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Congratulations to **Mongol Wolf** on your release on February 23<sup>rd</sup> to a ½ way house...

Congratulations to **Invader Rapp** on your release on February 20<sup>th</sup>... Two days before your Birthday, Cool...!

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Happy Birthday **Devils Dicile Sport Coat** on February 21<sup>st</sup>...

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**Editor's Note:** For **November** there was 1 issue, For **December** there was 1 issue, For **January** this is the 1<sup>st</sup> issue ...

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

**Editor's Note:** Currently we are sending over 365 copies of this newsletter to members of **78 Motorcycle Clubs**...

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*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 (**78 Clubs**) in Prison: Avengers, Bandidos, Banshees, Barons, Black Pistons, Boozefighters, BPM, Breed, Brother Speed, Brothers 8, Brotherhood Nomads, Brothers Of Wheels, Damned Deacon, D.C. Eagles, Death Squad, Derelicts, Devils Diciples, Diablos, El Forastero, Finks, Fly-In-Wheels, Forsaken Few, Free Souls, Galloping Goose, Ghost Riders, Grim Reapers, Gypsy Joker, Hellions, 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, Moloch, Mongols, Motopsychoz, Nomads, Outlaws, Pagan's, Peckerwood, Phantom's, Pharoahs, Reapers, Renegades, Sadistics, Salty Dogs, Satans Soldiers, Scorpions, Set Free Soldiers, Sin City Diciples, 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...

**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.

**Editor's Note:** 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...

**To the Devils Dicile Nation:** One Day We Will ride Again...  
Love, SA 44 True Blue

### **Confederation of Clubs Goals**

#### ***Bring the Patch holders Together:***

- Communication between clubs.
- A judicial coming together (not legislative) to protect our rights through the courts.

#### ***Fight Police Harassment & Discrimination:***

- Introduce anti-discrimination legislation, similar to the Unruh Act in California, in Confederation States that presently leave bikers unprotected; A.I.M. attorney to work with state **Motorcycle Rights Organization** on new laws.

- Form delegation of patch holders & other affected bikers; that together with their local A.I.M. attorney, present police harassment grievances to the police chief and/or civic entity responsible.

- Discriminatory establishments notified by the A.I.M. attorney that suit will be filed if they don't cease & desist.

#### ***Proclamation of Intent:***

- Working with local state MRO on legislative matters (ie. helmet issues, anti-biker discrimination, etc).

- Working with the **National Coalition of Motorcyclists** on Nat'l & Fed matters (ie. helmet issues, Fed Gang Bill, etc).

- Support Aid to **Injured Motorcyclists** by introducing the A.I.M. numbered card (special card only for patch holders) & program to the members & allowing A.I.M. to set up at events.

### **Walk Like An Egyptian – 1986 – U.S.A. – By the Bangles**

All the old paintings on the tomb  
They do the sand dance, don'cha know?  
If they move too quick (Oh-Way-Oh)  
They're falling down like a domino

And the bazaar man by the Nile  
He got the money on a bet  
GOLD crocodiles (Oh-Way-Oh)  
They snap their teeth on a cigarette

Foreign types with their hookah pipes sing:  
Way-oh-way-oh-way-ooo-aaa-ooo...  
Walk like an Egyptian.

The blonde waitresses take their trays  
Spin around and they cross the floor.  
They've got the moves (Oh-Way-Oh)  
You drop your drink then they bring you more

All the school kids so sick of books  
They like the punk and the metal band  
When the buzzer rings (Oh-Way-Oh)  
They're walking like an Egyptian

All the kids in the marketplace say:  
Way-oh-way-oh-way-ooo-aaa-ooo...  
Walk like an Egyptian.

Slide your feet up the streets; Bend your back  
Shift your arm then you pull it back  
Like Sergeant O (Oh-Way-Oh)  
So strike a pose on a Cadillac

If you want to find all the cops,  
They're hanging out in the donut shop.  
They sing and dance (Oh-Way-Oh)  
They spin their clock and cruise on down the block

All the Japanese with their Yen  
The party boys call the Kremlin  
The Chinese know (Oh-Way-Oh)  
They walk along like Egyptians

All the cops in the donut shops say:  
Way-oh-way-oh-way-ooo-aaa-ooo...  
Walk like an Egyptian                      Walk like an Egyptian

**Yet another blonde Joke:** A young ventriloquist is touring the clubs & one night he's doing a show in a small town. With his dummy on his knee, he starts going through his usual dumb blonde jokes when a blonde woman in the 4th row stands on her chair & starts shouting. "I've heard enough of your stupid blonde jokes", she says. "What makes you think you can stereotype women that way?" "What does the color of a person's hair have to do with her worth as a human being?" "It's guys like you who keep women like me from being respected at work & in the community & from reaching our full potential as a person." "Because you & your kind continue to perpetuate discrimination against not only blondes, but women in general & all in the name of humor!" The embarrassed ventriloquist begins to apologize, & the blonde yells, "You stay out of this, mister! I'm talking to that little asshole on your knee."

**Ex-Kingman employee fired for biker ties sees case move forward** – Jan 9, 2014 – *Arizona* – By Doug McMurdo; [www.KingmanDailyMiner.com](http://www.KingmanDailyMiner.com) - City alleged ‘outlaw’ connections were a danger to city personnel... The Fed lawsuit a former city employee filed against the city of Kingman last May moves forward this month as both sides conduct depositions. Melissa Summerson, who worked in the city’s Human Resources & Risk Management Dept, was fired in Dec 2012 because her husband is a member of the Desert Road Riders MC, a purported outlaw gang that law enforcement says supports the Hells Angels. Human Resources Director Jackie Walker terminated Summerson’s employment because employees of the city’s law enforcement community - including police, dispatchers, court workers & attorneys - feared she would provide the Desert Road Riders with their confidential information, such as home addresses. There is no indication Summerson actually provided or planned to provide such information & her employment record, by all accounts, is stellar. Her atty, David Kresin, a Phoenix-based employment law atty, said the Fed court scheduled depositions to be conducted starting this month & lasting until Feb. 28, at which time a trial date could be scheduled. He said the city’s attorneys have made no attempts to resolve the issue before going to trial & he doesn’t expect them to do so. The depositions will give attys on both sides a good idea of what they can expect at trial. Depositions involve sworn testimony from parties to a lawsuit in civil cases & are used to a lesser extent in criminal cases. Judges are rarely involved in depositions, but the testimony can be used to help develop legal theories & to either support or impeach credibility. Several people affiliated with the case on the city’s side will likely be deposed, including Walker, former Mayor John Salem, Mayor Janet Watson & other members of the City Council, former City Manager Jack Kramer, Deputy Police Chief Rusty Cooper & City Atty Carl Cooper, among others. Depositions are not open to the public. “The association with a documented (outlaw motorcycle gang) severely jeopardizes the security of confidential employee information & the safety of this large segment of our workforce,” wrote Walker in an email sent to Summerson explaining the reason for her termination. “The loss of a close & trusting relationship with these employees is a significant disruption to the efficiency of the services human resources/risk management provides.” However, neither Summerson nor her husband, Bill Summerson, or any member of the Desert Road Riders stand accused of wrongdoing insofar as her employment goes. However, a law enforcement report published in 2009 labeled the Desert Road Riders a criminal street gang. In 2002, according to the report, the Road Riders voted to support the Hells Angels & that club members “pulled away from the original friendly relationship that was once established with law enforcement & have taken on a ‘One Percent Club’ mentality.” The 1 percent status has several meanings, but the one most commonly accepted is that 99% of motorcycle clubs abide by the law while 1 percent do not. Kresin in the lawsuit argues the club’s desire to support the Hells Angels is protected under the First Amendment. In the lawsuit, he argues the city of Kingman deprived Summerson of her freedom of association under the First & 14th Amendments to the U.S. Constitution. Kresin said it’s possible one side or the other will file a motion for summary judgment when the depositions are completed. Such a judgment is handed down when judges agree all factual issues are settled & there is no longer a need to hold a costly & time-consuming trial. Summerson was originally hired as a dispatcher for the Kingman P.D. in 1996 & transferred to the city’s Financial Services Dept the following year. She married her husband in 1999 & in 2002 she was hired as the administrator of Human Resources. Bill Summerson joined the Desert Road Riders in

2004 & Summerson, according to the lawsuit, openly showed her support for the club at work. Summerson voluntarily resigned in 2006 to move to Pennsylvania & care for her terminally ill father. She returned to Kingman following his death in 2011 & was hired as a Human Resources technician. She was fired on Dec. 28, 2012. Throughout her career with the city, Summerson earned exemplary performance evaluations. While the lawsuit does not specify a dollar amount in damages, Kresin alleges Summerson continues to suffer from lost income, lost retirement benefits, mental anguish, emotional distress, pain & suffering, humiliation, inconvenience, harm to reputation & loss of enjoyment of life. The trial will be held in front of a jury.

**Man with MONGOLS number plate says police are continually pulling him over** – Jan 10, 2014 – *Australia* - By Thomas Chamberlin; [www.TheAustralian.com.au](http://www.TheAustralian.com.au) - A Chicken takeaway owner who invested in personalized plates named after a notorious outlaw motor cycle gang says he can’t drive anywhere without being pulled over by police. Douglas Gaylard, 68, bought the “MONGOLS” plates for \$3200 but since placing them on his GT Ford he said he had copped extra police attention. The US-based Mongols began a recruitment drive in Australia last year, with a number of Gold Coast-based Finks bikies patching over. Gaylard, who has advertised the plates for \$20,000, told The Courier-Mail police officers came into his takeaway shop after noticing the plates & asked staff what time he finished. “When I knocked off I got 200 metres up the road & was breathalysed, they looked at my license & checked my tattoos,” he said. He said a few days later detectives took photos of his car, plates & registration. “They proceeded to tell me I couldn’t have the plates - I said they were available online,” he said. Gaylard said officers also took the details of his wife’s car & pulled her over & breathalysed her after work. “An officer said if I continued to leave those plates on my car I will most likely be picked up on a regular basis, taken to Mackay police station & have my car searched & I could be held there for 2 hours,” he said. “That’s harassment.” He said the only association he had with bikies was with men who entered his takeaway shop & admitted to being inside an Odins Warriors clubhouse once to view a tanned tattoo. Police are unapologetic for the crackdown & say it is justified with concerns for the shop owner’s safety. Detective Inspector Brendan Smith, of Taskforce Maxima, said the public had raised concerns about the Mackay man’s car plates. “It is being investigated in conjunction with Transport & Main Roads as to the validity of it,” he said. “There have been a number of calls for service & people in the community are concerned. “There are also concerns for his own safety as well,” he said. Gaylard also purchased the plates “ODINS W” for \$2395 but this week received a Transport & Main Roads refusing to issue them & refunded him. “TMR is unable to issue your requested combination of ODINS W, as it infers to ‘Odins Warriors’, which is listed as an entity declared to be a criminal organization in the Criminal Code (Criminal Organisations) Regulation 2013. Criminal lawyer Bill Potts said police should not be pulling drivers solely on their number plates. “If there is evidence of a crime or a traffic offence sure, but having said that the practical reality is it’s like waving a red flag at a bull,” he said. A spokeswoman for Transport Minister Scott Emerson said personalized plates should not be used to promote criminal organizations. “An unacceptable plate can include, but is not limited to, obscene or indecent combinations, plates that promote unsafe or harmful behavior, or plates that may be considered offensive to religious, cultural, ethnic & other minority groups,” she said in a statement.

