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In memory of Hells Angel Cisco from *California* who passed away (See article)... R.I.P. Cisco...

Congratulations to Winos Crew Mark on your release in April...

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Editor's Note: For *December* there was 1 issue, For *January* there was 1 issue, For *February* this is the 2nd 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...

Editor's Note: I produce this **National Coalition of Motorcyclists Brothers Behind Bars** Newsletter which is a non-partisan newsletter for Bikers by Bikers. Information from the Newsletter contains News Articles & other information that may be of interest to a biker behind bars. Financial support for this Newsletter comes mainly from NCOM, **Motorcycle Clubs**, And **Confederations Of Clubs**...

In Memory 1%er Jeff Smith was a Shining Example of what a Brother should strive to be. He never sought Fortune or Fame form the Club, he just wanted the Club to be the best that it could be, never turned away from a fight from within or from the outside. Some didn't like it that was only because a Diamond makes a Rock look more like a Rock. Ride Free My Brother & I'll see you down the highway. Love & Respect Mad Mike Mongols MC

To Mongol Jeff 1%er, one of the many Great Brothers I met when I travelled to Oklahoma, True Hearted Brother for the Club, Always heard from him, even more when I ended up behind the walls, you will always be remembered, First chance I get I will Ride to your side Brother. L&R, Mongols Berdoo Reaper

Editor's Comment: I truly appreciated getting to know Mongol Jeff 1%er & working with him on the BBB newsletter... Respects, Mike SOS MC Retired

The Great Lao Tseu said: It is only when you see a mosquito landing on your testicles that you realize that there is always a way to solve problems without violence.

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.

Jeffery Lee "Jeff" Smith - Feb 20, 2014 – **Oklahoma** – By The Aging Rebel; www.AgingRebel.com - Jeffery Lee "Jeff" Smith, a long time member of the Mongols MC in Oklahoma, a sometime contributor to Brothers Behind Bars & a friend of this page, died Mon, Feb 17 of an undisclosed ailment. Smith, a physically small, thin man was born in Delaware, Ohio on Jan 28, 1952. He joined the Mongols in 1978. Three years later, on June 28, 1981 Smith & several of his club brothers were in a bar in Tulsa when a fight broke out. Within seconds & for unknown reasons, a doorman began shooting at customers. Smith & 2 other Mongols charged the doorman & tried to disarm him. All 3 were shot. One Mongol died. Smith was left paralyzed & spent the rest of his life in a wheelchair. Smith dedicated the last 33 years of his life to his club brothers. A welder by trade, he was well known for helping both Mongols & members of other clubs. He was elected president of the Tulsa chapter multiple times. One of his club brothers described him as a "symbol of the Mongols MC in Oklahoma." Funeral arrangements are incomplete. There will be a gathering of friends & family members to celebrate Jeff Smith's life this Sat, Feb 22, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Moore Funeral Home's Rosewood Chapel, 2570 South Harvard Avenue in Tulsa. Motorcyclists who wish to ride to this celebration with Jeff's friends & brothers are advised that the pack will assemble at the Tulsa Fairgrounds at noon. Jeffery Lee "Jeff" Smith had just turned 62. There was no better friend. There was no more fearsome enemy. Requiscant In Pace.

Ole's Farm: Gov't surveyors came to Ole's farm in the fall & asked if they could do some surveying. Ole agreed, & Lena even served them a nice meal at noon time. The next spring, the 2 surveyors stopped by & told Ole, "Because you were so kind to us, we wanted to give you this bad news in person instead of by letter." Ole replied, "What's the bad news?" The surveyors stated, "Well, after our work here, we discovered your farm is not in Minnesota but is actually in Wisconsin! Ole looked at Lena & said, "That's the best news I have had in a long time. I just told Lena this morning that I don't think I could take another winter in Minnesota!"

Law enforcement's use of cell-phone tracking devices gets legislative scrutiny – Jan 24, 2014 – *Minnesota* - By Briana Bierschbach; www.MinnPost.com - In one case, it helped police find a man in the woods who had been missing for 24 hours. In another instance, a parent abducted their child & fled to Pennsylvania, but the technology helped deliver the child home safely. It even led police directly to a 14-year-old missing girl locked in a hotel room. She was about to be sexually abused when they arrived. In all of these incidents, Minnesota law-enforcement officials say the use of secretive cell-phone tracking devices were critical in quickly solving crimes that had stumped police using traditional methods. But lawmakers in Minnesota are taking a closer look at so-called “cell phone exploitation” devices – more commonly known by model names Kingfish & Stingray – after concerns have arisen regarding the ability to track the locations of a body of cell-phone devices at once. In those cases, the police are tracking the whereabouts of not just suspected criminals, but potentially thousands of third-party innocent citizens. With concerns about mass surveillance & data privacy growing nationally, legislators want to know more about what kind of data local law-enforcement agencies are collecting & how they plan to use it. Others say the state's privacy & protection laws haven't kept up with rapidly changing technology. “My first reaction was not what they are using it for, but what it could be used for,” said DFL Rep. John Lesch, chair of the House Civil Law Committee. Lesch & a bipartisan group of lawmakers have asked law enforcement to answer questions about the devices in a legislative hearing next week. “I guarantee you, if the Edward Snowden NSA leaks had happened in a time when we had been threatened, or during a time of war, it wouldn't have generated near the interest it is generating now.”

Popular with police: Cell-phone tracking devices, which are portable & can fit inside of a suitcase, work by impersonating a cell-phone tower & tricking a phone to connect to it using its own antenna. All it takes is for the phone to be turned on to work, & it allows police to track the cell phone without getting a warrant from a service or provider. In most cases, law-enforcement agencies need a simple court order to use cell-phone tracking. Currently 2 law-enforcement agencies in Minnesota are known to use cell-phone-tracking devices: The Hennepin County Sheriff's Office has used the devices since 2010, & the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension bought its first cell-phone tracker in 2005. In a quest to find more information, data privacy activist Rich Neumeister has asked several other police Depts if they also use the devices. So far, he hasn't learned of other agencies using cell-phone tracking in Minnesota. Cell-phone tracking is becoming a more popular method with police around the nation, used in at least a dozen local law-enforcement agencies in states like Florida, Texas & California. The situation is similar in many cities – residents didn't know their cell phones could be tracked. Law-enforcement agencies generally prefer to stay quiet about the technology in order to protect ongoing & future investigations. The Hennepin County Sheriff's Office declined to comment for this story. But in a letter to DFL Sen. Scott Dibble, one of the lawmakers calling for a hearing on the technology, Dept of Public Safety Commissioner Mona Dohman said the devices do not allow police to read emails or text messages or listen to phone calls [PDF]. What they do is allow law enforcement to track locations in real time. Dohman said there have been no breaches of the data obtained by the cell-phone-tracking devices, & said the info is only “temporarily held” until it's overwritten by a new investigation. Data is only held long term if it's part of an ongoing investigation. Dohman listed of a handful of examples, including abduction cases & the near sexual abuse of the 14-year-

old girl, in which cell-phone tracking helped the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension solve crimes. “This technology has been vitally important in our efforts to locate people quickly, mitigate further criminal actions & save lives,” Dohman wrote.

Legal questions: Nationally, these devices have sparked a debate about technology & the Fourth Amendment. “They say this info isn't private because it's just identifying technology to see who is in the range on their device. We think it's incredibly private,” said Nathan Freed Wessler, an atty working on privacy issues with the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU). “It's not just showing you the range & movements of a potential suspect, but thousands of people at a time. It shows if you are sitting in your bedroom or your living room at that time, if you are in a doctor's office or a psychiatrist's office, if you are in your lover's bedroom.” University of Minnesota law professor & privacy expert William McGeeveran says the distinction between so-called metadata – a set of data that describes other data – & the ability to read & listen in on personal information has become an important one. Both can contain private information. “Traditionally under Fourth Amendment law & other privacy law this metadata does have a different status. The famous analogy is it's like reading the address on the envelope of a letter but not steaming & opening the letter to read it,” McGeeveran said. “There's less private information in the metadata than in the content, but that's not the same as saying there's none in the metadata. There are ways in which particular locations in which you are found could be private or embarrassing.” Concerns about the devices have already been aired in the courtroom. The FBI used a court order to use a Stingray to track down an Arizona man, Daniel David Rigmaiden, who was accused of submitting fraudulent tax returns in order to collect millions of dollars worth of rebates. In 2012, Rigmaiden filed a motion to suppress crucial evidence against him that was collected using the cell-phone tracker, but a U.S. district judge denied that motion. Last April, a Fed judge ruled that the FBI couldn't delay releasing a request for public data on the controversial technology from a Washington-based data privacy watchdog group. But a more revealing case, McGeeveran said, was the 2012 U.S. Supreme Court ruling on “United States v. Jones,” in which justices found that using GPS technology to monitor a suspect's whereabouts long term constituted a “search.” In her concurring opinion, Associate Justice Sonia Sotomayor said even short-term location monitoring can reveal completely private destinations, like “trips to the psychiatrist, the plastic surgeon, the abortion clinic, the AIDS treatment center, the strip club, the criminal defense atty, the by-the-hour motel, the union meeting, the mosque, synagogue or church, the gay bar & on & on,” she wrote. “This approach is ill suited to the digital age, in which people reveal a great deal of information about themselves to third parties in the course of carrying out mundane tasks.”

Lawmakers consider a fix: Maine & Montana were the first states to pass laws last year to require a warrant for law enforcement to use cell-phone tracking. Lesch & other legislators say they're considering a law change during the 2014 legislative session that would require judicial review for law enforcement to use devices like Kingfish & Stingray. Neumeister, who has spent decades lobbying on data privacy laws, would like citizens to eventually get notifications when they are being investigated using the technology. “Our laws have not kept up with technology,” Neumeister said. “Where would all of your documents been decades ago? They would have been in your desk drawer, & police would need to get a search warrant to look at those. Now it's all up in a data cloud. People should have the same protections & rights & liberties as they had 25 years ago.”

Elliot S. “Cisco” Valderrama - Feb 24, 2014 – *California* – By The Aging Rebel; www.AgingRebel.com - The life of Elliott S. “Cisco” Valderrama was remembered, celebrated & mourned last Sat, Feb 22, in the great, rolling, thundering, unstoppable, 3-mile-long spectacle that is a Hells Angels funeral. Valderrama had been a member of the club since Jan 13, 1966. He was the Pres of the Oakland charter. Mourners at the service included Sonny Barger, Mickey Rourke & Hells Angels from as far away as Norway & Brazil. Valderrama was of Filipino descent. Out of malice & spite, some relatives of the dead man who wanted to attend the funeral were forbidden entry into the United States by the Dept of Homeland Security. Cisco Valderrama was born in San Francisco 6 days before Pearl Harbor. He was raised in East Los Angeles. He moved to Santa Rosa, California in 1965 & he began prospecting his motorcycle club that year. In his time, Valderrama was a mason, hod carrier, movie producer, actor & writer. Stories about him abound. He was a member of the Oakland Charter when Hunter Thompson hung around the club. He was at Altamont Speedway in Dec 1969 when the vilification of the Hells Angels began in earnest. Dave Burgess, a former Pres of the Nevada Nomads charter of the Hells Angels who was framed & is now wrongfully imprisoned, described Valderrama like this: “Cisco has this very confident air about himself & everyone is drawn to him. I am not sure how to explain it, but Cisco treats everyone (that he likes) like they are his children. When you are with Cisco, you feel safe, & if he likes you, you are safe.” Cisco Valderrama is survived by Joann Valderrama, his wife of 52 years; his sister Virginia McManus, his best friends Timmy, Shannon, Yamo, Chrissie & all his Oakland Angels brothers. He died of respiratory failure. He was 72. He will never be forgotten. Requiescant In Pace.

“**Rest in peace**” (Latin: *Requiescat in pace*) is a short epitaph or idiomatic expression wishing eternal rest & peace to someone who has died. The expression typically appears on headstones, often abbreviated as “R.I.P.”.

