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In Memory of **Diablo Mike Yates** Retired from *Indiana* passed in March... R.I.P. Mike...

In Memory of **BPM Inky** from *Minnesota* who passed away last weekend... R.I.P. Inky...

In Memory of **Pagan Joker** from *Florida*; originally *New York*; a 46 year member who passed in March... R.I.P. Joker...

Congratulations to **Pagan Cono** on your release in March...

Congratulations to **Bandido Lit Jimmy** on your release to a ½ way house in March...

Welcome **Outlaw Jamie** to the NCOM Brothers Behind Bars Newsletter Mailing List...

Welcome **Cannonball Ari** from *Finland* to the NCOM Brothers Behind Bars Newsletter Mailing List...

Welcome **Mongol Dazza** from *West Australia* to the NCOM Brothers Behind Bars Newsletter Mailing List...

Welcome **Highwaymen Kwik** and **Highwaymen Wrench** to the NCOM Brothers Behind Bars Newsletter Mailing List...

Happy Birthday **Pagan Hemo** on May 2<sup>nd</sup>...

Happy Birthday **Pagan Wicked** on May 7<sup>th</sup>...

Happy Birthday **Pagan Prospect Iceman** on May 11<sup>th</sup>...

Happy Birthday **Bandido Jay** on May 22<sup>nd</sup>...

Happy Birthday **Warlock Brother T** on May 23<sup>rd</sup>...

Happy Birthday **Outlaw Arlo** on May 4<sup>th</sup>...

Happy Birthday **Warlock Pa Bobby Nauss** on May 10<sup>th</sup>...

Happy Birthday **Highwaymen Ink** on May 20<sup>th</sup>...

Happy Birthday **Bandido Wolfman** on May 22<sup>nd</sup>...

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

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

**Editor's Note:** For *February* there were 2 issues, For *March* there was 1 issue, For *April* this is the 1<sup>st</sup> issue ...

**Editor's Note:** Currently we are sending over 365 copies of this newsletter to members of **80 Motorcycle Clubs**...

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

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

**Editor's Note:** It is too hard to keep up with counts, But for your info here are the Clubs that are getting the Brothers Behind Bars Newsletter (**80 Clubs**) in Prison: Avengers, Bandidos, Banshees, Barons, Black Pistons, Boozefighters, BPM, Breed, Brother Speed, Brothers 8, Brotherhood Nomads, Brothers Of Wheels, Cannonball, Damned Deacon, DC 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 Deciples, Sons Of Silence, Sovereign, Sundowners, Thunderbirds, Thunderguards, 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**...

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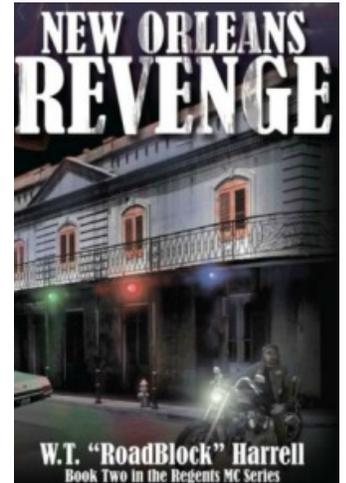
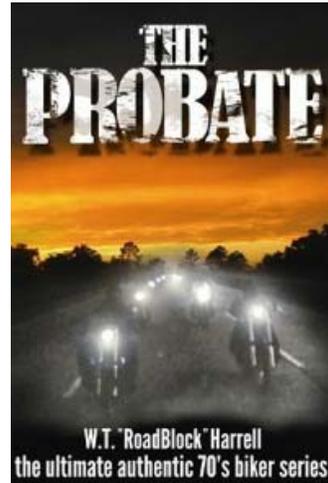
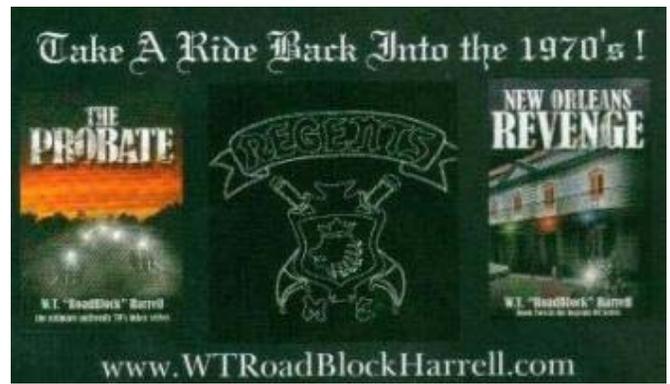
**Pagan Joker a couple of comments:**

