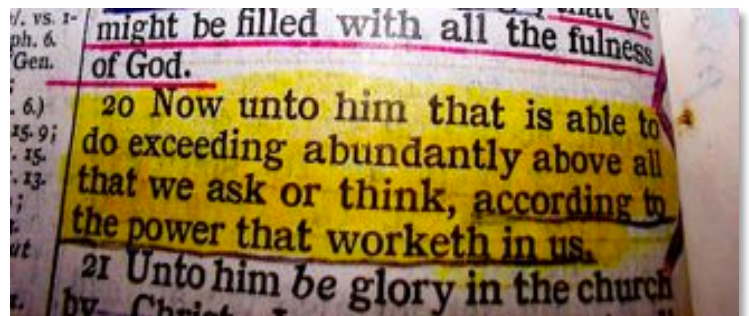
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The Church Picnic

Marty Edwards

Bob Benson wrote a book called, "COME SHARE THE BEING." In it, he tells the following story about a church picnic; a story that I have never forgotten. He writes...



Do you remember when they had old-fashioned Sunday school picnics? It was before air-conditioning. They said, "We'll meet at Sycamore Lodge in Shelby Park at 4:30pm on Saturday. You bring your supper and we'll furnish the sweet tea."



But you came home at the last minute and when you got ready to pack your lunch, all you could find in the refrigerator was one dried up piece of baloney and just enough mustard in the bottom of the jar so that you got it all over your knuckles trying to get to it. And there were just two stale pieces of bread. So you made your baloney sandwich and wrapped it in some brown bag and went to the picnic.

When it came time to eat you sat at the end of a table and spread out your sandwich. But the folks next to you (the lady was a good cook and she had worked all day) had fried chicken, and baked beans, and potato salad and homemade rolls and sliced tomatoes, and pickles, and olives, and she topped it off with two great big homemade chocolate pies! And they spread it all out beside you and there you were with your baloney sandwich. cont.

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cont. But they said to you, "Why don't we put it all together?" "No, I couldn't do that, I just couldn't even think of it," your murmured embarrassed. "Oh, come on, there's plenty of chicken and plenty of pie, and plenty of everything and we just love baloney sandwiches! Let's just put it all together." And so you did and there you sat, eating like a KING when you came like a PAUPER. ~end

I spent my early childhood in the South; Florida and North Carolina. I know all about summer church picnics since my favorite aunt and uncle were Quaker pastors in Greensboro! One of my most distinct memories was drinking sweet tea out of colored aluminum glasses and each glass had a little sweater that captured the condensation on the outside.

Maybe it's nostalgia that makes Benson's story so memorable to me or maybe it's just the perfect illustration of God's grace. GRACE is showing up to a picnic with a dried up baloney sandwich and eating like a king – or living like the devil all your life and then going to heaven because Jesus died for your sins.

I'm never sure who's reading these newsletters, but this one goes out to you guys with the sandwich in a brown bag. I want to communicate to you that God loves you just the way you are but He also wants to bring you into a great feast of love and forgiveness paid for by His Son Jesus. You're forgiven! Your ticket to mercy and forgiveness and eternal life is there for the asking - if you're ready to surrender your baloney sandwich (i.e. your life) to Him today.



Are you an alcoholic or a drug user? You're forgiven! Did you have an abortion? You're forgiven! Are you on your second, third or fourth marriage? You're forgiven! Do you have a filthy mouth and a filthy mind? You're forgiven! **Come and share the being of Jesus!**

If I can ever pray with you, give me a call or email me at BS.PREZ@Yahoo.com. God has an awesome plan for the rest of your life! He loves you very much! *