Man buried atop motorcycle – Jan 31, 2014 – *Ohio* – By Jessica Heffner; www.AJC.com - Clear casket & burial plan was 18 years in the making, family says. Billy Standley started planning to be buried astride his 1967 motorcycle about 18 years ago. His family carried out his wish Fri with a large Plexiglas casket. As far back as his family can remember, Standley said he was going to be buried astride his H-D Electra Glide. They said the motorcycle helped him retain his sense of adventure after he settled down to raise 4 children in Mechanicsburg, Ohio, - quite a compromise for the man who made his start at the tender age of 13 as a ranch hand & rodeo rider. “He was gruff, but his heart was as big as all outdoors,” said his daughter, Dorothy Brown. Standley began making the burial plans because when he died he didn’t just want to ride to heaven, he wanted the whole world to see him do it in a see-through coffin. This required a lot of preparation, & even more gumption. “He was a quirky man,” Brown said. “But when it comes to us kids, he loved us, he raised us well and, of course, we wanted to help him.” He started by buying 3 extra burial plots at the Fairview Cemetery in Mutual, Ohio, next to his wife, Lorna. The land was big enough for the 9-by-11-foot cement septic tank able to accommodate his bike. His sons, Pete & Roy, fashioned the casket out of Plexiglas, reinforcing the bottom with wood & steel rods to handle the extra weight. For 5 years, it sat in Standley’s garage & “if you stopped by his house, he showed you his casket,” Roy Standley said. “He was proud of it,” he added. Enlisting the help of Dave & Tammy Vernon, co-owners of Vernon Funeral Homes Inc., he ensured his funeral would be held outside, so all his biker friends could watch his final ride.

“We’ve done personalization ... but nothing this extreme,” Tammy Vernon said. “He was the one who kept throwing this idea out there, to be buried on his bike. We were glad to assist him.” His forethought proved advantageous after Standley was diagnosed with Alzheimer’s last year. Even as his mind wandered, his children or friends couldn’t forget his final wishes. When Standley succumbed to lung cancer Sunday at the age of 82, his plan rolled into action. Five embalmers prepared his body & secured him with a metal back brace & straps to ensure he’d never lose his seat on his beloved bike, even as it was towed by a trailer to his final resting place. The casket was assembled in the garage of Vernon’s funeral home in Mechanicsburg, enshrining him with his trophies & well-worn leathers. After the visitation in the parking lot, motorcyclists from across the country were to join him on his final ride to the cemetery. The burial might have been bizarre, & a bit shocking, to those in Mechanicsburg, his family agreed. But they also know it’s only natural that Standley would want to make an entrance when he meets his maker. “He’d done right by us all these years, & at least we could see he goes out the way he wanted to,” Pete Standley said.

‘Ice King’ Suchanek sets new motorcycle record on ice – Feb 1, 2014 – *Wisconsin* – By Neil Johnson; www.Gazetteextra.com - Fort Atkinson-Milton stunt motorcycle rider Ryan Suchanek fought snow & a punctured motorcycle radiator to top his own world record for the fastest motorcycle wheelie on ice Sat on Lake Koshkonong. 109.5 miles per hour. On one wheel. On ice. It took the 32-year-old Milton resident about 50 runs on a 200-meter ice drag strip on the north side of frozen Lake Koshkonong to break his 2013 ice wheelie speed record of 108.5 miles per hour. His record ride came shortly after 1 p.m. Sat in front of a crowd of about 200 people. Suchanek topped his record even as his bike, a modified 1000 cc Kawasaki ZX10 sport bike outfitted with metal-studded tires for traction on the ice, was hemorrhaging green radiator coolant & smoking like a banshee. The strain of riding on snow-covered ice Sat knocked loose some of the bike’s screw-like tire studs, which flew into the radiator, punching holes in it. “Oh man, it was a blast,” Suchanek said Sat after he topped his old record. “I was battling. My tire studs were flying out of my front tire left & right. There’s so many holes in that radiator right now.” Guinness World Records has established a framework of rules for motorcycle speed wheelies on ice: A rider has to sustain a wheelie for 200 meters between 2 markers set in the ice. A person with a radar gun measures speed toward the end of the run. Like many Guinness World Records, the ice speed wheelie is an obscure feat. In fact, Suchanek & Beavers are 2 of just a few riders worldwide who attempt the ice rides.

The Dead Cow Lecture: This is the best example for paying attention that I have ever heard. First-year students at the Purdue Vet School were attending their first anatomy class with a real dead cow. They all gathered around the surgery table with the body covered with a white sheet. The professor started the class by telling them, “In veterinary medicine it is necessary to have 2 important qualities as a doctor. “The first is that you not be disgusted by anything involving the animal’s body.” For an example, the professor pulled back the sheet, stuck his finger in the butt of the cow, withdrew it, & stuck his finger in his mouth. “Go ahead & do the same thing,” he told his students. The students freaked out, hesitated for several minutes, but eventually took turns sticking a finger in the butt of the dead cow & sucking on it. When everyone finished, the professor looked at them & said: “The second most important quality is observation. I stuck in my middle finger & sucked on my index finger. Now learn to pay attention. Life’s tough but it’s even tougher if you’re stupid.”

Dauphin County DA's son 1 of 2 arrested in Shippensburg Township assault – Feb 2, 2014 – *Pennsylvania*- By Steve Marroni; www.PennLive.com -The son of Dauphin County's district atty was one of the 2 students charged by police in an assault in Shippensburg Township Sat. The family of District Atty Ed Marsico released the following statement about Sat's arrest of Connor Marsico, 18, of Harrisburg: "We are shocked by the events that have been reported regarding some college students, which unfortunately included our son. Our son has & will cooperate with authorities. We expect this to be addressed as a matter of course within the criminal justice system & hope the personal aspects of this difficult situation remain a private family matter." Connor Marsico, was charged by state police at Carlisle with aggravated assault, simple assault, conspiracy & harassment following the early Saturday incident. According to police, the 21-year-old victim was walking on North Earl Street at Lancaster Drive in Shippensburg Township around 1:30 a.m. Saturday when Marsico & another man, Kenneth Brown, 18, of Ardmore, approached him. Police said Brown struck the victim in the face while Marsico kicked him. Brown allegedly took the victim's phone & wallet, police said. The victim was treated for his injuries at Carlisle Regional Medical Center. Brown & Marsico were taken to Cumberland County prison, pending arraignment, police said. Brown was charged with robbery, aggravated assault, simple assault, theft, conspiracy, criminal mischief & harassment. **Comment from Wildman:** the "son" of the District Atty who sent me to prison, \$36,000 restitution, while accusing me of being in an outlaw motorcycle gang, was arrested over the weekend!

Portage men facing criminal gang activity charges – Feb 5, 2014 – *Indiana* – By Joyce Russell; www.NWITimes.com - Four members of the Invaders MC face criminal gang activity charges following the beating of a man in a local bar. Police Chief Troy Williams described the Oct. 20 beating as a "vicious, brutal & unprovoked physical attack" by the 4 Portage men. According to Williams, the attack at the Rusty Nail Bar, 2420 Dombey Rd, went unreported by employees or owners of the bar, but was captured on the bar's surveillance video. That video was recovered by the IN State Excise Police on Oct. 28. 3 of the 4 men were arrested on Dec. 3. Portage police arrested John Nunez, 46, of 6145 Gaston, Portage, at a residence on Clem Road. Bryan Price, 42, of 685 McCool Road, Portage Township, was arrested at BP Refinery in Whiting. Jeremiah Gomez, 39, of 5030 Boulder, Portage, was arrested in Lake Station by Lake Station police. The fourth man, Timothy Henderson, 52, of 6282 Wyandot, Portage, was already in custody on unrelated charges. All 4 were initially charged with battery. On Jan. 18, additional charges of criminal gang activity were filed against all 4 men. According to probable cause affidavits filed by police, both Price & Nunez were wearing vests & patches associated with the Invaders at the time of the battery. Gomez was wearing a similar vest associated with prospective members of the motorcycle club. According to the affidavits, the victim told police Price was the primary offender in the battery. Much of the incident was caught on video tape. The affidavits state Price punched the victim in the left side of the head with a closed fist & grabbed him by the neck & forced him onto the pool table. Price then allegedly struck the victim 4 times in the face with his right fist. The 2 men were pulled to the ground where Price continued to strike the victim repeatedly about the upper torso & head while Price was straddling him. Price kicked the victim in the front of his body, according to police. The victim suffered heavily swollen & bruised left eye leaving him without vision for 3 days, an abrasion to the forehead, swelling to the back of the head, pain to his right shoulder & extreme pain to his left jaw. The victim told police the attack came after the

victim said to a third party, "I'm not afraid of them. I grew up in the ghetto." The comment was heard by Nunez & Price. Police said Nunez also battered the victim & assisted Price in the battery, including dragging the victim through the bar, pushing him into the door & into the parking lot, kicking the victim & making him fall into the side of an SUV parked in the lot. Gomez & Henderson also allegedly took part in the battery by assisting Price & striking, kicking and/or dragging the victim themselves.

Man sentenced for killing 2 West Michigan bikers – Feb 6, 2014 – *Wisconsin* – By WKZO; <http://WinCountry.com> - A Wisconsin man has been given 8-years in prison for steering his car into the members of a Muskegon MC as they were both headed in opposite directions on a Wisconsin highway. Dan Winsemius & Douglas Yonkers were killed & several others injured in the collision in May of 2012. 26-year-old Clinton Lovelace cut a deal with prosecutors & entered a guilty plea of 2 counts of homicide by negligent use of a vehicle & pled no-contest to 3 counts of 2nd degree reckless injury. The Judge ordered that after he is released, he serve 7 years on probation & 15-years of extended supervision.

Adam Lee Hall Convicted - Feb 7, 2014 – *Massachusetts* – By The Aging Rebel; www.AgingRebel.com -This morning a jury found Adam Lee Hall, a former Sgt at Arms for the Berkshire County Charter of the Hells Angels MC, guilty of armed robbery, kidnapping, assault & battery, witness intimidation & 3 counts of murder. Hall was convicted of murdering David R. Glasser in August 2011. Glasser had been scheduled to testify against Hall in a separate case after Hall beat Glasser with a baseball bat in 2009. At that time, Hall faced charges of kidnapping, extortion, assault with a dangerous weapon, witness intimidation, illegal possession of a firearm & possession of cocaine with intent to sell. Today, Hall was also convicted of murdering Glasser's roommate, Edward Frampton, & their friend Robert Chadwell.

Piece Of Work: Hall has also been accused of forcing 3 women into prostitution & acting as their pimp. At the time he was charged with Glasser's murder, Hall was in jail on a charge of possession of child pornography. In 2009, according to prosecutors, Hall unsuccessfully tried to frame Glasser for a robbery in upstate New York. In 2010, Hall met twice with FBI agents & offered to "take down" multiple East Coast charters of the Hells Angels including Berkshire County. Hall volunteered to wear a wire & demanded that the pending charges against him be reduced. The FBI turned him down. After Hall was indicted for trying to frame Glasser in 2011, the Berkshire County Charter mortgaged its clubhouse to make his \$250,000 bail. According to prosecutors, Hall & 2 other men, David Chalue & Caius Veiovis, kidnapped & murdered Glasser, Frampton & Chadwell on Aug 27 or 28. Police discovered the 3 bodies buried in a trench on Sept 10. Hall, Chalue & Veiovis were arrested 2 days later. A 4th man named David Casey was arrested a week after that & charged with being an accessory after the fact to murder, kidnapping & witness intimidation. Prosecutors allege Casey, a heavy equipment operator, dug the trench. Hall was the first of the defendants to be tried. Chalue is next. He is scheduled for trial in April.

The Dance Of Law: Last Oct, Judge C. Jeff Kinder moved Hall's trial from Pittsfield to Springfield, Mass because the case had been heavily publicized in Berkshire County. All 4 defendants have been defended by a succession of defense attys. Atty Alan Black was appointed to represent Hall in Sept 2012 after Hall told the court he thought there had been a "breach of trust" with his previous lawyer. This morning the jury told Judge Kinder they had been deadlocked since Tue. Kinder told them to try again. The jurors returned the guilty verdict about an hour later.