### **Old Bikers:**

- The old ones stand out now, their numbers dwindling down.
- They're a sad loss to the American scene, these individualists with the worn down clothes & faces.
- The alone one is the best.
- One who's been there a long time, staying in the life he loves, never giving into a system that sucks you up like a vortex if you slip just one foot into it.
- He's got his connection – a few like him that care for & protect each other.
- Hanging onto the only unique lifestyle left, like old dinosaurs, their faces are leathered & rough by forty, but their eyes still sharp & knowing.
- Some are gray in the beards & braids, some are limp in the step & some pain in the kidneys.
- Still they know that no other life is life, but merely a dreary journey into everyone else's monotony.
- He looks at the new ones, then turns away, knowing they will never know of life on the road & of the women who can take it.
- Wild, loving women who'll hang in with them, because they love it too.
- A woman with a wild heart & a loyal soul, that's what's needed here
- The new ones are shiny & young & a bit too clean.
- They're born into a system that has an iron grip now.
- The new one's will never know & couldn't take "the life."
- I think it's a mystery, even to the old ones, why this life is theirs, but it is, & it's the only one.
- When the last biker falls, like the dinosaurs, the sun will go down on a breed of heart-of-gold, tough as nails, free spirited men, who even at their worst, love what's theirs & protect it. In a world-wide system that is making all people as alike as manufactured dolls, the earth will be a duller place...

\*\*\* *When The Last Biker Falls.* \*\*\*

### **Invader Rapp's comments on Old Biker – Jan 13, 2014 - USA**

**Wow, man!** This shit is so true. I've made the statement to brothers on many occasions that if we didn't evolve, we were going to be like the dinosaurs, but I didn't mean to change to roots that took so long to grow. I meant that we needed a more legitimate face on things in order to Save our "life"; less things that the propagandists can get their teeth into.

**It's been a slow death**, to be sure; like they did the cowboy, but we aren't going to die out. There are still young ones that are willing to listen, just less of them than before. Times are a changing! A personal dedication to anything is rare out there, especially to a higher level of integrity & honor; of which the meaning has been lost in selfish agendas & reality TV.

**It's harder & harder** to find Any man that is willing to be a purist at heart enough to put his own desires & goals behind those of a collective love or brotherhood.

**The patch reads from the top down, right?** Remember? Even in the ranks of patcholders, some remember this more than others. Even our own families are pulled apart by faceless technologies & heartless digital, 140 character phrases. The addiction to technology & instant gratification falls perfectly into the plans to destroy anything that rides off the reservation that society has "planned" for the "people".

**And the "clean" thing?** I used to tell guys, "Hey man. Why don't you take that jacket out & drag it around behind your truck

for a while & then Maybe you might have what classifies as a real bikers jacket?"

**The brotherhood** has been dwindled down & diluted by wannabees & lames & terribly restrictive laws & police propaganda. No one on the outside will ever know that the true nature of all of us is that we really just want to be left the fuck alone & to me, that's what the "life" was all about.

**Now you have a snitch** in every hand in the form of a Smartphone & being involved in other people's business is promoted in the form of "social" media.

**The one thing** we have working for us is that when we rumble by & that little boy sees us & says, "Wow, Dad! Who are those guys?" He's hooked! Even though dad may parrot the bullshit lies that the media regurgitate on a daily basis, he has the potential to be a good brother!

**It's up to us** to Show him what true brotherhood is about, not to tell him. See you out there, little jammer!

**It's not just us** that has had to change. It's really society as a whole. Tell someone from the 1950s that the Gov't is monitoring your every movement & phone call & that it's storing them in a data-bank for possible future us, & they would call it out right communistic. Now days, we have useless discourse & media placation. Meanwhile the lames just lay down & take it. Later, bro! L, H, And R; RAPP

### **The Call of the Brotherhood - By Ken "Mysticwolf" Bingham**

**It begins as a trickle**; on the horizon you see a single rider or maybe two. Later there's 4 or five. The numbers continuing till you see groups of twenty or more. Even at a distance you can tell the young bucks from the older, more experienced warriors. The young ones are brash, careless, taking chances, they've something to prove. Their high spirited mounts prance & canter beneath them, often rearing up. Some are not even broken in yet. Often, the risk takers realize too late, that one mistake is their last.

**You can always tell the seasoned riders** by the way they sit their mounts, with dignity, pride, in an orderly procession. If they pass close you will see long gray braids, beards, with faces like the tanned leather they wear, weathered by the sun, wind, & elements. The deep lines etched in their faces are a war map of countless encounters. Piercing eyes of years of experience have viewed every vista, mountain, valley, & plain the land has to offer.

**They give a nod of respect** or slight wave of the hand as they pass by, acknowledging a brother. Perhaps they know what you're feeling, the anxiousness inside. Your guts twisting & churning to saddle up & fall into their file. Your mount seems to sense your desires; you feel a slight quiver beneath you, anticipating, awaiting your mental command to, "Go!" The 2 of you share a mystical bond, a connection that most would never understand. But the riders before you know well, they too share that bond with their beasts of burden.

**The chance to feel the wind** in your face again, to ride free to the predetermined gathering where leather clad men & women will "whoop & holler". The drink will flow; wild women will dance near naked for the crowd of raucous revelers. The music & dancing will go on each night, old acquaintances will renew, stories will be told, there will be contests of strength, speed, best dressed, & for the women, least dressed. Thoroughbreds & foreign curs will mingle in mutual respect.

**But you've responsibilities**, you've taken a wife, maybe have young uns, a place to keep up, chores. But then maybe you've chosen your mate well. She sees that look in your eyes & says, "Go on, we'll be fine for a few days." Or better yet, maybe you can leave the young uns with caring neighbors or relatives & she climb on behind you. Could be she has her own mount to ride. And so it is with the festival with the modern festival of bikers. It's the chance to live the outlaw life for a few precious days. The chance to thumb your nose at an oppressive society & Gov't with its increasing taxes & decreasing dollar value & say "I can still be a biker damb you!"

**Yes the biker brotherhood** is similar to the mountain men & free trappers mentality, because their spirits are one in the same. If the mountain men of the fur trade era lived today, they'd be bikers by god! It's the same spirit of rebellion, of freedom, of non-conformance to the predetermined molds of the governmental powers of then & now. During the fur trade, the Golden Fleece, the McGuffin, the central theme was the beaver paw & the dollars it brought. But the true prizes were the spin offs from that; the camaraderie, the excitement, the fun, & the memories.

**Today the McGuffin is a machine.** With 2 wheels, a motor, lots of chrome. Whether it be the king Hawg or an exotic import, Harley or rice burner, cruiser or crotch rocket. They all being the sought after freedom of the open road, plus the camaraderie, excitement, fun & memories. Some say it is the worship of a phallic symbol on wheels that gives the rider the self proclaimed right to pound his chest, strut & express his repressed primal macho ego. Others say it is a spiritual cleansing like meditation, sailing on the ocean, communing with nature.

**It is the same spirit that drove the Vikings**, the same valiant gallantry of Knights of old. It is the same fearless wanderlust of early explorers & mountain men. It is all that & more. It is the indomitable spirit of man throughout the ages who's battle cry can be summed up in one word... Freedom! No, the lifestyle isn't for everyone. But everyone should experience it before they pass judgment. If you should try it, & it gets in your blood... Welcome to the brotherhood!

**Lawsuit Filed Over Suspicionless Drug Roadblock** – Jan 7, 2014 – *Pennsylvania* – By <http://TheNewsPaper.com> - Fed lawsuit & letter from US senator challenge the use of Fed taxpayer dollars to set up drug testing roadblocks... Recreational marijuana use became legal in Colorado on Wed, & Washington state will allow its use later this year. The spread of state laws decriminalizing possession has Fed officials scrambling to come up with a way to test for drug use in the way breathalyzers are used to identify drunk drivers. To evaluate the available options, the Office of National Drug Control Policy & US Dept of Transportation have been sponsoring "voluntary" roadblocks. According to a lawsuit filed in Fed court on Dec 27, these roadblocks are not exactly voluntary. On Dec 13, 2013, Ricardo Nieves was minding his own business, driving on the Bingham Street Bridge in Reading, Pennsylvania when he saw city police cruiser with its lights flashing & orange cones lining the street. He was flagged & directed to pull over in a parking lot. He had no choice but to comply. Once he was pulled over, a woman with a clipboard said she wanted to take a cheek swab to check for the presence of drugs in his saliva. If he consented he would be paid \$10. Nieves refused. After trying to change his mind 3 times, the woman released Nieves. The woman with the clipboard worked for the Pacific Institute for Research & Education which operates the roadblocks as part of an \$8 million National Highway Traffic

Safety Administration grant. The private firm's goal is to test 7500 drivers in total from sixty different locations. The lawsuit filed by Nieves seeks a permanent injunction against the Pacific Institute & the city of Reading to prevent the stops on the ground that they violate the Fourth Amendment. Aaron D. Martin, attorney for Nieves, argues that the program fails to meet any of the constitutional exceptions that the US Supreme Court says allows drunk driving roadblocks. "Under Reading's Stop-and-Swab Policy, motorists are apparently not even stopped for the purpose of determining whether they are engaged in criminal activity, but rather for the purpose of gleaning information about their long-term driving habits," Martin wrote in a brief to the court. "If such a purpose can justify a suspicionless stop, one wonders what other survey subjects the city of Reading asserts are sufficiently compelling to justify the random stopping of vehicles. Inquiries into religious preferences? Television viewing habits? Sports team support?" US Senator Dan Coats (R-Indiana) last month called on NHTSA to pull the plug on the program pending congressional hearings into the matter. "I am extremely concerned that NHTSA is using Fed dollars to both hire local uniformed police & conduct a checkpoint where DNA samples are taken through coercion from drivers stopped without probable cause," Coats wrote in a letter to NHTSA's administrator. "Since these checkpoints are being conducted through NHTSA, I urge you to immediately halt this program until it can be fully reviewed by Congress."

**Women And Motorcycles Photo Exhibition at the Riverside Art Museum** – Jan 7, 2014 – *California* – By [www.AutoEvolution.com](http://www.AutoEvolution.com) - As much as we'd love out better halves as they leather up & climb behind us as we go for a ride, it's undeniable that riding ladies are even sexier. Portland-based photographer Lanakila MacNaughton (funny name, isn't it?) succeeded in capturing a big part of what riding ladies are about: pure, unadulterated sexiness worth checking out. The Women's Motorcycle Exhibition can be visited at the Riverside Art Museum near Los Angeles & it will be open until March 16th, 2014. Speaking about the exhibition, photographer Lanakila MacNaughton says: I want to reveal the brave, courageous, & beautiful women who live to ride."The show is a vehicle that promotes a new perception of female empowerment & inspires an independence & liberation through motorcycling. The Women's Motorcycle Exhibition is a traveling show. I hope to help discover & present female riders from all different communities, riding backgrounds, & styles, & influence connectivity amongst riders from these different areas. I hope to promote & present the freedom, independence, excitement, & personalities of the "born to be free" woman motorcyclists."

**Seattle man beat woman, man during biker bar New Year's melee** – Jan 8, 2014 – *Washington* – By Levi Pulkkinen; [www.SeattlePi.com](http://www.SeattlePi.com) - A Seattle man accused of punching a woman & a man during a New Year's brawl outside a Georgetown motorcycle club has been charged with assault. King County prosecutors contend Patrick Lee Gillum punched one man & "cold-cocked" a woman during a brawl outside the Magic Wheels MC on Jan. 1. Arrested at a Seattle hospital – his girlfriend was hit by a truck during the fight – Gillum is also alleged to have pointed a pistol at another man at the club. Police say Gillum, 29, is suspected of shooting the man who rammed his girlfriend. As no witnesses have identified him as the shooter, though, he has not been charged in that assault. Chaos broke out at the club shortly after 5 a.m. on New Year's Day. Police were called to the club, located at 925 S. Doris St., following reports of a "large group fight" that turned into a shooting.