Pagan Joker 1%, New Port Richey, Florida; 46 years as a Pagan. He will be missed for sure. An American Hero & Pagan Legend.

We recently lost Joker 1%. Old school Pagan. Well over 40 yrs in the club. Originally from NY.

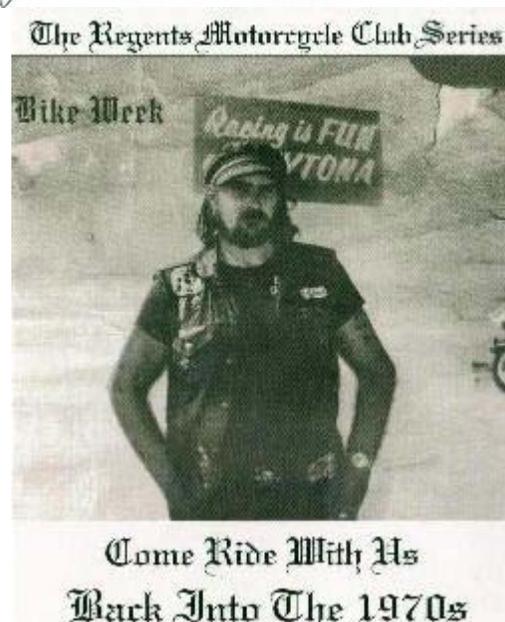
I met Joker 1%er before I was in the Club. It was about 15 years ago when I was visiting FLA. It was a pleasure to meet him & I always heard good stories about him. Rest In Peace Brother Joker 1%er ~Respects~ Roadblock 1%er (currently @ FCI Gilmer)

**Editor's Comment:** I would like to Thank **Outlaw RoadBlock** & his wife **Krisan** for an autographed copy of both "The Probate" & "New Orleans Revenge"... Also for sending several promotional copies into prisons where multiple BBB can read the book...



**NEW ORLEANS REVENGE**

*Take another ride with me into the 70s, RoadBlock*



**RoadBlock Communications LLC** introduces An W. T. "RoadBlock" Harrell's New Book "**The Probate**" – October 2012 – Florida / USA – By Outlaw RoadBlock - Authentic Look at 1970s Biker Clubs - By Someone Who Actually "Lived It." Fans of current fiction biker books know one troubling thing: The stories are often written by someone who wasn't even born during the 1970s heyday of the old biker clubs. Even worse, nonfiction books are written by club snitches or Fed undercover agents who betrayed the clubs. None of these credentials exactly endear the authors to the reader, or give the books much credibility.

**W. T. Harrell, known as RoadBlock 1%er** during his forty years with one of the "Big Four" 1%er clubs, decided it was time for today's readers to see what it was really like to be in a club back in the early 70s. His new fiction series chronicles war veteran Joe Wilson's rise to power among the notorious Regents MC in the era of sex, drugs & rock & roll. RoadBlock's memories, preserved during a thirty-year prison stint, provide rare authentic adventures for readers. "The Probate" takes the reader to a place few have experienced, before cell phones, computers & 8-lane highways.