Warrant issued for president of bikie gang – Feb 9, 2014 – *Australia* – By www.DailyMercury.com.au - Proserpine magistrate Haydn Stjernqvist has issued a warrant for the president of a New South Wales chapter of the Bandidos MC. Cameron James O'Neill was scheduled to appear in the Proserpine Magistrate's Court on Monday to answer a charge under Queensland's new bike gang laws of entering & remaining in a licensed premises while wearing or carrying a prohibited item. The court heard through his solicitors that O'Neill had asked for the matter to be dealt with in his absence. Stjernqvist consequently asked to hear the facts. Police prosecutor Elizabeth Cassells said O'Neill was apprehended by Whitsunday detectives & uniformed officers on Hamilton Island's One Tree Hill at 12.30pm on Nov 14. During a search, police found 2 Bandidos business cards in O'Neill's wallet & 3 TCB or "Taking Care of Business" patches in his suitcase. He allegedly told police he forgot he had the items with him. Ms Cassells said One Tree Hill was a designated licensed premises, within the confines of Hamilton Island's liquor licence & these items were prohibited. On checking O'Neill's records, Mr Stjernqvist found evidence of past criminal history which gave him the right to exercise his discretion not to hear the matter 'ex-parte'. He asked the clerk of the court to inform O'Neill's solicitors that his personal appearance would be required on Feb 24, with a warrant to lie on file until then. When the call was placed, O'Neill's solicitor, Mr Summers, indicated that his client had no intention of travelling to Queensland. The warrant was therefore released.

Hells Angel murderer gets life without parole – Feb 10, 2014 – *Massachusetts* – By <http://wnyt.com> - Adam Hall will spend the rest of his life behind bars. Hall, a member of the Hells Angels MC, was sentenced in court on Mon. The judge sentenced Hall to life in prison without the possibility of parole. The Pittsfield man was found guilty of the 15 of 19 counts against him, including kidnapping & murder. Two men are accused of helping Hall dismember 3 Pittsfield men in 2011. The trials of Caius Veovus of Pittsfield & David Chalue of North Adams are set to begin in the coming months. Hall's trial was said to be the most important of the 3, as he is believed to have been the ring leader.

A Shameless Plug - Feb 10, 2014 – *U.S.A.* – By The Aging Rebel; www.AgingRebel.com - A friend of this page, & an occasional commenter, named Amy Irene White has a couple of internet radio shows. She asked me to mention them & I am a soft touch. Amy broadcasts a show called Bikers versus Muslims every Mon from 9 p.m. to 11 pm Central Time which, if you are drunk when you read this, is ten until midnight in New York, Boston, Rock Hill & Miami & 7 p.m. to 9 on the Left Coast. You can listen to the show here. Tonight the show will feature a long interview with C.J. Allan, a former International President of the Hessians MC. C.J. is an engraver by trade. He started engraving bike parts with Indian Larry & many of you have seen his work. Of course tonight's show, like all of them, will feature hearty helpings of Muslim bashing. And, since Amy currently seems to be involved in a Twitter war with the cast of The Devils Ride, tonight's entertainment may also include a few pointed remarks about that absolutely true & indispensable look at what it is really like to be an outlaw biker.

Biker Bedtime Stories: Amy's other show is called Biker Bedtime Stories. You can listen to that on Sunday & Wed nights at ten Central. Last night's episode featured the gentle & moderate J.J. Solari, a former Mouseketeer & Easyriders contributor who sometimes offends people in the comments section here. Those who have not yet encountered J.J. might enjoy his recent capsule

review of The Devils Ride: "The Devils Ride is probably the worst television show in the history of electricity. It is more likely that Searching For Bigfoot will find a bigfoot than that The Devils Ride will achieve a level of entertainment value surpassing the fun of watching maggots devour a carcass. O.J. Simpson smiling his fairylike simpleton smile at a jury is more powerful & riveting entertainment. Seeing the baby grinning a gas-induced grin at Granma is more phenomenally amazing than all the episodes of The Devils Ride put together & played on an Imax screen inside your very asshole. And yet to hear the people connected with the show talk about the show you would think that Vietnam & Korea & all the ordnance used to make it lively & sparkly were as sleeping puppies in the mommy dog's womb compared to the ferocity of life of The Devils Ride that plays out on the handheld screen as you watch it, yawning, while standing at the urinal taking a piss. "We're the real thing, bro! Yo! You have no idea! You are talking shit! We know about you! We could tell people some things about you! You better stop talking that shit! We can come down on you hard! You know who you're talking to?"

Amy Speaks: White also has opinions about bikers & the funhouse mirror of mass media: "Suddenly, thanks to idiots like Kurt Sutter, there is a new breed of biker," she writes. "A sagging calf length shorts & white Nike wearing, flat billed baseball cap & rap music toting gangsta style moronic type idiot seems to have emerged from the bowels of Anarchy. The magazines that used to sell gun wallets & print marijuana brownie recipes are now so nauseatingly politically correct that I believe they would disintegrate if a real biker even farted on them. This 'Oh, we can't mention drugs or guns or pussy or anything else interesting because it might offend someone' attitude is to the point that colors aren't even allowed at some events hosted by popular magazines. There are riding rules that state you are supposed to wear your cut if you are on your bike. What do these event planners expect you to do with your cuts? Stick 'em up your asses? I say fuck that. Fuck these Justin Bieber-slash-Vin Diesel wannabe bikers. I mourn the loss of the old bikers – the real ones. I cry like a baby at every casket I see containing a grizzled, hairy old guy whose mind held the legends of a million miles. I search in vain at Sturgis, at Daytona...looking for that campfire surrounded by wind weathered, worn leathered ghosts of the past. More & more I feel that it is imperative to get back to who we once were. A force to be reckoned with. Not mice but men." This kind of iconoclasm is not everybody's cup of tea. But if it isn't you probably stumbled onto this page by accident, anyway.

Lovelace - Public Defender has filed Notice of (Intent to pursue Post-Conviction Relief – Feb 11, 2014 – **Wisconsin**

State of Wisconsin vs. Clinton H. Lovelace
Fond du Lac County Case Number 2012CF000261
Court Record Events

Date	Event
02-12-2014	Other papers
02-11-2014	Notice of intent to pursue post-conviction relief
02-11-2014	Notice of hearing Restitution hearing on May 20, 2014; 2:30 pm.
02-07-2014	Judgment of conviction

Note: ABATE of Wisconsin & Flapper are following this closely.

Guard with jealous attention the public liberty...
Suspect everyone who approaches that jewel...
Unfortunately, nothing will preserve it but downright force...
Whenever you give up that force, you are inevitably ruined...
Patrick Henry, speech in the Virginia Ratifying Convention, 1778

Bandidos bikie pleads guilty to home invasion – Feb 11, 2014 – *Australia* - By Peter Hardwick; www.ipswichadvertiser.com.au - There's a light at the end of the tunnel for Bandidos MC member John Doyle after he appeared before the Toowoomba District Court to plead guilty to his role in a violent home invasion from 2012. Doyle had been held in custody since his arrest for drug trafficking in May 2012 arising from a police operation across Toowoomba. He pleaded guilty to that charge in Nov last year & was sentenced to 3 years jail, the judge having taken into account he had already served 534 days pre-sentence custody. He appeared in custody yesterday to plead guilty to his role in the home invasion at Gowrie Junction during which a woman was held against her will & property, including weapons, were stolen. Judge Sarah Bradley said had Doyle been dealt with for the home invasion at the same time as the drug trafficking charges, he could have expected to receive 6 years jail. However, taking into account the time he had served in prison, including some time in solitary confinement, Judge Bradley sentenced Doyle to another 12 months jail, but ordered he be eligible to apply for release on parole forthwith.

Mongols Nation Case Grinds On - Feb 12, 2014 – *California* – By The Aging Rebel; www.AgingRebel.com - The Mongols Nation Case will grind on for at least another 9 months. The case, formally titled USA v. Mongol Nation, an Unincorporated Association, began with a criminal indictment a year ago, on Feb 13, 2013. The case appears to be a recapitulation of US v. Cavazos et al. which was filed in Oct 2008. A unique aspect of Cavazos was the United States illegal & mendacious demand that the Mongols MC name be forfeited. In practice that demand meant that Gov't thugs with badges were allowed to break into the homes & cars of innocent people looking for Mongols mementos from calendars & snapshots to support tee shirts.

The Global War On Clubs: Most of the world's English language press reported that American police had been given the power to "rip" Mongols patches "off the backs" of any Mongol they could find whether he had been indicted or not. Police can't do that legally because the Constitution forbids it. The details are well established in case law. But 64 months after Cavazos the same Gov't attys who prosecuted that case, Christopher Brunwin & Steven Welk, are still at it. Brunwin & Welk and, presumably, everybody else in the Holder Justice Dept think Gov't bureaucrats should be empowered to forbid the existence of MCs. Currently it is the Mongols. Next will be the Pagan's. The next domino after that will probably be the Hells Angels. The underlying story is that the global war on terror has become a global war against motorcycle clubs. The war has more facets than a diamond. For example, politicians in the Australian State of Queensland recently outlawed 25 motorcycle clubs, including the Mongols, there. And even more recently, friends & relatives of deceased Hells Angel Elliott "Cisco" Valderrama have been denied permission to enter the U.S.A. to attend the dead man's funeral because their names have been placed on a big, secret list of potential terrorists – because they were related to a Hells Angel.

New Trial Date: Obviously the Justice Dept will continue to exploit the war against Al Qaeda to enforce ever more rigid social controls on Americans. It doesn't matter that this argument over what Gov't apparatchiks can forbid is slower than chess. The Gov't is already punishing the Mongols by forcing the club to defend itself against the same accusations over & over. That's why Mongol Nation is important. The Mongols tried to get the case dismissed last Oct. The presiding judge, a blatantly stupid man named Otis D. Wright, angrily refused & ordered "the

Mongols" to go on trial on March 25. A month ago Wright finally allowed Bob Bernstein, the exasperated atty who had sought a dismissal, to resign from the case. The Mongols hired Joseph Yanny to replace him. Yanny is one of the cleverest criminal defenders in Los Angeles. He has advised the Vagos MC for several years & he represented that club when the town of Hemet, Calif & half the politicians in the state accused the Vagos of terrorism in 2010. The first thing Yanny requested was a continuance of the trial. Judge Wright granted that late last month. So Mongols Nation, a turn of phrase, will now be tried for racketeering beginning at 8:30 a.m. next Sept 30.

Rebels motorcycle gang members face drug charges over \$230k amphetamine haul – Feb 12, 2014 – *Australia* – By www.ABC.net.au - Tasmanian police have charged 2 members of the Rebels MC with alleged drug importation. A 26-year-old Warrane man & 24-year-old man from Blackmans Bay have been charged with trafficking amphetamine, or speed, & cannabis worth \$230,000. The arrests were part of a joint operation between local & Fed Police & Customs. It is alleged the drugs were imported into Australia & distributed in Tasmania.

Case adjourned for ex-Bandido charged over drug lab raid – Feb 14, 2014 – *Australia* - By Tom Forbes; www.ABC.Net.au - The case of a 45-year-old Upper Coomera man, who allegedly produced drugs valued in excess of \$15 million, was mentioned in a court on Queensland's Gold Coast this morning. Police say they searched the home of former Bandidos MC member Duanne Welsh yesterday & located a drug lab, a quantity of methylamphetamine & a firearm. Welsh is charged with a total of 8 drugs & weapons-related offences. In the Southport Magistrates Court this morning, his case was adjourned until Tuesday when the matter will be mentioned in the Brisbane Magistrates Court. Welsh did not appear in court & he was remanded in custody.

A Detail Named Wilson – Feb 14, 2014 – *Australia* – By The Aging Rebel; www.AgingRebel.com - Sometimes the best way to tell an enormous story is with a few spare details. The big story is QLD's Vicious Lawless Association Disestablishment Act of 2013. Like VLAD the Impaler. The spare detail is a guy named Ben Wilson. Wilson is a concrete mason in Brisbane & a friend of a member of the Rebels MC named Darryl Cook. Cook had leased a commercial building that his club used as a clubhouse. The QLD Gov't ordered the clubhouse closed & decreed that it was a "pro-scribed place," a place no Rebel was allowed to enter. Cook, who was stuck with the lease, decided to turn it into a retail store called 12-Gauge Clothing. His wife would manage the place. And since Cook couldn't legally enter the building he asked his friend Wilson to paint over the Rebels insignia outside & refurbish the interior for him.

