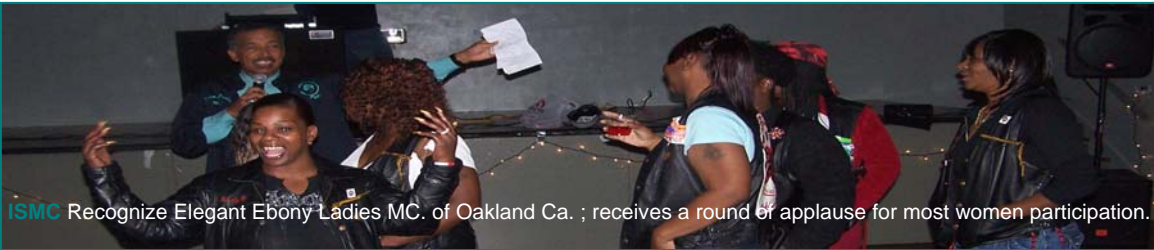


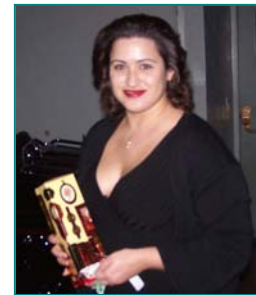


IRON SOULS; TREE Hands over plaque for most club member's participation to the **Buffalo Soldiers** out of Sacramento California. Thanks for your support at the **Iron Souls** Christmas Jam.



ISMC Recognize Elegant Ebony Ladies MC. of Oakland Ca. ; receives a round of applause for most women participation.

IRON SOUL 2007 Xmas Jam raffle winners, after dinner and dancing the **ISMC** raffled off several gifts and cash to the leather and Lace guest. Thank you all, for your Support.



IRON SOULS EXTEND OUR THANK YOU TO THE BIKER COMMUNITY. (Article by Bodean)



◀◀◀**TREE** “As we celebrate this holiday season and mark the end of another Year, we should take some time to reflect on our lives and what we have done to make the World a better place for others! I am personally proud of the **ISMC** efforts this year! Let’s remember: We have worked with Lend-A-Hand to organize and giveaway Easter Baskets and backpacks for children who are needy. We rode during toy runs and our Christmas holiday event with Lend-A-Hand and the Oakland Fire Department to help needy children have a Christmas full of toys and games. We made sure Mother Wright had additional resources through the NAILBA Foundation to help refurbish her warehouse. We gave **ISMC** helping hands personally cleaning the warehouse for

completion or at least reactivation. We held the Mother Wright Run and donated more than \$26,000.00 to her Foundation (\$20K based on a grant). We sponsor and support the **Iron Souls** Little League Baseball Team. We participate in earth day for a cleaner San Pablo where our signs stand tall on our adopted islands that we clean and cultivate between 17th street and 19th street, we have done a lot - and more. I may have forgotten something but I am sure you can add to this listing just based on your personal day to day living and lives!

My **Brothers**, you have served the **ISMC Creed** very well! You deserve to be celebrated and celebrating. May 2008 be a great **ISMC** year. Our congratulations must be directed to our...



Mother Wright Chairman *Mr. X-Man* and his committee. They are also extended for the fine work of one *Mr. Breakaway* for his outstanding work associated with the NAILBA Grant for the Mother Wright’s warehouse Rehabilitation. The **ISMC**, lead by one *Mr. Nas-D* (and his charming little helper, Mrs. Nas-D), Santa, and the Oakland Fire Department for the Lend-A-Hand Foundation annual toy giveaway, also Easter each year! And the Chairman of the Iron Soul Christmas Leather and Lace party Brother *D* and his committee, Brother *D-Tour* for coordinating the **ISMC** Earth day clean up each year. This holiday season, we have participated in toy runs and canned food drive donations. The **ISMC** has again distinguished itself for living up to its **Creed** and standing on its Purposes! We continue to show support to the community of Oakland California and one another, we should be proud to be **Iron Souls!** *I... B – Tree...*

Brotherhood/Respect/Unity! (Article by Tree, edited by Bodean).



RIFLEMAN ON THE RANCH

This is a harvest, not a hunt. The first picture shows a herd of bison in a fenced-in pasture, and that's where we go. "By the way" flying with a firearm isn't nearly as difficult as I expected. A kid on the airport shuttle in San Jose asked what kind of guitar I had "I said a Fender". Explaining "Winchester" it didn't seem worth the effort. I got to my brother-in-law's place in Idaho

Falls about 11:00pm Thursday night, and we were on the road at 5:00 am Friday to meet up with our other harvester friends and in his truck we went, and on to Montana. We Got to Ennis; just outside the flying D ranch in time for a leisurely breakfast, then on to the ranch for our 10:00 am appointment. We were greeted at the gate to the pastures by two ranchers, each with their own truck, and each harvester is personally accompanied. "There is good reason for this". Some of the stories told by these ranchers about less experienced folks coming in to take a bison are both very funny and very scary. One to one is the only way to ensure that only a bison gets killed; Maybe! It's cold but not like it was last time. The temperature's about 20 degrees F. Last time it was about 5 degrees F. The biggest problem is when it's cold, the carcass can freeze before you get it to the butcher. "Not so this day". The second biggest problem is waiting for a clear shot for the bison you want. They are

herd animals and naturally bunch up. "If you hit more than one", "you bought more than one". The herd is ear-tagged by weight. "The last time, I took a larger animal with a yellow ear tag". Yellow marked the spot, it breaks the spine at the base of the skull, and the buffalo is dead and down instantly. This time the tag was dark green and hard to see, so I went for the heart instead. Very happy to say, for my two bison three years ago, and this one, "two one-shot kills". Then the ranchers chain the hind feet together and lift the carcass by the crane on the truck, and remove the internal organs (gutting out). From the base of the tongue clear to the base of the tail, it all

comes out right there except the heart and lungs. They drove the carcass to the harvester's truck or trailer, and dropped it on the vehicle. In our case we drove back to Rigby Idaho, where the other harvester live and the butcher, we dropped off the carcasses and watched as they removed the heads and hides (which then went to a taxidermist); they split the carcasses lengthwise and hung them for aging; two weeks in the butcher's cold room. The butcher removed the lungs and heart, in my bison the bottom third of the heart was shredded from the shot of my Winchester, he found the bullet just inside the hide on the away side. Our buffalo was secure; and home we went just in time for dinner. I took a day to visit with my brother in law and his new bride. We headed home Sunday morning on the 6:00 am flight. The meat will be here in January, the bleached skull and hide in April. **BRU** (Article by Rifleman Edited by Bodean)