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**2014 Predicted to be a Breakout Year for Electric Motorcycles:** Navigant Research recently released a report titled "Electric Vehicles: 10 Predictions for 2014" in which it is estimated that 700,000 plug-in vehicles will be on the road around the world by the end of this year. The given justifications? Rebounding economies, better products, battery prices that have come down providing competitive price points for e-motorcycles, a large potential clientele that has already had a positive electric experience via e-bicycles, e-scooters & e-mopeds.

**Study Shows Women Who Ride Are Happier:** The old adage that you never see a motorcycle parked outside the psychiatrist's office may prove more insightful than previously considered, as a new study reveals that the key to happiness for the better half of U.S. is a bike key! The Harley-Davidson Female Riders Survey, conducted by a leading global insights firm & commissioned by the H-D Motor Company, shows that women who ride their own motorcycles are noticeably happier, sexier & more confident than women who don't ride. After interviewing 1,013 adult female riders & 1,016 adult female non-riders, the findings make it clear that riding a motorcycle greatly improves a woman's feelings of overall self-worth.

- More than twice as many always feel happy (37% of riders vs. 16% of non-riders)
- Nearly four times as many always feel sexy (27% of riders vs. 7% of non-riders)
- Nearly twice as many always feel confident (35% of riders vs. 18% of non-riders)

More than half (53%) of women who ride cite their motorcycle as a key source of happiness, according to the findings, & nearly 3 in 4 (74%) believe their lives have improved since they started riding. When it comes to romance, the market research collected by Kelton Global also shows riding can improve relationships, as female motorcyclists are more content than non-riders with:

- Communication with their significant other (60% of riders vs. 38% of non-riders)
- Physical intimacy (51% of riders vs. 35% of non-riders)

More & more women are, in fact, riding. A 2012 study by the Motorcycle Industry Council found that women accounted for 12% of U.S. motorcyclists -- up from 10.5% in 2009, & Milwaukee-based H-D is selling more motorcycles to women than all their competitors combined, according to Claudia Garber, Director of Women's Outreach for H-D.

**Limit on Learner's Permits in PA:** Pennsylvanians who perpetually renew their motorcyclist permits to avoid having to take the state's motorcycle safety course will soon have their strategy derailed, as a new law will limit the number of times a motorcycle rider can reapply for a learner's permit to three times in a five-year period. Representative Seth Grove (R-Dover), author of House Bill 892, said some riders have been treating permits like actual licenses since current law allows them to reapply for a permit every year. "Permits are temporary & their purpose is to get riders to obtain full driver's licenses," said Rep. Grove. "This legislation will enable riders to learn properly while pushing them to actually get their motorcycle licenses." Under

current law, a permit is valid for one year, but some motorcyclists apply for it year after year so they are never required to take the safety course that's required to receive the full four-year license, said Charles Umbenhauer, spokesman for ABATE of Pennsylvania, which supported the measure. Umbenhauer told the York Dispatch that the legislation is a continuation of other safety measures for which the ABATE organization has pushed. Grove also introduced legislation that, when signed into law last year, required minors who hold motorcycle permits to successfully complete a free 15-hour riding course. HB 892 passed the House & Senate with little dissent & was signed into law by Governor Tom Corbett.

**Helmet use in Michigan Drops after repeal, Still Higher than Norm:** A state survey has found that nearly three-quarters of Michigan motorcyclists wear helmets, down from almost a hundred percent before the state ended mandatory universal helmet use in 2012, letting riders opt out under certain circumstances. Data for the Wayne State University study was collected over the summer by use of video cameras randomly placed across the state, & shows that 73% of motorcyclists in Michigan wear helmets, down from 99.4% in 2006 when the last statewide observation survey was conducted. Still, the authors note that Michigan's usage rate is 13% higher than the 60% of U.S. riders spotted wearing helmets in a nationwide survey in 2012. Also interesting to note, the current rate of riders wearing helmets is slightly lower than the 74.7% of helmeted riders involved in motorcycle crashes, according to the Michigan Office of Hwy Safety Planning, meaning lidless riders have a somewhat better safety record. The Michigan Dept of Highway Safety said that helmet use varies widely among types of riders: 94.5% of people riding sports bikes wore helmets while only 33.3% of riders of choppers & custom bikes did. Female riders & those under 30 & over 60 also wear helmets more frequently.

**Loud Motorcycles Targeted in Chicago:** The city of Chicago is turning a deaf ear to loud motorcycles, so much so that that an alderman has proposed a ten-fold increase in fines for violators, those who change their mufflers to make them louder, according to DNAInfo Chicago. The alderman is calling it a quality of life issue, & his proposal would increase the maximum fine for violations from \$100 to \$1,000.

**Georgia Rider's Family Questions Fatal Pursuit:** A young Georgia man was riding his motorcycle to the gym during rush hour when a Richmond County deputy may have broke Dept policy & gave chase over invalid plates, ending in a fatal crash. The deputy was also on a motorcycle, a vehicle that -- because of the risk involved -- is "strongly discouraged" from initiating or participating in chases in Richmond & Columbia counties unless extenuating circumstances exist, policy states. According to policy, deputies are justified in beginning a chase even when the only information available is that the suspect hasn't stopped as ordered, but after a chase has started, policy states that deputies must continuously evaluate the circumstances, such as the initial reason for the pursuit; traffic & weather conditions; time of day; direction of travel; the possible consequences; & most importantly, the safety of the public, the deputy & other law enforcement personnel. "Pursuits may continue if there are reasonable grounds to believe the suspect presents a clear & immediate threat to the safety of others or if the suspect has committed or is attempting to commit a forcible felony," policy states. The family is considering legal options, but a police spokesman stressed that "while it is the deputy who initiates the traffic stop, it is the violator who initiates the pursuit. Nationally,

the U.S. Dept of Transportation estimates that 6,000 to 8,000 police chases end in crashes each year, with close to 5,000 people being injured & 500 being killed.

**Road Crashes #1 Killer of Americans Abroad:** Road crashes have been named the leading cause of unnatural death among Americans who travel outside of the country, where they are unfamiliar with local driving rules & customs, & more U.S. citizens die in car or motorcycle accidents than from terrorist events according to a new study from Johns Hopkins Univ. Using data from the U.S. State Dept that represented 5,417 unnatural deaths between Jan 2003 & Dec 2009, the research team calculated the rates of death by dividing the number of unnatural deaths by the number of Americans who visited each country. “We know that the distribution of road traffic fatalities varies dramatically across different parts of the world,” Huseyin Naci, from the London School of Economics & Political Science, told Reuters news service. “While pedestrian deaths are more common in many parts of Africa, motorcycle & bicycle deaths occur more frequently in southeast Asia.” Out of all the countries deemed unsafe for travel, Thailand ranked first among the most traffic-related deaths with 16.5 deaths per one million visits. Vietnam came in second with 15 deaths per one million visits, Morocco third with 12 deaths per one million visits, & South Africa fourth with 11 deaths per one million visits. Researchers also reported that scooter & motorcycle deaths accounted for a large portion of traffic-related deaths.

**Mandatory Hi-Vis Reflective Clothing Legislated:** Effective Jan 1, 2014, it is mandatory for all motorcyclists & passengers to wear reflective jackets or vests when riding in the Republic of Mauritius, an island country in the south west Indian Ocean off the coast of Africa. Road Traffic Regulations passed last fall regarding “Use of High Visibility Clothing” states; “No person shall drive (or ride as a pillion rider on) a motorcycle or auto cycle, unless he wears high visibility clothing without any covering being worn over it that may cause obstruction to its visibility.” The regulations even dictate the type of polyester material, size of reflective strips & specific fluorescent colors (lime yellow, red or orange) “intended to provide conspicuity at all times.” Any person who contravenes these regulations shall commit an offence & shall, on conviction, be liable to a fine not exceeding 1,000 Mauritian Rupees (MUR).

**Ban on Motorbikes Imposed in Scottish Woodlands:** Scottish Police say that members of the public visiting Balkello Woods have been left “frustrated & concerned” by the irresponsible & illegal use of motorcycles in the area, both on & off road. Police Scotland & the Forestry Commission have joined forces in announcing a major crackdown on unauthorized motor vehicles in the woodlands; “Powers granted under Road Traffic & Anti-Social Behaviour legislation allow the police to seize vehicles – including motorcycles & mini-motos – where they have been driven without license or insurance, or, in this scenario, where they are used in an anti-social manner.” A force spokesman said: “Officers have long focused on reducing the anti-social & illegal use of motorcycles & make full use of Anti-Social & Road Traffic legislation to seize motorcycles that are being used illegally. Following enforcement, many of the vehicles seized are ultimately dismantled & crushed.”

**Duck & Cover:** Like ‘em or love ‘em, the rift over the redneck Robertson clan from A&E Network’s top-rated “Duck Dynasty” showed that America still has a backbone, & Americans can influence change if enough of us stand together. After the

network suspended Phil Robertson over anti-gay comments, a grassroots tsunami of people from all walks of life lit up phone lines, email inboxes & fax machines as the surge of incoming communications quickly became so intense, employees of the cable giant reportedly complained that the company was overwhelmed & had all but ground to a halt. The uproar continued through Christmas until Friday, Dec 27, when A&E announced it was lifting the suspension & the show will continue. Millions of citizens -- many who had never taken any kind of action before -- had successfully sprang to the defense of a man & his right to speak freely, irrespective of PC. If the Duck Dynasty flap proves anything, it’s that -- when pushed too far -- patriotic Americans will respond!

**Quotable Quote:** “Dissent is the highest form of patriotism.”  
~ Howard Zinn (1922-2010) American historian & social activist

**Insane Clown Posse sues FBI for labeling ‘Juggalo’ fans a gang** – Jan 8, 2014 – *California* – By Alan Duke; [www.CNN.com](http://www.CNN.com)  
- Insane Clown Posse & 4 fans are suing the FBI for designating the rap duo’s followers as gang members. FBI analysts, using law enforcement & media reports of crimes committed by people wearing “Juggalo” tattoos & clothing, concluded in the 2011 National Gang Threat Assessment that they are a “loosely organized hybrid gang.” “Juggalos are a ‘family’ of people who love & help one another, enjoy one another’s company, & bond over the music & a philosophy of life,” said the lawsuit filed in Detroit Wed. “Organized crime is by no means part of the Juggalo culture.” The gang designation violates fans’ constitutional rights, including free speech, freedom of association & the right to due process, the complaint argues. People with “Juggalo” tattoos & clothing have been illegally targeted by police & denied jobs because of the FBI’s gang designation, the complaint contends. “Among the supporters of almost any group -- whether it be a band, sports team, university, political organization or religion -- there will be some people who violate the law. Inevitably, some will do so while sporting the group’s logos or symbols,” the filing said. “However, it is wrong to designate the entire group of supporters as a criminal gang based on the acts of a few. Unfortunately, that is exactly what happened here.” The group has been battling with the FBI in court since 2012 for the release of any information the analysts used to make their determination. Most of the documents released were online news stories detailing robberies & violence in which “Juggalos” were suspects. The Insane Clown Posse lawsuit claims that its followers identify with their songs, which “have hopeful, life-affirming themes about the wonders of life & the support that Juggalos give to one another.” “Many people view Juggalos as nonconformists because of their musical tastes, their practice of painting their faces to look like clowns, & the distinctive Juggalo symbols -- including the ‘hatchetman’ logo -- that they often display on their clothing, jewelry, body art & bumper stickers,” the suit said. “Yet when Juggalos come together at concerts or their annual week-long gathering every summer, they know that they are in a community where all people are equal & where they will be accepted & respected for who they are.” The wide distribution of the gang report to law enforcement agencies around the United States “has caused real harm to ordinary Juggalos from coast to coast.” The 4 fans who joined the lawsuit -- from Nevada, California, North Carolina & Iowa -- include a truck company owner who said he was detained by a state trooper in Tennessee because he was driving a truck with a “Juggalo” symbol on its side. Another man has been repeatedly stopped & questioned by California police because of his visible “Juggalo” tattoos, the suit said. A third fan was told by an Army recruiter that he could not join the military

because of his “Juggalo” tattoo, it said. He was denied entry into the Army even after they were removed, the lawsuit said. The fourth plaintiff is an active-duty soldier with “Juggalo” tattoos. The gang designation “places him in imminent danger of suffering discipline or an involuntary discharge from the Army,” the lawsuit said. A Royal Oak, Michigan, theater canceled an Insane Clown Posse concert -- known as “Hallowicked” -- at the request of police, the suit said. The U.S. Justice Dept has not yet filed a response to the lawsuit. “We don’t comment on pending litigation,” FBI spokeswoman Jenny Shearer said when contacted by CNN. “We’re aware of the lawsuit,” said Justice Dept spokesman Wyn Hornbuckle. “We’ll decline to comment.”