Arrest: The store was scheduled to open last Dec 8. 3-policemen visited the store the previous morning, questioned Wilson & 2 other people who were working there, then left them alone for the rest of the day. Wilson was there the next day for the grand opening. So were 30 cops. Wilson & some other volunteers set up a bounce house. The police searched it. They also searched a charitable booth the men had set up inside. Police demanded to see Wilson's driver's license. When they discovered it had expired 3 days before they cited Wilson even though he was standing on a sidewalk at the time. Then Wilson went back to selling T-shirts inside the store. Police arrested Wilson as soon as a TV news crew arrived. He was charged with being an associate of the Rebels, a forbidden organization, & walking into a proscribed place.

Detention: Police then searched Wilson's home for proof of the accusation that he was a Rebels' associate. They found a Confederate flag that Wilson, a Dukes of Hazard fan, had purchased on eBay. The flag is now the principal evidence against Wilson. He made his initial appearance in a Brisbane Court 11 days later, wearing the clothes he had on when he was arrested, & he was denied bail. Wilson has been in jail since then. Unable to work to pay his bills, he has lost his car, motorcycle, his home & most of his furnishings. His girlfriend & his 2 children have moved in with her parents. Under the VLAD law, Wilson faces a mandatory sentence of 6 months in solitary confinement. Wilson hasn't yet raised the money he needs to hire a lawyer. His girlfriend, Ashley Metcalf, has started a Facebook page to solicit donations for his defense.

Utah Motorcycle Lane-Splitting Bill Tabled – Feb 16, 2014 – **Utah** – By Bart Madson; www.Motorcycle-USA.com - A bill that would legalize motorcycle lane-splitting in Utah has stalled in committee. The Deseret News reports that the bill, HB281, proposed by State Representative Craig Hall was tabled in Utah's House Transportation Committee by a vote of 7-1. The bill's detractors cited safety concerns as the reason to delay the measure. The practice of lane-splitting, as the name implies, allows motorcycle riders to cut through slower traffic in the gap between traffic lanes. It is a common practice internationally, like in Europe, where it is called filtering. Lane-splitting is currently illegal in the United States, with the notable exception of California. Considered a birthright by many California riders, the legality of lane-splitting has been challenged of late. Most recently a bill sponsored in the California Senate would have placed restrictions on the practice, but the measure was withdrawn in 2013. Further legitimizing the practice in the state, the Calif H.P. published general guidelines for lane-splitting, which can be read at: www.chp.ca.gov/programs/lanesplitguide.html Efforts to introduce lane-splitting in states bordering California have met some legislative success, but ultimately been unsuccessful. A measure that would have allowed a one-year test of lane-splitting in Arizona's Maricopa County was vetoed by Governor Jan Brewer. A bill in Nevada's legislature passed its House only to stall in the state Senate. Several bills in Oregon to allow lane-splitting have also been tabled in committee – similar to the Utah measure. The Deseret News reports that Hall (R-West Valley City) will continue to advocate for lane-splitting, with plans to introduce a bill in the next legislative session that addresses the committee's safety concerns.

50 States Ranked for Highest Motorcycle Ownership – Feb 16, 2014 – **USA** – By Blake Bos; www.Fool.com – You won't guess who's # 2... As of the most recent report by the Dept of Transportation, there were 8,410,255 motorcycles registered in the United States by private citizens & commercial organizations in 2011. To put this staggering number into perspective, out of every 36 people you meet in the U.S., one of them probably has a motorcycle. For ranking purposes, we won't be looking at total bikes in a state, but rather people per motorcycle (the lower the number, the more common bikes are). So what states in America have the most die-hard moto-enthusiasts? # 3. Our liberties we prize & our rights we will maintain – Iowa... Iowa comes in third with 18 people for every motorcycle, beating the national average by 50%. In 2011 the state had 172,929 motorcycles registered, representing 2.1% of all motorcycles in America. Iowa is also home to production of Polaris' (NYSE: PII) Victory & Indian brands, & has the famous Iowa Grand Motorcycle Rally. This Midwest state's wide-open spaces make for a perfect landscape for Polaris' & H-D's (NYSE: HOG) famous cruisers. # 2.

Live free or die -- New Hampshire... New Hampshire comes in second with 17 people for every motorcycle beating the national average by 53%. In 2011 the state had 79,266 motorcycles registered, representing 0.94% of all motorcycles in America. New Hampshire also happens to be one of 31 states without a mandatory helmet law. The state is also home to Laconia Motorcycle Week, which dates back to the early 1900s & is one of the countries oldest rallies. Some sources quote attendance as high 300,000-400,000 bikers for this rally, & it is frequently ranked as one of the best rallies in the country. The combination of no helmets, great natural terrain, & the famous Laconia Motorcycle Week make New Hampshire a top spot for motorcycle enthusiasts. # 1. Under God the people rule -- South Dakota... S.D. comes in 1st with 12 people for every motorcycle beating the national average by 66%. In 2011 the state had 69,284 motorcycles registered, representing 0.82% of all motorcycles in America. South Dakota is famous for the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally, which attracted 467,338 riders in 2013. With 77% of surveyed riders riding a H-D, this event is crucial for Harley to not only show off its newest products, but also to monitor its core customer. Investors in Polaris & H-D would do well to monitor how their brand's present themselves at Sturgis to see if they're gaining market share or losing it. Since South Dakota hosts the country's largest motorcycle rally & has a small population, it's no surprise this rather thinly populated state takes the No. 1 spot.

How QLD bikies are held in solitary confinement – Feb 16, 2014 – **Australia** – By Josh Robertson; www.CourierMail.com.au - Welcome to solitary confinement, Queensland style. Prison authorities refuse to release images of the cells being used to hold bikies in solitary confinement, citing "safety & security considerations". The Sunday Mail, however, has used sworn statements from lawyers who represent the bikies to paint a picture of what is going on behind closed doors in our prisons. According to those statements, prisoners are forbidden from wearing underpants and, in the bikies-only-facility at Woodford prison, are clothed in pink uniforms. They are held in lockdown for 23 hours each day in cells "the size of a large dining table", with only a mattress & a toilet. According to some affidavits, the cells have been infested with cockroaches, ants & mites. There are surveillance cameras above the toilet, & above the shower in an -adjoining cell, where inmates are given an hour a day "outside time". That cell is the same size but with a "caged area to allow for natural light" Cells are searched daily while -inmates are forced to stand with their heads against the wall with arms raised. Inmates are strip-searched -before & after visits from their lawyers, & given half the standard daily food rations, their lawyers claim. A Gov't spokesman yesterday said the cells were "very different" than the picture painted. They all had a shower, a window, a sink, desk & chair, & bookshelves. But Atty-General Jarrod Bleijie said he made no apologies for being tough on members of organised crime gangs – & it was working. "They used their notoriety to be top dogs in the prison population & they actually continued their illegal activities by dealing drugs & intimidating prison staff," Bleijie said. "Keeping them away from the general prison population has disrupted all of that & jail is now a real deterrent for them. The prison regime is doing what it's meant to do: We now have gang members resigning from their clubs & turning over a new leaf & some have had their restrictions lifted." There are about 50 "Criminal Motorcycle Gang" prisoners held in Queensland jails. The Gov't says "health & psychological services" are offered to inmates, & gang members were able – like other prisoners – to participate "in meaningful activities."

Why We Ride Movie – Feb 17, 2014 – *USA* – By Troy Siahaan; <http://blog.Motorcycle.com> - The movie, Why We Ride, is being talked about amongst motorcyclists all over the country as being the next great moto-flick, arguably on the same level as On Any Sunday & Faster. But if you haven't seen it yet, it has just been announced that the film is now available for worldwide download. For the first time, fans the world over will be able to share in the documentary that has brought the motorcycle community together in a celebration of what it means to be a rider. Why We Ride will be available across all of iTunes' & Amazon's stores worldwide. Says Producer/Director Bryan H. Carroll: "Motorcycling is about sharing & it's a real privilege to be able to share this film with the internat'l motorcycling community. Making this film wouldn't have been possible without the support of motorcyclists around the world, & sharing our story with everyone who has ever ridden a bike has been our dream all along." Winner of the 2014 Family Choice Award, the 2014 AMA Hazel Kolb Brighter Image Award, the 2014 Portland Motorcycle Film Fest, & the 2013 Motorcycle Film Fest, Why We Ride has been shown at over 200 fan hosted screenings across the United States.

Kentwood man sentenced in deadly drunk driving crash with motorcycle – Feb 17, 2014 – *Louisiana* – By www.WAFB.com - A man investigators said was driving drunk when he collided with another vehicle, leaving an elderly motorcyclist dead, has been sentenced after pleading no contest in the case. The 21st Judicial District Court reported Robert Morris, 52, was sentenced to 10 years in prison by Judge Bruce Bennett after pleading no contest to vehicular homicide. District Atty Scott Perrilloux said Bennett ruled Morris must serve at least 5 years without the benefit of parole, probation or suspension of sentence. Elmus Welch, 70, of Kentwood, died in the head-on collision that happened on LA 38 near the Tangipahoa Parish-St. Helena Parish line on Nov. 10, 2012. Louisiana State Police reported the SUV that Morris was driving went off the road & overcorrected when he tried to get back onto the highway. According to troopers, the overcorrection caused the SUV to spin into the opposite lane & it collided with Welch's vehicle. Welch was pronounced dead at the scene. Officials reported investigators determined Morris was driving under the influence of alcohol at the time of the crash.

Finks CMG members charged with rioting – Feb 17, 2014 – *Australia* – By www.CQNews.com.au - Officers from Taskforce Maxima have charged 2 participants of the Finks MC with rioting. It is alleged the men were involved in the incident which occurred at the nightclub & restaurant precinct, Surf Parade, Broadbeach on Sept 27, 2013. The incident involved members from the Bandidos MC & 2 members associated with the 66 Street Crew, affiliated with the Finks CMG. A 28-year-old Raceview man & a 36-year-old Leichardt man have each been charged with 1 count of rioting & are due to appear in the Brisbane Magistrates Court this morning. Det Inspt Brendan Smith of Taskforce Maxima said these actions send a clear message to members of criminal gangs. "We are here for the long haul, we will be relentless in our follow up & will take enforcement action whenever we identify evidence of offences," he said.

Mesa man arrested after climbing into Petco ceiling – Feb 18, 2014 – *Arizona* – By Celeste Ruiz; www.AZCentral.com - A Mesa man accused of hiding in a pet store's ceiling told police that he fled into the building to escape a motorcycle gang that was chasing after him, according to court records. Police were called to Petco, 2027 East Univ Drive, about 6:15 p.m. Sun after receiving reports that a man had locked himself in a storage room & then crawled into the ceiling crawl space of the building,

according to court records filed in the East Mesa Justice Court. Investigators said Jay Harold Bishop, 34, moved through the crawl space, attracting the attention of customers in the store. Ceiling tiles were buckling as Bishop moved around, police said. Bishop was told twice to come down but he refused, authorities said. The incident ended when 2 officers were able to grab his right foot & pull him down, according to court records. A ceiling speaker & exposed wires appeared to be damaged, police said. Bishop said he was being chased by a motorcycle gang & was attempting to get away from them when he walked into the business, detectives said. Police found out that Bishop left an 11-month-year-old child in a running vehicle parked in front of the store. Bishop told police he knew the child was defenseless from the people chasing him, but Bishop said he would take a chance on the gang not harming the infant because she is a small child. "I needed to get out of there," Bishop told police. "They were following me." Several sobriety tests were performed on Bishop but results cannot be confirmed yet, according to court records. Bishop was arrested on suspicion of drunk driving, criminal damage & endangerment.

