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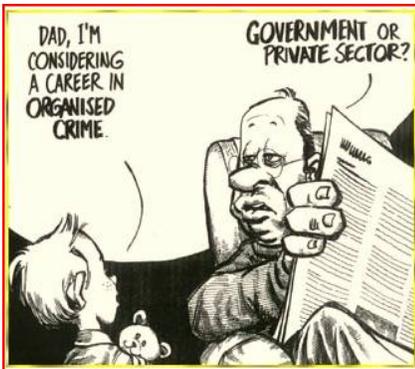
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Editor's Correction (Sam Hochberg & Associates have moved): I would like to Thank the Oregon Confederation Of Clubs for their donation to this Newsletter... I just received a \$ 360.00 check for \$ 30.00 per month for the next 12 months (5th year)... The one thing we can do to ensure this newsletter continuing is Thanking our sponsors, so please thank them at: Oregon COC (Sam Hochberg & Associates) 5603 S.W. Hood Avenue; Portland, OR 97239... Sam Hochberg is Oregon's A.I.M. Attorney: <http://YourInjuryLawyers.com/> or http://www.aimncom.com/aim/attorneys/attorneys_or.htm



Editor's Note: Currently we are sending over 365 copies of this newsletter to members of 73 Motorcycle Clubs...

Editor's Note: For January there was 1 issue, For February there were 2 issues, For March this is the 2nd issue ...

Editor's Note: I would like to Thank my Wife "Kari" for getting these Newsletters ready to be mail...

Disclaimer: The News Media does NOT always tell the Whole Truth... It tends to sensationalize the News to Sell Newspapers...

In Fact, Many Times the News Media gets the Facts Wrong!!!

Editor's Note: It is too hard to keep up with counts, But for your info here are the Clubs that are getting the Brothers Behind Bars Newsletter (**73 Clubs**) in Prison: Avengers, Bandidos, Banshees, Barons, Black Pistons, Boozefighters, BPM, Breed, Brother Speed, Brotherhood Nomads, Brothers Of Wheels, Damned Deacon, D.C. Eagles, Death Squad, Derelicts, Devils Diciples, Diablos, El Forastero, Family, Finks, Fly-In-Wheels, Forsaken Few, Free Souls, Galloping Goose, Ghost Riders, Grim Reapers, Gypsy Joker, Hells Angels, Hells Lovers, Hells Outcasts, Hermanos, Hessians, Hidalgo's, Highwaymen, In Country Vietnam, Iron Coffins, Iron Horsemen, Invaders, Iron Wings, Iron Mustangs, Legion Of Doom, Liberty Riders, Long Riders, **Marauder's**, Misfits, Mohawk Valley Riders, Mongols, Motopsychoz, Nomads, Outlaws, Pagan's, Peckerwood, Phantom's, Pharoahs, Reapers, Renegades, Sadistics, Satans Soldiers, Scorpions, Set Free Soldiers, Sin City Deciples, Sons of Legion, Sons Of Silence, Sovereign, Sundowners, Thunderbirds, Unforegiven, Vagos, Vietnam Vets / Legacy Vets, Y-Rohirrin, Warlocks Pa, Warlocks, Winos Crew And Wheels Of Soul... With newsletters going to Australia, Canada, England, France, Finland, Germany, Norway, Sweden, & Wales...

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Editor's Note (For BBB Only): Being a Patch holder in Good Standings does have it privileges... And this is one of them... If you are a Patch Holder in Good Standings & contact me, include your Chapter too... If you are Not a patch holder of a MC in Good Standings, Don't write me & request that I add you to the mailing list. You will only get rejected, as I only make very few special exceptions.

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Editor's Note (New): I would like to Thank all of the contacts from all of the Motorcycle Clubs that verify if requesting member is in Good Standing with their Club; & all of the other assistance that you give me, such as address changes, being released, & soliciting donations...

Mike Is In Hospital... Who is Mike? Well Mike is the guy who gets home late one night & his wife, asks "Where in the heck have you been?" Mike replies "I was out getting a tattoo!" "A tattoo"? She frowned. "What kind of tattoo did you get?" "I got a hundred dollar bill on my privates" he said proudly. "What the hell were you thinking"? She said, shaking her head in disgust. "Why on earth would a CPA get a hundred dollar bill tattooed on his privates?" "Well: One, I like to watch my money grow. Two, once in a while I like to play with my money. Three, I like how money feels in my hand. And, lastly, instead of you going out shopping, you can stay right here at home & blow a hundred bucks anytime you want." ...Mike is now in ICU, Room 233...

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Biker Newsbytes: Compiled & Edited by Bill Bish; NCOM

Legislation would Prohibit e15 Gas Pending Further Investigation: Congressman Jim Sensenbrenner (R-WI) has introduced H.R. 875, which would require the Environmental Protection Agency to stop the use of gasoline containing 15% ethanol (E15) until its harmful effects are investigated further. H.R. 875, introduced on February 28, would repeal the EPA's waiver decision approving the use of E15 & the authority of the agency to grant further decisions until the EPA seeks an independent scientific analysis of the effects of the E15 blend. "There have been several tests & warnings highlighting E15's harmful effects on engines & their components, but they have all been dismissed by the EPA. Therefore, we must force the EPA to stop the use of E15 fuel until the serious safety, durability, performance & environmental concerns have been addressed," announced Rep. Sensenbrenner. Sensenbrenner has introduced several bills to address the risks associated with E15, & his latest legislation to halt the sale of the 15% alcohol blended fuel until further studies are completed, came less than a week after witnesses from automobile & motorcycle industry & consumer groups testified before the Science, Space & Technology Committee that more testing is needed. "We have a responsibility to ensure that Americans using gas-powered machinery – whether it be cars & boats or chainsaws & lawnmowers – are not put at risk due to faulty fuel that has not been adequately vetted," Sensenbrenner said.

Bill Introduced in California to Regulate Lane Sharing: No sooner had the California H.P. published guidelines on how to safely maneuver your motorcycle between lanes of slow-moving traffic, than SB 350 was introduced by State Senator Jim Beall (D-San Jose) to codify the rules into law. California is the only state that allows "lane sharing" or "lane splitting," precisely because there are no laws against it; though officers have a variety of charges they can levy against a reckless rider such as unsafe lane change or too fast for conditions. Beall's bill would restrict the practice by prohibiting motorcycles from splitting lanes unless specifically allowed; "...when a highway has been divided into 3

or more clearly marked lanes for traffic traveling in the same direction, a person operating a motorcycle shall not pass another vehicle in a portion of a lane occupied by that vehicle unless the following conditions are met:

(1) The passing occurs during traffic congestion.

(2) The passing occurs at a safe speed.”

Following furious feedback from motorcyclists opposed to over-regulating an act that 87% report doing almost daily during crowded commutes, Sen. Beall soon pulled his proposal & turned it into a two-year bill for future reconsideration. In the meantime, although ABATE of California did not initiate the measure, the group will work with Beall to amend the language, & vows “...our goal is to ultimately submit a bill that addresses the concerns of the motorcycle community; a bill that can be supported & endorsed by the ABATE membership. If the final bill doesn’t meet ABATE’s requirements, ABATE will vigorously oppose the bill & try to kill it.”

Drivers Cause Most Crashes with Motorcycles, Research Shows:

For motorcycle riders, people in “cages” bear a disproportionate share of the blame for the high number of motorcycle crashes, while car drivers feel careless motorcyclists careening in & out of traffic are putting their own lives at risk. So who’s mostly to blame when four-wheel & two-wheel vehicles collide? According to a recent Florida Dept of Transportation study, bikers are right. Motorists driving cars & trucks are mostly at fault, often failing to yield the right of way to the smaller vehicles. In analyzing 10 years of Florida motorcycle crashes, Chanyoung Lee, a senior researcher at the University of South Florida’s Center for Urban Transportation Research, found that 60% of the time motorists in other vehicles are at fault when they collide with motorcycles. But the study uncovered more: When looking at all motorcycle crashes, motorcycle operators bear a lot of responsibility as well. They have a significantly higher number of single-vehicle crashes than other drivers. Some 34% of motorcycle crashes involve one vehicle, according to the study, compared to only 19% of car crashes involving one vehicle. When looking at really severe & fatal motorcycle crashes, 50% involve just the motorcycle & no other vehicle, but when multiple vehicles are involved, greater blame falls on four-wheeled drivers. And most motorcycle crashes involve other vehicles. But it’s also a matter of awareness, according to Lee, who is part of FDOT’s Motorcycle Safety Coalition. In driver surveys, FDOT has asked people how often they see motorcycles. Those with motorcycle endorsements on their driver’s licenses report seeing motorcycles all the time, while those without endorsements who live in the same area report occasionally seeing motorcycles. Due to minimal levels of protection to their riders, approximately 80% of motorcycle crashes result in injury or fatality, according to the Network of Employees for Traffic Safety, while only 20% of passenger car crashes injure or kill the vehicle occupants.

MMA Helps Defeat Sound Warrant in Yarmouth, MA: The Massachusetts Motorcycle Association is pleased to report that a town bylaw proposal has been successfully defeated in Yarmouth. With short notice, the MMA in concert with the Yarmouth Chief-of-Police & Deputy Chief attended a recent Board-of-Selectmen meeting & were successful in convincing the board that such a Bylaw would be unsuccessful. Armed with prior testimony used successfully around the state, including used to overturn a similar bylaw passed in Falmouth & subsequently struck down by the Commonwealth Attorney General, MMA Legislative Director Rick Gleason joined the Chief & Deputy Chief of the Yarmouth Police Department in their argument that Town Bylaws cannot exceed State Law, & that such a measure would essentially be

meaningless. The MMA has long held strong opposition to the use of the OEM EPA Stamp on stock exhausts as an enforcement tool, because it is a consumer protection mechanism & not meant to be used against the consumer. It is also hard to locate on many models of motorcycle, hidden under seats on sport bikes, under saddle bags of cruisers, or simply facing the wrong way for aesthetic reasons. Most critically, per the very regulation that entitles it, it expires in one year or 3,729 miles, whichever comes first!! Instead, the MMA (www.MassMotorcycle.org) continues to hold a firm belief that the existing laws on the books are sufficient if properly implemented & enforced, specifically that simple test procedures do exist for muffled exhaust, whether replaced with after-market or not, with a reasonable sound level.

License Plate Cameras - A New way to Nab Scofflaws:

First came red light cameras attached to traffic lights to catch drivers trying to beat the light; then came speed cameras along the roadway to ticket lead-footed speeders; but now police are deploying cameras in their cruisers to scan our license-plates in order to get instant feedback on unpaid tickets & other warrants. It also allows authorities to monitor where average citizens might be at any particular time. That bothers some privacy advocates & organizations like the ACLU that oppose public intrusions into individual privacy. The groups are becoming more alarmed about license plate tracking as a growing number of police departments acquire the technology for electronic surveillance of traffic on public streets. Little Rock, AR Police Chief Stuart Thomas said the law enforcement benefits outweigh any concerns about possible abuse of the information, which, as a public record, is legally available for anyone to see. Lawmakers in several states, including Minnesota & Utah, have suggested setting a time limit for their Depts regarding how long such data can be collected & stored, but many places like Little Rock have no set policy & have a growing archive of license plate photos, along with time stamps & the locations, showing where motorists were at certain times. Privacy advocates worry about the potential uses for such outside law enforcement, from snooping by stalkers & private investigators to businesses that sell personal data. “Given how few rules are currently on the books to protect our privacy, it’s plausible that private investigators & data-mining companies could acquire this location data,” said ACLU staff attorney Catherine Crump, adding that the organization has requested more information from Gov’t agencies, but hasn’t filed any lawsuits.

