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'Good Turn' means freedom for Pierson

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Chad Pierson had that "freedom" feeling as he led a large group of bikers out of Hubbard Saturday afternoon.

With wife Kristin on board, Chad could bike again without being concerned about the Parkinson's Disease that invaded his body two years ago.

Balance can be a problem for those with Parkinson's Disease, and of course, balance is important when wheeling down the highway at 60 miles per hour.

Chad and Kristin were still riding their 2004 Harley Davidson Electra Guide, but it had been converted into a trike, compliments of Lehman Trikes headquartered in Spearfish, S.D.

Lehman officials, as well as representatives from Timm's Trikes of St. Charles, MN were in Hubbard to present Chad with his new Renegade conversion. Timm's did the actual conversion.

Chad's fellow "Lost Cause" bike club members Curt Bunte and Monty Boeke got the process rolling by sending a letter of application to Lehman Trikes. The letter explained the many things Chad has done for others, and that his service projects haven't been slowed by Parkinson's.

"We had several applications, but I was very

impressed by that letter," said Jaime Kreager of Lehman Trikes. "I'm not the one who determines the winner, but I put a star on that one."

Hubbard's main business block was closed for vehicle traffic for this occasion. Starting late morning, bikers began filling the block up. When bikes could no longer park by either curb, another line of bikes was parked along the center of the street.

"It reminds me of a mini-Sturgis," commented Kreager, referring to the annual huge bike rally in South Dakota.

Bunte served as master of ceremonies for the presentation. At Chad's request, he told the crowd to make this a joyous celebration.

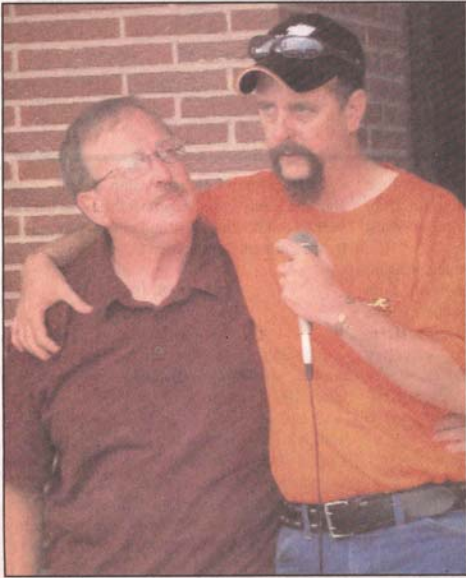
For the most part, Bunte did keep things light. He told about fireside conversations the bikers had during their earlier years, and how that has changed with age—including a recent 45 minute discussion on how to stay regular.

On the serious side, Bunte noted why Chad was even considered for this award—mainly his willingness to help others. Bunte stressed that the reason Lost Cause exists is to ride hard, laugh and have great fun, but to also help others through service, financial means and in many other ways. Bunte

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Knowing he can ride safely again, Chad Pierson was all smiles.



With his arm around employer Gene Willis, Chad thanked the people for their support.

Crowd turns out for Chad Pierson

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credited Chad with not only his willingness to always help others, but also keeping club members mindful of the purpose of the club throughout the years.

Gene Willis, Chad's employer at Van Wall, praised Chad for not allowing Parkinson's to get in the way of his job performance. Willis tried to say more, but cut his words short as tears filled his eyes.

Words also came hard for Pierson--as he knew they would.

"This is about freedom, and to keep me safe and her safe," said Chad pointing to his wife. Pearson then put his arm around Willis and could say little more as the bikers clapped their hands in approval.