Three arrested at Northside MC – Feb 18, 2014 – *Ohio* – By WKRC; www.Local12.com - A call to police for shots fired leads to the arrests of 3 men on gun charges. Mon, police were called to the Bad to the Bone MC for a shots fired call. Officers with the Violent Crimes Squad arrested Chancie Brown, Rashaan Graves & John Erskins on a charge of carrying a concealed weapon. Erskins also faces a drug charge. Police recovered 4 guns & a small amount of marijuana. All 3 held on Bonds.

Ex-cop Benoit Roberge renounces right to preliminary hearing in Hells case – Feb 19, 2014 – *Canada* – By Paul Cherry; www.MontrealGazette.com - Case against investigator accused of selling information to biker gang will go straight to trial... Benoit Roberge, the retired biker gang investigator accused of selling police info to the Hells Angels, has decided to go straight to trial without the benefit of a preliminary inquiry. The 50-year-old former member of the Montreal police made the surprise announcement during a brief hearing at the Montreal courthouse Wed. The hearing was supposed to mark the start of a three-day preliminary inquiry, where the accused can hear & challenge the evidence against him. The prosecution had planned to present testimony from a witness whose identity is protected by a publication ban. Roberge is charged with obstructing justice for the profit of a criminal organization, obstructing justice by divulging information, participating in the activities of a criminal organization & breach of trust. The prosecution alleges the crimes took place between 2012 & Oct 2013. Roberge, whose eyes appeared bloodshot in court, renounced his right to a bail hearing in Jan & chose to be tried before a judge alone & not a jury. Nothing was said that might explain why Roberge wants to go straight to trial. His lawyer, Richard Perras, offered no comment to reporters outside the courtroom. There remain some motions to be heard before the trial, & Quebec Court Judge Robert Marchi set a formality hearing for March 13. Roberge was arrested by the Sûreté du Québec in October. He is alleged to have sold information to René Charlebois, a Hells Angels member & convicted killer. The alleged transaction took place while Charlebois was serving a life sentence for killing Claude De Serres in 2000. De Serres had been working undercover for the police to infiltrate the biker gang. Charlebois escaped from the Montée St-François minimum-security penitentiary in Laval in mid-September. He killed himself less than 2 weeks later as the SQ closed in on his hiding place. Evidence uncovered after Charlebois's death prompted the SQ to investigate Roberge.

Vic bikies planned bomb attack – Feb 19, 2014 – *Australia* – By www.News.com.au - Intelligence that the Comancheros were plotting a revenge bomb attack against their Hells Angels bikie rivals has led to what is possibly the biggest police raid in Victoria. More than 570 police raided homes, businesses & factories linked to the Comancheros across Melbourne on Wed. 63 search warrants were executed, with items seized including power gel explosives, detonators, a revolver, firearms, imitation guns, drugs, ammunition, vehicles, motorbikes & \$150,000 cash. The raids are continuing but so far have led to 18 arrests & 9 people being charged for weapons, firearms & drug offences. Echo Taskforce Det Supt Peter De Santo says police acted after receiving intelligence the Comancheros were planning a revenge attack against the Hells Angels. “We had credible intelligence to say the Comancheros were going to take out an explosive attack against the Hells Angels,” he told reporters. Police believe they have disrupted the plan, which is part of an ongoing feud between the clubs. Among those arrested was the Comancheros’ Victorian V.P., who was being interviewed on Wed afternoon. He is alleged to have been found with a high-powered handgun & another firearm in his possession. Det Supt De Santo said the operation was possibly the biggest single execution of warrants in Victoria & follows similar raids on Hells Angels clubhouses & members’ homes in Oct. He says investigations are continuing & more operations targeting outlaw bikies are planned. Police seized a high-powered military-style weapon they had been looking for during raids on Hells Angels clubs last week. Police have linked the weapon to a shoot-up of the Rock Machine club in Clayton South where more than 70 shots were fired last Oct, & possibly a second driveway shooting. “Today’s operation is an ongoing part of that investigation. It’s not concluded,” Det Supt De Santo said. Police were confident the AK-47 military weapon, the person who fired it & the maker of a bomb found in October at a Hallam gym linked to the Comancheros, were now off the streets, Det Supt De Santo said. The raided properties included clubhouses, homes, factories & businesses linked to the Comancheros in suburbs such as South Melbourne, Kilsyth, Fawkner, Frankston & Hallam. Properties linked to the Comancheros including a gym, clubhouse & vehicles were attacked with guns & explosives last year. Asst Commissioner Steve Fontana said the Comancheros were still unhappy with last year’s attack. “I understand that a couple of individuals are really dark on the fact those attacks took place on their clubhouse & their premises & they want to retaliate,” he told reporters.

Bikie & gang members hit with gun ban – Feb 19, 2014 – *Australia* – By AAP; www.PerthNow.com.au - More than 220 people in NSW have been banned from possessing firearms, the majority of them members of bikie & other criminal gangs. NSW Police say those issued with Firearm Prohibition Orders include 44 members & associates of the Brothers For Life gang, 42 members of the Rebels outlaw motorcycle gang & 39 men associated with Assyrian organised crime networks. Others include 21 members of the Nomads bikie gang, 7 members of the Comancheros bikie gang & 6 members of the Hells Angels. In total, 223 people have now been issued with Firearm Prohibition Orders, police said on Wed. Of those orders, 59 have been in place for a number of years, while 164 have been issued since Nov 1 last year, the day the NSW parliament passed the Firearms & Criminal Groups Legislation Amendment Bill 2013. That law decrees that anyone served with a Firearm Prohibition Order is banned from acquiring, possessing or using a firearm, a firearm part, or ammunition. The law also provides police with significant powers to stop & search such a person. NSW Police Field Operations Commander, Deputy Commissioner Nick

Kaldas, said officers were regularly using the powers the orders afforded them. “As we have said all along, getting illegal guns - & the criminals who use them - out of our communities remains one of the NSW Police Force’s major priorities.”

Busselton bikie fined more than 3,000 dollars – Feb 19, 2014 – *Australia* – By www.BusseltonMail.com.au - A Known member of the Busselton Rebels MC faced Bunbury Magistrates Court on Fri. 29-year-old Ace Henry Jackson of Geographe faced charges relating to various incidents dating back to Sept 2013. On Nov 6 the Mail published a story about a police raid on the Rebels clubhouse on Plackett Way which was sparked by an incident back in Sept involving 2 Rebels members confronting a man over a generic patch on his vest. The Rebels members demanded the patch before an off duty officer intervened & the patch was removed to avoid an altercation. Jackson pleaded guilty to a string of charges in relation to the incident which included one count of disobeying a police officer at a road block & one count of possessing a prohibited weapon, one count of possessing drug paraphernalia. He also pleaded guilty to one count of disorderly behavior in a police station, 2 counts of disorderly behavior in public, one count of possessing a prohibited drug & 2 counts of willfully unlawfully destroying or damaging property & was fined \$3,600. Jackson pleaded not guilty to 1 count of threat to injure.

Police crackdown on unsafe motorcycle riding in El Cajon – Feb 21, 2014 – *California* – By www.CBS8.com - Police in El Cajon are cracking down on unsafe motorcycle riding in an effort to lower the number of deaths & injuries. Extra officers are on duty Friday as part of a specialized motorcycle safety enforcement operation. They are patrolling areas frequented by motorcyclists & where motorcycle crashes occur. “We’re going to be doing enforcement on motorcyclists that are driving too fast, or other vehicles that might be turning in front of a motorcycle, right-of-way violations, unsafe turning movements,” Sgt. Matt Conlon said. In the city of El Cajon in 2013, there were 25 motorcycle collisions, resulting in one fatality & 23 motorcyclists injured. So far 2 motorcyclists have been killed in 2014.

A woman is at home when she hears someone knock at the door. She goes to the door & opens the door to see a man standing there. He asks the lady, ‘Do you have a vagina?’ She slams the door in disgust. The next morning she hears a knock at the door & it is the same man & he asks the same question of the woman, ‘Do you have a vagina?’ She slams the door again. Later that night when her husband gets home she tells him what has happened for the last 2 days. The husband tells the wife in a loving & concerned voice ‘Honey, I am taking tomorrow off to be home just in case this guy shows up again.’ The next morning they hear a knock & both run for the door. The husband says to the wife in a whispered voice, ‘Honey, I’m going to hide behind the door & listen & if it is the same guy I want you to answer yes to the question because I want to see where the bastard is going with it.’ She nods yes to her husband & opens the door. Sure enough the same fellow is standing there & asks the same question; ‘Do you have a vagina?’ ‘Yes, actually I have,’ she says. The man replies... ‘Good! Would you mind telling your husband to leave my wife’s alone & start using yours?’

If a tiny spark of God’s Love already burns within you; do not expose it to the wind, for it may get blown out... Stay quiet with God. Do not spend your time in useless chatter... Do not give yourself to others so completely that you have nothing left for yourself. - St. Charles Borromeo

Hells Angels marked as criminals by Manitoba Justice - Feb 21, 2014 – *Canada* - CBC News; www.CBC.ca - The Hells Angels MC is now formally listed as a criminal organization in Manitoba — the first of any Gov't in North America to make that designation. “We’ve had successful prosecutions against the Hells Angels but that doesn’t seem to stop them. They just keep trying to get back into business,” said Insp. Rick Guyader of the Winnipeg Police Service. “As long as they continue, we’re going to continue prosecuting them.” It means police no longer have to prove the motorcycle gang is a criminal organization at every court hearing. “This is a milestone for Canada & a clear signal that Manitoba will continue to develop & use every tool available to fight criminal organizations & the threat they pose to Manitobans,” said Manitoba Justice Minister Andrew Swan. “It is now law in Manitoba the Hells Angels MC is a criminal organization.” This designation follows an extensive application filed by the province’s director of policing last spring to have the club designated as such. The application was based on extensive evidence collected from across Canada, information from organized crime experts & court findings from across the country, according to Swan. “The Hells Angels MC was actually given the opportunity to come forward & present some evidence to suggest they were not a criminal organization,” said Swan. “As I understand it, there was no response to that.” On Friday, defense lawyer Jay Prober said he didn’t think the change would amount to much. Prober has represented alleged Hells Angels members in the past. “I don’t think it was necessary. It’s window dressing, but it makes good politics & gets votes,” said Prober. He added, “I doubt this piece of legislation will withstand a constitutional challenge.” Prober said a criminal designation label on any group won’t trump an individual’s rights in court because the Crown will still need to prove its case. RCMP D Division Assistant Commissioner Kevin Brosseau said while Prober is right in that it won’t affect criminal charges, it does give police & Crown prosecutors help in civil & provincial court cases. “Rather than having to prove for civil processes that the Hells Angels are a criminal organization that [will now be] a given,” said Brosseau. “Those days & weeks that will potentially be needed to gather evidence for that will not be needed for the civil side.” To get the designation, the legal process included an independent external review panel, which is made up of at least 3 people who are not Gov’t employees or currently serving as police officers. They examined all of the materials & determined the MC met the test of being a criminal organization. “Organized crime is not welcome in the province of Manitoba,” said Brosseau. “The RCMP has prioritized enforcement efforts to focus on eliminating organized crime & this announcement today provides us another tool in our tool kit to help us ensure the safety & well-being of Manitobans.” When criminal organizations are added to Manitoba’s Schedule of Criminal Organizations, it will result in more swift & effective enforcement of provincial laws, states a news release from the Manitoba Gov’t. It will also remove the requirement to repeatedly prove these groups are criminal organizations. As a result, it will reduce the time spent by police, justice officials & the courts to determine that groups are criminal organizations.

Profile of the Hells Angels: The Hells Angels MC (Hells Angels or HAMC) is the largest outlaw motorcycle gang in the world, with over 5,000 members in over 400 chapters in more than 40 countries. *Canada has 35 chapters:* Hells Angels rules require chapters to have a minimum of 6 members on the street without any court-imposed conditions. Several Canadian chapters are inactive due to the majority of their members being incarcerated. The following is a profile of the HAMC’s operations which identify it as a criminal organization.

- **Structure & rules:** Evidence from numerous Canadian trials reveals the Hells Angels are highly structured to ensure conformity to their rules, prevent infiltration by rivals & police, & to maintain effective criminal operations. Courts have found that chapters are not independent entities but instead conform to rules & work collectively to meet the broader objectives of the HAMC.