Australia Bans Brothers Behind Bars: Since last Nov 19, the Australian State of Queensland in Northeastern Australia has banned the distribution of the monthly newsletter “Brothers Behind Bars” in its prisons. Brothers Behind Bars is a digest of biker club & motorcycle news edited by retired Sons of Silence patch holder Iron Mike Davis, & is an outreach program supported by the National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM). BBB is specifically aimed at motorcycle club members & is stubbornly non-partisan. Mike Davis was notified that the words he publishes were illegal in Oz with a peremptory, unsigned form letter from the Gov’t of Queensland that read in full: “On 7th of Nov 2012 Queensland Corrective Services issued a directive from head office that all correspondence between prisoners who are members of an Outlaw Motorcycle Gang (OMCG) & OMCG members & associates was to cease immediately. As a result the author of this letter has been identified to be either a member or associate of an OMCG as such your mail has been returned to you.” Iron Mike recently told The Aging Rebel (www.agingrebel.com), “Something I’ve said for years: ‘Australia today, Canada tomorrow, & the U.S.A. the day after.’ I truly believe countries like Canada, Germany, U.S.A., & others are

watching to see what works in Australia to outlaw motorcycle clubs – starting with the 1%er ones.” The Aging Rebel article went on to describe “Anti-Bikie Laws” down under: “Queensland has been trying to outlaw motorcycle clubs since 2009 when the state passed legislation formally called the Criminal Organisation Act of 2009. These anti-bikie laws give police the power to declare which organizations are criminal & which are not. Similar sets of laws have been passed in the Australian states of New South Wales & South Australia, & have been challenged in the courts by the Hells Angels, Finks & Rebels MCs. Australia’s strategy has been difficult to implement in the United States because the U.S. Constitution specifically guarantees citizens’ & visitors’ rights to move freely, assemble peaceably, to keep & bear arms & to express themselves freely in numerous ways including the right to wear a patch on your back. Various Fed police forces in America including the FBI, the ATF & increasingly the Dept of Homeland Security have attempted to subvert these Constitutional guarantees using the Racketeer Influenced And Corrupt Organizations Act (RICO) & in several recent cases trademark law.”

Canadian Riders Balk at Hefty Insurance Hikes: Premier Brad Wall says “maybe mistakes were made” & the Saskatchewan Gov’t will revisit motorcycle insurance rate hikes proposed recently by Saskatchewan Gov’t Insurance. “Our MLAs are reporting a lot of feedback on the issue, not just from those who are riders or have motorcycles, but others in general who note that these increases seem to be very high,” Wall told reporters. When the legislature reconvenes for its spring session next week, the Saskatchewan Party caucus will discuss its next steps, Wall said. He said he’s not convinced SGI has exhausted all of its options to help eliminate a \$9-million deficit between crash injury payouts & fees charged to motorcyclists. “Obviously, what’s being proposed by SGI for the rate rebalancing means huge increases & immediate increases, if approved, for riders,” Wall said. SGI’s proposal to the Saskatchewan Rate Review Panel would mean a sudden 73% jump in insurance costs for the average motorcycle owner, compared to an overall vehicle insurance rate increase of 1.03%. The move prompted a backlash from bike enthusiasts & business owners, who fear a big blow to new & used bike sales which could devastate the motorcycle industry. If approved, the rate increases would take effect in August, but Wall said the chance is “slim” the proposal will stay as is. He wants the Gov’t & SGI to look at other creative options, such as using better price incentives to reward cyclists who have taken training courses.

Quotable Quote: “I am not a product of my circumstances. I am a product of my decisions.” - Stephen R. Covey (1932-2012) author, one of Time magazine’s 25 most influential Americans

A.I.M. Attorney - Sam Hochberg; Attorney at Law; 5603 SW Hood Avenue; Portland, OR 97239... From NCOM’s Website: www.onabike.com -For years, Oregon & Washington lawyer Sam Hochberg has been on 2 wheels. In fact, you could say that Sam has been working his way toward his status as “Oregon’s Biker Lawyer” since his first bicycle, back in the Bronx, New York. Though not yet motorized, Sam was in the wind & riding all over the city on 2 wheels at a tender age. By 13, Sam & his friends would ride the length of Manhattan Island, take the Staten Island Ferry & back, & then ride back to the Bronx. One of Sam’s favorite adventure rides was over the George Washington Bridge, to New Jersey. Not only did he get a grand view high above the Hudson River, but Sam & his friends could buy cigarettes there, where nobody would recognize them & snitch them out to their parents. This was all before there were bicycle lanes. So it’s no

surprise that Sam discovered the freedom of motorcycles at a young age as well. The first motorcycle came in 1971 - a Yamaha 200 with a 2-stroke motor - & he’s just kept riding ever since. “Nothing clears out your head better. Ask anyone who rides,” he says. Sam tries to take a week or 2 every summer to wander the West solo on his Softail, usually with no concrete plans. “I just go where my nose leads me,” he says. He also travels the state on his bike to motorcycle events & meetings; nowadays, preferably smoke-free meetings. In over 25 years with Aid to Injured Motorcyclists, Sam has represented hundreds of injured motorcyclists. Usually, they’re injured or sometimes killed by the negligent actions of car drivers. Also, we handle or refer motorcycle discrimination cases (We don’t handle all of them); such as motorcycle club members denied access to restaurants or taverns, or bikers denied motel rooms just because they rode in. He’s coached bikers in contesting tickets for “illegal” helmets. In fact, he’s gone to court countless times with trials for cases where bikers were accused of wearing the “wrong” kind of helmet. In another case, a motorcycle club on a run was harassed by police with multiple traffic infractions, so Sam had them all ask for trials. They tied up a courtroom in Grants Pass, Oregon, for almost 3 days with infraction trials. He took the helmet law up to Oregon’s Supreme Court in the early 1990’s, & he’s worked with BikePAC of Oregon in the legislature, both in advocating for motorcycle-friendly laws & in giving testimony before various committees of the Oregon House & Senate. As an active life member of ABATE of Oregon & an AMO member, he tries to get out of the office to local & statewide runs. When he can’t, bikers are in his office. Since Sam downsized his practice in 2009, most of his personal injury cases are biker cases. “I’d rather have a waiting room full of bikers than have it full of bankers or executives any day,” he says, except of course when the biker IS the banker or the executive! Every year, the National Coalition of Motorcyclists honors outstanding members of the motorcycling community for their contributions to our sport & life style. In 2000, Sam Hochberg was honored with their prestigious Silver Spoke award, for excellence in legal service to the biker community.

Bike Week – March 12, 2013 – Florida – By The Aging Rebel; www.AgingRebel.com - Daytona Bike Week started last Fri & it will continue through this Sun. Guess what. Like every other, major biker rally, attendance is down – again. The other day the Daytona Beach News-Journal quoted a campground owner named John Seibel who said, “The Harley crowd is what makes up Bike Week, & that Harley crowd (in Daytona) is diminishing. I think for the future there’ll be a diminishing of biker activity & coming to rallies.” You can read that story here if you want. All due respect to the N-J but the graying of the biker counterculture in America is hardly a scoop. Attendance peaked at Laconia in 2004 & at Sturgis in 2005. Greed, time & the metastasizing police state are suffocating the whole scene. Really, this biker thing should have been over by about 1995. But here we all still are because the simple fact is that there can be no America without bands of bold & defiant men roaming the countryside on 19th Century style motorcycles. Whether the ATF & the FBI like it or not, the Americans who fight the wars & still remember how to make & do things prefer fast & loud & they are convinced that it is their birthright to pick & choose their own laws & destinations. What is happening in Daytona this week is tee-shirt sales are down & antique-style motorcycles continue to persist. The 2 major American motorcycle manufacturers just announced new models here. And the interesting thing about that is that those 2 manufacturers have the same names they had 60 years ago – H-D & Indian.

Harley: Harley introduced a new model motorcycle called the Breakout – again. The Breakout was test marketed as a factory built, limited edition custom bike – Harley calls them CVOs for Custom Vehicle Operations – last August. Last Friday in Daytona the motor company announced the bike had gone into production & the price had gone down. If you ride a lot this new bike might not be your cup of tea. It is a Softail with chopped fenders, drag bars & a 9 & a half inch wide rear tire. It looks beautiful when it's parked. The 103 cubic inch engine is choked at both ends to appease the pollution police & the noise police so it can only run with electronic fuel injection. The big engine makes about 73 horsepower which is about as much as a 1980, 82-inch, AMF Shovelhead. The bike can probably beat the last of the Shovels if you replace the wiring harness & slap a CV carburetor & a pair of Thunderheaders on it. But, not many buyers are likely to do that. Harley's target audience doesn't ride very much & scrupulously obeys all laws when it does. Like all Harley products, it is overpriced but it is chock full of magical symbolism. The Breakout glistens when it is freshly washed & waxed & parked. You will look great leaning on it. Women will regard you with lust when you do. Harley describes the bike as an "urban prowler." The cheapest one lists for \$17,899 plus shipping & tax & license & registration. But your new, edgy image & the easy women you will attract are probably worth at least that much.

Indian: The same day Harley announced the Breakout, Indian announced that starting with its 2014 models all its bikes will be powered by the company's new "Thunder Stroke 111 Engine" which is a full 8 inches bigger than Harley's 103. No, that's not a pickup line. Obviously the Thunder Stroke continues the trend of ever larger bike engines to compensate for the inefficiency mandated by pollution & emission controls. More interesting is the fact that Polaris, which manufactures Victory motorcycles, snowmobiles & all-terrain vehicles is really bringing back the Indian brand. While Harley has concentrated on screwing its employees, catering to women & developing the important new Asian market, Polaris has been trying to build a better motorcycle. Whether the Indian will be a better motorcycle than the Victory remains to be seen. That's not what the Indian is about, anyway. The point of the Indian is to sell a motorcycle called the Indian, which Polaris describes "as one of America's most legendary & iconic brands." The cheap & simple motorcycles that footloose war veterans bought in the late forties have now been transformed into expensive symbols. Nothing says the good old days better than an Indian motorcycle. The next time somebody asks you how the country is doing, if anybody ever asks you what you think, tell them you have been thinking about the new Indian. Maybe the News-Journal got it right. Maybe there is no future for bikers & their rallies. Or maybe the Florida paper got it wrong. Polaris just bet a lot of money that what comes next is way back there in our collective long ago. Maybe that idea will catch on. Maybe the next Cadillac will have tail fins. The future is not yet written so all things are possible.

House lawmakers debate repeal of motorcycle helmet law – March 12, 2013 – **North Carolina** - By Laura Leslie; www.WRAL.com - The state House Transportation Committee heard debate Tuesday on a proposal to do away with the mandatory helmet law for motorcyclists 21 and older. The measure, House Bill 109, is sponsored by Rep. John Torbett, R-Gaston, a motorcyclist himself. "I wear a helmet because I'm in North Carolina," Torbett told the committee. But as soon as he crosses the South Carolina border, he said, he pulls over and takes it off. "It's a choice for me." Torbett suggested that, if the purpose of the helmet law is truly safety, then the state should require pedestrians and even automobile drivers and passengers to

wear helmets, too. "It just looks safer with a helmet on," Torbett said. "Once you reach a certain rate of speed, I would doubt full body armor could protect you." Doc Ski with the Concerned Bikers Association of North Carolina spoke in favor of the repeal. "This is not about the helmet. We're not anti-helmet; we're pro-choice," he said. "It's about allowing mature, responsible riders to make the choice themselves." Public health advocates spoke against the proposal. Tom Vitaglione with Action for Children NC said a similar rollback in Florida recently led to a 40 percent increase in motorcycle crashes involving brain injury, costing the state's Medicaid system an additional \$22 million. Florida's law, like H109, still requires young riders to wear helmets. But Vitaglione said law enforcement there found the helmet age limit impossible to enforce in practice. Vitaglione also cited a poll by the Governor's Highway Safety Council showing that 78% of motorcyclists favor keeping the helmet law. WakeMed Trauma Center Director Dr. Osi Udekwu said it's clear to trauma doctors that helmets reduce the risk of death and serious head injuries in motorcycle crashes at any speed. "We feel that everybody deserves the best possible protection," he said. "If we can prevent even one injury or one death, physicians stand on that side. We should do the right thing for the people of North Carolina." Udekwu also warned lawmakers about the costs of more traumatic brain injuries if helmets are no longer required. "The cost to society will exceed millions of dollars," he said. "That is a cost that we all bear." The measure would require motorcyclists to carry at least \$10,000 in medical insurance, but Rep. Edgar Starnes, R-Caldwell, recommended increasing that amount, noting that "\$10,000 is about the same as no coverage at all." Torbett said he wasn't surprised that doctors are against the repeal, but he said he doesn't believe the data prove that helmets make riders any safer. "We're not saying don't wear a helmet. We're just giving you the freedom," said Torbett, adding that 31 other states have no helmet requirement for adults. The committee didn't vote on the bill Tuesday. It could come back up next week.