**Jury selected in trial of Hells Angel member accused of killing 3 Pittsfield men** – Jan 9, 2014 – *Massachusetts* – By AP: [www.gazettenet.com](http://www.gazettenet.com) - A jury has been selected for the trial of a ranking member of the Hells Angels MC charged with killing 3 Pittsfield men. The Berkshire Eagle reports that 10 women & 7 men have been chosen Thu for the case of Adam Lee Hall of Peru, Mass. Five are alternates. Hall faces murder & other charges. He has denied playing a role in the killings. The 36-year-old Hall & 2 other men are charged with shooting David Glasser, Edward Frampton & Robert Chadwell in Pittsfield in 2011. Authorities say Hall wanted Glasser dead so he couldn’t testify against him in another case. Prosecutors say the others were killed to eliminate witnesses. The trial is held in Hampden Superior Court because of the publicity the case received in Berkshire County. Opening statements are scheduled Monday.

**Bulldog Bash set to return in Aug 2014** – Jan 9, 2014 – *United Kingdom* - By Laura Maltby; [www.stratfordobserver.co.uk](http://www.stratfordobserver.co.uk) - The Bulldog Bash is back. Following a year off in 2013, the festival, which attracts bikers from all across Europe, is set to return this summer running from August 7 to 10. The announcement comes less than 12 months after the Hells Angels’ organised event was cancelled last year. In Jan 2013, rumours began circulating the Bash could be in jeopardy when it was discovered the group’s website had been suspended. And despite being confident the popular festival would go ahead as planned, just 3 months later organisers revealed they would be taking a year off to rethink things. Now with a smaller scale event in the pipeline, organisers are looking forward to welcoming back thousands of bikers to Long Marston Airfield where the Bash has been held since 1987. Speaking to The Observer, Bash spokesman Echo said: “Fit, fun & unmissable, the Bulldog Bash is back leaner & meaner than before. “Returning to its traditional roots as an old-school bike show, there will be adrenaline-fuelled drag racing, some of the UK’s finest trick bikes, live music & cheap beer on offer at one of Europe’s best bike shows. “Advance tickets will be priced at £30 as we’d like to thank the bikers who have backed us & the best way to do that is to make the event more affordable in these tough times. “We’re also delighted for the people of Stratford who have shown us & the event wonderful support over the years. Although there’s still lots of planning to be done, we are really looking forward to it & can’t wait to be back!” Since it started, the Bulldog Bash has raised thousands of pounds for local charities but it hit the headlines for the wrong reasons in 2007 following the murder of Hells Angel Gerry Tobin, who was shot while riding home from the festival on the M40. Seven members of the rival Outlaws biker gang were subsequently jailed & Warwickshire Police - who have long been against the event & welcomed news of its cancellation in 2013 - massively stepped up their operation. Though the event has passed largely without incident since Mr. Tobin’s death, the force unsuccessfully attempted to have the Bash’s licence revoked by Stratford District

Council but providing the group pays a yearly amount, the ten-year license will remain in place until 2018 when it expires.

**Outlaws motorcycle club member sentenced** – Jan 10, 2014 – *Indiana* – By [www.WISHTV.com](http://www.WISHTV.com) - Another member of the Outlaws MC was sentenced Friday for their role in illegal activity at the club. Officials say 36-year-old Jamie Bolinger of Martinsville was sentenced to 102 months in prison for her role in the racketeer influenced & corrupt organization, gambling, wire fraud, extortion, witness tampering, bankruptcy fraud, & drug trafficking offenses. Bolinger was also sentenced to 5 years of supervised release. A total of 2 people were indicted for activity at the Outlaws Club. Charges included racketeering, mail fraud, money laundering, extortion, drug charges, wire fraud, witness tampering, & operating an illegal gambling operation.

**Motorcycle club member sentenced after pleading guilty** – Jan 10, 2014 – *Indiana* – By <http://Fox59.com> - A member of the Outlaws MC pleads guilty & is sentenced on Friday. United States Atty Joseph H. Hogsett announced Friday that Jamie Bolinger, aka Jammer, 36, of Martinsville, Indiana, was sentenced to prison by U.S. District Judge Tanya Walton-Pratt for his role in illegal activity involving the Outlaws MC. Bolinger, a member of the Outlaws, was sentenced to 102 months imprisonment following his guilty plea to the offenses of Racketeer Influenced & Corrupt Organization, along with gambling, wire fraud, extortion, witness tampering, bankruptcy fraud, & drug trafficking offenses. “This Office is committed to ending organized crime in Indianapolis, & Judge Walton-Pratt made clear today the serious consequences of participating in gang activity in this city,” Hogsett said. “We hope these sentences send a loud message across the state: if you are peddling guns, drugs & violence on our streets, Fed law enforcement is coming for you.” In an eighty-six page, 49-count charging document filed in July 2013, it is alleged that members of Indianapolis OMC engaged in organized criminal activity in Indianapolis & across the state. The indictment charged 51 individuals associated with the Outlaws with a wide variety of offenses, including racketeering, mail fraud, money laundering, extortion, drug charges, wire fraud, witness tampering, & operating an illegal gambling operation. According to Senior Litigation Counsel Bradley Blackington, who prosecuted Bolinger, this case was the result of an investigation by the FBI’s, Safe Streets Task Force. Bolinger was also sentenced to 5 years of supervised release, the conditions of which include random urinalysis & random searches of his person, vehicle, & residence by probation officers. The conditions of supervised release also forbid Bolinger from affiliating with members of motorcycle clubs & gangs, including the Outlaws.

**A salesman** went to the door of a young couple one day & rang the doorbell. After 3 rings & no answer, he assumed no one was home & decides to leave. He happened to pass by an open window & saw the couple naked on the sofa. Being a pervert, he peered closer to get a better look. He notices the woman was sitting with her legs wide open, shaving her pubic area while staring at her husband. He, on the other hand, was naked, stroking himself, shaking his head wildly back & forth with his free hand splashing in the fish tank. The salesman was embarrassed when a neighbor walked up & found him peeping. “These people need help!” said the salesman. “No, they don’t,” replied the neighbor. “They’re deaf, & the wife is just telling her husband he needs to trim the bushes, but the husband is telling the wife ‘Fuck no! I’m going fishing.’”

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**Hells Angels case continued** – Jan 10, 2014 – *California* - By Isaac Brambila; [www.Record-Bee.com](http://www.Record-Bee.com) - A motion hearing for 3 Hells Angels MC members who were allegedly involved in a fight with a member of the Vagos MC was continued Friday afternoon at the Lake County Courthouse. The motion presented on behalf of Timothy R. Bianchi, 36, Nicholas F. Carrillo, 35, & Josh L. Johnson, 38, was continued after Deputy District Atty Art Grothe said that an investigator with the Lake County Sheriff's Office who had input to provide about the motion was heavily sick with the flu & was getting medical attention. In the motion, the defense alleges that there is an informant from the Vagos MC working with the LCSO. Further details on the issue were not discussed in court, as the prosecution did not think it appropriate for public record. Grothe said he anticipates the judge will have to sit with the investigator at the judge's chambers & discuss the matter out of public record. Charges against Bianchi, Carrillo & Johnson include assault with a deadly weapon, battery, fighting in a public place & a gang enhancement. The charges stem from an incident in June 2011 at the Konocti Vista Casino where the 3 men allegedly "severely beat," a member of the Vagos MC during a tattoo convention, according to the LCSO. Surveillance video recovered from the casino by the LCSO, namely sheriff Frank Rivero, allegedly shows footage of the fight. Defense atty's later challenged the legitimacy of Rivero's preliminary hearing testimony after an unrelated investigation by the Lake County District Attorney's Office alleged that Rivero lied about a 2008 shooting incident that occurred while Rivero was still a sheriff's deputy. The defense argued that the prosecution, led by Grothe, knew about Rivero's alleged dishonesty prior to his in-court testimony & motioned to have the case dismissed. Grothe motioned to have Rivero's testimony recalled to allow the defense to cross examine him about the dishonesty matter, but a judge ruled against the recall after opposition from the defense. Lake County Judge Michael S. Lunas ultimately ruled against dismissal stating the Rivero's testimony did not have a large enough impact on the case for a dismissal. Fri's motion hearing was rescheduled for Jan. 31 at 1:30 p.m. All 3 defendants have denied any wrongdoing. They await further court proceedings out of custody.

**Electrician bikies to lose jobs by July, gang members or not** – Jan 10, 2014 – *Australia* – By Amy Remeikis; [www.BrisbaneTimes.com.au](http://www.BrisbaneTimes.com.au) - The Electrical Trades Union plans to take the state Gov't to the High Court over amendments to its bikie legislation, which will see some members lose their electrical licenses come July. State Secretary Peter Simpson said members with links to criminal motorcycle gangs had begun to raise concerns with him about their ability to keep doing their job once the amendments to the Electrical Safety Act, passed as part of Criminal Organizations Disruption legislation, comes into effect. "I've never even been spoken to by the police, but now I am probably going to lose my job? It makes no sense to me." Anyone who has declared their membership to a proscribed club, through words or action, sought to have been a member, or attended one or more meetings or gatherings of people who are members or associates, is in danger of losing their electrical license or not having it renewed. No license means no job. "I have spoken to some ETU members, who are members of the Rebels, members of the Black Uhlans & the Hells Angels & have been for many years," he said. "And in most cases the people I have spoken to, their families are members as well so they won't be able to renew their electrical licences. "So we have electricians with no criminal record having their honest livelihoods taken off them. "What that is in turn doing is driving them into crime. Imagine being an electrician in a regional area, like a lot of our guys are, working in construction or in the mines.