- **Membership:** Consists of full patch members, prospects, hang-arounds, official friends, & associates. Full patch members seek to insulate themselves from police & rivals by using subordinate members & associate gangs to commit or facilitate crimes & protect HAMC assets. Membership is an incremental process over years to test a recruit’s loyalty & prevent infiltration by police or rival gang members. Internal Hells Angels records show that photos & info about potential new members are distributed across the country to try to identify unwanted members.

- **Colors:** The colours of the Hells Angels are formed by the term ‘Hells Angels,’ the club’s death head logo & red & white lettering. These items have been trademarked in numerous countries. Only a full patch member can wear the Hells Angels logo & vote on club issues & strategies. Courts have noted the ‘power of the patch’ worn by the Hells Angels, since it has been used to intimidate & create fear from the public & gang rivals. As a result, some courts have declared items displaying these identifying colors to be forfeited as offence-related property.

- **Clubhouses:** Clubhouses are the base for each Hells Angels chapter. Courts have noted they are generally fortified & equipped with strong security measures. Courts have ordered Hells Angels clubhouses forfeited as instruments or proceeds of crime in Ontario (Toronto, Thunder Bay & Oshawa), Halifax & Quebec. Several other clubhouses, including one in Winnipeg, have been seized pending criminal property forfeiture applications. Manitoba & Saskatchewan have also used provincial laws to order the removal of fortifications from Hells Angels clubhouses as they are a public safety threat.

- **Intelligence gathering:** Hells Angels & their associate groups have been found with counter-surveillance equipment designed to detect police listening devices, sensitive justice documents on gang rivals & information about police investigators.

- **Associates:** The Hells Angels use subordinate criminal organizations to commit or facilitate crimes & advance their interests. This also helps to identify potential new members of the Hells Angels. For example, several members of 1 of the Manitoba Hells Angels’ support clubs, the Zig Zag Crew, have moved up to become full members. Gang wars in Quebec, Manitoba & Ontario have highlighted the roles played by these associate groups. Manitoba’s Zig Zag Crew & Redlined gangs have been convicted for drug & other crimes in support of the Hells Angels.

- **Criminal activities:** Courts in Quebec, Ontario & Manitoba have found the Hells Angels to be a criminal organization in dozens of individual criminal prosecutions. Hells Angels have a long record of violence in Canada including the murder of 2 justice officials in Quebec in 1997, a gang war with the Rock Machine in Quebec that resulted in an estimated 150 murders over the course of a decade, & extensive drug trafficking & related crimes in Manitoba.

A blonde & a brunette are walking downtown when the brunette sees boyfriend in a flower shop. “Just great,” the brunette complained to the blonde, “my boyfriend is in the flower shop buying me some flowers.” The blonde responds, “Why is that a problem?” The brunette replies, “Because now he’ll expect me to spend all weekend with my legs spread & my feet up in the air.” “Why?” asked the blonde, “Don’t you have a vase?”

You do not need a Title to be a Leader, it’s built in...

Third MC member convicted in robbery case – Feb 21, 2014 – *Illinois* – By Don O'Brien; www.Whig.com - A third member of a Liberty-based motorcycle club was convicted Fri by an Adams County Circuit Court jury for his role in an armed robbery near downtown Quincy in May 2012. Timothy Jackson, 56, of Roodhouse, was convicted of aggravated robbery & robbery charges after a 4-day trial. The jury found Jackson not guilty of armed robbery, the most serious charge against him. He faces up to 15 years in prison at an April 3 sentencing hearing in front of Judge John Wooleyhan. Jackson is eligible for probation. Jackson was the 1st of 3 members of the Midwest Percenters MC to take the stand in his own defense. He was one of 4 club members who penned in 2 members of the Tunnel Rats MC at 12th & Hampshire, demanding they hand over their leather club vests on the afternoon of May 20, 2012. One of the victims said Joseph E. Teel pointed a gun at his fellow Tunnel Rats' head & yelled, "Take them off, or I'll blow your (expletive) head off." Jackson was one of the people who served as a blocker during the incident. There was also testimony during the trial -- & the trials of Teel & Gerald R. Utterback -- that Jackson took possession of the vests. During his testimony, Jackson admitted he was at the scene where the robbery took place. He said that the Tunnel Rats members needed to be disciplined because they had driven past a group of Percenters members & made a derogatory hand gesture toward them. One of the victims testified that Jackson yelled, "This isn't a (expletive) game. We'll (expletive) kill you. Give us your (expletive) cuts." Jackson denied taking the vests. At the time of the incident, Jackson was one of the leaders of the club & was dubbed "the Warlord." He explained that he was an adviser for the group. Teel, who was president of the group at the time of the incident, was the only member to be convicted of armed robbery. The jury in his trial determined that he pointed a small handgun at the Tunnel Rats members. Teel, 40, of Barry, was sentenced to 25 years in prison in May. Utterback, 45, of Barry, last month was convicted of the same aggravated robbery & robbery charges that Jackson was convicted of. He has been held in the Adams County Jail since his arrest. He faces up to 15 years in prison at his March 19 sentencing. The fourth Percenters member involved in the case agreed to testify against his fellow club members. Zane E. Liggett, 56, of Camp Point, testified against both Utterback & Jackson. He pleaded guilty to one count of mob action & is scheduled to be sentenced to probation at a March 12 hearing. Assistant State's Atty Josh Jones had 11 witnesses testify in the case, while defense atty Todd Eyler called 3 witnesses to testify. The jury had the case for 3 1/2 hours before returning with its decision. The Percenters members were arrested in the early morning hours of May 21, 2012. The men were taken into custody at the clubhouse at 601 S. Main in Liberty. Police seized a semi-automatic handgun & a loaded sawed-off shotgun, as well as 4 H-D motorcycles after executing a search warrant. Jackson had been free since posting \$3,500 bond on May 24, 2012. Wooleyhan revoked Jackson's bond, meaning he will stay in jail until sentencing.

B.C. has no plans to declare Hells Angels a 'criminal organization' – Feb 21, 2014 – *Canada* – By Kim Bolan; www.VancouverSun.com - The B.C. Gov't has no plans to follow Manitoba & declare the Hells Angels a criminal organization in this province. In a statement issued in Victoria Fri, the Justice Ministry said: "B.C. does not have plans at this time to implement the legislation or process that Manitoba has adopted, but will be watching to see what impact it has on organized crime." Manitoba Justice Minister Andrew Swan announced Fri that his province would become the 1st jurisdiction in North America to list the biker gang as a criminal organization, eliminating the need

to repeatedly prove the designation when enforcing provincial laws. The move won't alter criminal prosecutions, but will aid civil forfeiture applications involving the HAs in Manitoba. "This is a milestone for Canada & a clear signal that Manitoba will continue to develop & use every tool available to fight criminal organizations & the threat they pose to Manitobans," Swan said in a news release. "It is now law in Manitoba the HAs MC is a criminal organization." The B.C. Angels have not been declared a criminal organization by the courts, despite prosecutors making that argument in 3 separate trials stemming from the E-Pandora undercover investigation that led to other convictions against the bikers. But another ongoing prosecution alleges that 2 full-patch Kelowna members conspired to traffic cocaine & commit crimes for the HAs as a criminal organization. Some B.C. HAs leaders have filed a lawsuit against the B.C. Gov't challenging the constitutionality of the province's civil forfeiture laws, which are being used to pressure the biker gang to give up 3 clubhouses in East Vancouver, Kelowna & Nanaimo as suspected proceeds of crime. The B.C. Gov't responded to the lawsuit last Nov, saying the Hells Angels have misrepresented the scope & function of the Civil Forfeiture Act in their court documents. And the Gov't said the lawsuit lacked details about how their rights had been violated. "The onus is on the defendants to prove their Charter rights have been infringed or denied. There are no facts in the counterclaim to support such a claim," the response said. Sgt. Lindsey Houghton of the Combined Forces Special Enforcement Unit of B.C. said Friday that he couldn't really comment on the development in Manitoba. But he reiterated that police in this province know what the biker gang is all about. "Here in B.C., the Hells Angels have an overwhelming involvement in many aspects of organized criminality both provincially, nationally, & internationally," he said.

Quebec bikers admit to conspiring - Feb 21, 2014 - *Canada* - By www.Sunnewsnetwork.ca - Four members of the Rock Machine biker gang pleaded guilty Thu to conspiring to murder rivals during the bloody biker war of the 1990s. Raymond Bouchard, 66, Denis Corriveau, 74, Raymond Desfosses, 63, & Gerard Hubert, 74, admitted to working with hit man Gerald Gallant to kill Hells Angels members & associates. Bikers shot & bombed each other from 1994 to 2002 in a war for control of Quebec's lucrative drug & prostitution rackets. More than 100 people were killed, including 9 innocent bystanders. Also this week, a former sidekick of Hells kingpin Maurice "Mom" Boucher was again denied parole in Montreal. Andre Chouinard had requested unaccompanied leave, but the parole board said it was "premature" to let the 53-year-old out of prison. Chouinard has served 10 years of a 20-year sentence for drug trafficking, gangsterism & conspiracy to commit murder. He was 1st denied parole last year.

Overnight Fire at MC Clubhouse – Feb 22, 2014 – *Kentucky* – By WKRC; www.Local12.com - The Covington P.D. is looking into an overnight fire at a motorcycle club's clubhouse. Crews were called to a home on Pleasant St near Garrard St about 2 a.m. Sat morning. The home serves as a clubhouse for the Iron Horsemen. There were reports of gunfire before the fire started. Neighbors in the area also said they heard an explosion. It took firefighters about 30 minutes to get the fire under control. A damage estimate was not immediately available.

Gov't's view of the economy could be summed up in a few short phrases: If it moves, tax it... If it keeps moving, regulate it... And if it stops moving, subsidize it...

Suspected Hells Angel arrested in Santa Cruz for battery, hate crime – Feb 23, 2014 – *California* – By www.KTVU.com -

A suspected member of the Hells Angels motorcycle gang has been arrested for battery & committing a hate crime following an attack on a man in Santa Cruz on Saturday. At around 2:30 a.m., officers responded to reports of a fight in the 100 block of Walnut Drive, according to Santa Cruz police. Police made contact with a man who said he had been called a racial slur & punched in the face by another man, police said. The suspect -- who was later identified as John Smith, 38, of Taft -- got into his truck & left the area after the attack, police said. Officers located him a few blocks away, lying in the back of his truck. Smith & 2 other men allegedly had clothing & apparel indicating membership in the Hells Angels, police said. In a search of the truck, officers located a loaded 9mm pistol & a knife, police said. Smith was arrested for battery, possession of a firearm & hate crime.

Country pubs feel the pinch as weekend bike riders stay away because of war on bikie gangs – Feb 23, 2014 – *Australia* – By Kelmeny Fraser; www.CourierMail.com.au -

Country pubs & cafes on scenic routes around Queensland say they have become the unintended victims of the Newman Gov't's war on outlaw motorcycle gangs. Businesses that once attracted scores of motorbike enthusiasts each weekend say they have been deserted by the weekend rider, leaving no choice but to cut back on staff & supply orders. And the owner of the pub at the centre of the incident that saw the first woman charged for allegedly breaking the state's anti-association laws has spoken out for the first time about a major loss in trade after the laws were introduced. Dayboro's Crown Hotel owner Carmel Laing said the pub had seen trade plummet by a quarter. The more than 100-year-old pub is where librarian Sally Keuther was charged for entering in January while allegedly brandishing a Life & Death MC patch. "Twenty-five per cent of my weekend trade is gone, done & dusted," she said. I don't think they (the Newman Gov't) have understood the knock-on effect it's had on business. I have had to cut staff. " Under changes to the liquor licensing laws, publicans are prohibited from serving people known to be in breach of the anti-bikie legislation. The owner of Pitstop Cafe on the top of Mt Mee is also in the crosshairs. John Alexander attributed a 25-30% drop in trade to the laws. "We don't employ as many people as we may have before, which of course impacts on their pockets & how they spend," he said. "We have cut down our ordering to minimise wastage & losses. "It's a flow-on effect not just to us, but to our suppliers as well." Small Business Minister Jann Stuckey said: "The Newman Gov't's laws do not target law-abiding motorcycle enthusiasts & we encourage people to get out & ride across our great state." Motorcyclist George Wallace said he now thought twice before joining any recreational rides because he didn't want to risk the hassle of being pulled over. Back in the state's south-east, trade at the historic Woodford Village Hotel was slowly returning to normal after initially dipping when the laws were first introduced, according to general manager Peter Dyett.