Ronald Scott Drysdale - Mar 13, 2013 – **West Virginia** - By The Aging Rebel; www.AgingRebel.com - Ronald Scott Drysdale, a proud member of the Pagan's MC, died Friday, March 1 at War Memorial Hospital in Berkeley Springs, West Virginia. Drysdale was a peaceful, friendly & widely loved man who worked for most of his life as a computer programmer. He was born in Lynn, Massachusetts, went to high school in Trumbull, Connecticut & kept drifting south until he found Great Cacapon, West Virginia, just across the Potomac River from the Maryland panhandle. He worked as a computer programmer for companies in Connecticut, Pennsylvania & Maryland. At the time of his death he was employed as a programmer for a company called Virginia Controls, Inc. in Richmond, Virginia. He is survived by his parents Ron & Helen Drysdale of Trumbull; his sister Kimberly Drysdale of Concord, New Hampshire; his sister Elizabeth Drysdale-Fedeli, her husband John Fedeli & their sons Owen & Samuel of Stamford, Connecticut. Ronald Scott Drysdale was just 49-years-old. It was his last wish that donations be made in his name to The Humane Society of Morgan County, P.O. Box 705, Berkeley Springs, WV 25411. He loved animals. He loved his motorcycle. He lived Pagan & died Pagan.

As I was nursing my baby, my cousin's 6-year-old daughter, Krissy came into the room. Never having seen anyone breast feed before, she was intrigued & full of all kinds of questions about what I was doing. After mulling over my answers, she remarked, "My mom has some of those, but I don't think she knows how to use them..."

Love Or Hate Devils Ride While You Can - Mar 13, 2013 – *California* - By The Aging Rebel; www.AgingRebel.com - Don't count on The Devils Ride coming back for a third season. The program ranked 13th out of 15 cable shows in the 10 p.m. & 10:30 p.m. time slots last Monday night. According to information gathered by the Nielsen Company, a firm that measures what people buy & watch, the fourth & most recent episode of the second season of The Devils Ride attracted an audience of about 1.2 million viewers. That represented about 0.7 percent of the viewers aged 18-49 watching anything during the time slot. The ratings may eventually be adjusted upward to reflect DVR views of the episode. The numbers do not reflect downloads of the episode on Netflix & similar services. Two episodes of Pawn Stars on the History Channel won the time slot. The 10:30 p.m. episode of that program had 5.06 million viewers & a 1.5 percent share. The first episode of that show had about 20,000 fewer viewers. WWE Entertainment had 4.57 million viewers & 1.7 percent of the most coveted audience. The Devils Ride also had fewer viewers & a lower share than Teen Mom II on MTV, the first episode of Lizard Lick Towing on TruTV, Duck Dynasty on A&E, & Family Guy on TBS. The biker show had fewer viewers than House Hunters & House Hunters International on Home & Garden, both episodes of Diners, Drive Ins & Dives on the Food Network & the second episode of Lizard Lick Towing although it had a higher market share of young & middle aged viewers than the Food Network & Home & Garden shows. The only shows in its time slot that The Devils Ride beat in both viewers & share were Lost Girl on SyFy – a show about a succubus who feeds on the sexual energy of humans –and Vanderpump Rules – a spinoff of The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills – on Bravo.

Devils Who: The Devils Ride presents itself to unsuspecting viewers as an “inside look” at San Diego County motorcycle clubs. It might be more accurately described as either a parody of motorcycle clubs, a parody of FX Networks Sons of Anarchy or a self conscious parody of itself. It was apparently conceived as a reality show about a mundane & minor three-piece patch club called the Laffing Devils MC. That club was kicked out of the San Diego Confederation of Clubs last year for several reasons including coziness with local police. Under the rules of the Confederation, officers of expelled clubs are forbidden to join clubs in the COC. The show has been beset by several outbreaks of bad press. In the first episode of the show, cast members actually assaulted a passing photographer on camera. Soon after that episode aired, Sons of Anarchy producer Kurt Sutter blasted the program & Discovery, the network on which it appears, for stealing his ideas. A twitter argument quickly erupted between Sutter & Devils Ride cast member Robert “Sandman” Johnston. Other clubs in San Diego disapproved of the show & the Laffing Devils MC quickly lost members. Last September, cast member Thomas “Gypsy” Quinn was accused of molesting a child & last December Johnston broke into his estranged wife's home & stabbed a guest in the back.

Bischoff Hervey Entertainment: The Devils Ride is produced by Bischoff Hervey Entertainment, which was founded by Eric Bischoff, a showman with a background in professional wrestling, & former child star Jason Hervey. It was apparently their decision to paint the show into its current corner. The program has been sold to viewers as television verite & during its brief ten episode (so far) run the producers have tried to back up the claim by trotting out several real life tough guys. Last season Rusty Coones, former President of the Orange County Hells Angels charter appeared in 2 episodes. This season introduced former

Hells Angel Ralph “Rockem” Randolph & former convict Christopher Michael “White Boi” Boultinghouse as regular cast members. This season the show's plot has revolved around a ludicrous “biker war” between the Laffing Devils & another Bischoff Hervey creation called the Sinister Mob Syndicate MC. Monday's episode included the return of first season cast member “Billy the Kid.” The ratings indicate that America was not begging to see more of him.

Lynn Hells Angels member sentenced for illegal firearm possession – March 13, 2013 – *Massachusetts* – By Todd Feathers; www.Boston.com - Eric Franco, 38, of Lynn, was sentenced to 21 years in prison yesterday for possessing a firearm & ammunition. Franco was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Denise Casper to 262 months in prison, followed by 2 years of supervised release. In Sept 2012, Franco was convicted after a jury trial of possessing a firearm & ammunition after receiving a felony conviction. On May 3, 2011, Franco, the sergeant-at-arms of the Lynn chapter of the Hells Angels, was found by Lynn Police to be in possession of a firearm & ammunition. The weapon was discovered when Lynn Police were called to the apartment Franco shared with his girlfriend & her child after receiving a report that Franco assaulted his girlfriend. Franco's criminal record in Massachusetts includes 3 convictions for assault & battery by a dangerous weapon, as well as convictions for indecent assault & battery, failure to register as a sex offender, breaking & entering at night with intent to commit a felony, & conspiracy to violate the controlled substances act. Franco also was convicted in Arkansas for battery in the 2nd degree in a case in which Franco & 5 other members of the Hells Angels assaulted & stabbed 4 members of another motorcycle gang. United States Atty Carmen M. Ortiz, Eugenio A. Marquez, Acting Special Agent in Charge of the ATF Boston Field Division, & Lynn Police Chief Kevin F. Coppinger made the announcement today. The case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attys Suzanne M. Sullivan & David G. Tobin of Ortiz's Major Crimes Unit.

Seized ‘death head’ items returned to Toronto Hells Angels – March 14, 2013 – *Canada* – By <http://toronto.ctvnews.ca> - Nearly 6 years after Toronto police raided the Hells Angels downtown clubhouse, items bearing the gang's ‘death head’ insignia were returned to the bikers. The decision to return the items, which included black vests, belt buckles, & jewelry bearing the gang's famous logo, was made last year, when a judge ruled there was no relation between criminal acts committed by club members & their paraphernalia. “This is not a case where any item bearing a symbol of membership was used to extort or intimidate,” Justice Maureen Forestell wrote in her decision. “In this case, membership was used to commit the offences but the property was not used to commit the offences.” The ruling came just months after the building was officially forfeited in June 2012. In April 2007, police, with the help of a battering ram, chainsaws & a hook connected to a truck, smashed through the brick wall of the biker gang's biggest & most visible clubhouse at 498 Eastern Ave. The raid was publicly orchestrated to send “a very clear message to those who choose criminal lifestyles,” Toronto police told reporters after the seizure of the downtown headquarters. Police also raided 23 other clubhouses in the city, the homes of several bikers, & 20 other clubhouses & affiliates throughout Ontario. Nine bikers were convicted of a range of drug-related offences.

What this country needs are more unemployed politicians.
- Edward Langley, Artist (1928-1995)

The Eric Garcia Murder - Mar 15, 2013 – *California* - By The Aging Rebel; www.AgingRebel.com - Just as the police war on motorcycle clubs seemed to have found its dirty bottom, the Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Office issued a press release yesterday that suggests Mongols MC Chapter 13 member Eric Dean "Lil Pee-Ka" Garcia was murdered by members of the Ghost Mountain Riders MC. The release was written by Santa Cruz Sheriff's Sergeant Ian Patrick & issued by Sheriff's Lieutenant Craig Wilson. It read: **The Santa Cruz Release:** On Oct 13, 2012, a hiker found a decomposed body in the Santa Cruz Mountains. The victim was identified as 32-year old San Jose resident Eric Garcia. An autopsy ruled the case a homicide & investigators now believe it likely Garcia was murdered at a different location. Information related to the cause of death, location of the crime, or possible weapons will not be released at this time as it could impede the investigation. Garcia was reported as a missing person to the San Jose P.D. during Sept 2012. His motorcycle was also missing. He was a member of the Mongols MC. Investigation has determined that Garcia was last seen alive at the Park Lane Lounge, 5152 Moorpark Ave, San Jose, on Sept 19 at 2:00 a.m. in the company of persons associated with the Ghost Mountain Riders MC. Sheriff's detectives believe that Park Lane Lounge customers may have witnessed interactions between the Garcia & others & can provide important information relevant to the investigation. Garcia, who was also known as "Peeka," was a Hispanic male, 5'-9" tall, approximately 350 lbs. He had tattoos on both forearms & upper chest. Garcia was believed to be wearing blue jeans, a white shirt & a black leather jacket without any markings. No arrests have been made in this case. The attached photo of the Ghost Mountain Riders Motorcycle Club logo is included to refresh the memory of possible witnesses. Sheriff's detectives are actively investigating this homicide & request that anyone with information contact the Sheriff's Office.

Motive: For months, starting at the time of Garcia's disappearance, Police & family members stated that Garcia was last seen at a party near the intersection of Vine & Goodyear streets in San Jose. He took a phone call at about 11:45 p.m. on Sept 18. He told others at the party that he would be right back then rode off into the night. His family reported him missing on Sept 20. The police investigation into the murder has centered around the most superficial motive – which is that Garcia was murdered by members or associates of the Hells Angels MC as an act of revenge. In Nov 2008, Garcia was present at the shooting of a Hells Angel named Robert Daniel Thompson outside a bar outside a bar called The Shanty in Eureka, California. Garcia was not the shooter. A man named Eric Gunner Lundin eventually pled no contest to a charge of felony assault with a firearm. Garcia pled guilty to a charge of "participation in a criminal street gang." The Ghost Mountain Riders is a 3 chapter club in Central California near Monterey Bay. The Ghost Mountain Riders maintain cordial relations with other clubs including nearby chapters of the Hells Angels. They are not formally or informally tied to the Angels. In recent years, however, they have been at odds with the Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Office, which considers the club a gang. The Sheriff's Office recently refused to approve a liquor license for the Ghost Mountain Riders 23rd Annual First Daze of Summer Run – a well-attended run that benefits handicapped children.

Ghost Mountain Riders Respond: The Ghost Mountain Riders did not comment on the release. Individual, well informed members of the club did speak to The Aging Rebel on conditions of anonymity. One club member said: "First of all, the Ghost Mountain Riders have had virtually nothing to do with the Mongols at all. We have not been at odds with them, & we don't hang out with them, so for the Santa Cruz Sheriff's Dept to issue a

press release saying Pee-Ka was seen 'in the company' of associates of the Ghost Mountain Riders is a big stretch. I have to wonder why they would issue such a damning press release." Another very informed source said, "I am afraid of the stuff that could be coming. I'm waiting for our doors to get kicked in. As far as I know, our club has absolutely nothing to do with this guy!"