They lose their electrical licence, they lose that job, what are they supposed to do? Where do they go get work? It is a disgrace. "We are not trying to stick up for criminals. If people are breaching the law, if they are dealing drugs, using intimidation tactics, or harassing them or bullying, good on them, they should go to jail. "But the existing laws provided for that. There is no need for this outrageous legislation, especially these amendments about taking people's livelihoods off them. It is just disgraceful." Of the union's 15,000 members, Simpson estimated the amendments would impact 200, but expected the ripple effect across the building industry to mean more unions would join the High Court challenge. Acting Atty-General David Crisafulli said the change to the legislation was about community safety. "The criminal gangs had sadly infiltrated a range of businesses & used them as either fronts or vehicles to commit other crimes," he said. "Until our changes, criminal motorcycle gang members could work in our homes, change our locks & guard our homes & business. "Cleaning up these industries is a win for everyone because businesses will be trusted & customers will know they are being served by a law abiding professional. "All criminal gang members need to do to keep or gain a permit or licence is quit their club & lead a law abiding life. We want them to get real, honest jobs." But an electrician who spoke to Fairfax Media on the condition he would remain anonymous, said his legal advice disputed that. "I went to see a solicitor who said it wouldn't make a scrap of difference if I resigned from my club," the man, who has no criminal record, said. "The first thing I tried to do was leave my club, because I will always look after my family first, but my solicitor said it wouldn't make an iota of difference because they have written into the law that if you leave, you are still an associate. "Once you have been tarred with the brush, you are tarred forever." The man said he had joined the club because his friends were members & it had become a surrogate family. However he said as the main breadwinner for his family & having worked as an electrician all his working life, his options if he lost his licence were limited. "I love Queensland," he said. "I am as QLD as they come. I don't want to be kicked out of my state, especially when I haven't done anything wrong. "I want to raise my kids here. "I'm really struggling to wrap my head around what is happening. I've been an electrician for 20 years. I've never been unemployed. I've worked my way up to being a high-voltage electrician. "I'm not, for want of a better word, a dumb arse. I'm a very good electrician, but I am also a member of a prescribed club & have been for 10 years. "I've never even been spoken to by the police, but now I am probably going to lose my job? It makes no sense to me. "I've worked my arse off to get to where I am, to provide a nice house & car for my family, I have sacrificed for everything we've got & to give my family everything they need. And now? I don't understand it. I just don't."

**From a Teacher -- short & to the point:** In the world of hi-tech gadgetry, I've noticed that more & more people who send text messages & emails have long forgotten the art of capital letters. For those of you who fall into this category, please take note of the following statement: "Capitalization is the difference between helping your Uncle Jack off a horse & helping your uncle jack off a horse." Is everybody clear on that?

**Live every day** like it's your last, but not to the extent that it is."  
- Jimbo May 10, 2003

**Life involves** an element of risk. Living involves a significant amount of risk." - Major April 14, 2003

**Former Hells Angel Member Sentenced for Stealing Shipment from Railcar** – Jan 11, 2014 – *Rochester, New York* – By <http://7thspace.com> - United States Atty William Hochul, Jr announced today that Richard Riedman, 40, of Webster, New York, who was convicted of conspiracy to burglarize a railroad car & theft of an interstate shipment following a jury trial, was sentenced to 37 months in prison & ordered to pay \$4,669.26 in restitution by United States District Judge Charles Siragusa. Assit U.S. Atty Brett Harvey, who handled the case, stated that, in the early morning hours of June 30, 2009, Riedman, a former member of the Hells Angels MC, along with co-conspirators Christopher Monfort, Anthony Toscano, Anthony Russell, & Timothy Stone, stole more than 17 gross tons of a high-grade scrap steel from a railcar at a CSXT rail yard in Batavia, New York. Riedman & his co-conspirators used a logging truck to remove the scrap steel from the railcar, wore dark clothing, used lookouts to avoid detection by law enforcement authorities & pedestrians, & used 2-way radios to communicate with each other during the theft. The defendants were caught by members of the Genesee County Sheriff's Office in the logging truck & a pick-up truck as they left the scene of the theft in the early morning hours of June 30, 2009. The bales were in the process of being shipped to a steel mill in Pennsylvania when they were stolen. Riedman, Toscano, Russell, & Stone were convicted after a two-week jury trial before Judge Siragusa in Sept 2012. Judge Siragusa previously sentenced Toscano to 18 months in prison, Russell to 15 months, & Stone to 12 months. Monfort, who pleaded guilty to burglary from a railroad car & the manufacture of 50 or more marijuana plants, was sentenced by Judge Siragusa to 78 months in prison. The sentencing is the culmination of an investigation on the part of special agents of the FBI, under the direction of Special Agent in Charge Brian P Boetig, & the Genesee County Sheriff's Office, under the direction of Gary Maha.

**Thousands of Bikers Rally at California Capitol** – Jan 13, 2014 – *California* – By Bryan Harley; [www.Motorcycle-USA.com](http://www.Motorcycle-USA.com) - It was a scene reminiscent of the cult classic "The Warriors." You had Hells Angels standing peaceably next to Boozefighters, Henchmen next to Miscreants, with plenty of veteran clubs mixed in between. In a show of inter-club solidarity, packs of riders came from around California Sat to denounce the quickly diminishing list of personal freedoms, like the right to wear a patch, to speak up against police profiling & harassment of motorcyclists, & to lobby for the preservation of California biker culture. One pack 3.5-miles-long rode four-abreast from Oakland to the California Capitol Building in Sacramento to take part in the Motorcycle Rider Unification Rally as thousands of riders from all walks of life showed up to defend the lifestyle. "This is our life, this is our culture, this is important to us. So, why are we here actually, why are we here today? We are here today because we decided to get off the couch & show our politicians we're not only bikers & motorcycle enthusiasts, we are the united voice of our rights. We are no longer just a group of people that are a bunch of individuals, like huge human rights organizations, we have the same amount of power that they do with the one thing that makes us over the top – everyone rides a motorcycle. Every nationality, race, lifestyle, no matter what background, all ride motorcycles," declared the first speaker, a representative of the United Motorcycle Clubs of Alameda County. The unification rally was officially sponsored by the Biker Rights Organization, California ABATE, the Modified Motorcycle Association & the regional Confederations of Clubs in California according to The Aging Rebel blog. Its agenda included "motorcycle rider profiling, motorcycle modification laws, harassment of bikers riding in groups of 3 or more, exhaust pipe noise reduction,

reflectors on sportbikes & license plate placement on sportbikes." With signs heralding the Fourth Amendment waving above the crowd, other topics addressed included keeping lane-splitting legal, protecting the right to wear patches, & to lobby against lawmakers regulating biker culture into non-existence. One of the points of contention is a national campaign by the NHTSA for Rider Conspicuity (Reflective Gear). Biker culture has long been identified by black leather vests & cuts that are earned as badges of honor. Clubs identities & loyalties are declared by the 3 patches they wear on their back. It is a source of fierce pride & bikers will protect the right to wear those patches to the death. The NHTSA "wants motorcyclists to be aware of how conspicuity issues affect their safety & prepare accordingly. We would like states to reconsider regulations that prohibit proven & safe conspicuity-enhancing modifications to lighting systems." And though there is no known current legislation pending that extends those regulations to riders, there is a fear that underwritings might be snuck into a larger legislative bill that would mandate all riders to wear fluorescent gear, denying bikers the right to personal choice. Legislation often starts in California before spreading across the US. The motorcycle noise & emission standards established by the California Air Resources Board (CARB) are the most stringent in the country, & CARB has levied heavy fines for non-compliance this past year, from Vance & Hines to Piaggio. Though these standards are aimed at manufacturers & companies on the surface, they quickly matriculate to the individual. Saturday's Motorcycle Rider Unification Rally demonstrated the power bikers can have when they temporarily set aside their differences & work together for a common cause. With preserving the biker culture & lifestyle as their battle cry, one speaker opined "We are the last Americans."

**Bill Thoreson, An 80-year old Montana Farmer** goes to the Mayo Clinic for a check-up. The doctor is amazed at what good shape the guy is in & asks, "How do you stay in such great physical condition?" "I'm from Montana & in my spare time I like to hunt & fish," says the old guy, "and that's why I'm in such good shape. I'm up well before daylight feeding cattle, mending fences, planting, baling hay, & when I'm not doing that, I'm out hunting or fishing. In the evening, I have a beer & all is well." "Well," says the doctor, "I'm sure that helps, but there's got to be more to it than that, how old was your father when he died?" "Who said my Father's dead?" The doctor is amazed. "You mean you're 80 years old & your father's still alive! How old is he?" "He's 100 years old," says the old Montanan. "In fact he worked with & hunted with me this morning, & then we had a little beer & that's why he's still alive. He's a Montana Farmer & he's a hunter & fisherman too." "Well," the doctor says, "that's great, but I'm sure there's more to it than that. How about your father's father? How old was he when he died?" "Who said my Grandpa's dead?" Stunned, the doctor asks, "you mean you're 80 years old & your grandfather's still alive?" "He's 118 years old," says the man. The doctor is getting frustrated at this point, "So, I guess he went hunting with you this morning too?" "No, Grandpa couldn't go this morning because he's getting married today." At this point the doctor is close to losing it. "Getting married!...??? Why would a 118-year-old guy want to get married?" "Who said he wanted to?"

**Life may not be the party** we hoped for... but while we are here, we might as well dance!!

**Just think how dull** it would be if we were all the same...  
Ya gotta love us.... We're what makes the world go round.

**The Burden Of Being Rebel** - Jan 13, 2014 – *California / Arizona* – By The Aging Rebel; [www.AgingRebel.com](http://www.AgingRebel.com) - My all time favorite death threat, sent from a proxy server in Germany, was “Somebody ought to shove a little steel in you.” What I liked was not the originality of the sentiment – lots of people want to stab me – but the onomatopoeic alliteration, which I thought was absolutely inspired. The repetitive esses actually sound like a knife going into my chest. It reminded me of Robert Herrick, the prolific 17th-century English poet who may best be known for the phrase “Gather ye rosebuds while ye may” & a brief poem about a woman taking off her clothes which, when read aloud, sounds to some people like a woman taking off her clothes.

*When as in silks my Julia goes,*

*Then, then, methinks, how sweetly flows*

*That liquefaction of her clothes.*

*Next, when I cast mine eyes & see*

*That brave vibration each way free;*

*O how that glittering taketh me!*

I never decided whether the threat came from an ATF agent or someone in the FBI or Homeland security. I am inclined to think it came from an FBI agent because more of those guys went to brand name universities so more of them might know the idea of onomatopoeia. I am at peace with that particular threat anyway. There have been many more since. If I was going to worry about a threat I would be more inclined to worry about the guy who knew I knew who he was but who went ahead anyway & told me, more than once, that he was going to come through my door in the middle of the night while I was asleep & light me up & I wouldn't “be able to do anything about it.” One reason why this site should be better known than it is, is because it tends to piss off the wild eyed pistol wavers. What makes it interesting is that about half of those have taken a solemn oath to preserve, protect & defend the Constitution. It is one of the mostly invisible burdens of being Rebel. T-Dogg is as good a place to start with that as any. Most long time readers & friends of this page know about T-Dogg but he was a long time ago.

