

# Lehman Trikes: Good to the bone

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**SPEARFISH** – It's about being true to your beliefs, and that is what Lehman Trikes is driven by every day. With nearly 25 years in the industry, the crew at Lehman Trikes is constantly growing but their hearts are still rooted in the right places.

"It starts from the early days of Lehman Trikes," said Ken Hines, executive vice president of Lehman Trikes, speaking of the founder, John Lehman, "John's about the nicest guy you'll ever meet." Lehman's attitude, charitable work, and leadership in the motorcycle industry set the tone at Lehman Trikes and earned him an induction into this year's Sturgis Motorcycle Museum and Hall of Fame.

But Lehman Trikes' charitable attitude doesn't stop there. Over the years, it have provided several no charge conversions to riders who have dealt with significant hardship, yet have the incredible spirit to continue enriching the lives of others.

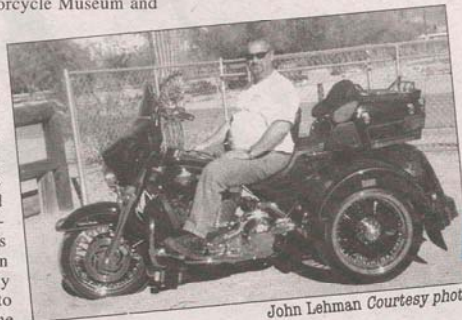
"Because one good turn deserves another," is how John describes the appropriately titled Lehman "Good Turn Trike." "The Good Turn Trike idea actually began many years ago with an incredibly heart-felt letter from a loving wife wondering if we knew of a way her husband could continue to ride despite his life-threatening illnesses" said Clay Strilchuk, the sales and marketing manager who has been with the company since its early days in Westlock, Alberta. "They truly did not have the means to convert his motorcycle to a trike due to medical bills, but the story touched so many people at Lehman Trikes that the company provided the conversion for

free, complete with hand-activated brakes and an innovative foot and hand operated shifter. Regretfully, Bob passed away a short time later, but we were pleased to have been a part of helping him better enjoy the time he had left."

In 2000, the Lehman Trikes employees and members of Lehman's own trike owners group, Lehman Pride, joined together to complete a figure eight through the U.S. and Canada collecting money for the "Make a Wish" foundation. It was a 45-day ride covering more than 10,000 miles, 26 states and two Canadian provinces. This event would be the inaugural "Pride Ride" and inspire many pride members and chapters to help others through charitable activities for years to come. Since expanding operations from Canada to Spearfish, in 2004, Lehman has also been a supporter of the Sturgis Motorcycle Museum and

their facility. "We're in a hiring boom right now", said Ken. The company credits its success to dedicated and talented employees. "The quality of people in the Black Hills and the quality of living is what brought us to this location in the first place. That decision has really paid off for us!" said Ken. Lehman Trikes is looking forward to the future with a positive attitude and a big heart. Maybe there is something to that old adage "what goes around comes around"

You can see what's new at Lehman Trikes during the Rally at their factory location, off of I-90, exit 14 in Spearfish. Take a demo ride, visit with vendors and enjoy food and factory tours during the entire rally week. Contact them at (605) 642-2111 or visit its Web site at [www.lehmantrikes.com](http://www.lehmantrikes.com).



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Most recently, they have increased their workforce and are looking to expand