Jury finds former motorcycle club leader guilty of armed robbery in dispute with rival club – March 15, 2013 – *Illinois* – By Don O'Brien; www.WHIG.com - One of 4 members of a Liberty-based motorcycle club charged in an armed robbery of a rival motorcycle group in May was found guilty on 3 counts Friday by an Adams County jury. Joseph E. Teel Jr., 39, of Barry, faces up to 30 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections after being found guilty of armed robbery. He also was found guilty on charges of aggravated robbery and robbery. He will be sentenced May 29 by Judge Mark Drummond. The jury deliberated for just under 3 hours to close out the 4-day trial. Teel was part of a group that stole vests from 2 members of the Tunnel Rats at the corner of 12th and Hampshire about 2 p.m. May 20. Teel was Pres of the Midwest Percenter motorcycle club when he and 3 other members of the club were arrested in the early morning of May 21. Also arrested were Timothy E. Jackson, 55, of Roodhouse, Zane E. Liggett, 55, of Camp Point, and Gerald R. Utterback, 44, of Barry. Joe Cowman, 25, of LaBelle, Mo., and Michael Baehr, 33, of Quincy, each testified that they were surrounded by members of the Midwest Perceners while they were traveling from the Tunnel Rats clubhouse in the 2900 block of Vermont to Baehr's residence on the southwest side of Quincy. Cowman and Baehr said they rode past a motorcycle rally at Kelly's that afternoon and traveled west before turning left at 12th Street. They said they saw a member of the Midwest Perceners who was traveling east at a stoplight at 12th and Broadway. The pair made the left-hand turn onto 12th Street and realized they were being followed. Cowman said the pair "gunned it" through a yellow light at 12th and Vermont before being stopped by a light at 12th and Hampshire. That's when members of the Perceners surrounded them, they said. "There have been issues with members of their club and ours," Cowman said during his testimony. "I knew it might not end well." Cowman said Jackson blocked his bike from the front and Utterback blocked him from the back. He said Liggett blocked the front of Baehr's bike and Teel blocked Baehr from the back. Cowman said Jackson demanded that Cowman and Baehr give up their vests, also known as "cuts." According to Cowman, Jackson said: "This isn't a (expletive) game. We'll (expletive) kill you. Give us your (expletive) cuts." Cowman said he turned to his right and saw Teel pointing what he believed was a gun at Baehr's head. Cowman said he heard Teel yell, "Take them off, or I'll blow your (expletive) head off." Cowman's wife, Elizabeth, who was riding on the back of his motorcycle, said she also saw Teel with a gun. In an interview with Quincy police officer Craig Hufford, Teel denied having a gun. He told Hufford that he was on probation and didn't even carry a pocketknife. Teel did not take the stand. His defense attorney, Riff Scholz, related the incident to "boys with toys playing capture the flag." Scholz said Cowman "flipped off" members of the Perceners who were at the rally at Kelly's. That gesture led to the incident, Scholz said. Cowman denied doing anything other than waving to the people at the rally. Scholz contended that the stories of the Cowmans and Baehr wouldn't match up. He said Teel was late to arrive at the scene at 12th and Hampshire because his motorcycle had mechanical problems. Hufford said Teel didn't say anything about his motorcycle malfunctioning when he interviewed Teel on the night of the incident. No gun was recovered. The vests and items

inside the vests were never recovered, either. Teel told Hufford that he could get the vests back if the charges were dropped. The prosecution called 7 witnesses and introduced nearly 50 items into evidence. Among the items in evidence were still shots taken from a surveillance camera at the Bank of Quincy, which is at 12th and Broadway. The photos showed bikers driving past the bank near the time of the incident, but did not show the incident. State's Attorney Jon Barnard rested the state's case just before lunch Friday. "I'm satisfied for the victims," Barnard said. "That is what means the most to me." Teel had been free since posting \$5,000 bond May 24. After the verdicts were read, Drummond revoked Teel's bond and remanded him into custody. Teel will be lodged in the Adams County Jail until his sentencing. Jackson and Utterback were in court when the verdict was read. Liggett, Jackson and Utterback all will be tried at the same time. Their case was originally on the March jury docket. They are next due in court March 25.

5 injured in Cold Spring biker gang brawl – March 16, 2013 – *New York* - By <http://LongIsland.news12.com> - Authorities say 5 people are recovering in the hospital following a bloody brawl that apparently broke out between 2 rival biker gangs.

Police say the fight broke out last night at 2741 South Route 9, where a motorcycle club had rented out space. Alleged rival club members entered the premises around 8:30 p.m. and a fight broke out. Officials say pools of blood could be seen inside and outside of the store, and several windows were shattered. Blunt objects like ax handles were apparently used in the melee, police say. There is no word yet on the extent of the injuries sustained by those taken to the hospital. Police say no arrests have been made. Neighbors were surprised to hear about the incident that happened in their normally quiet area. (Old Bones MC)...

Christopher 'Ball Bearing' Coelho finds his true angel – March 16, 2013 – *Australia* – By Anthony Dowsley; www.PerthNow.com.au - A Hells Angels Australian founding member is leaving behind his biker lifestyle - & all for love. After more than 40 years as an outlaw, & one of the last of Australia's "patched" biker originals, Christopher "Ball Bearing" Coelho has handed in his colours. Bearing, as he is known, had been contemplating ending his membership with the world's most infamous gang for some time. A new, more vicious breed is being recruited by the Angels as rival clubs compete with them for turf & dominance across our city. He told the Sunday Herald Sun he had "retired" because he was getting married & was adamant he was not part of any biker war with rivals the Bandidos. The lucky woman, Dee, 50, is more than 20 years his junior. "I left the day after the raid 6 months ago," Bearing said. "After 42 years, I'd just had enough. I'm getting married. I left the club to get married. Bearing's not in the club anymore." Still a H-D enthusiast, Bearing said the wedding invitations had been sent out this month. But he was nervous family & friends would avoid the big day if they believed it was a Hells Angels function. "People are sh--ing themselves about coming to my wedding," he said. Bearing was "perp walked" in front of waiting media during a police raid on the Hells Angels' original Melbourne chapter in Fairfield & his own house next door, in July last year. He was charged with minor offences over cannabis & an ornamental gun. Ever the performer, before he was escorted to the police car, Ball Bearing had the choice of several jackets to wear before he was cuffed & paraded in front of the waiting media. He chose his Hells Angels' vest - to the bemusement of the arresting officers. The former Pres, secretary & sergeant-at-arms of the Melbourne chapter appeared on every news bulletin that night. His timing for getting out of the club might prove

impeccable. The Hells Angels have declared war on the Bandidos, firing at members in Melton a fortnight ago. A bullet hit Bandido Toby Mitchell in the arm. The soon-to-be "Mrs. Ball Bearing" said her fiancé's Hells Angels' days were just part of a charismatic man she met at a Giants' gig. "I had no bearing on him leaving the club," she said. "He's a really sweet guy, believe it or not. A lot of people were shocked (but) he made a decision. He just wants to relax & enjoy himself. "Being involved in a club, people expect a lot. It was his whole life. He's done a lot for a lot of people." Asked if it was his Hells Angels' reputation that attracted her to Bearing, Dee said it was important to a stream of women in his life - but not to her. "There is power, but it's more in other people's minds," she said. "He lived life on his terms." Although no Hells Angels will attend the wedding, Bearing still rides with some members. "I don't know if secretive's the word (to describe Hells Angels), but they're tight," Dee said. "You don't take anything with you from them. What happens at the club stays at the club. He's a big personality. His presence, not being there, would be a big change." On meeting Dee, Bearing told her there was only one thing he could do - ride a motorcycle. And he has ridden with some notable bikies, such as Ralph "Sonny" Barger - a major US figure in the Hells Angels - across America. But Dee said his other passion was his guitar & his music. Among others, he's sung with Johnny Cash in a Melbourne hotel room, June Carter & Willie Nelson.

Five alleged Outlaw Motorcycle Gang members arrested in Santa Barbara County – March 17, 2013 – *California* – By Lindsay MacLeod; www.KSBY.com - The Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Gang Enforcement Unit arrested 5 people who are allegedly associated with a San Luis Obispo County Chapter of an Outlaw Motorcycle Gang. The arrests were made following a routine traffic stop. It happened near the intersection of Hwy 154 at Hwy 101 around 8 p.m. Friday night. The 5 motorcyclists were reportedly riding together when 2 failed to stop at a red light. Officials stopped the 2 motorcyclists, & the 3 others stopped in the middle of the Highway waiting for the other members of their group. Officials say all of the riders were wearing Vagos MC Insignia. The club is a known Outlaw Motorcycle Gang. During the stop, officials found concealed semi-automatic handguns in the motorcycle saddlebags. After investigating the situation, Detectives from the Sheriff's Gang Enforcement Unit arrested all 5 motorcyclists on firearms related charges with gang enhancements. Detectives arrested 46-year-old Kirk Koester of Cayucos, the club's San Luis Obispo Chapter Pres, & his wife, 41-year-old Shannon Koester of Cayucos. They also arrested 38-year-old Byron Posey of Paso Robles, 46-year-old Daniel Chapman of Paso Robles, & 41-year-old John Gallagher of San Luis Obispo. All 5 were booked into the county jail charged with possession of a concealed firearm, being an active participant of a criminal street gang in possession of a concealed firearm, & gang enhancement allegations. The case has been turned over to the District Attorney's office. No arraignment date has been set. There are over 600 Vagos MC members in the country. The club originated in San Bernadino County in the 1960's.

How to Tell the Sex of a Fly... A woman walked into the kitchen to find her husband stalking around with a fly swatter. "What are you doing?" She asked. "Hunting Flies" He responded. "Oh. Killing any?" She asked. "Yep, 3 males, 2 Females," he replied. Intrigued, she asked. "How can you tell them apart?" He responded, "3 were on a beer can, 2 were on the phone..."

No man's life, liberty, or property is safe while the legislature is in session. - Mark Twain (1866)

Hells Angel Cesar Villagrana granted more time as he battles charges from shootout in Sparks casino – March 18, 2013 – *California* - By Cathy Kelly; www.MercuryNews.com - A judge on Monday reluctantly granted a defense request to delay the sentencing of a Hells Angel member arrested on gun charges in Santa Cruz in 2011 & arrested later that year in a high-profile shootout & slaying in a Sparks, Nev., casino. Cesar Villagrana, 37, of Gilroy, was arrested by local officers after an accident on Soquel Drive in Aptos on St. Patrick's Day in 2011, when he crashed his H-D & a handgun spilled onto the road, prosecutors said. Villagrana was arrested about 6 months later after a shootout in John Ascuaga's Nugget in Sparks on Sept. 24, 2011. Jeffrey Pettigrew, the 51-year-old leader of the San Jose Hells Angel chapter, was killed in the shooting. Nevada prosecutors claim Villagrana shot into the crowd during the melee between rival Hells Angels & Vagos motorcycle gang members during a weekend biker festival, striking a rival in the leg. Villagrana has pleaded not guilty to attempted murder & his trial is set for July 22, in Reno. His attorney in that case has said Villagrana was shooting to protect himself & Pettigrew. Also charged in the Nevada case is Ernesto Gonzalez, the reported president of the Vagos chapter in Nicaragua. He has pleaded not guilty to the slaying. The casino slaying sparked another melee on Oct. 15, 2011, at Pettigrew's funeral service in San Jose, when Steve Tausan -- a sergeant-at-arms for the Santa Cruz chapter of the Hells Angels -- was gunned down & killed in front of stunned mourners amid a heavy police presence. Steve Ruiz, 38, was arrested in Feb 2012 at a Fremont motel in connection with the funeral slaying.

The Latest Santa Cruz Hearing: Villagrana came to court in Santa Cruz on Monday with a dark-haired woman & another man & his atty, Vic Vertner of San Jose. Villagrana wore jeans & a black button-down shirt & black work-boot-style shoes. The woman sitting beside him clutched a black purse in her lap as Vertner & Villagrana stood before Santa Cruz County Superior Court Judge Ariadne Symons requesting more time before Villagrana must begin serving his jail time in Santa Cruz. Vertner asked Symons to delay sentencing until after Villagrana's trial in Reno in July. Villagrana in Dec pleaded guilty to possessing an unlisted firearm in exchange for an expected 4-month jail sentence, Santa Cruz court officials said. Symons made it clear Monday that she does not want the jail time to be swallowed up by any sentence from the Nevada shooting. She said she didn't believe Vertner had specifically asked that the sentencing come after the Nevada trial. "Don't interrupt me," she told Vertner at one point. "After the plea, you asked for a continuance ... but serving time concurrent with the Nevada case was not part of the agreement." A short time later, Symons concluded she would allow one more continuance. She said she was considering the Nevada case, calling it very important. "I'm not going to do it again," she warned, telling Villagrana to come to court & surrender on Aug 19. "Thank you, your honor," he said. "Good luck to you on your Nevada matters," she replied. Outside court, Villagrana declined comment. Symons had issued a \$100,000 warrant for Villagrana in Oct, after he failed to appear.