**From the Book Jacket** for "*The Probate*" by W.T. RoadBlock Harrell – Flash Back to 1970: From New Orleans to Jacksonville to Atlanta, a menagerie of bikers, hippies, rednecks & Cajuns do business together...when they're not trying to eliminate the competition. Enter adrenaline junkie Joe Wilson, a stock car driver very adept at outrunning the horrific war memories that pursue him. When bikers set up shop in his hometown, he pays them a visit to make sure they don't pose a threat to his close-knit, working-class neighborhood. Instead, he discovers he has much in common with the volatile men. Fresh from Vietnam with specialized skills & demons of their own, they live by a harsh code, protecting their reputation, patch & brotherhood at all costs. After a party that goes terribly wrong, Joe takes a dark vengeful path. His only ally is an exotic dancer who packs tarot cards along with her Luger Krieghoff. But she belongs to someone else, a man who could become Joe's best friend-- or worst enemy. As an expendable probate, he has to prove he's worthy to ride with the Regents MC. Trouble follows Joe wherever he goes, & even among the hardcore bikers, he quickly establishes a reputation as "hard to kill." But those old war ghosts do not want to get left behind, & threaten Joe's existence more than any living rival....

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**When you are content** to be simply yourself & don't compare or compete, everybody will respect you. - Lao-Tzu

**It is often** easier to ask for forgiveness than to ask for permission. - Grace Murray Hopper (1906 - 1992)

**No pessimist** ever discovered the secrets of stars, or sailed to an uncharted land, or opened a new heaven to the human spirit. - Helen Keller

**Newspaper vs iPad:** I was visiting my daughter last night when I asked if I could borrow a Newspaper. "This is the 21st century," she said. We don't waste money on Newspapers. "Here, use my iPAd." I can tell you this. That fly never knew what hit him.

**New Orleans Revenge** – Nov 2013 – U.S.A. - Dear Friends, Well it "ONLY" took a year, but "New Orleans Revenge"(Book Two in the Regents MC series) has finally been released on Amazon, just in time for Thanksgiving. I think that's appropriate, since it couldn't have happened without the support & friendship from so many people. This will be my fifth year of freedom, celebrating holidays with family & friends now, & looking forward to more. Hope you all like it. Almost 100 pages more than "The Probate" (Book One). It was hard to stop writing, I was having a good time, too, back in 1971. :-) Wishing you a safe & happy holiday season. Outlaw RoadBlock

**"New Orleans Revenge"** Book Two in the Regents MC Series For A Signed Copy of the Large Trade Paperback (6" X 9"), 421 pages \$ 16.99 On Sale through Christmas, Regular Retail \$18.99 Large 6" x 9" Trade Paperback, 421 pages Available on Amazon Paperback & Kindle  
<http://www.wtroadblockharrell.com/BuyBook.htm>

**From Amazon . com:** W. T. "RoadBlock" Harrell has been a member of the same one-percenter motorcycle club for over forty years. His untarnished--and unvarnished--memories of the old clubs during their heyday provide never-ending adventures & great authenticity for his fiction series. When RoadBlock's high speed lifestyle caught up with him, it resulted in a thirty-year Fed prison stint. In the biker world, he became known as someone who didn't snitch, & wouldn't give up. In the years following 9/11, he began to receive correspondence from young military people. Their courage, despite the traumatic physical & mental injuries they sustained, profoundly affected him. These vets returned home to a world they no longer felt comfortable in, just as many Vietnam vets did in RB's era. RB became an outspoken advocate for disabled vets, & the rights they were due. Finally home himself after thirty years, he is now writing a fiction biker series set in the 1970s about the adventures of military vet & "good ol' boy" Joe Wilson. Struggling with PTSD in a time when Vietnam vets were reviled & disrespected, Joe's rise to power in the notorious Regents MC shows one man's attempt to find his place in a changed world. The first book is appropriately titled "The Probate." "New Orleans Revenge," Book Two in the Regents MC Series, was recently released after a year-long wait. Between writing, RoadBlock enjoys doing book-signings & events, which are posted on his websites.

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**You have a lot** of well-wishers.  
They would all like to throw you down one.