Former undercover agent to speak at SHSU – Feb 24, 2014 – *Texas* – By www.ItemOnline.com -

He says his Gov't—the same Gov't he risked his life for while working as an undercover agent for the ATF - betrayed him. Jay "Jaybird" Dobyns, as he is known in the law enforcement community, had been working undercover with the notorious Hells Angels biker gang for 2 years when his true identity was exposed. His life, as well as those of his wife & children, were put at risk, as a hit list with his name on it reportedly circulated through the prison system, soliciting groups including the Aryan Brotherhood & the MS-13 gang.

When he needed the Gov't the most, he says, it turned its back on him. Dobyns will discuss those experiences on March 4 as part of the Sam Houston State University Global Center for Journalism & Democracy spring speaker series. His presentation, "Raising Hell," will begin at 5:30 p.m. in the James & Nancy Gaertner Performing Arts Center Dance Theater. Dobyns has said he was betrayed by the very agency he served because ATF management failed to take reasonable measures to protect him & his family from numerous validated threats & attempted murders. As the ATF allegedly continued to ignore his pleas for protection, Dobyns said his only hope was to turn whistleblower & his only ally was the press, so in 2007, while still in hiding, he told his story to CNN reporter Kelli Arena, now executive director for SHSU's GCJD. Dobyns has since filed a \$22 million dollar lawsuit against the U.S. Dept of Justice for breach of contract. Closing arguments in that case were heard on Feb. 18. "This has been what is characterized as a law enforcement horror story," Dobyns said when leaving the courthouse. Born in Hammond, Ind., in 1961 & raised in Tucson, Ariz., Dobyns graduated from the University of Arizona in 1985 with a bachelor's degree in public administration. After college, he decided to become a Fed law enforcement agent & was critically injured by deadly criminals within his first few years on the job. "This decorated agent will share an amazing story with us about successfully infiltrating some of the world's most violent & illegal criminal enterprises," Arena said. "He operated among vicious street & prison gangs, gunrunning groups, drug trafficking organizations, bomb makers & home invasion crews." In Feb 2009, Dobyns became a New York Times bestselling author following the release of his book, "No Angel-My Harrowing Undercover Journey to the Inner Circle of the Hells Angels." Arena, the first reporter to break the story, will introduce Dobyns on stage at the SHSU campus during the lecture, which is free/open to the public.

Man with bikie links charged after raid nets drugs, guns, \$340k cash – Feb 24, 2014 – *Australia* – By Katie Robertson;

www.PerthNow.com.au - Police have found 15 guns, kilos of class-A drugs & \$340,000 in cash in a hidden basement of a Belmont house. Gang Crime Squad officers raided the property on Fri morning & found weapons & drugs in the basement which had a concealed entrance through the floor of the living room. A WA Police spokeswoman said the "unassuming home" had a fortified front door & several purpose-built concealed storage places inside. Items found during the raid included: Eight semi-automatic pistols, including one with a silencer - Seven rifles, including a Thompson submachine gun & an SKS military assault rifle - numerous gun parts & thousands of rounds of ammunition - 2.1kg methylamphetamine - 460g MDMA, or ecstasy - \$340,000 in cash... Police were at the house until the early hours of Sat morning removing evidence. A 37-year-old Belmont man was charged with 2 counts of possessing a prohibited drug with intent to sell or supply. The WA Police Proceeds of Crime Squad is investigating the man's interest in 5 properties around Perth & regional WA, while the Gang Crime Squad are continuing their investigation into links between the man & the Mongols Outlaw Motorcycle Gang. The Mongols are WA's newest outlaw motorcycle gang, having patched over the Finks outlaw motorcycle gang last year. The man will appear in Perth Magistrates Court tomorrow. Further charges may be laid.

"What you permit, you promote." First Rule of Liberalism: Gov't failure always justifies more Gov't. The democracy will cease to exist when you take away from those who are willing to work & give to those who would not. - Thomas Jefferson

SA court jails Dale Paul Willingham for trafficking drugs on behalf of the Hells Angels in 2009 – Feb 24, 2014 – *Australia* – By www.News.com.au - A Man who survived a drive-by shooting of his house has been jailed for trafficking drugs to earn advancement through the ranks of the Hells Angels. The District Court today sentenced Dale Paul Willingham to 4 years' jail, with a non-parole period of 2 ½ years. Willingham, 33, had pleaded guilty to 4 counts of trafficking in a controlled drug over substances found in his Burton home in April & July 2009. In sentencing, Judge Michael Boylan said police seized 16.5g of ecstasy, 105.8g of methylamphetamine & 0.96g of amphetamine from the house. They also found \$52,800 cash during the raids, which were sparked by a drive-by shooting during which 40 rounds were fired into Willingham's home. "You were a drug user & would have used a small portion of the drugs in your possession, but most was not for your own use," he said. "Your job was to transport drugs, to keep them safe & hand them over (to others) when required. "Your reward for doing this was advancement in the Hells Angels MC." Judge Boylan said Willingham became associated with the club during a turbulent time in his life following his then-partner's miscarriage & the subsequent end of their relationship. He said Willingham's current partner had made it clear she would not tolerate his affiliations, & that he had taken steps toward rehabilitation.

Internat'l bikies scratch Queensland off their visit list as state's tough stance goes global – Feb 24, 2014 - *Australia* - By Josh Robertson; www.CourierMail.com.au - QLD's infamy as a no-go zone for gangs has gone global, killing off visits by overseas bikies & reducing local clubs to furtive meetings in homes or over the internet. The local heat on bikies has ruined a key networking opportunity for Gold Coast members of the Mongols with US clubmates, & is also warding off trips by foreign Hells Angels & Bandidos. Mongols in Calif, where the club has ties to the Sinaloa cocaine cartel, have reportedly knocked back an invitation to an upcoming "patchover" involving ex-Surfers Paradise Finks. The local HAs, down to a paltry 2 men while their Pres is overseas, can no longer muster enough members to break the anti-association laws that have already netted Victorian clubmates on holiday. A source said overseas bikers were wary of the prospect of "too much scrutiny at customs & they're living in fear they're going to get here & are not going to be able to get home". Deputy P.D. Brett Pointing said the reported feedback among bikies, interstate & overseas, was "keep away from QLD". "Crooks will always compare the rewards with the risk," he said. "In modern-day QLD, the stakes have just gone up, the risks are up." A recent surge in police referrals to the Crime & Misconduct Commission raises the prospect of a conga line of bikies losing entire fortunes under tough drug-trafficking confiscation laws. Half the state's 41 clubhouses which police say were safe houses for guns, drugs, cash, & criminal conspiracies, are abandoned. The rest have been mothballed ahead of a High Court challenge to the laws by the United Motorcycle Council of QLD. Det Supt Mick Niland said police knew some gangs, including bikies who claimed to have cut ties with clubs, were still meeting "and we believe criminal enterprise is at work". "What we know is that these criminal associations are still going & we are targeting them & we are confident that successful results will occur over time." UMCQ spokesman Mick Kosenko said police put mistaken emphasis on clubhouses as places to organise crime & his chapter of the Rebels had given up meetings altogether. "The main purpose of a meeting is to go for ride. What's the point of having a meeting? It's actually more important to get together & have a beer," he said. Former Gold Coast cop- turned-criminologist Terry Goldsworthy said he doubted the new anti-gangs laws had

done much more than make "a superficial disruption". Pointing said traditional police methods "hadn't been working" in the face of a "boom time for gangs" from 2007-2012, feeding on the growing rewards of the amphetamines market. Now freed of expensive tasks such as escorting mass rides, police face a new-found test in investigating clubs driven deeper underground. Det Supt Jim Keogh said gangs were "not going to turn their back on a billion-dollar industry – not without a fight".

Iron Horsemen vs. Detroit Highwaymen – Feb 25, 2014 – *Ohio* – By www.Local12.com - Cincinnati police as well as other law enforcement agencies promise to put an end to an increasingly violent turf war between what they are now calling 2 biker "gangs". Cincinnati Police Sgt Bill Halusek says, "With the gun violence involved as well, it's to the point it's out of control & we're gonna do something about it." Clashes between the Iron Horsemen & the Detroit Highwaymen have been increasing over the last couple of years. Ever since the Highwaymen set up shop in what for years has been recognized in the motorcycle community as the "turf" of the Iron Horsemen. But in just the last few days that violence has taken a new turn, & law enforcement says they've had enough & are going to stop it. Monday at this point we were talking about an attack early Saturday morning at the Iron Horsemen's clubhouse in Covington. Multiple shots were fired there, & investigators say something akin to a "molotov cocktail" was thrown at the house. Tuesday we obtained surveillance video of the attacks that may have led to that & police want your help to stop it before someone dies. The attacks began last Wed night just outside the Detroit Highwaymen's clubhouse at 8th & State in Lower Price Hill. It was around 11 o'clock when Iron Horsemen on 2 motorcycles rolled past & stopped. Cincinnati Police Sgt Bill Halusek explained what we were watching in the surveillance video. "They stop at the red light & for whatever reason, Detroit Highwaymen gang members come out remove one of them from his motorcycle & steal his motorcycle." Moments later the Highwaymen roll the motorcycle into their clubhouse. Less than an hour later a group of Iron Horsemen rendezvous just up the street at the Shell gas station & apparently work out a battle plan. Police want the public's help identifying 2 men in particular who's faces can be clearly seen inside the Shell station. They also want to know who owns the big Ford Dually truck seen in the video. The group piles into their vehicles & heads to confront their rivals just down the street. Initially there's shouting with the Highwaymen in front of the clubhouse. Then Highwaymen run for cover when police say the Horsemen open fire. Halusek tells us, "I won't legitimize them by calling them a club. They're a gang. When you look at the Ohio Revised Code & what a gang is these groups meet the definition to a "T". They are why that section of law was written." Sat morning the violence shifted to the Iron Horsemen's Covington clubhouse. Cincinnati police say the violence is out of control & law enforcement is going to do something about it. They're putting both "gangs" on the list of targets for their initiative to reduce violence. Sgt Halusek said, "We are not gonna tolerate it. That we will marshal every resource we have to end the gun violence. They've made themselves targets of ours now. They are big blips on our radar screen." Sgt Halusek points out that multiple felonies were committed during the attacks on the Iron Horsemen. The theft of the motorcycle was also a felony. But he says the Iron Horsemen also committed felony offenses when they came back & fired at an occupied building. The question for everyone is what happens next? Police need the public's help identifying both the big, dark colored Ford Dually. It's believed to be an F-450 & the 2 men on the video.

Hells Angels selling assets before they're seized – Feb 25, 2014 – *Canada* – By Kim Bolan; www.VancouverSun.com - Det. Sgt. Len Isnor, of the Ontario Provincial Police Biker Enforcement Unit, said a move by the Nomads chapter to sell off its Burnaby clubhouse this month mirrors what has been going on in other provinces... Hells Angels across Canada have been selling off their assets to avoid having them seized in civil forfeiture or proceeds of crime cases, a law enforcement expert on the biker gangs said Tue. Det. Sgt. Len Isnor, of the Ontario Provincial Police Biker Enforcement Unit, said a move by the Nomads chapter to sell off its Burnaby clubhouse this month mirrors what has been going on in other provinces. "Some of them are saying it's not worth it & they are selling their assets," Isnor said. "It seems to be a new trend in Ontario." He said the B.C. Nomads chapter will likely rent a new location or meet at the East End Hells Angels clubhouse, just blocks from the Burnaby building sold off on Feb. 13 for \$2,175,000. The East End clubhouse, as well as Hells Angels buildings in Kelowna & Nanaimo, can't be sold pending the outcome of suits by the B.C. Civil Forfeiture office to have them handed over to the Gov't for links to organized crime. Similar cases in Ontario have led bikers to rent rather than own their clubhouses, Isnor said. Courts have ordered Hells Angels clubhouses forfeited as instruments or proceeds of crime in Toronto, Thunder Bay & Oshawa, Halifax & Quebec. Cases involving other HA clubhouses in Winnipeg, Niagara & London remain before the courts. Some of the court cases have preceded under criminal code provisions, while others - like the B.C. cases - involve provincial civil forfeiture legislation. No one from the Hells Angels responded to email requests for interviews on the Nomads clubhouse sale. Just last week, the Manitoba Gov't declared the Hells Angels a criminal organization for the purpose of provincial legislation. Isnor said that means the Gov't won't have to repeatedly prove the Hells Angels is a criminal organization every time it goes to court against the bikers. "They were tired of waiting for the Fed Gov't," Isnor said of the Manitoba move. "The courts are just bogged down . . . We are proving water is wet over & over again."