Pre-Trial Motions in Reno: According to the Associated Press, Washoe County District Court Judge Connie Steinheimer told attorneys during pre-trial hearings March 12 not to use the word "gang" or "club" to describe either group, as it might taint jurors' opinions & result in an unfair trial. "From now on, no gangs, no clubs," the judge ruled during a hearing for the joint trial of Villagrana & Gonzalez. "Our position is they are the Hells Angels MC. It's not arguing the case. That is their name,"

defense attorney Richard Schonfeld said. Washoe County Assistant district attorney Karl Hall said the gang element is necessary to prove additional penalties as part of a criminal "gang enhancement" under Nevada law. Meanwhile, defense attorneys have asked the judge to relax what they say is an exaggerated security presence in & around the courtroom that could potentially impact the jury's outlook. The judge said she'd take that & other motions under advisement.

Bikies in talks to put end to war – March 18, 2013 – *Australia* – By Adam Shand; www.TheAustralian.com - Feuding outlaw motorcycle clubs, the Hells Angels & Bandidos, have held peace talks in Melbourne, raising hopes that a bikie war could be averted after the attempted murder of Bandidos sergeant-at-arms Toby Mitchell. The Australian has learnt that Mitchell, accompanied by a group of senior Bandidos, met their Hells Angels counterparts in West Melbourne in recent days. The group initially met at a Victoria St cafe then moved their meeting to a cafe across the road. Onlookers said the meeting was tense but ended without violence. The Hells Angels & Bandidos have been at loggerheads since Mitchell & other Bandidos were ambushed outside the Melton headquarters of an affiliate club this month. Unknown gunmen exchanged up to 30 shots with the Bandidos in what has been described as an assassination attempt on Mitchell but the Bandidos enforcer escaped with a single bullet wound to his right bicep. The attack was linked to Hells Angels members & their associates. This was the 2nd attempt on Mitchell's life after he was shot 5 times outside a Brunswick gym in Nov 2011. Police have tried to bring the leaders of the clubs together for peace talks but were rebuffed. In the wake of the shooting, police launched a crackdown, Operation Resound, which targeted members & associates of the Hells Angels, Bandidos & Rebels motorcycles clubs. Police feared a full-scale conflict might erupt after learning that the Bandidos had declared war on the Hells Angels after the shooting. It's not known whether the West Melbourne meeting has led to a truce between the clubs but insiders say it is a sign that a workable solution could be thrashed out. "No one wants to see a war if it can be avoided," one insider said. "They all have too much to lose." Victorian bikies saw what happened during Melbourne's gangland war when more than 30 people died at the hands of paid hit squads, he said. "There were no winners," the insider said. An outbreak of public violence would strengthen the hand of the Victorian Gov't, which plans to introduce anti-association laws to break up violent motorcycle groups. Efforts to ban the clubs received a major boost last week after the High Court upheld the constitutionality of Queensland laws used to ban the Gold Coast chapter of the Finks MC. Other states are expected to consider using the Queensland law as the basis for re-drafting laws that may lead to uniform gang legislation in Australia for the first time. The Gillard Gov't recently unveiled anti-gang laws & a \$64 million national task force to tackle organized crime.

Flat Stomach: A little boy walks into his parents' room to see his mom on top of his dad, bouncing up & down... The mom sees her son & quickly dismounts, worried about what her son has just seen & what he will think of it. She dresses quickly & goes to find him. The son asks his mom, "What were you & Dad doing?" The mother replies, "Well, you know son, your dad has a big tummy & sometimes I have to get on top of it & help flatten it out." "You're wasting your time," said the boy matter of factly. "Why is that, son?" the mom asked puzzled. "Well, when you go shopping the lady next door comes over & gets on her knees & blows it right back up again!"

Hells Angels Troy NY St. Patrick's Day 2013 – March 18, 2013 – *New York* – By Lisa Petrocelli; www.Examiner.com - This St. Patrick's Day, Sunday, March 17, was celebrated by the Hells Angels of Troy at the Oriental Shriners on the sunniest day of the weekend (no doubt the "luck of the Irish" prevailed). As is usually the case at HA parties, the "house" was packed with club supporters & friends, & with anticipation for the official beginning of Spring in a few days, all were eager to reunite & discuss riding plans for the coming season. The corned beef dinner was excellent and, thanks to the HA men & women, despite a smaller than usual venue, everything went smoothly & everyone enjoyed their food & drink. In our H-D-dominated country, it was nice to see a large number of sport-bike club members welcomed by the large HA community of supporters. In this world of constant turmoil, in & out of the biker culture, there is nothing more inspiring than to see so many brothers from other "colors" coming together & showing respect for each other. The best guarantee for the future survival of the American biker culture is "peace among the patches." The Hells Angels have demonstrated that they promote acceptance among their supporters & that their loyalty is appreciated. Don't miss the Hells Angels MC of Troy Annual Bike Blessing on Sat, April 20, beginning at the Sawmill Tavern in Schenectady. Let's hope for a warm Spring day with temps in the 70's!

A rare look inside the outlaw biker culture – March 18, 2013 – *World* – By Damian J. Penny; www.CanadianLawyerMag.com - A one-percenter is the one of a hundred of us who has given up on society & the politician's one-way laws. This is why we look repulsive. We are saying we don't want to be like you or look like you. So stay out of our face. [...] God forgives, Outlaws don't - The "Outlaws' Creed"... Pop quiz: name the world's largest outlaw motorcycle gang... I suspect most of you answered "Hells Angels," the notorious California-based organization that more or less invented outlaw biker culture as we know it. But you would be wrong. The Outlaws, founded in Illinois in the early 1950s, actually has more members around the world than their better-known rivals. But they've made a point of maintaining a lower profile than the Angels — to the extent tough-looking guys on Harley-Davidson bikes, wearing a skull-and-crossbones named "Charlie" on their backs, can keep any kind of lower profile — & maybe that's part of the reason they've become so big. That, & the fact they've proven they aren't afraid to take on the Hells Angels, or other outlaw biker gangs, on their own turf. For decades, the Angels & the Outlaws have been locked in a brutal, worldwide battle for territory — win a city, state, or country & the gang controls the drug trade, prostitution, & other organized criminal activities. The bloody rivalry is described, in riveting detail, in *Charlie & the Angels: The Outlaws, the Hells Angels & the Sixty Years War* by Alex Caine. Caine hasn't just studied the one-percenter lifestyle — he claims to have lived it, as an undercover operative for police forces in Canada & around the world ("Alex Caine," needless to say, is a pseudonym). Legend has it the newly formed Outlaws sent messengers to the Hells Angels in the 1950s, proposing an alliance. The Angels allegedly beat the tar out of the Outlaw ambassadors & sent them back home with a 2-word response I probably can't repeat here. The rivalry got worse during the turbulent '60s, & except for a short-lived truce brokered at the infamous Sturgis biker rally in 1984, it's been total war ever since. The most fascinating parts of *Charlie & the Angels* describe the network of support clubs & prospects set up to cultivate full-patch Outlaw members. The 3rd-largest American biker gang, the Bandidos, is closely allied to the Outlaws (and often do much of their dirtiest work for them). Both the Outlaws

& the Hells Angels sponsor smaller clubs, usually in cities that are just starting to open up to outlaw biker culture, which have different names but wear the same colors as their parent organizations — black-and-white for Outlaws, red-and-white for Angels. In North America, police forces have infiltrated the Outlaws & rival gangs, often straddling the line between merely reporting on criminal activities & actually encouraging them. Interestingly, Caine notes in Germany & other European nations dealing with the biker threat, such undercover operations aren't allowed — leaving the police with little to do until after the Angels or Outlaws do something illegal (the Dutch, in a move that even the most jaded satirist couldn't dream up, actually built a clubhouse for the Hells Angels when they showed up in the 1970s). *Charlie & the Angels* is a somewhat disjointed work that skips around the world, & back & forth in time, giving the impression that many of its chapters were initially written as stand-alone articles. But it is rare for someone to infiltrate this mysterious, often romanticized world, & live to tell about it. That alone makes the book well worth reading. Caine admits to a kind of grudging respect for the Outlaws, for how the club has been able to survive & thrive for so long. "If drugs became legal tomorrow, that would be the end of the Hells Angels," he writes, "but I'm convinced the Outlaws would survive. If the Outlaws lost everything, the houses, the cars, the money, they would get on their bikes & tear up a stretch of highway, looking to see what was over the hill."

Laws target bikie battles - March 18, 2013 – *Australia* - By Dan Oakes; www.TheAge.com.au - The Victoria Police anti-bikie taskforce will use new criminal association laws to tackle the recent outbreak of warfare between outlaw motorcycle gangs. The anti-association laws were introduced to Parliament with great fanfare in Nov, but were not active until last week when they were proclaimed. The delay was to allow Victoria Police to plan how they will use the laws. The laws have become even more pertinent with the spate of bikie-related violence across Melbourne over the last fortnight, included the shooting of Bandidos enforcer Toby Mitchell, which led to a declaration of war by the Bandidos against the Hells Angels. "The Act is not just aimed at outlaw motorcycle gangs, it is also aimed at any groups or individuals involved in serious criminal activity," a police spokeswoman said. "However, we are working through the legislation presently to see how it can be applied to the current situation with outlaw motorcycle gangs." She said it would be inappropriate to comment on which particular groups would be targeted under the new laws. Once an organisation is declared illegal, the court can then make control orders banning members of that group from associating or participating in gang activities, including riding together & wearing their club colours & emblems. They would also make similar orders from other states enforceable in Victoria. Individuals who breach a control order will face up to 5 years' jail & organisations can be fined up to \$400,000 & have assets confiscated. It is believed that more than 100 bikies from various clubs met in Jan to discuss a possible response to the laws. Police must make an application to the Supreme Court for an organisation to be declared illegal, & the final decision lies with a judge. The Victorian Gov't has said this means the laws will not be successfully challenged in the High Court, as has happened with similar laws in other states. Queensland had a victory this week when the High Court ruled police in that state could keep secret intelligence used to apply to have organizations declared criminal.

I don't make jokes. I just watch the Gov't & report the facts.
- Will Rogers

Outlaw biker behind hostile takeover of Tumwater cycle shop

– March 19, 2013 – *Washington* - By Levi Pulkkinen; www.SeattlePI.com - A purported biker gang member accused of taking over an Olympia-area motorcycle shop now faces Fed extortion charges. Fed prosecutors contend Karl Kay Stuart helped seize control of the Tumwater shop after the shop's owner-operator had a falling out with his silent partner. According to charging documents, Stuart threatened to kill the shop owner & forced him to hand over \$1,000 in children's toys to settle a debt. Stuart, 52, was indicted late last month by a Fed grand jury in Seattle on extortion & gun charges. He has denied the allegations & remains jailed. Prosecutors describe Stuart as a member of the Resurrection MC, a minor Tukwila-based club affiliated with the Bandidos MC. Like the rival Hells Angels, the Bandidos gang is an international organization long associated with criminal activities from drug running to murder. Writing the court, a Seattle Police detective assigned to an ATF task force contended Stuart seized control of R&R Motors in July 2011 after threatening the co-owner at gunpoint. Collecting unemployment insurance payments at the time, Stuart volunteered his time at the shop beginning in May 2011, the Seattle detective told the court. Two months later, though, Stuart is alleged to have returned, demanding \$3,500 for mechanic's work he did at the shop. According to charging documents, the shop owner-operator went to Stuart's Olympia home to discuss the incident. Stuart is alleged to have pulled a pistol on the man, pointed it at his head & threatened to kill him. The following day, Stuart arrived at the motorcycle shop & demanded the co-owner sign over the title to his motorcycle, the detective told the court. The interaction was caught on video, according to charging papers. "I'll just tell you, you better sign that (expletive) title," Stuart told the man, according to charging documents. "After I beat you half to death ... I'll just take your (expletive) bike & not offer you a way to get it back or anything. That's who I am." According to charging papers, Stuart then called a Bandidos member and, standing in R&R Motors with the co-owner, explained he would be taking the other man's motorcycle. He said he would hold it until the business owner paid him \$3,500. Fearing for his safety & the future of his business, the man borrowed \$3,500 & met with Stuart to pay off the "debt." Two days later, though, Stuart decided the other man owed him another \$1,000, the detective told the court; Stuart is alleged to have left with \$1,000 worth of toys belonging to the shop owner's son. The situation continued to deteriorate, & in late July 2011 the silent partner in the shop told the shop co-owner that Stuart now owned the business. According to charging documents, Stuart then attacked an R&R Motors employee who he believed had insulted him previously. Stuart beat the man to the ground & then stripped him of a gold chain, his wallet & boots, the detective told the court. Stuart & 2 other men are alleged to have stolen 10 guns stored in the shop, as well as 2 motorcycles, 2 boats & a mini bike; the locks were changed on the shop later that day. Stuart, the silent partner & other men wearing motorcycle club leathers & patches held 2 employees for about 2 hours during the takeover, the detective told the court. None of those associated with the shop operator were allowed to return once they were released. The shop owner reported the incident to Olympia-area police, which investigated the purported extortion attempt. Speaking with detectives, the man's former partner claimed he assisted Stuart in taking over the shop because the shop owner owed him money & had refused to pay his debts, according to charging documents. Investigators contend the shop owner's silent partner tried to obtain titles for several motorcycles & boats stored at the facility. The silent partner has not been charged publicly in the case. Speaking with investigators, the man said he had invested \$120,000 in the shop

& that his mother loaned the purported victim \$50,000. According to the silent partner's account, the other man never repaid his mother & was pocketing money from the business. Earlier this year, investigators searching a Lakewood home & an Olympia machine shop recovered 3 guns as well as 2 boats, 2 H-D motorcycles & a small amount of methamphetamine. Several other weapons remain unaccounted for. Stuart pleaded not guilty during a March 8 appearance in U.S. District Court at Tacoma. A convicted felon, Stuart is charged with unlawful gun possession as well as extortion interfering with interstate commerce.