**T-Dogg:** In 1996, a little known rapper from New York named Timothy Blair, also known as Tim Dog, also known as T-Dog was enlisted by the ATF as a confidential informant & agent provocateur. T-Dog had some relatively minor drug & gun charges & in return for working for the ATF those charges were dismissed. In almost 5 years of looking, I have never been out to find out if T-Dog was paid & if so how much. His handler was a young & enthusiastic agent named John Ciccone. And, so there was an “East Coast-West Coast Rap War” & a couple of guys named Tupac Shakur & Christopher “Big Papa” Wallace got snuffed. Timothy Blair was reported to have died about eleven months ago. The death was faked. Timothy Blair is now known as somebody else. The ATF is very successful at covering up their crimes. However, in early 2009, when this site was newer & I was less used to the police intelligence-counter intelligence game, a commenter named T-Dogg appeared on this site. From the beginning, the commenter was anti-Mongols, pro-Hells Angels, & seemed eager to force a showdown. Guess who made the following comments on The Aging Rebel on June 29, 2009. Go ahead, take a wild guess. With most of the real Mongols retiring or being kicked out during Doc's rise to power & Doc's no-existent operational security, Doc had completely softened the Mongols for infiltration. When only 1% or so of your membership are actually a real outlaw bikers & not just some gangbanger who thinks that wearing a vest with a 1% patch & MC on it make them a biker, it is pretty easy to see how Billy Queen slipped in. I have seen a couple different documentaries on Queens infiltration which showed some of the surveillance

footage of Queen interacting with Mongols during his investigation. I can't believe those guys actually bought that half-retarded hillbilly's act. Any real 1%er would have been on to him right away. Luckily for the Mongols, Billy Queen was only average as an undercover agent & John Ciccone was not nearly as smart & wily as he is now & the Mongols escaped relatively unscathed. That's right I said John Ciccone. I hate giving cops any sort of recognition, but John Ciccone has chosen the lifestyle he believes is for him, he is committed to it & works hard towards what he believes is the greater good & appears to have maintained some integrity. While I may not agree with his lifestyle just as he doesn't agree with mine, I can respect his commitment & dedication. The ATF has been infiltrating outlaw motorcycle clubs for a long time & there is a long list of clubs that have been infiltrated. That said, outlaw motorcycle gang investigation has seen major milestones in the last 10 years, all occurring on the west coast. Starting with the Queen investigation which seem completely when compared to the tactics used by the ATF during Jay Dobbins infiltration of the Hells Angels a few years later. Queen's initial infiltration of the Mongols resulted in relatively minor charges & sentences for those involved. Dobbins infiltration of the Hells Angels dubbed Operation Black Biscuit, while another investigative milestone it was an embarrassment, with allegations against the case agents, undercover agents & informants of misconduct, use of illegal wiretaps & recording devices, falsified affidavits etc. In the end only a handful of defendant plead guilty to minor offences with the most significant sentence amounting to less than 10 years time. While John Ciccone was not the primary case agent for Operation Black Biscuit, he was involved & consulted throughout the course of the investigation. It appears that Ciccone has studied & learned well from these milestone operations as well as each that he's worked prior because Operation Black Rain against the Mongols is a work of art compared to any prior outlaw motorcycle club infiltration. By studying the indictment resulting from Operation Black Rain as well as the search warrant affidavits it is clear that the ATF & Fed Prosecutors tactically planned their investigation with the intent of dismantling & eliminating the Mongols. Thus attack the trademark. The Mongols logo is trademarked. By establishing that the trademarked logo & club name Mongols were used by the club & it's members as a tool of intimidation to further the criminal enterprise, the Feds will be able to seize control of the Mongols trademark permanently & completely bar the unauthorized use of the Mongols MC name & logo.

Currently the Mongols are not able to fly their patches in public without risking them being taken by law enforcement. Should the Fed's prove their case, the Mongols trademark may forever be forfeited. As stands now with all the pleas to count one of the indictment “Racketeering” already entered by defendants in the case, it appears the Gov't may be able to start pulling patches in the near future. Having identified their goal, analyzed the prosecution strategy for the anticipated charges, & planned their investigation around these factors, the ATF went to work gathering evidence. The Mongols made things easy for the ATF. Three ATF agents obtained membership quickly & easily in California Mongols chapters. Even more conveniently, one ATF agent was introduced to the Mongols Reno chapter & given membership without prospecting. To make things even better each of these ATF agents who had become full patch Mongols members also had introduced their “old lady” who was in fact an ATF Agent as well into the club. Doing their part to help destroy the club, unwitting Mongols members sold methamphetamine & guns to these “Undercover Mongols” on a regular basis. Unlike prior cases the buys were not for a few grams or ounces here & there.

Rather, for 2 years, ATF agents posing as Mongols regularly bought 50+ grams- 300+ grams methamphetamines & guns from unsuspecting Mongols. They listened to Mongols confess to crimes such as robbery, assault & murder & in several cases, witnessed these crimes being committed first hand. During each buy, ATF agents were careful to note whether or not the member was wearing a set of Mongols colors, jewelry, belt buckles or clothing bearing the Mongols trademarked logo when the deal took place. This info was then included in each count of the indictment & is being used by the Gov't to prove that the logo & name are a tool of the criminal acts. Here we are today, watching one of the most elaborate undercover operations ever works its way through the criminal justice system in the form of a groundbreaking indictment that could, for the first time allow the Gov't to pull a motorcycle clubs colors & shut that club down. I'm sure there are some patch holders reading this that think "fuck that, if the Feds try & take my patch, I'll tattoo them on my bike & ride around with no shirt!" I would completely agree with you, but the difference is we are real patch-holders. Yeah that was my guess too. Using several forensic techniques I still won't discuss – although they worked better then than they do now – I was able to verify that T-Dogg was John Ciccone who had been the case agent on Operation Black Rain. At the very same time that Ciccone was debriefing former Mongols Pres Ruben "Doc" Cavazos in the basement of the Montebello, California police station, T-Dogg wrote: That said, these fucking rats (Doc are you one of them? I bet you are) can't do time because Doc has made too many enemies for the Mongols & rats know that the Feds will buy you a knew life if you'll tell them what they want to hear so anyone going to trial is pretty much fucked if you had anything major to do with any of the 25-35 bitches that have turned rat & taken plea deals.

That one was a strategic lie. Ciccone & Assistant U.S. Atty Christopher Brunwin were trying to stampede the Mongols into mass plea deals. The only real coverage of the case was here. So, if Ciccone – & the Atty General of the United States or however high this Nixonian conspiracy went – could co-opt the coverage of the case here they could totally control any news about the case. T-Dogg sagely advised Rebel's readers: And to all the real patch-holders I wish you a life filled with loyalty, honor, respect & brotherhood. Finally, to any citizen who happens to read this, I hope it has caused you to think a little more about the bigger picture & realize that not all 1%ers are uneducated, drug dealing murdering rapists as law enforcement & the media portray us to be, keep an open mind & remember that after the Fed's destroy our lifestyle, it will be yours next. The T-Dogg thing presented me with a journalistic conundrum. It never occurred to me when I started the site that Gov't bureaus would attempt to propagandize my coverage. Finally, after Ciccone personally started threatening to violate Mongols on probation for arguing with T-Dogg on this website I called the guy out. That led to this interesting tirade: Put down the crack pipe Rebel, you delusional punk bitch!!! You not only incorrectly called me a cop but you accuse me of being that faggot munchkin bitch Ciccone. Get your facts straight bitch before you post them on your page! I'm not a cop, not a snitch & certainly not John Ciccone, never have been & never will be! You had no problems quoting me accurately & I stand by my opinions that I expressed in those posts. Those opinions are based on years & years as a patch-holder, a lifetime of experience which includes being tormented for a time by that faggot Ciccone when he was after us, a knowledge of the criminal justice system & RICO & the careful consideration of the opinions of other knowledgeable individuals. It is definitely not the opinion of Ciccone. In fact, if you go back & read my posts,

I'm pretty sure I blasted not only him but the ATF & their Black Biscuit case. Bottom line bitch, get your facts straight before you start calling people cops! This ain't the first time you've claimed Ciccone was posting on this site & it makes me wonder how many times before you wrong? I know you've got a tiny little excuse for a dick but & it may help you feel a little better by calling people cops when they disagree with your opinion or are not pro-Mongol but do some research before you post so you don't trash your credibility like you just did because for a lot of us, myself included it was your perceived credibility that made your site worth reading. Finally, next time you feel like going for a ride maybe you'll grow a set & come & see me & we can have this conversation face to face. Until then fuck you & your fucking mother! I invited Ciccone to meet me at a hotel in San Diego. He never showed up. Although I did notice that hotel was surveilled.

**Dear T-Dogg,** Look, Ciccone. I am pretty sure I got you cold, okay? I always know more than I say. I do not underestimate you. You should not underestimate me. Everybody deserves their respect. I am not going to argue with you about it. Rebel

**Then:** Listen here you know nothing, no dick faggot if I'm Ciccone Prove It!!! You claim to know more than you've let on, then Prove It!!! We both know you can't & rather than be a man & apologize & admit you called the wrong person a faggot munckin ATF bitch, you just burry your head in the sand & say you don't want to argue. So Rebel you cunt, I say again...Grow a set, be a man & let's see some evidence that I'm Ciccone!!

**Then:** Listen here Rebel, you know nothing, no dick faggot if I'm Ciccone Prove It! You claim to know more than you've let on, then Prove It! We both know you can't & rather than be a man & apologize & admit you called the wrong person & a patch-holder, a faggot munckin ATF bitch by saying I'm Ciccone, you just burry your head in the sand & say you don't want to argue. Let me ask you this, has Ciccone ever gotten this pissed off when you've called him out on one of his Internet alias's before? Pull you head out of your ass you cum gargling bitch! So Rebel you cunt, I say again; Grow a set, be a man & let's see some evidence that I'm Ciccone! You ain't got shit but your head up your ass.

**Then:** Rebel is really Jay Dobyns & this whole site is just an intelligence gathering & monitoring activity by the ATF, don't believe anything he says.

**Then:** Like I said you ain't got shit for proof other than some hearsay from an unnamed source who can't give you any evidence. You & sled tramp are no better than the ATF, making unfounded accusations against people & then keeping the evidence secret with that self righteous guilty until prove innocent attitude. Then in a feeble attempt to make your statements appear credible you ramble out a bunch of nonsense & claim to have confidential sources. Rebel you bitch, your own words seem to contradict your argument. Hell, now you're waffling & saying I might be Jenna McGuire or some other agent. How weak is that when you say you can prove I'm Ciccone but now you can't decide who I am? You must be working with the ATF cause you evidence is as convincing as their bullshit. Heaven forbid when one of your sources provide you with bad info which you can't back up that invokes a heated response from one of your readers & you have to apologize. Luckily for you this is the Internet because if we were face to face & you called me Ciccone, I would knock you the fuck out & cave your skull in with my steel toes.

Obviously I have made some pretty dangerous statements in my posts & if I was Ciccone & you actually could prove I was

Ciccione you could become legend in the club world as being the man that cost Ciccione his job. Hell, I fully encourage you to send my posts to the DOJ & ATF with a nice little letter claiming they were written by Ciccione or even an unknown ATF agent & lets see what happens. You'll probably make the excuse that you don't want to cost yourself a source. But you & your source can't prove shit, which is exactly why you haven't posted shit for evidence, instead choosing to attack my use of punctuation & claim to have a "confidential source". Hell, I am sure you are logging the IP addresses of the visitors to your site & so I'm wondering why have you not traced my IP address to see if it matches known Gov't IP's or even if the IP is from a part of the country where Ciccione is. Well I have a reliable source & they say that you're a convicted pedophile (you're not the only one who knows how to do some research) who can't get a real job because of his conviction so you sit at home on the Internet writing this blog & trying to pick up little boys on MySpace.

**Then:** OK you've got me laughing my ass off now. We've both known you're a liar & a coward but now you've kept running your mouth & gone so far to keep up your lies that you've clearly opened yourself up to a Libel suit by Ciccione & the ATF for knowingly & maliciously publishing false statements about Ciccione. In a time where almost every major club has been infiltrated by the ATF in recent years & turning rat has become common as club members forget the true meanings of honor & brotherhood, there is no more inflammatory or disrespectful comment than to wrongfully call a patch-holder a cop as you did me. You could have handled this situation when I pointed out your error with a simple "I was wrong, I'm sorry." Instead you chose to be disrespectful & rely on your sources & continue to label me not only a cop but Ciccione, probably the most hated cop by the MC community. I have challenged you to prove that I'm Ciccione & you have failed to produce any evidence because you simply can't since I'm not Ciccione, another ATF agent or a cop trying to stir the pot. What I am is what I have always been, an educated man with an opinion that differs from yours. As a result of me expressing that opinion, you label me as a cop, John Ciccione. I denied this accusation from the start & demanded proof. I called you on your bullshit & told you I would meet you at the Hyatt. You've made excuses about not being able to meet me at specific times & kept your bitch mouth running, not once have you been a man & made the offer to print a retraction after we meet at the Hyatt. Seems like that would be fair. Instead, knowing you're wrong about me being Ciccione & your credibility is shit, you do the smoke & mirrors dance the cops & bullshit media like you are famous for & write another bullshit piece to try & make your lies appear credible. Again, you claim you can prove that Ciccione made the statements I made & insisting that I'm Ciccione but offer no proof. How is that any different that the Gov't not turning over the Grand Jury testimony or witness lists??