**They say that** travel broadens oneself.  
You must have been around the world.

**You always** have your ear to the ground.  
So how's life in the gutter?

**I hear you** are a real humanitarian.  
You have kept 3 or 4 detectives working regularly.

**I hear you** are connected to the Police Dept;  
By a pair of handcuffs.

**Ever since** I saw you in your family tree,  
I've wanted to cut it down.

**Heard your** family went to a restaurant where they serve crabs  
just so they could bring you along.

**Atheist Holy Day: Florida** Court Sets Atheist Holy Day: In Florida, an atheist created a case against the upcoming Easter & Passover Holy days. He hired an atty to bring a discrimination case against Christians & Jews & observances of their holy days. The argument was that it was unfair that atheists had no such recognized days. The case was brought before a judge. After listening to the passionate presentation by the lawyer, the judge banged his gavel declaring, "Case dismissed!" The lawyer immediately stood objecting to the ruling saying, "Your honor, How can you possibly dismiss this case? The Christians have Christmas, Easter & others. The Jews have Passover, Yom Kippur & Hanukkah, yet my client & all other atheists have no such holidays.." The judge leaned forward in his chair saying, "But you do. Your client, counsel, is woefully ignorant." The lawyer said, "Your Honor, we are unaware of any special observance or holiday for atheists." The judge said, "The calendar says April 1st is April Fool's Day. Psalm 14:1 states, 'The fool says in his heart, there is no God.' Thus, it is the opinion of this court, that, if your client says there is no God, then he is a fool. Therefore, April 1st is his day. Court is adjourned." You gotta love a Judge that knows his scripture!

### **If You're Gonna Be Dumb, You Gotta Be Tough** By Roger Alan Wade

If your gonna be dumb, you gotta be tough  
When you get knocked down you gotta get back up,  
I aint the sharpest knife in the drawer, but I know enough to know  
If your gonna be dumb, you gotta be tough

I lit my brain with Rot-Gut whiskey  
'Till all my pain was chicken fried  
And I had dudes with badges frisk me  
Teach me how to swallow pride

I took advice no fool would take  
I got some habits I can't shake  
I aint the sharpest knife in the drawer, but I know enough to know  
If you're gonna be dumb, you gotta be tough

If you're gonna be dumb, you gotta be tough  
When you get knocked down, you gotta get back up  
That's the way it is in life and love  
If you're gonna be dumb, you gotta be tough

I've been up and down and down and out  
I've been left and right and wrong  
Well I've walked the walk and I've run my mouth  
I've been on the short end for too long

But if they gave medals for honky tonk wars  
Hell, I'd keep mine in my chest of drawers  
With my IRS bills and divorce papers and all that stuff  
If you're gonna be dumb, you gotta be tough

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**AARP** stands for **Armed And Really Pissed...**  
**AARP** stands for **Aging Adults Riding Proudly...**

**Question:** What do you get when you mix PMS with GPS?  
**Answer:** A crazy bitch who will find you!

**As 4 my friend & running partner Diablo Mike** Yates, they just don't make 'em any better. The last time we talked, he reassured me that all I had to do was look to my right, he would be there. Only a select few wanted to be axle to axle w/ me. Even fewer still enjoyed that rush that only a scooter tramp lives for. Yep, that was my runnin' partner, Michael Ray, one half of the legendary K Y boys from, you guessed it, Illinois! Remember this my Brothers, it ain't about how many miles you put on your ass, but how many stops you make. Some you love when they go, some when they stop. You betcha, again you guessed right which one my ol' dawg was. His ol' heart plum gave out. But! whattayawanna bet he as a person never considered quittin'? I can only hope to be that strong. I will miss that tramp...much love to all that knew him...twas an honor to know him.  
SOS MC J.W. To the core & more

**Consider me your Mullah** - a title of respect for a person who is learned in, teaches, or expounds the sacred law. Outlaw Flapper