Old Bones bikers called 'just a social club'

– March 19, 2013 – *New York* – By www.lohud.com - The man who let members of the Old Bones MC refurbish a former hardware store for use as their headquarters asked them to leave after 5 of them were hospitalized when they were attacked by a rival gang Friday night. But Bill Villetto described the Old Bones as a group of middle-aged motorcycle enthusiasts, not an outlaw biker gang. "They were in their 50s and 60s, and they were into riding. It was just a social club. I didn't think they were into anything else," Villetto said. Members were inside about 8:30 p.m. when a group of about 15 other bikers burst in with baseball bats and ax handles, police said. "It's still an ongoing investigation," Putnam County sheriff's Capt. William McNamara said Tuesday. "We are trying to identify the perpetrators and, toward that end, determine a motive." Efforts to reach club members were unsuccessful.

Police raid Bandidos clubhouse

- March 19, 2013 - *Australia* - By Jared Lynch; www.TheAge.com.au - Police have raided an outlaw motorcycle gang clubhouse in Geelong as part of their crackdown on bikies. Echo Taskforce detectives found a small amount of illicit drugs at the Bandidos' clubhouse in the eastern suburb of Breakwater. Detectives were also raiding another property connected to the Bandidos. A Victoria Police spokeswoman said no arrests had been made & the investigation was continuing. The raids come after new state laws were brought in to target bikies, & police took the extraordinary step of warning the public against the possibility of a full-scale bkie war. The anti-association laws were introduced to State Parliament in Nov but were not active until they were proclaimed last week. Fairfax Media reported on Monday that the delay was to allow police to plan how they would use the new laws, which have become even more pertinent with the spate of bkie-related violence across Melbourne over the past fortnight, including the shooting of Bandidos enforcer Toby Mitchell. A falling out between Mitchell & Lebanese members of the Bandidos has sparked fears of a war between the gang & the Hells Angels. Several Lebanese crime figures associated with the Bandidos are believed to have been recruited by the Hells Angels after clashing with Mitchell. It is believed that more than 100 bikies from various clubs met in January to discuss a possible response to the laws. But a police spokeswoman said: "The Act is not just aimed at outlaw motorcycle gangs, it is also aimed at any groups or individuals involved in serious criminal activity." Once an organization is declared illegal, the court can then make control orders banning members of that group from associating or participating in gang activities, including riding together & wearing their club colours & emblems. Individuals who breach a control order will face up to 5 years' jail & organizations can be fined up to \$400,000 & have assets confiscated. Police have set up Operation Resound to tackle the rising violence between rival outlaw motorcycle gangs in Victoria. Detectives swooped on several properties in Melbourne's outer northern suburbs this month, making 7 arrests, & vowing that raids on bikies would continue.

Big Reform is Here! – March 20, 2013 – *U.S.A.* – By Famm; www.famm.org/ - Months of our hard work in Congress have paid off: our biggest, most important reform effort yet just landed in the U.S. Senate! Today, Senators Patrick Leahy (D-VT) & Rand Paul (R-KY) introduced the Justice Safety Valve Act of 2013, S. 619, in the U.S. Senate. The bill creates a brand-new, broad “safety valve” that would apply to all Fed crimes carrying mandatory minimum sentences. If passed, the Justice Safety Valve Act would allow judges to sentence people below the mandatory minimum sentence whenever that minimum term does not fulfill the goals of punishment. If passed, the bill would restore sentencing discretion to judges in all Fed cases where a mandatory minimum applies! Now you know why we’re calling it the biggest reform bill yet! After 20 years of fighting for reform, we’re so excited to see the Justice Safety Valve Act introduced. We’re so grateful for the strong leadership of Senators Leahy & Paul, who realize that mandatory minimum reform is not a left issue or a right issue, but one that crosses party lines. The Justice Safety Valve Act recognizes that mandatory minimums are too expensive, have stuffed our Fed prisons far beyond their capacity, & are not keeping us safe. Senators Leahy & Paul understand that one-size-fits-all justice is no justice at all, & that judges need flexibility to make the punishment fit the crime & the offender. But the bill has a long way to go before it can become a law, & we need your help! Write to your U.S. Senators today & ask them to cosponsor the Justice Safety Valve Act of 2013. More cosponsors mean more support for this bill, which means a greater chance of getting it passed into law. Please write to your U.S. Senators today! This battle is just beginning. You can rest assured that we’re going to give it our all on this big reform bill. Big reforms don’t happen without big effort, & that requires everyone’s help. We know you care as much about reform as we do, & we thank you for your effort! Best, Julie Stewart; Pres, Famm. I’m also testifying in Congress tomorrow about this bill!

Famm Welcomes Bipartisan Sentencing “Safety Valve” – March 20, 2013 - *Washington, D.C.; U.S.A.* – By Famm; www.Famm.org - In Congress, Releases New Report on How Safety Valves Help States... Famm President Julie Stewart today hailed the introduction of The Justice Safety Valve Act of 2013 (S. 619), a bipartisan Fed bill that would save taxpayer dollars by reserving scarce Fed prison beds for the most dangerous offenders. The bill creates a “safety valve” that allows Fed courts to impose sentences below the mandatory minimum sentence under specific conditions. The legislation was introduced on March 20 by Senator Patrick Leahy (D-VT), chair of the Senate Judiciary Committee, & Senator Rand Paul (R-KY), & referred to the Senate Judiciary Committee for consideration. Stewart also announced the release of a new Famm report entitled, “Turning Off the Spigot: How Sentencing Safety Valves Can Help States Protect Public Safety & Save Money.” The report details how 8 states have embraced sentencing safety valves as a way of reducing prison populations & saving money, while at the same time protecting public safety. “I am thrilled that Sen. Leahy & Sen. Paul are promoting this common-sense sentencing reform,” said Stewart. “The mandatory minimum sentences Congress chose might be appropriate in many cases, but certainly not in every case, especially those involving nonviolent offenders. By giving courts more flexibility, Congress will ensure that judges use our scarce prison beds & budget to keep us safe from truly violent offenders.” “Congress has too often moved in the wrong direction by imposing new mandatory minimum sentences unsupported by evidence while failing to reauthorize crucial programs like the Second Chance Act to rehabilitate prisoners who will be released to rejoin our communities,” said Sen. Leahy.

“Our reliance on mandatory minimums has been a great mistake. I am not convinced it has reduced crime, but I am convinced it has imprisoned people, particularly nonviolent offenders, for far longer than is just or beneficial. It is time for us to let judges go back to acting as judges & making decisions based on the individual facts before them. A one-size-fits-all approach to sentencing does not make us safer.” Sen. Paul said that “Our country’s mandatory minimum laws reflect a Washington-knows-best, one-size-fits-all approach, which undermines the Constitutional Separation of Powers, violates our bedrock principle that people should be treated as individuals, & costs the taxpayers money without making them any safer. This bill is necessary to combat the explosion of new Fed criminal laws, many of which carry new mandatory minimum penalties.” Currently, Fed prisons are overcrowded, at 138 percent of their capacity, & the prison budget consumes a full quarter of the Justice Department’s budget, a financial situation the Justice Department has called “unsustainable.” A recent Congressional Research Service report called for repealing or reforming mandatory minimum sentences as a solution to this crisis. The Justice Safety Valve Act of 2013 authorizes Fed courts to depart below a statutory mandatory minimum sentence only after finding, among other things, that providing a particular defendant a shorter sentence – say, 7 or 8 years in prison for a drug offense rather than the 10 year mandatory minimum – will not jeopardize public safety. The bill does not require judges to impose shorter sentences, & for many crimes, the mandatory minimum established by Congress will be appropriate. But in cases where the mandatory minimum does not account for the offender’s limited role in a crime or other relevant factors, the judge would be allowed to consider those factors & craft a more appropriate sentence. Finally, the bill requires a judge to state on the record why the mandatory minimum sentence in that particular case is not necessary to protect public safety. Famm was involved in the creation of the existing Fed safety valve, which is a strict test that has allowed courts to give 80,000 nonviolent Fed drug offenders fairer sentences since 1995. The existing safety valve – applicable only to drug offenders – has saved taxpayers millions in unnecessary prison costs. During this same period, the nation’s crime rate has dropped to its lowest level in a generation. Stewart also announced the release of Famm’s new state report, “Turning Off the Spigot,” which highlights how state safety valve laws are helping states save money & keep crime rates low. “We want to make sure state legislators across the country are aware of this common sense reform. While repealing mandatory minimums is the best option, passing a safety valve that lets judges bypass them in certain cases is another smart approach,” added Stewart. The Famm report begins with a foreword by Republican State Senator Stewart Greenleaf of Pennsylvania. Greenleaf wrote: “Just as I was once an advocate for harsher, longer sentences, I am now at the forefront of the movement to balance our criminal justice system in favor of more rehabilitation & judicial discretion. In Pennsylvania, we have recently made great progress with landmark alternative sentencing statutes, & I hope that soon mandatory minimums will be more widely accepted as an area in need of reform. “The following report should serve as a guide to lawmakers & policy advisors across the country who are seeking to reduce their states’ inmate populations & save precious resources currently spent on incarceration. Famm has demonstrated that we can be tough on crime as well as smart on crime. The report concludes by recommending a safety valve that is similar to the Justice Safety Valve Act sponsored by Senators Paul & Leahy. Famm plans to distribute the report to state legislators across the country who sit on crime-focused legislative committees.”

Boulder City Bully Humbled - Mar 20, 2013 – *Nevada* – By The Aging Rebel; www.AgingRebel.com - In hindsight, Boulder City, Nevada Police Chief Thomas Finn probably should have just bought the Mongols a couple rounds of drinks when they held their Nat'l run in his city last June. Instead Finn decided to bully the club out of town as flagrantly as possible so its members would never come back. Before the club arrived, Finn wrote Municipal Court Judge Victor Miller & City Attorney Dave Olsen that, "There will be several dozen law enforcement agencies working in BC this weekend for the Mongols event. We are taking a zero tolerance approach with them & all the agencies will be citing them into our municipal court of ordinance violations, traffic violations & other misdemeanors. Is there a specific date you want us to use for a court appearance?" "Also, as part of our zero tolerance approach, all the law enforcement agencies have asked if our court & prosecutor would consider 'no deals' when the misdemeanors are adjudicated. Doing so would make it clear to the 'Mongol Miscreants' that Boulder City does not tolerate bad behavior." A few days later Finn told the Las Vegas Review-Journal, "They came & they went & good riddance. I hope they never come back." Now Finn has come & will soon be gone & will never come back. Finn will be fired next month. He may be out of a job as soon as April 16.

Stephen Stubbs: Finn has lost confrontation after confrontation with a lawyer named Stephen "Bowtie" Stubbs. About the time the Mongols came to town Stubbs filed a Fed civil rights lawsuit on behalf of the Southern Nevada Confederation of Clubs that alleged numerous incidents of illegal police harassment of bikers in Clark County. The suit says the bikers "were willfully, maliciously, & intentionally prevented from associating and/or assembling without justification or compelling state interest as a result of their status as a motorcycle club or motorcycle club member." Damages in the suit could amount to millions. Stubbs also represented the Mongols during their visit to Boulder City. Stubbs thought the welcome Finn extended to the black & white club epitomized what his lawsuit was about. Apparently, Finn thought he could just stonewall & bully Stubbs into submission. Instead Stubbs accused Finn of several crimes including destroying evidence. Finn sued Stubbs & several other critics & quickly lost. In the meantime, as a gun control debate engrossed the national media, an audit discovered that Finn's department had lost an AR-15.