You've made libelous statements on this site regarding agent Ciccione & the ATF. Since we both know you're a liar & have at least incorrectly labeled me Ciccione I have serious doubts now whether Ciccione has actually ever wasted his time reading this site, but if he does I would imagine that you will have a nice tort claim filed against you by Ciccione & the ATF, all funded by our tax dollars & all because you couldn't be a man & admit your wrong. If that happens it will all come out in the wash that you were wrong & a liar. The other alternative is the defense in the Mongols case will want to use these posts to impeach Ciccione during trial. To do that they will more than likely subpoena you & you so called evidence. The defense experts will scrutinize this evidence to authenticate it & when they determine the posts were

made by me, not Ciccione or some fucking cop it will have been clearly established that you are a liar. On top of that, you may have pissed off some of the defendants in the Mongols case as you will have wasted several thousands of dollars of their money to pay for the atty's & experts who wasted their time because of your bullshit.

**Then:** You see Rebel, the difference between you & I is smarts. You may understand punctuation better than me, but you're fucking stupid. As offensive as some of my statements may have been, they were made about towards unidentified individuals who used Internet alias's to ensure their anonymity. As offensive as my statements were, your actions to protect your anonymity by use of an alias allows my statements to be protected by the 1st Amendment of the Constitution. Unfortunately for you, your dumb-ass claims it to be fact that a well known, ATF agent who you've specifically identified as Ciccione made potentially career ending statements & you can prove it. There is no 1st Amendment protection for you because you've identified a specific person. Oops. You've made your bed & are going to have to lie in it. Hope that bed wetting problem is getting better. T-Dogg

This was a Gov't policemen talking to an independent journalist. I have never attended journalism school but I am pretty sure it is not a situation for which even J-school graduates are prepared. The reality of modern journalism is that Gov't agencies unabashedly use their power to infringe on the press freedom which is guaranteed in the First Amendment.

**Samizdat:** I took it as a warning to be careful about what I wrote & what I allowed to be said here. What might have been the most disturbing aspect of the T-Dogg episode, was the readiness of Fed authorities to put men in prison because they read my words or because they had something to say about them. It became clear quickly that I was writing samizdat, the old Stalinist term for "forbidden speech." Women carried my words into prisons. Sometimes the slips of paper on which the words were printed were confiscated. Eventually, all of my books were banned in most state & Fed prison in the United States. A continuing goal of this site is to not get guys locked up. It is also an ongoing problem. Last week a friend of the page, a very bright, well educated & informed man who once commented here frequently & who is also on probation as a result of a blatant entrapment wrote: I got dragged into my probation officer's office with a cop there & the prosecutor on my case there via a phone conference call. I got chewed out & threatened with revocation as I was 'In contact with known felons....' I was violating the order about associating with felons & those of known poor character by posting on Aging Rebel. I was also warned that by suggesting individuals posting on The Aging Rebel were law enforcement that I could possibly jeopardize investigations if there were any going on & that in doing so, was in effect committing a crime of obstruction of justice. All this was reported to the judge in my case - he did not send me to jail or revoke my probation, but I was punished by losing any chance of getting off of probation after serving 2/3 of it. I was also transferred from a less intensive mail in probation to a probation officer at the main office, & I have more rigorous conditions. I was also warned around the same time by a PH that several people were pissed about what someone posted on there, claiming to be a dying PH with knowledge about George Christie. I told the brother I did not do it, & that I could prove it because I could guarantee that wasn't posted from my static IP. I don't know if he checked or not, but he told me he would appreciate it if I laid low & wasn't posting on Rebel's site so as to arouse suspicion about myself or

potentially cause problems. The guys I know in a certain (not 81) East Coast club basically said they were laying low as well, & their PTB wanted their PH's & supporters to shut up & not draw any attention. Just an FYI. And sort of a warning about what they may do to you. Be careful. Be careful sir.

I thought the Christie reference in this correspondence was interesting for a couple of reasons. First of all, as many readers are aware, 2 Fed district judges forbid George Christie, his co-defendants, their attys & members of Christie's family to speak to me while that case was ongoing. Prosecutors in the case also accused Christie's wife of talking to me & at what point accused her of being me. The same prosecutors also claimed that I was impossible to identify. Throughout the entire Christie case, which was by the way criminally corrupt, prosecutors & the FBI openly tried to frustrate my coverage. I believe the reason for that was that I knew the case against Christie & a separate case against another longtime Hells Angel named Dan Bifield & others on the opposite coast were both criminally corrupt. The official headwinds were intended to make sure I couldn't prove that corruption. But the Bifield & Christie cases highlight another burden of writing this page. It is not only the cops & prosecutors who distrust me. Some of the outlaws think I am a double agent.

**Sonny Barger:** Last Sept, after covering the Bifield & Christie cases, I began a book that is, loosely, a history of the last forty years of the Hells Angels Motorcycle Club. I have always walked gingerly around the Angels. There are a significant number of club members on the West Coast who are convinced that I regularly exchange information with the cops. I don't. I never have. I take pains not to give cops anything but I do speak to them. I speak to well known cops. I see them in courthouses. A typical exchange goes something like: "What up T-Dogg? What you working on?" "You tell me first." I once described my relationship with Jay Dobyns as "Wiley Coyote & Ralph the Watchdog." The truth is that very occasionally we are Wiley Coyote & Ralph the Watchdog on our coffee break. I once asked Steve Cook a question & he answered it.

But some West Coast Angels seem convinced that I regularly debrief with the feds & since the last book, Framing Dave Burgess, & the current book in progress are both very much about the Hells Angels MC the tension can be problematic. For example, there are 3 or 4 stories about Sonny Barger that I have sat on for a long time. One of them, Barger's 911 telephone call has recently appeared in the public domain so you might as well listen to that call yourself right now. I, like almost everybody, have always been an admirer of Barger's. I haven't written about him much. But 3 or 4 years ago I tried to put Barger in historical context & I said this about him: I will never live long enough to know for sure, but I think Barger is one of those American frontier figures that pop up every hundred years. They are characters that America invents over & over because without them & the masculine ideals they represent there can no longer be an America. And America has chosen these particular men because in a certain light, remembered in a certain way, at certain times they have actually managed to be exactly who we all need them to be. Lives fly past but myths persist.

The first of these great frontier heroes was a man named Daniel Boone. He was born about 200 years before Barger. He lived to be 85. And 6 years after he died the American novelist James Fenimore Cooper wrote a book about him called The Last of the Mohicans. Until it was banished by the counter-culture the novel was part of the American canon. It is the tale of a self sufficient,

resourceful, brave man overcoming red demons & the wilderness to rescue his kidnapped daughter. Every educated young American man was supposed to know it – as much as anything for its portrait of what an American man should be. Even now, the story retains the power to excite the American soul. Michael Mann directed the last movie version of it in 1992. The last real, geographic frontier, the Old West, disappeared in & into serial episodes. The Silver Rush started in Tombstone in 1879. Doc Holliday died in 1887. John Wesley Harding was killed in 1895. Butch Cassidy & the Sundance Kid moved to New York in 1902. A year later, a former Edison cameraman named Edwin S. Porter made the first movie Western – in New York City. The Yukon Gold Rush came & went in 1897. The last frontier hero, Wyatt Earp, went north that year to run a card game in Alaska. Earp died in the first fortnight of 1929 in Los Angeles. His pall bearers included the Western movie stars Tom Mix & William S. Hart. According to a mourner named Adella Rogers St. John, Tom Mix broke down & wept.

Barger became a public figure about 35 years after that. His first biographer, Hunter Thompson wrote in 1965: "In any gathering of Hells Angels, from 5 to a possible hundred & fifty, there is no doubt who is running the show: Ralph 'Sonny' Barger, the Maximum Leader, a six-foot, 170-pound warehouseman from East Oakland, the coolest head in the lot, & a tough, quick-thinking dealer when any action starts. By turns he is a fanatic, a philosopher, a brawler, a shrewd compromiser & a final arbitrator. To the Oakland Angels he is Ralph. Everybody else calls him Sonny...." For all these years, Barger has had to live with that. He has already had almost as long a run as Earp. In a book published last year, ATF Agent Jay Dobyns gushed about meeting Barger: "This was the first time I'd laid eyes on the man. He was around sixty-five, but looked to have the health of a vibrant man in his mid-fifties, a remarkable achievement considering the paces he's put his body through over the decades.... For those who don't know, this was the man – the legend, really – who molded the Hells Angels into what they are. It's not a stretch to say that Sonny Barger is a visionary who essentially created the image of the outlaw biker as we know it." Now, on top of everything else, Barger has to live with that. He cannot just be one of us. He has to carry the burden of epitomizing all of us. I have heard him praised by people who hate his club. The very best thing about Sonny Barger may be that he carries the burden cheerfully. Probably a third of all American men can describe him. In person he looks younger than he photographs. He looks to me the same way he has always looked. He looks like Dennis the Menace grown old. I am certain that he must have a walk-in closet full of sleeveless tee shirts & blue jeans that are neither too new nor too shabby. He has to know he is the biggest star in America. I don't know how he lives with it. He is everything that a once in each century American hero should be. He is himself. And whoever that is, is close enough to the myth most of America still wants to believe. He is gracious, confidant & surrounded by men who would die for him. And, most astounding of all, there is not a paparazzo in sight. I think I spot 2 undercover cops. I think they are cops because they are the only people I see who look nervous. The fact of the matter is that the greatest burden of being Rebel is trying to guess when I should tell the cruel truth & when I should tell the kind lie. Often, I do not know. As I once told Ciccone, I always know more than I say. It is probably the most basic problem in doing thoughtful journalism. I weighs me down sometimes. Sometimes I just report the truth. It usually isn't that easy. That's what it's like on this side of the website.

**Dept of Transport says Douglas Gaylard's Mongols number-plate 'indecent'** – Jan 14, 2014 – *Australia* – By Thomas Chamberlin; [www.CourierMail.com.au](http://www.CourierMail.com.au) - A Chicken takeaway owner who invested in personalized plates named after a notorious outlaw motorcycle gang has been ordered by the State Gov't to return the plates after he was told they were "indecent". Douglas Gaylard, 68, bought the "MONGOLS" plates for \$3200 but after placing them on his GTE Ford he said he copped extra police attention, including detectives visiting his store & having his & his wife's car pulled over by police. The US-based Mongols began a recruitment drive in Australia last year, with a number of Gold Coast-based Finks bikies patching over. Gaylard, who had advertised the plates for \$20,000, said he received a letter from the Dept of Transport stating that it had received a complaint after an article about police cracking down over the plate was published in The Courier-Mail. "The complainant indicates that the combination is inappropriate as it promotes anti-social behavior & creates a public perception that the person in possession of the numberplate may be involved in a criminal organization, as listed in the Criminal Code (Criminal Organizations) Regulation 2013," the letter said. "The Dept has assessed your numberplate combination & considers the combination displayed is indecent in accordance with the TMR "Inappropriate Combinations on Personalized Plates Policy." The letter stated the chief executive may require the exchange of plates when considered indecent & gave Gaylard 14 days to "surrender" the numberplates. Gaylard said he was offered a refund for the plates & would now consider the plates "Ford GTE". "I just think it's garbage," Gaylard said. It comes after the Police Commissioner apologised to law-abiding motorcyclists caught up in the bikie crackdown, after one rider said he'd been pulled over 21 times since the crackdown started. Jamie Edward Evans has filmed police quizzing him about his clothes, associations, friends, & line of work after he was pulled over at a Brisbane service station. Footage of the interaction - which involved more than half a dozen officers & several police vehicles - had been viewed more than 240,000 times within 2 days of being posted on social media over the weekend.

