



***SOUL SMOKE NEWS LETTER. EDITOR: BO-DEAN APRIL 2007 VOL 2 PAGE 1
MR AND MRS NAS-D ORGANIZE ISMC EASTER GIVEAWAY FOR NEEDY CHILDREN***



April 7th Matilda Cleveland Shelter. In conjunction with the Lend a Hand Foundation, the ISMC again did what we were created to do...we gave something back! Not only did we give very, very special Easter Baskets (thanks Nas-D and Lady Jackie) for the children of the Shelter, we also were able to give something even more special...we gave something of ourselves! You see one of the Shelter's supervisors asked that the ISMC Members introduce and tell a little bit about themselves to the children and parents present. As it always is, it is an awesome experience to hear these Men...Our Brothers...reach out and talk directly, and from their hearts to young people about their lives and their experiences and what has brought them to the Club and to each other! It is nothing less than awesome!! I continue to be amazed by the life stories and by the dedication and commitment of our Brothers!! **Life is good!** It is said, to them that much is given, much is required! Our Brothers...to the ISMC...your willingness, commitment and ability to make a difference in the lives of young people and those who need just the basics to survive means that you have heard and have answered that challenge. As you so articulately said on Saturday to the young people at the Shelter and to each other, **this is a very special group of Men!** And, to say we are **proud to be Iron Souls!!**

ISMC EXTENDS THEIR PRESENTS THROUGH OUT THE COMMUNITY, EASTER DAY



From East Oakland to West Oakland April 7th the Iron Souls rode to Mother Wright's Warehouse on San Pablo Ave were the ISMC again distinguished itself by helping Mother Wright and her merry band of volunteers distribute Easter Baskets and toys to the homeless children and food, clothing, medicine and other goodies to the many individuals who lined up to receive whatever Mother Wright had to offer for that day! It was powerful to watch the ISMC, and the ladies who joined us, pitch in to setup and then distribute the many offerings for that day. We were hopeful media shots from Channel 2 caught the excitement, energy and enthusiasm that we witnessed from all who participated! After our stop at Mother Wright's, the Road Captains led us to the Emeryville Food Court for a little lunch and lively conversation... **Oh, what a beautiful day! "We give back to the community and promote goodwill and a positive image of our Club!"** That's **Tree Talk** for this ISMC Soul Smoke edition! **Brotherhood/Respect/Unity...** I Be Tree! Peace.

TKO LURES IRON SOULS TO HOUSE TO WITNESS PROPOSAL



Man, Brothers, if you missed last Saturday, you missed a grand and glorious one! No, I am not talking about the weather (actually it rained like the bottom of the bucket had holes) but I am talking about TKO's surprise gift to his Lady Miss Linda!

Brothers, he got down on his knees (a couple of times to make sure he got it right), took out a big rock, slipped it on her finger; and proposed to her, right in front of God, and us and all the assembled masses (her family was there...his family was there). Man, what a day!!

On April 14th TKO proposed marriage to Linda on bended knee and a diamond ring, in their newly purchased El Sobrante home. It took place in front of about 60 people including the Irons Souls, significant others and family members. "This was a real surprise for me; I truly thought he was going to propose to me on my birthday in August", says Linda. "What a pleasant surprise. He kept this secret all to him until the end".

"This comes at no surprise proposing to me in front of His Brothers". He speaks so highly of being an Iron Soul. The Brotherhood has made such an impact on his life; he feels love and passion from each member; as he calls it "One Tribe and Unity". The most important part of being an Iron Soul is the Brotherhood connection. He likes to ride, communicate, and laugh. He often talks about community and sharing. He is truly an Iron Soul. Wherever he goes, he



always reaches out to others with funny jokes, laughter or money, he loves taking care of people. Linda comes to John from Marin County. "I moved to Richmond 10 years ago and thought out those years I finally purchased a condo right next door, (The chase was on) smile. "I feel so blessed to have met him". He has brought lots of love and joy to me and my family. "I accept his hand in marriage and look forward to being his wife in the near future". "We would like to thank all of you for attending our most memorable occasion"; "I'm looking forward to lots of good times together".

"I've met some of the best people in my life", God Bless.

Tree: "I want to thank our Brother TKO for making us an integral part of his special day! He wanted his extended ISMC Family to be there to celebrate a beautiful surprise for His Lady and we were proud to be asked and to be present! We wish you nothing but the ultimate happiness as you enter this new phase of your life! As we were last Saturday, continue to count on your ISMC Brothers to be there to support you in all of your life's endeavors"!

Red: "Linda it's us who is blessed to have some one as wonderful as you and TKO in our lives, Thank you".

Snowman: "I want to send out a special thank you to TKO & Linda for allowing us to be part of their special day. I know that they will have a long and happy life together, sincerely".

Three Hawks: "I for one am grateful to TKO for the invite, but most of all for making me a part of a very important decision, that affected their life. I know you and Linda will be very happy together, because as the saying goes " what God has brought together let no man put asunder". My brother and Linda were brought together for a reason, like I was brought to the Iron Souls, In the Native culture we believe that every road has a beginning and an end, but the journey we take to get there is where the spirits lead us. So to you and Linda, I wish you a safe journey".
BRU.

Bo-dean: "My wife and I had a great time in hearing your share, the food was good and the drinks were plenty; Thank you for letting us be a part of a great day".

X-Man: "To my entire brother's of the ISMC", "I just wanted to let you all know how good of a time my wife and I had at TKO's Special Event today", "Congratulations to you and Linda!" The brotherhood, respect, and unity are truly felt. It was a wonderful day, even with the weather as it was, "Thanks my brothers for being a part of my life", BRU.