Finn: On Jan 16, the day after Finn lost his defamation lawsuit against Stubbs, he went on medical leave because the stress of being disobeyed raised his blood pressure to dangerous levels. He now owes Stubbs \$17,000 & Stubbs is already garnishing his pay. Finn also sued a Boulder City officer named Dan Jennings & he now owes Jennings \$6,000. Another officer named Doug Beekman has filed an age discrimination complaint against the soon to be former Boulder City Chief. Finn can afford to pay his debts. His annual salary amounts to \$146,848. His benefits package is worth \$38,308 so his total annual compensation is more than \$185,000. Finn has held the job since 2006. Finn is still complaining that he has been treated unfairly. He filed a complaint with the Fed Equal Employment Opportunity Commission in which he claims he has been treated unfairly because he is Catholic. Yesterday he filed 4 ethics complaints with the Nevada Attorney General accusing Boulder City's Mayor, the City Manager & a City Councilman of illegal behavior. He told the CBS affiliate in Las Vegas, KLAS, "I've got 35 years without a verbal reprimand, no discipline in my file. I've never been charged with doing anything illegal, not even a policy violation. For them to now destroy my reputation in this way, & take pleasure in doing so, I'm just standing up. I am not going to let that happen."

New Guy: Finn will probably file another suit against Boulder City when he is officially fired. The city can't legally get rid of him until April 16 after Finn's medical leave ends. But last week the city did hire his replacement. Las Vegas Metropolitan P.D. Deputy Chief Bill Conger is now the Boulder City acting police chief. He may or may not be a nicer cop than Finn but he must be smarter. City Manager David Fraser announced Conger's appointment, saying "He will exercise the full duties & authorities of chief of police."

Former Fink faces jail stint over silence – March 20, 2013 – *Australia* – By Emily Moulton; www.PerthNow.com.au - A Former Finks bikie who refused to answer questions during an Australian Crime Commission hearing will spend 4 months behind bars. Andrew Reginald Keith Fagan was sentenced in the District Court yesterday to 14 months jail but had the time reduced to just 4 on compassionate grounds. The 43-year-old businessman had been charged with 4 counts of failing to answer questions which included "Are you a nominee of the Perth's Finks chapter?" & "Do you know a person by the name of Frank Condo?" under oath during the secret hearing into the activities of outlaw motorcycle gangs in Oct 2009. Fagan, who according to court documents severed his links with the Finks in 2011, had initially pleaded not guilty but changed his plea this year. The case had originally been set for trial in July 2011 but was vacated following an appeal. The matter was then relisted for directions last month where defence counsel argued the summons issued for Fagan to appear at the hearing was inadmissible. Fagan then changed his plea. During the hearing today, it was revealed Fagan had been targeted in a series of attacks after he cut ties with the Finks. The court was told he had been assaulted, suffering "serious injury", & that damage was caused to his father's house & that his car tyres had been slashed. It was also revealed that Fagan's father was terminally ill & the 43-year-old had given up his job to become his sole carer. The court was also told Fagan was suffering from his own health problems which included depression, diabetes & high blood pressure. In handing down his sentence, Chief Judge Peter Martino said that while he accepted Fagan had severed ties with the Finks & was a victim of attacks, he had denied the charges up until this year. He said because of the seriousness of the offences, & his late not guilty plea, he found that jail time was the only appropriate sentence & handed down 14 months for each of the 4 charges, to be served concurrently. But he said he took into account his father's illness saying that it was "only in exceptional cases that hardship suffered by a member of an offender's family will result in a significant reduction of a sentence". He made a recognizance release order reducing Fagan's sentence to 4 months & ordered he pay a \$5000 recognizance upon his release.

Rubber Gloves: Next time you use a pair of rubber gloves, you're going to smile when you think of this: A dentist noticed that his next patient, a little old woman, was nervous, so he decided to tell her a little joke as he put on his gloves. 'Do you know how they make these gloves?' he asked. 'No, I don't,' she replied. 'Well,' he spoofed, 'there's a building in Canada with a big tank of latex, & workers of all hand sizes walk up to the tank, dip in their hands, let them dry, Then peel off the gloves & throw them into boxes of the right size.' She didn't crack a smile. 'Oh, well.. I tried,' he thought. But 5 minutes later, during a delicate portion of the procedure, she burst out laughing. 'What's so funny?' he asked. 'I was just envisioning how condoms are made!' (Gotta watch those little old women! Their minds are always working!) **Be afraid of old women!** Be very afraid! They have been there & done that!

Hells Angels Members Convicted of Racketeering Conspiracy

– March 20, 2013 – *South Carolina* – By www.FBI.gov - United States Attorney Bill Nettles stated that 15 members & associates of the Hells Angels have been convicted of crimes related to a RICO conspiracy. Most recently, a Fed jury found 3 members of the Hells Angels—Hells Angels Charter Pres Mark Baker (aka Lightning) & full-patch Hells Angels members David Oiler (aka Gravel Dave) & Bruce Long (aka Bruce-Bruce)—guilty of racketeering conspiracy (**Racketeer Influenced & Corrupt Organizations Act**, also known as RICO-18 U.S.C. §1962), drug trafficking, money laundering, & firearm offenses. Previously, 6 members & associates of the Hells Angels pleaded guilty to racketeering conspiracy. Additionally, 6 other individuals pleaded guilty to related charges. In the coming months, these defendants will be sentenced by Fed District Judge Cameron McGowan Currie. Members & associates of the Hells Angels South Carolina Nomads Charter operated in Lexington & Rock Hill, South Carolina. As part of the coordinated criminal activity, the group engaged in narcotics trafficking, narcotics conspiracy, money laundering, firearms trafficking, use of firearms in relation to crimes of violence & drug trafficking, attempted armed robbery, & other offenses. The Hells Angels Charter's leadership coordinated the criminal activity & received a kickback or cut of the illicit proceeds generated by members & associates of the Hells Angels. As Baker explained in recordings, members of the Hells Angels were supposed to pay a cut of their profits from illegal activity to Baker as the president of the Hells Angels Charter. The investigation's initial insight into the Hells Angels' drug trafficking came through Dan Bifield (aka Diamond Dan) supplying cocaine & to an individual cooperating with law enforcement. After arranging the cocaine deal in various calls & meetings, Dan Bifield & his wife, Lisa Bifield, first supplied cocaine in July 2011, along with bath salts to be mixed with the cocaine. After the first cocaine deal, Dan & Lisa Bifield again arranged to supply cocaine on August 5, 2011, through Dan Bifield's cocaine supplier (fellow Hells Angels member Bruce Long). As Long had recently become a full-patch member of the Hells Angels, Bifield turned over the cocaine supply relationship to Long, requiring only that Bifield & the Hells Angels get a cut of the profits. Long then supplied the cooperator with cocaine throughout Sept, Oct, Nov, & Dec 2011. In addition to Long, Hells Angels member David Oiler supplied methamphetamine & cocaine. Oiler provided more than a pound of high-quality methamphetamine to the cooperator in 2011 & 2012. Furthermore, Oiler offered to supply larger quantities of narcotics on numerous occasions. Oiler's primary supplier was Kerry Chitwood. Chitwood & Oiler's relationship dated back to their joint membership in the outlaw motorcycle gang, the Southern Gentlemen, based in Gastonia, North Carolina. Even after Oiler left the Southern Gentlemen to join the Hells Angels, Chitwood supplied drugs to Oiler. As captured through wiretaps & surveillance, Chitwood also supplied drugs to Hells Angels Chapter President Mark Baker, which Baker then distributed to others. Oiler also attempted to obtain cocaine through another member of the Southern Gentleman, Ronald Byrum. Along with the cocaine & methamphetamine, members of this drug conspiracy also trafficked in prescription pain pills. Mark Baker arranged for fellow Hells Angels member Frank Enriquez (a/k/a Big Frank) to supply Percocet (oxycodone) pills to an individual cooperating with law enforcement, which Enriquez did. The drug conspiracy was not limited to actually distributing cocaine, methamphetamine, & pills but also included a law enforcement sting in which the Hells Angels & their associates sold firearms to an informant believing the firearms were to be used in armed robberies of drug dealers. Moreover, the alleged proceeds from

the law enforcement sting were then laundered by Bifield, Baker, Long, Oiler, & James Rhodus, a Hells Angels prospect. The Hells Angels & their associates supplied a substantial number of firearms to the informant, knowing both that the informant was a felon & that the firearms were going to be used in the planned drug robbery. In total the group (though the actions of Pryor, Oiler, Long, Bifield, Keach, & others), supplied more than forty firearms, including assault rifles with extended magazines, a machinegun, silencers, & various other firearms. These firearms were all taken off the street by the coordinated sting operation by law enforcement. After a month-long trial, the jury convicted Mark Baker of RICO conspiracy, narcotics conspiracy, & money laundering; David Oiler of RICO conspiracy, narcotics conspiracy, various counts of narcotics distribution & attempted distribution, money laundering, possession of a firearm in furtherance of drug trafficking & a crime of violence, & illegal possession of a machine-gun & silencer; & Bruce Long of RICO conspiracy, narcotics conspiracy, various counts of narcotics distribution & attempted distribution, money laundering, & sale of firearms for use in drug trafficking & a crime of violence. Based on these charges & the substantial drug weights found by the jury, each of these defendants face a maximum sentence of life & a mandatory minimum sentence of at least 10 years in Fed prison. Previously, 6 defendants pleaded guilty to a racketeering conspiracy: Dan Bifield (aka Diamond Dan), Richard Thrower (aka Little Mark, aka Rat), David Pryor (aka Yard Owl), Fred Keach (a/k/a Big Fred), Frank Enriquez (aka Big Frank), & Johanna Looper. Each of these defendants faces up to 20 years in prison. Three defendants had pleaded guilty to a narcotics conspiracy: Kerry Chitwood (aka Gowilla), Ron Byrum (aka Big Ron), & Trent Brown. Chitwood faces a maximum sentence of life & a mandatory minimum sentence of 20 years; Byrum faces a maximum sentence of life; & Brown faces up to forty years in prison. Lisa Bifield pleaded guilty to possession of a firearm in furtherance of drug trafficking & a crime of violence & faces a maximum of life in prison & a mandatory minimum of 5 years. James Rhodus (aka Sonny) pleaded guilty to money laundering & Bruce Wilson (aka Diesel) pleaded guilty to selling a firearm to a known felon. Rhodus faces up to 20 years & Wilson faces up to 10 years in Fed prison. This multi-agency investigation began in response to community concerns about the infiltration of the Rock Hill community by outlaw motorcycle gangs & the brewing violence developing between members of rival outlaw motorcycle gangs—the Hells Angels & the American Outlaws Association. Ultimately, that investigation—through cooperating individuals, surveillance, search warrants, court-authorized wiretaps, consensual recordings, controlled buys, stings, & other investigative techniques—provided a window into the Hells Angels criminal activities. This joint investigation included members of the FBI; ATF; Lexington P.D.; Lexington County Sheriff's Dept; York County Sheriff's Office; Rock Hill P.D.; & the South Carolina State Law Enforcement Division. The case was prosecuted by Asst U.S. Attys Jay Richardson & Jim May.

Las Vegas Churches accept gambling chips? This may come as a surprise to those of you not living in Las Vegas, But there are more Catholic Churches than Casinos. Not surprisingly, some Worshipers at Sunday Services will give Casino Chips rather than cash when the basket is passed. Since they get chips from many different Casinos, the Churches have devised a method to collect the offerings. The Churches send all their collected chips to a nearby Franciscan Monastery for sorting & then the chips are taken to the casinos of origin & cashed in. This is done by the Chip Monks. You didn't even see it coming did you?