**Interview of Richard M. Lester** - August 1986 - *California* - By Easyriders; [www.Easyriders-magazine.com](http://www.Easyriders-magazine.com) - At the beginning... Even by the standards of a legal brotherhood, however, Richard Lester stands out. He promotes his projects sort of like the late Hubert Humphrey campaigned for president - in Hunter Thompson's words, like "a caged rat in heat." For over 3 years now, Lester has been giving his speech on bikers' rights 2 or 3 or 4 times a week, from one end of the country to the other. You'll find him at major events like Daytona & minor ones like weekend beer-and-burger parties. You'll see him behind a booth at swap meets & next to a stuffed bear at toy runs. Occasionally you might even be able to catch him in court, but not too often these days. He's now got 6 offices in California, all staffed with attorneys who are personal-injury specialists & do most of the actual legal work under Lester's supervision. Lester is particularly proud that 90% of them ride - regularly. Maybe the reason Lester seems to run a bit faster & harder than his competitors has something to do with the fact that he didn't get around to attending law school until he was in his 40s. "I always knew I wanted to get into law," he says, "but there were a whole shitload of things I wanted to do first." Among those other pursuits were stints as a wild-animal trainer in California & trapper in South America - not unuseful experiences for someone intent on one day operating in the jungles of our legal system. And when he did get around to law school, he had to go at night since his days were occupied with managing a headshop & waterbed store. In addition to forming AIM since his admission to the bar & start-up of his biker-oriented practice, Lester's traveled around & made the acquaintance of a great many bikers' rights activists throughout the country. As a result of these journeys, he became convinced that bike riders needed some kind of national alliance to coordinate & aid various state & local freedom fights. His solution is the **National Coalition of Motorcyclists**, a nationwide organization financed by him, with membership limited to representatives of every motorcycle-oriented group that wishes to join. According the Lester, NCOM will eventually be able to provide local groups with legislative assistance, cash grants for worthwhile projects, public relations help, a computerized data bank, & various other goodies. That's a pretty tall order, especially since he claims it can be done without stomping on any toes. Still, as of its fourth month of operation, NCOM appears to be succeeding. Bike groups from 20 or so states have already joined & Lester predicts over half the country will be represented by the time of NCOM's first national convention in May.

**Easyriders** : Tell me something about working with wild animals in South America - is being surrounded by deadly jungle beasts comparable to being in a roomful of bikers who are pissed because some cager has just left-turned a bro?

**Richard Lester**: Yeah, there are a lot of comparable things [in the 2 situations].

**ER**: How long were you doing that particular trip?

**RL**: I spent 3 & a half years collecting animals for zoos, pet shops, animal parks. I'd go out to the jungles & either collect them myself or I'd go up the jungle rivers & trade for them

- give the Indians mirrors, sheath knives, soap, & things like that, in return for ocelots & jaguars, poisonous snakes, whatever. Of course, that was all before there was a problem with the Endangered Species Act.

**ER**: What's the largest thing you ever captured?

**RL**: I was able to get a 14-foot anaconda, the largest, heaviest-bodied snake. And I took back quite a few bushmasters that were anywhere from 9 to 12 feet long. Bushmasters are very, very deadly. They're poisonous & they're also constrictors, so they've got both things going for them. The big problem is that when a nine-foot bushmaster bites you, you're talking about probably enough poison to kill 5 or 6 horses.

**ER**: You're not going to be able to suck it all out with a drugstore snakebite kit, in other words?

**RL**: No.

**ER**: How do you go about capturing a 40-foot anaconda?

**RL**: Fourteen-foot.....

**ER**: That's why we're tape-recording this, so I can remember it after I sober up.

**RL**: (laughing) Ah, yes. Well, 40-foot would be, uh, rather extreme, to say the least. What you do is, you capture them very carefully. If it's not a poisonous snake, you can go after it with your hands. But with a snake of that size you really need 2 people. For one thing, you've got to keep it from biting you. Even though it's not poisonous, the teeth of a snake can do quite a bit of damage. More important, if it's a constrictor, once it wraps itself around you, you have to be careful it doesn't get around your neck or your diaphragm. Then you have to hang on to it & try to get it in the sack.

**ER**: You mean it's still all handwork; you can't tranquilize them with a dart or something?

**RL**: No.

**ER**: Regarding dangerous creatures, on a scale of ten where would you rate that anaconda?

**RL**: Not quite as dangerous as the bushmaster.

**ER**: Okay, where would you rate the bushmaster?

**RL**: Pretty high up there. I'd give it a good eight.

**ER**: Where would you rate a little old lady - the sort who can't see over her steering wheel - who's driving down the Ventura Freeway?

**RL**: Depending on where she was gonna turn left, a ten-plus.

**ER**: Is that why you went into biker law? Because facing all those drunken, oblivious cagers in court reminded you of being in the jungle wrestling with snakes & overcoming them?