Former bikie trying to get away from outlaw past – Feb 25, 2014 – *Australia* – By <http://news.NineMSN.com.au> - The former bikie at the centre of the Robina shopping mall shooting & the Broadbeach riot claims QLD's anti-bikie laws are preventing him from turning over a new leaf & leaving his outlaw past behind him... In an exclusive interview with Nine News, Jacques Teamo said QLD's Vicious Lawless Assoc Disestablishment laws make him a target for police harassment, despite his claiming his violent bikie past is history. "Of course they're going to be in shock, when dad's getting carted off, you know, in a cop car," Teamo said about the police pressure & harassment that follows him & his family. "It's pretty unfair on all of us, you know, I can't even go anywhere & get a job I can't go anywhere in pubs or clubs because I'm covered in tattoos," Teamo said. Visibly nervous in the interview, the ex-Bandido said he wanted to go straight after leaving the gang on his own freewill. Sources from within the gang said the tattoo-covered father was expelled from the Bandidos last month for his volatile behaviour which some see as the spark which lead to the Newman Govt's introduction of the VLAD laws — a costly, draconian issue for all bikie gangs in the Sunshine State. But the former bikie said the VLAD laws would not work & the brotherhood of bikies would prevail. "Bikie gangs will always be here, will always be around. It's a brotherhood, a camaraderie, just like any other, just like a footy club." Teamo said about the fraternity he is trying to get away from. Teamo, along with 20 associates, allegedly blitzed a Broadbeach restaurant to get at a member from a rival gang, sparking a

massive violent brawl between Finks & Bandidos members. The biker was also shot at the Robina shopping centre in front of his children in April 2012, a stray bullet hitting an innocent bystander. "I just tried to be as calm as possible, I didn't even want them to know that I'd be shot, I just said 'it's alright kids'," Teamo said. Teamo, along with 22 other bikies, will face rioting charges in court on April 1 for their role in the Broadbeach riot.

Another arrest over Gold Coast bikie riot – Feb 25, 2014 – *Australia* – By www.PerthNow.com.au - Almost 5 months after the brawl that sparked Queensland's controversial anti-bikie laws, police have made another arrest. A 25-year-old Runcorn man, described as a participant in the Bandidos outlaw motorcycle gang, was arrested & charged with rioting overnight. His arrest relates to the brawl at Broadbeach on the Gold Coast last September involving Bandidos & 2 members linked to the Finks affiliate, 66 Street Crew. It prompted the Queensland Gov't to crack down on bikie gangs, making it illegal for 3 or more members to meet in public together. Det Inspector Brendan Smith of Taskforce Maxima said the latest arrest showed the police service's relentless follow-up of the Broadbeach incident. "We will take all opportunities to take enforcement action where the evidence allows," Insp Smith said. "Criminal gang members need to understand this. "The answer for them is simple, don't commit offences & disassociate from the gang."

Gang members defect as Bandidos set up in South – Feb 26, 2014 – *New Zealand* – By Hamish McNeilly; www.Odt.co.nz - Rival Dunedin gang members have pledged allegiance to outlaw motorcycle gang Bandidos, which has set up a probationary chapter in the city. This month the gang posted pictures & an update on its website about new probationary chapters opening in Dunedin & Invercargill. "Bandidos MC New Zealand are excited about welcoming into our Great Red & Gold Nation 2 new probationary chapters," the website said regarding the ceremony held in Invercargill last month. Photographs of a patching ceremony for the Southern probate gang members, which was attended by patched Bandidos members from Australia, Auckland & Christchurch. Det Senior Sgt Malcolm Inglis, of the Southern District organised crime squad, said police were "certainly aware" members from rival Dunedin gangs had joined the Bandidos. Dunedin motorcycle gangs include the Southern Vikings & the Road Knights. The Bandidos have an estimated 2500 members & 210 chapters in 22 countries, including Australia, where there were 17 official chapters. Its motto is "We are the people our parents warned us about".

I am enclosing 2 tickets to the first night of my new play; bring a friend, if you have one. - George Bernard Shaw to Winston Churchill. Winston Churchill replied "Cannot possibly attend first night, will attend second ... if there is one..."

Five Best Sentences:

1. You cannot legislate the poor into prosperity, by legislating the wealthy out of prosperity.
2. What one person receives without working for, another person must work for without receiving.
3. The Gov't cannot give to anybody anything that the Gov't does not first take from somebody else.
4. You cannot multiply wealth by dividing it.
5. When half of the people get the idea that they do not have to work, because the other half is going to take care of them, & when the other half gets the idea that it does no good to work because somebody else is going to get what they work for, that is the beginning of the end of any nation!

Criminality By Declaration – Feb 26, 2014 – *World* - By The Aging Rebel; www.AgingRebel.com - In the last week, the center of the global war on motorcycle clubs has shifted to Canada & the prime target there is the Hells Angels. Last week, the Dept of Justice for the Canadian province of Manitoba officially declared the Hells Angels MC to be a “criminal organization.”

Manitoba: The declaration means that Manitoba prosecutors no longer have to prove that the Hells Angels are an organized criminal entity in order to enhance the sentences of club members found guilty of breaking the law. Until now, prosecutors had to prove that an accused man was actually a racketeer before sentencing him like one. Now in Manitoba, Hells Angels are no longer presumed to be innocent. They are now presumed to be racketeers. Manitoba Justice Minister Andrew Swan called the abandonment of a presumption of innocence “...a milestone for Canada & a clear signal that Manitoba will continue to develop & use every tool available to fight criminal organizations & the threat they pose to Manitobans. It is now law in Manitoba the Hells Angels MC is a criminal organization.” “The Hells Angels MC was actually given the opportunity to come forward & present some evidence to suggest they were not a criminal organization,” Swan told the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation. “As I understand it, there was no response to that.” A defense attorney named Jay Prober told the CBC he doesn’t think the new declaration will make much difference in criminal cases. “I don’t think it was necessary. It’s window dressing, but it makes good politics & gets votes,” Prober said. “I doubt this piece of legislation will withstand a constitutional challenge.”

Forfeiture: Where the new law will make a difference is in civil forfeiture cases. What Manitoba police & prosecutors seem to be after is an easier path to stealing the assets of HAs charters & patch holders. The new declaration will make it harder to fight forfeiture. Yesterday Kim Bolan, the Vancouver Sun’s beat reporter covering “gangs, terrorism, crime & justice,” wrote that Angels charters in Canada had begun to liquidate their assets to avoid forfeiture. Bolan quoted Det Sgt Len Isnor of the Ontario Provincial Police Biker Enforcement Unit who heard it through the grapevine that Canadian Angels are saying, “it’s not worth it & they are selling their assets. It seems to be a new trend in Ontario.” Sgt Isnor told Bolan that Manitoba made the criminal declaration because “They were tired of waiting for the Fed Gov’t. The courts are just bogged down.... We are proving water is wet over & over again.” Bolan also reported yesterday that the B.C. Nomads recently sold their clubhouse for \$2.175 million. No corpus. No corpus delicti. No assets. No assets to forfeit.

MCs not happy with ‘no colors’ policies in some Daytona establishments – Feb 28, 2014 – *Florida* – By www.WFTV.com - In Daytona Beach & other areas of Volusia County, bikers will find a “no colors” sign on most bars, restaurants & saloons. The signs are the owners’ way of cutting down on MCs & tension inside their establishments, but some clubs aren’t happy with being left out. “You know, it seems like they’ve hung up these signs in the ‘80s & kind of left them there,” said Bobby Colella of the Bikers for Christ MC. Colella said his group & others want businesses to drop the no colors policy, & he’s expecting 150 bikers to rally for the cause in Daytona Beach on Sat. “I shouldn’t have to take off my coat, my vest, you know, to go into an establishment,” he said. “I’m the same person with or without that vest.” Bike Week is days away & many businesses are reluctant to comment on the policy. Channel 9’s Blaine Tolison went to Main Street & asked both bikers & tourists what they thought. “Anybody & everybody should be able to wear whatever

they want & where they want to,” said tourist Lejla Hadzovic. “The biker gangs & stuff, they’re not really looking for trouble. They all get along & stuff, so I think it’s kind of an outdated idea that no colors are allowed,” said biker Scott Fitzgerald. There are still local biker gangs that the FBI considers criminal organizations, but Colella still believes businesses run the risk of gang clashes with or without colors. “Again, we’re the same people with or without those vests on,” he said.

Charges won’t be downgraded for thugs in ‘biker gang’ beatdown – Feb 28, 2014 – *New York* - By Rebecca Rosenberg; <http://NYPPost.com> - The charges against 10 bikers who allegedly beat a Columbia grad in front of his terrified wife & daughter won’t be downgraded because the victim’s injuries haven’t healed as expected, Manhattan prosecutors told a judge Fri. “On the last date I indicated we’d likely be reducing the charges pending results of another medical examination,” said Manhattan Assistant District Attorney Joshua Steinglass before Justice Maxwell Wiley. “It unfortunately appears the victim’s injuries haven’t healed as well as we believed they would & we will not reduce the charges at this time.” Steinglass added that the plea deals that were offered to 10 of the defendants based on the charges being reduced from gang assault in the first degree to attempted gang assault were still on the table. They face up to 25 years in prison if convicted on the top charge. Defendants Jason Brown, Reginald Chance, Robert Sims, Craig Wright, Clint Caldwell, Kaliq Douglas, Edwin Rodriguez, Allen Edwards, James Kuehne & Christopher Cruz appeared in Manhattan Supreme Court Fri. Undercover cop Wojciech Braszczok — who was also involved in the fracas — appeared in court Thu. Victim Alexian Lien, 33, needed stitches on his face & head after he was yanked from his Range Rover & savagely beaten in front of his wife & infant daughter on West 178th Street on Sept. 29. The incident erupted after Lien’s SUV bumped into a biker’s ride near 125th Street in Harlem. A confrontation ensued & Lien peeled away, running over several bikers, one of whom was critically injured. A mob of enraged motorcyclists then chased Lien 50 blocks uptown before forcing him off the West Side Hwy & dragging him from his car. The bloody confrontation was caught on video & went viral on the Internet. Wiley also issued an order of protection barring the defendants from having any contact with the victim. Defense lawyers asked the DA’s Office to turn over photos of Lien’s injuries to prove that he has sustained the facial scarring necessary for the charge. “We’d like to see the medical reports on the injuries,” said Edwards’ attorney, John Carney. “It boils down to whether there’s a scar. If there isn’t, they’ve overcharged an assault in the second degree as a gang assault.” Edwards has declined an offer of 60 days in jail. Raymond Colon said his client, Clint Caldwell, wouldn’t accept prosecutors’ offer of 2 years in exchange for a guilty plea. “Unless they dismiss the case outright, the offer is unacceptable,” he said. “He’s never even had a traffic ticket.” Lien, who couldn’t be reached for comment, plans to sue the city & 2 of his alleged attackers, Braszczok & NYPD cop Matthew Rodriguez, according to a notice of claim filed in Manhattan Supreme Court.

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- If we all do a little bit, Then no one has to do a lot...
- There can be no “I”, there has to be “We”...
- One heart, One Voice...

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