Biker gang members indicted – March 21, 2013 – *Massachusetts* – By Julie Manganis; www.EagleTribune.com - Five men said to be members of the Hells Angels biker gang & their Red Devils “farm team” crowded into a Salem Superior Court dock yesterday, less than a week after an Essex County grand jury indicted them on kidnapping, mayhem & extortion charges. A sixth reputed member made a quick appearance on Monday to answer to similar charges that he also took part in kidnapping, beating & then stealing the motorcycle of a former member. Sean Barr, 48, of Lynn, said to be a member of the Hell’s Angels Lynn chapter; Brian Weymouth, 41, & Marc Eliason, 35, both of 20 Jacobs Ave., Danvers; & Nikolas Avelis, 54, of 44 Grapevine Road, Gloucester, who were all arrested last Wednesday; & George Brown, 49, of 31-33 Salem St., Salem, all pleaded not guilty yesterday to the charges. Robert Defronzo, 45, of Saugus, pleaded not guilty on Monday. Now, they’re being held without bail, charged in a plot straight out of a B movie, right down to the witness who wore a wire to ensnare his former associates. They’re due back in court today for a dangerousness hearing, where prosecutor A.J. Camelio is asking a Salem Superior Court judge to hold them without bail pending trial. Camelio told Judge Robert Cornetta that the problems for the victim started back in Sept, when he was attending a party in Revere, where a former member of the Red Devils showed up. That man had been “put out” of the club, said Camelio, & under the rules of the Red Devils organization, members were under a standing order to beat up such former members. But the victim, a Revere man, did not. That got him into hot water with Barr, who as a Hell’s Angel, Camelio said, had some authority over Red Devils members. The victim was ordered to quit his job as a contractor, a job he’d obtained with the assistance of the organization, & was told that he was under suspension from the Red Devils for a year as a result of his nonfeasance. The following month, Camelio said, the victim was summoned to a meeting with Brown, a Hells Angel, & Avelis, at a Saugus Dunkin’ Donuts, where he was confronted with a rumor that he had been in contact with a rival biker gang, the “Outlaws.” They ordered him to a meeting at the Red Devils “clubhouse” in Byfield, located in a strip mall near Route 95. Present for that meeting was Defronzo, along with Barr, Brown, Eliason, Weymouth & Avelis, the prosecutor said. Camelio said Eliason grabbed the victim by the throat until he was unconscious & threw him to the floor. Two of the men, Weymouth & Eliason, took the victim’s keys & drove to Revere, planning to take his motorcycle. Meanwhile, in Byfield, the victim came to & was put in a chair, Camelio told the judge. He was asked “hand or knee?” said the prosecutor. The victim held out his hand, flinching a couple of times before Barr landed 2 blows with a heavy ball-peen hammer. They then waited for Weymouth & Eliason to return. The victim later sought treatment for his damaged hand, telling a doctor that an engine block had fallen on it. During the next couple of months, the gang repeatedly threatened the victim, the prosecutor said, demanding the title to his motorcycle. Last week, Eliason went to the victim’s home, threatening to burn down his house & rape his girlfriend in front of him unless he got the title, Camelio said. He said he would be back the following day. The following day, as promised, Eliason returned. But state police were also listening to their conversation, during which Eliason confirmed much of what had happened. Camelio said he intends to use those recordings, both audio & video, during today’s hearing. Lawyers for several of the men urged Cornetta to schedule immediate hearings, something the judge agreed to do. Weymouth’s lawyer, Robert Wheeler, said his client had recently undergone “major back surgery” & had not been receiving his pain medication while in custody at Middleton Jail.

Motorcycle gang member arrested in NM assault case – March 21, 2013 – *Las Cruces, New Mexico* – By www.SFGate.com - Authorities say a motorcycle gang member has been arrested in New Mexico for an alleged sexual assault on a young boy last year. The U.S. Marshals Service announced Thursday that Jordan Dennis was in custody on suspicion of criminal sexual penetration of a minor. Fed authorities say Dennis was arrested late Wed in Truth or Consequences by a team of law enforcement officers. They say Dennis allegedly assaulted a 6-year-old boy last Nov or Dec and a warrant for his arrest was issued by Carlsbad police. Authorities believe there may be additional victims and say they’re expanding their investigation in southern New Mexico. They say Dennis was known to law enforcement officers as a member of the Bandidos motorcycle gang. Authorities didn’t immediately know if Dennis has a lawyer yet.

NSW hopes to crackdown on bikie gangs – March 21, 2013 – *Australia* – By APP; www.Stuff.co.nz - Bikie gangs could be declared criminal organizations in NSW within months, with the state Gov’t hoping to get its modified anti-bikie legislation in place by Easter. The state Gov’t had been awaiting a High Court case testing a Queensland law declaring a chapter of the Finks MC a criminal organization. The Gold Coast chapter of the Finks bikies argued the Act was unconstitutional & denied procedural fairness. But the High Court last week upheld the validity of certain provisions of the Act, which has been studied by the NSW Gov’t. A bill which replicates Queensland’s anti-bikie legislation was introduced to the NSW parliament on Thu. “We’re determined to get these tough new laws in place by Easter,” Premier Barry O’Farrell said. “We did the prudent thing, waited for the High Court ruling on the Queensland laws. After careful examination, we’ve modified our bill. “The NSW Gov’t is determined to have outlawed motorcycle gangs declared criminal organisations.” O’Farrell said the laws gave police the power to protect the public from criminal gangs. Attorney-General Greg Smith said the amended legislation adopted the Queensland model in allowing for the Supreme Court, rather than an eligible judge, to make decisions on applications to declare an organisation a criminal organisation. The Supreme Court would also decide what is criminal intelligence. “The amendments should also give the community extra confidence that due process is being followed in these applications,” Smith said. Earlier this month, Prime Minister Julia Gillard announced plans to implement national anti-gang & asset seizure laws. She said she would ask the premiers & chief ministers at April’s Council of Australian Gov’ts meeting to refer some of their powers to the commonwealth. Anti-bikie legislation in NSW & South Australia has previously been successfully challenged in the High Court.

The navy decides to offer early retirement bonuses to its personnel. The rule is that a volunteer picks 2 spots on his body & gets \$1000 for every inch between. One officer asks to be measured from the top of his head to the tip of his shoes. He’s 6’ tall & gets \$72,000. A second officer asks to be measured from the tip of his raised hand to his toes; he gets himself \$95,000. The third officer to volunteer is a mean old captain. “Measure me from the tip of my penis to my testicles.” He demands. The medical officer doing the measuring tells the captain this might not be terribly profitable. The captain insists & drops his trousers & the medical officer places the tape measure on the tip of his penis & starts to work his way back. “my God.” the medical officer says in surprise. “Where are your testicles?” “The captain just smiles & says, “Vietnam.” I say pay the soldier.

Police search for former Hells Angels bikie after Wetherill Park shooting – March 21, 2013 – *Australia* – by Nathan Klein; www.TheAustralian.com.au - Police are appealing for public assistance to help them locate a man wanted in relation to the death of a high-ranking member of the Hells Angels outlaw motorcycle gang earlier this year. Zeljko Mitrovic was gunned down at his Wetherill Park transport business in Jan. Police said he was shot a number of times & died at the scene. Another man was wounded in the attack. An arrest warrant has been issued for Michael Basanovic, a 47-year-old man from Brighton Le Sands, who police say is a former member of the Hells Angels OMC. Detectives are concerned for Mr Basanovic's welfare & are encouraging him or anyone who knows his whereabouts to contact police immediately. Additionally, anyone with any information regarding the shooting of Mitrovic is urged to contact police. A NSW spokesman said detectives had spoken to numerous witnesses & conducted a large number of interviews, but they were particularly interested in speaking to Basanovic.

Two Ashland men convicted in motorcycle chop shop probe – March 22, 2013 – *Kentucky* – By www.WKYT.com - Two men from Ashland, Ky. have been found guilty of participating in a motorcycle theft ring. A jury in U.S. District Court in London, Ky. convicted Richard Meade, 65, and Mark Justice, 53, of conspiracy to engage in money laundering by illegally transferring the ownership of stolen motorcycles, possession of motorcycles with altered vehicle identification (VIN) numbers, and illegally transferring ownership titles of stolen motorcycles. A third defendant, George Ferguson, 64, on trial for the conspiracy charge, was acquitted. Prosecutors said Meade and Justice sold approximately 30 motorcycles out of car lots in Ashland. They sold the motorcycles for between \$13,000 and \$15,000 apiece. Justice and Meade participated in a conspiracy in which co-defendant Robert Jason Chapman of Cincinnati coordinated trips with others to motorcycle rallies in South Carolina, South Dakota and Florida. At these events, Chapman and others stole motorcycles and brought them to Kentucky to sell. Chapman previously admitted that he and a co-defendant removed parts of the stolen motorcycles and replaced them with aftermarket parts bearing different vehicle identification numbers (VIN). He then registered the stolen motorcycles with the new VIN numbers in Kentucky. Meade and Justice then took some of the newly registered motorcycles and sold them. The FBI and Kentucky State Police identified nearly 200 victims in this case including the original motorcycle owners and insurance companies. Six other people previously pleaded guilty to their roles in the case. Meade and Justice are scheduled to be sentenced July 24, 2013. They face up to 20 years in prison on the illegal transfer of ownership titles charge and the conspiracy charge. Possessing motorcycles with altered VIN numbers carries a maximum 10 year penalty. The jury reached the verdict Tuesday night after approximately 3 hours of deliberations following more than 3 weeks of trial.

The Oregon Confederation of Clubs is dedicated to providing constant awareness of ever changing laws that affect the Motorcycle Community. The coming together of like-minded individuals, with the Common Goal—Protection of our Rights, and the Freedoms we hold dear. The Oregon C.O.C. is not a sanctioning body. No club business is conducted at our meetings or on our website.

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Alabama Confederation of Motorcycle Clubs - Originally formed as the AL/MS COC following an exploratory meeting in Jackson MS in November 1996, the combined COC split in 1998, and the Alabama Confederation of Motorcycle Clubs was born. Conceived more than a dozen years ago, the COC format provides for a coming together of motorcycle clubs, organizations and associations within the state for the specific purposes of combating discrimination and harassment through judicial means. Membership is open to ALL motorcycle clubs, organizations and associations, without regard to patch, brand, or affiliation. The ALCOC meets quarterly in different locations around the state to provide members the opportunity to present complaints of harassment or discrimination, as well as socialize. Our COC Attorney, present at all meetings, represents the member clubs and groups in claims of harassment or discrimination. If you ride a motorcycle and have been harassed either by law enforcement or at a public business establishment; or if you have been discriminated against because you were either riding a motorcycle or wearing "motorcycle attire" (leathers, "biker" t-shirts, etc.), please contact the ALCOC for information on attending our next meeting and presenting your claim. The ALCOC invites your participation in helping preserve the right to freedom of association, dress, and mode of transportation. Celebrating 16 Successful Years: 1996 - 2012

Police Stop Dialog: *Woman:* Is there a problem, Officer? *Officer:* Ma'am, you were speeding. *Woman:* Oh, I see. *Officer:* Can I see your license please? *Woman:* I'd give it to you but I don't have one. *Officer:* Don't have one? *Woman:* Lost it 4 times for drunk driving. *Officer:* I see...Can I see your vehicle registration papers please. *Woman:* I can't do that. *Officer:* Why not? *Woman:* I stole this car. *Officer:* Stole it? *Woman:* Yes, & I killed & hacked up the owner. *Officer:* You what? *Woman:* His body parts are in plastic bags in the trunk if you want to see. The Officer looks at the woman, slowly backs away to his car, & calls for back up. Within minutes 5 police cars circle the car. A senior officer slowly approaches the car, clasp his half drawn gun. *Officer 2:* Ma'am, could you step out of your vehicle please! The woman steps out of her vehicle. *Woman:* Is there a problem sir? *Officer 2:* One of my officers told me that you have stolen this car & murdered the owner. *Woman:* Murdered the owner? *Officer 2:* Yes, could you please open the trunk of your car, please. The woman opens the trunk, revealing nothing but an empty trunk. *Officer 2:* Is this your car, ma'am? *Woman:* Yes, here are the registration papers. The first officer is stunned. *Officer 2:* One of my officers claims that you do not have a driving license. The woman digs into her handbag & pulls out a clutch purse & hands it to the officer. The officer snaps open the clutch purse & examines the license. He looks quite puzzled. *Officer 2:* Thank you ma'am, one of my officers told me you didn't have a license, that you stole this car, & that you murdered & hacked up the owner. *Woman:* Betcha the liar told you I was speeding too.

There is no "I" in Brotherhood...

U.S. Defenders:

- We don't accept applications. We accept commitments...
- If we all do a little bit, Then no one has to do a lot...
- There can be no "I", there has to be "We"...
- One heart, One Voice...

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