**Bikie laws may be scrapped by 2016: Newman** - Jan 14, 2014 – *Australia* – By AAP; [www.PerthNow.com.au](http://www.PerthNow.com.au) - Queensland's premier has revealed that contentious new anti-bikie laws will eventually be scrapped, as the case of 5 men arrested over a pub meeting returned to court. Premier Campbell Newman on Tuesday said his Gov't intended to repeal tough legislation targeting outlaw motorcycle gangs after a 3-year review. The news came as an alleged Rebels associate, jailed after meeting accused gang members in a Sunshine Coast hinterland pub, was released on bail after more than a month's imprisonment. Alleged Rebels associate Joshua Carew, 30, walked free from prison in Brisbane late on Tuesday after Supreme Court Justice John Byrne decided the risk he would reoffend was "not unacceptable". Carew's lawyer says some of that time was served in isolation, with Carew confined to a cell for 23 hours a day under prison rules brought in as part of the anti-bikie crackdown. Carew was on bail charged with trafficking drugs when he was taken into custody on December 10 along with alleged Rebels members Paul Lansdowne & Steven Smith, & alleged gang associates Dan Whale & Scott Conley. Lansdowne & Smith are co-defendants with Carew in the drug-trafficking charges, with police alleging all 3 were involved in trafficking ice to bikies. Whale & Conley were released on bail last month, while Lansdowne will learn the outcome of his second bail application on Wed. Smith remains in prison. The 5 face a mandatory 6 months' imprisonment if found guilty of being participants in a criminal organisation & being

knowingly in public with 2 or more participants under the strict anti-bikie laws. Carew's wife Tracy hugged family members outside court, telling reporters she hoped the laws would be reviewed. "To be locked up in solitary confinement without being found guilty of something is a very harsh punishment," she told reporters. It seems she will get her wish, after Newman revealed the Gov't intended to repeal the laws within 3 years. "That's the intention of the Gov't, to have a 3-year review & they go," he told reporters in Cairns, adding that the laws were necessary for now. "The sooner we can get rid of them the better but it starts by seeing us getting rid of the gangs." Meanwhile Justice Byrne reserved his decision on Lansdowne's bail application until Wed afternoon. And in the Brisbane Magistrates Court an alleged Bandidos member was denied bail over a "dummy spit" at Townsville police who had wrongly arrested him. Jarrod Kevin Anthony Brown was remanded in custody in Townsville after Brisbane's chief magistrate said Brown's long history of public nuisance & violent offences demonstrated he was an unacceptable risk to the community. Hearing the bail application in Brisbane, Chief Magistrate Tim Carmody said Brown's alleged bikie links had little to do with the decision to deny bail.

**Police motorcycle club raffling off gun to raise money for liver transplant** – Jan 15, 2014 – *Florida* – By Patty Ryan; [www.TampaBay.com](http://www.TampaBay.com) - The Untouchables police MC plans to raffle a \$379 Ruger LCP .380-caliber pistol & sell pork sandwiches Sunday to benefit the daughter of a slain Tampa detective. Demetra Bell Jones, 38, has an immune disorder & requires a live-saving liver transplant, but her insurance will cover less than half of the \$314,000 procedure at the Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville, leaving a balance of \$179,600. Contributions from the public & Jones' family have reached about \$100,000, her uncle Jeff Bell said. About \$45,000 was raised through the website GoFundMe.com. The family opened a Wells Fargo account in Jacksonville & then redirected collection efforts Wed to a trust fund at the Bank of Tampa. The MC's gun raffle tickets, \$5 each, are available at Empire Guns & Pawn, 10552 N Florida Ave., Tampa, & may also be purchased Sunday at H-D of Brandon, 9841 E Adamo Drive, where the event starts at 10 a.m. & the drawing is expected to take place at 2 p.m. The winner must be 21 & eligible to own a gun in Florida. Uninterested in firearms? Wholly Smokes Bar-B-Que will be offering benefit plates of pork sandwiches & beans for \$5. "For us to be able to pull together \$1 here or \$1 there to make it that much less of a burden on the family, I think it's just something we need to do," said Chuck Blount, 56, a retired Tampa police corporal who is one of the Untouchables. Jones' father, Randy Bell, was killed with his partner in 1998 when a felon in custody, Hank Earl Carr, unlocked his handcuffs & grabbed a gun.

**Justice Safety Valve Act of 2013** – 2014 – *U.S.A.* – From Wikipedia; <http://en.wikipedia.org>

**Purpose:** The bill amends the Fed criminal US code of the United States title 18, Part II, Chapter 227, Subchapter A, Section 3553 Imposition of a Sentence. It aimed to authorize a Fed court to impose a sentence below a statutory minimum if necessary to avoid violating Fed provisions prescribing factors courts must consider in imposing a sentence. It requires the court to give parties notice of its intent to impose a lower sentence & to state in writing the factors requiring such a sentence.

**Procedural History:** Senator Rand Paul (R-KY) introduced S. 619 on March 20, 2013. Rep. Bobby Scott (D-VA) introduced the bill to the House of Representatives as H.R. 1695 on April 24,

2013.[2] The bill was rescheduled for an Executive Business Meeting again on December 12 & 19, 2013, along with S1675 & S1410. It became a calendar item along with a number of judiciary nominations. The three pieces of legislation were held over from the Dec 19th meeting. On Nov 21, 2013, the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee convened in a rescheduled Executive Business Meeting. The meeting was to discuss & possibly vote on moving forward with the Justice Safety Valve Act. Other related Acts include the S.1410, "Smarter Sentencing Act of 2013" (Durbin, Lee, Leahy, Whitehouse) & S.1675, Recidivism Reduction & Public Safety Act of 2013 (Whitehouse, Portman). The Justice Safety Valve Act became one of many new bills to address prison overcrowding & the soaring cost to the American taxpayers. A quorum was not present at the meeting & the Chairman had to postpone discussion & possible vote on the Justice Safety Valve Act. In Oct, 2013, both bills were still in committee.[1] The two bills, S.619 & H.R.1695, have the same language & the same name. The H.R. 1695 bill was assigned to the House Judiciary Committee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security & Investigations on April 24, 2013. The Senate Judiciary Committee received their version on March 20, 2013. The bill summary was written by the Congressional Research Service, a nonpartisan division of the Library of Congress. It reads, "Justice Safety Valve Act of 2013 - Amends the Fed criminal code to authorize a Fed court to impose a sentence below a statutory minimum if necessary to avoid violating Fed provisions prescribing factors courts must consider in imposing a sentence. Requires the court to give the parties notice of its intent to impose a lower sentence & to state in writing the factors requiring such a sentence."

**Time to tell the Commission: Cut these drug sentences!** – Jan 17, 2014 – U.S.A. – By FAMM; <http://famm.org/> - The time has come at last: it's time to tell the U.S. Sentencing Commission that federal drug sentencing guidelines need to be lower! Not all sentencing reforms happen in Congress – some of the biggest & best happen at the U.S. Sentencing Commission. Every year, the Commission takes a look at the federal sentencing guidelines – which apply in every federal criminal case – & decides if changes should be made to them. This year, the Commission decided that one of the changes needed is lowering the sentencing guidelines for drug crimes by two levels. The Commission published this recommended "all drugs minus two" change on Jan 17. The "all drugs minus Two" change would be a small improvement with a big impact: lowering all drug guidelines by two levels would result in federal drug sentences that are roughly 11 months shorter, on average, than sentences under the current drug guidelines. Unfortunately, this improvement can't be made overnight – the Commission has to go through a specific process over the next 10 months before the "all drugs minus two" change can go into effect. Also, the Commission is not considering making the proposed "all drugs minus two" change retroactive for federal prisoners at this time. That comes later: the Commission won't consider retroactivity of this change until later this year, after it acts to reduce drug sentences by two levels. The first step in the process is for the Commission to receive feedback from the public (called "public comment") about the proposed drug guideline changes. The Commission is also seeking input on some other issues. The Commission will accept public comment on all of these issues until March 18, 2014. This is where we need your help! We need you to write letters to the U.S. Sentencing Commission in favor of lowering the drug sentencing guidelines. Letters from individuals make a big impression on the Commission – especially when it is working to lower sentences, something it does very rarely. If some members of Congress want

to prevent the Commission from lowering drug guidelines, your letters will help the Commission show that many, many people support shorter federal drug sentences! That's why we need you to take action. You can write your own letter or use our sample letter. Letters can be sent to the Commission by regular mail or through email. By mail, send your letters to:

U.S. Sentencing Commission Attn: Public Affairs  
One Columbus Circle, N.E., Suite 2-500  
Washington, DC 20002-8002

**By email**, send your letters to: [public\\_comment@ussc.org](mailto:public_comment@ussc.org)

**Remember: all letters** must be sent to the Commission by March 18, 2014! Write your own letter: We strongly encourage you to write your own letter to the Commission, explaining why current drug sentencing guidelines are too long & why reducing them by two levels is a good idea. Using your own words will make your letter more useful to the commissioners, who want to lower drug guideline sentences. But if you feel you need some help, please use all or part of our sample letter below. If you do write your own letter, here are some tips: • Do personalize the letter if you can, with a story about your experience with harsh drug sentences & why this reduction matters. • Don't write about the legal problems with the trial, plea, prosecution, defense, etc. in your or your loved one's case. The Commission cannot help you with that. • Do be positive & encouraging, even if this reform is not everything you want. It is certainly not all we want, but it is an important first step. We don't mean that you shouldn't encourage the Commission to do more, but let them know that you support this effort, even if you see it as not enough. • Do feel free to use facts & figures provided by the Commission to bolster your arguments. • Don't write now about making this change retroactive. The Commission will not decide whether to make the guideline retroactive until sometime after May 1, when it will vote to lower the guidelines. We will let you know when it is time to ask the Commission to make the lower drug sentences retroactive.

**Use our sample letter:** Re: Proposed amendment 3. Dear Judge Saris & Commissioners, I am writing to support the Commission's proposal to reduce all drug guidelines by two levels. Drug sentences are too long. Such long sentences hurt individual defendants & their loved ones. [Tell your story here.] Lengthy drug sentences also contribute to the overcrowding crisis in our federal prisons. Federal prisons are 37 percent over capacity. This is dangerous for prisoners & prison staff alike- & it is a threat to public safety. The Bureau of Prisons is consuming more & more of the shrinking amount of money available to the Justice Department. This means fewer police officers, fewer prosecutors, & less money for cities & counties to prevent crime. According to the Urban Institute, the amount of time a prisoner – particularly a drug prisoner – serves is the single most important factor in the growth of the federal prison population. Today, half of the 216,000 people in federal prison are serving drug sentences, which averaged more than 70 months in 2012. Lowering drug sentences by roughly 18 percent would be a strong first step in slowing the growth of the prison population & helping to ensure safe prisons & safe streets. And, it would be the right thing to do. Federal drug sentences are far too lengthy, & this change is an important first step to making them fairer. Thank you for proposing this change. Sincerely, [Your name & address]

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- 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...