"We're pleased to have an opportunity like this to give something back to the riding community," said Clay Strilchuk, Sales Manager for Lehman Trikes. "As evidenced by the bikers that turned out for this event, they are among the most generous and charitable people in the world. Our philosophy is that 'One good turn deserves another,' and it is very rewarding for us

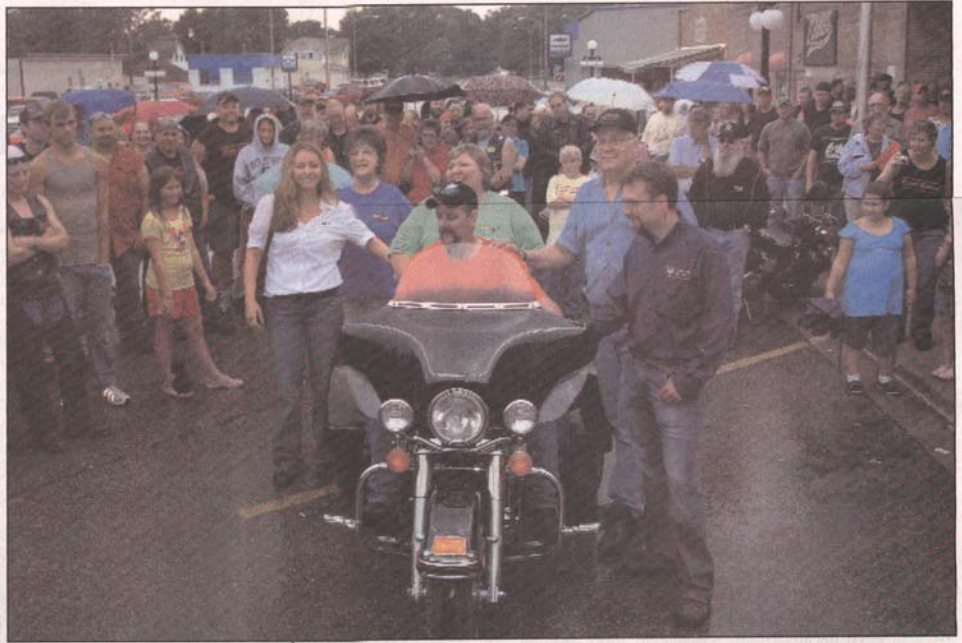
since we are all about extending the riding experience."

Kreager explained how the "Good Turn" award got started when the company was still headquartered in Canada. She explained that a lady inquired how her husband could keep riding his bike, despite deminishing health, including the loss of the use of his legs. Company owner John Lehman took control of the situation. The company converted the man's bike into a totally hand-operated machine--at absolutely no cost.

"John reasoned that this man had done so much for others, and that one good turn deserves another," explained Kreager. "That's how it all got started."

Strilchuk had to represent Lehman Trikes at a bike rally that same day, but was glad he had made the trip to Hubbard.

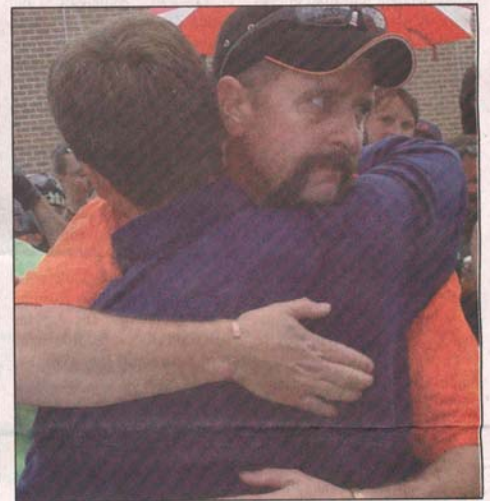
"We've held these presentations in California and at our facility at Sturgis," he said. "But this is great. You can't beat this home-town hospitality. You can tell that Chad is really loved here. This is what the 'Good Turn' award is all about."



Chad and Kristen tried out their new trike. At left are Jaime Kreager and Jan Timm, while at right are Al Timm and Clay Strilchuk, who traveled from South Dakota and Minnesota to make the presentation.



Al and Jan Timm, of Timm's Trikes, backed by Curt Bunte and Monte Boeke, addressed the biking crowd.



Looking at his trike, Chad had a hug for Clay Strilchuk of Lehman Trikes.

Locals dominate Radcliffe best shot

Radcliffe golfers dominated the top flight in a 4-Man Best Shot Tournament Saturday at the Radcliffe Firriently Fairways. A total of 35 teams competed for

Caleb Wiegman, Levi Whitmore--64.

Third Flight

1. Blaine Houck, Mel Heintz, Don Steinick, Jerry Steffan--

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