EZC: "I would like to thank the Bros that rode! There were few, it was cold, wet, but we still had fun on them Hogs!" "Don't know what I would do without my brothers".

ISMC PAY'S RESPECT' TO MOTHER WRIGHT'S DAUGHTER AT PERRY TEMPLE



April 18th Mother Wright's daughter Linda Lois was memorialized by family and friends and our brothers of the Iron Souls. Tree, KC, Roadrunner, TC, Breakaway, Sidecar, Iron Butt and D-Tour, represented at the Perry Temple Church on 35th and Market Street in Oakland Ca. After the funeral, the Wright Family received friends and the ISMC at the California Ballroom for food and remembering our Mothers daughter.

DE-TOUR MAPS OUT SAN PABLO AVENUE CLEAN UP - IN EARTH DAY O-RAMA

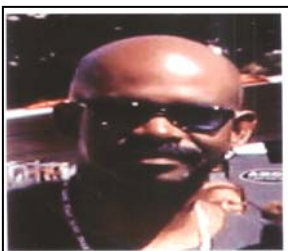


On Saturday April 21, the ISMC participated in Earth Day. Twenty-two members and their significant others cleaned and greened the medians, planter strips and sidewalks on San Pablo Avenue between 16th and 19th Streets. The rain was kind and held off until we could pull weeds, remove litter and debris and trim plants. We were a group of 4,500 volunteers who predicated in a cleanup/beautification project at over 110 sites throughout Oakland.

Thanks ISMC sisters and brothers for giving back to your community and caring about the environment, D-tour.

A TRIBUTE TO OUR FALLEN BROTHERS; 69ER RUN TO SAN JUAN BATISTA

Gentlemen, as you know, this was the ISMC First Annual Fallen Brothers Run. This is a very special memorial run for all ISMC Brothers who now only ride with us in spirit! The Run is designed to honor and to remember them.



Remembering Curly– April 21, 2007 growing old is a bitch. But as I've lost friends and relatives, I've found that I'm better able to see and feel what really important is in life, each loss forcing me to re-examine my own, and helping me to be real. Curly was as real as he could be, and helping me to be real. This brother could ride. While he became a skilled and very confident rider, of the California Highway Patrol, he also protected dignitaries at our state capital. He had (as Oop once referred to it, as) heart. He lived in the ride, the destination a minor consideration. He had a certain *joie de vivre*, revealed slowly to

those in attendance at his funeral. He was always entertaining in life, and did so even at his own funeral. I still smile, remembering the stories told by the line of speakers.

To me, what made him stand out was that he simply accepted you for the person that you were. By this, I mean that your race and ethnicity, whatever it was, was to him, wholly acceptable and a plus. As one of the original 5 that founded the Martinez Chapter, he truly exemplified B.R.U. In many ways, Curly was the heart and soul of the Chapter and his loss is still deeply felt. Here is what I've learned from Curly: participate in the club and ride. Brotherhood, Respect, Unity; Iron Butt original 21.



Remembering Chile-April 21.2007 "Blues", "riding with Chile was always a ride to remember", "he was always an up beat brother with a lot of humor", he talked a lot about his military background amongst his ISMC brothers; "he enjoyed driving his old corvette and loved to ride his motorcycle". He had that intimidating look while on his shovel head he built". Chile passed it on to his son Lo-bo who is also an Iron Soul brought in by his dad. "Lo-bo expresses how he joined the club under his dad's wings and to ride was surly a way to stay close to him". "Being a part of my father's life while riding has given me memories to the already memorable times we had together", "Chili will always ride through the eyes of Lo-bo".



Remembering Diamond Ken-April 21. 2007 "Beaver Doctor" "This brother was a class act" Diamond Ken and I go back to 1985 riding our Harleys together; "we enjoyed hanging out at the East Bay Dragons club house back in the day" Ken was an up beat guy and always wanting to have fun" he rode a bright colored bike, "wore bright colored clothing; and styled flashy jewelery". The run we now call the 69er run was the ken Evans run for the last 13 years. We have combined our fallen brothers run into one. One day Jump start and Diamond Ken rode their hogs down for lunch to San Juan Batista were the two sat down together for lunch and talked Soul Smoke for hours. Diamond Ken Passed away later during his

prospect period. The Iron Souls Motor Cycle club organized the Ken Evans run in the mid1990's. It has since been renamed. The number 69 of the ISMC has been retired and dedicated to our brothers. So until we meet again at the 69er fallen brother run; your Feathers are Powerful, Beautiful, and Soaring free, we are one Tribe.



BROTHER TRADES IN SOFTAIL FOR A CRUISER

"Theirs no comparison to the ride I have been accustom to on my softtail," "I no longer hide the bike with my big physique" "the screaming eagle is bigger than me and your able to see me and my baby, she has a better feel for the road" "I'm able to carry goods with me when I travel," "the style of the faring cuts through the wind and stays steady on a windy day. It also keeps the wind and elements to a minimum; I'm not as tired or beat up on long runs". I'm excited about 2007, year of the ride.



ISMC LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL UPDATE

Our baseball team sponsored by the Iron Souls MC has been receiving lots of support, our brothers have been reaching in there pockets to support the more needy children for sign up fees and insurance cost. The ISMC fans and parents have been wonderful in their mentoring, the kids have been hard at it and the team is doing well. The kids of East Oakland are learning how to compete, work together, and display discipline.

Correction: March edition page two Paragraph three, there was one Iron Thunder award, received by Bo-dean