**RL**: Actually, no. While I was in law school an attorney friend of mine told me that if I wanted to do some good when I got out, I'd find a group of people who were always being fucked over by the law - who were being discriminated against - & try to do something about it. Shortly after I was admitted to the bar, this lady friend whose ol' man was a patchholder asked me to attend one of the club's meetings & give the members a little advice on what to do if they went down. Once I met those people & talked to them for a while, I discovered that here was a group that really needed legal help.

**ER**: So then you started AIM?

**RL**: Not right away. After my first talk on what you should do if you go down, I started talking to groups of bikers 3 times a week, 52 weeks a year, for about 3 years. Every meeting I'd hear the same thing - that a biker was down & unconscious, that he wasn't able to protect his rights. The ethical rules of the bar prohibit us from going to an injured party unless they call us themselves. So this biker would be down, he'd be laying there, just more scooter trash, nobody would be investigating anything.

We also needed some way to speed up the way his medical history would get to the hospital & a way to quickly notify his people - wherever they might be - that he was down.

**ER**: How long has AIM been operating & how many members are there?

**RL**: It's been 2 years since we started in Calif & about 9 months since we went Nat'l. All told, there are about 50,000 members.

**ER**: And they aren't obligated to use AIM-connected attorneys?

**RL**: Absolutely not. We tell our volunteers to stress that & we stress it in our literature. The name of the game is knowledge. As long as you know what your rights are, you can protect them.

**ER**: Getting back to that little old lady who's a ten-plus on the biker-hazard scale. You've had a lot of experience doing the Perry Mason bit on that kind of cager, so have you gotten any hint as to why they can't seem to see a 600-pound hunk of iron rolling down the road in broad daylight?

**RL**: Actually, I think those people do see the biker, but it just doesn't register. They're looking for a four-wheel vehicle. U.S. Dept. of Transportation studies show that 72 percent of the multi-vehicle accidents involving motorcycles are the fault of the cager. In left-turning accidents, the percentage is much higher than that.

**ER**: And then, of course, there are all the single-vehicle accidents in which the motorcycle goes down because the rider is trying to avoid a cager that cut him off. Those aren't the bike rider's fault either, but the cops write them up that way.

**ER**: Let's talk about NCOM, the National Coalition of Motorcyclists. Similar ideas have gone belly-up before, so what makes you think it's going to work this time?

**RL**: That coalition, like AIM, is designed around knowledge. It's intended to get the knowledge out to riders - so they can deal with a faulty product, they can deal with insurance rip-offs, they can fight helmet laws on their own ground. Look, *Let Those Who Ride Decide* is a great slogan. But the more important thing is why we should be allowed to make the choice. One of the reasons is that the damn things aren't what many people think they are. So many people in the United States - Joe & Joanne Public - think of helmets in the same terms that they think of the American flag, church, mother, things like that. It's just not true. It's not a security blanket. It's not a panacea.

**ER**: My theory on helmets is that the belief in them is all based on heredity. Thousands of years ago man discovered that he could keep vines from lashing his balls if he wore a loincloth while he swung from the trees. Ever since then people just assume that if you want to protect something, you cover it with something else. Wanna save your skull? Toss a hunk of plastic on it.

**RL**: I tend to agree with you. The problem is that the helmet doesn't protect against the most serious head injuries, which are closed-head injuries, not skull fractures. The brainslap injury, the acceleration/de-acceleration injury slapping against the skull, causes most of the deaths & serious brain damage. But most people don't know that. It's another example of having to get the knowledge out there. The coalition is going to put out a regular newsletter that will have everything that comes down about motorcycling & the law written up in it. That's what the whole coalition is about, the fact that the time has come for the bike-riders in the United States - there are about 6,000,000 of us - to really speak in one voice. Because if we don't speak out for

ourselves, nobody is going to speak for us. The general public isn't going to do it - we're not one of their favorite groups. The media has most definitely seen to that.

**ER:** How did the coalition start?

**RL:** Once I decided to take the AIM program nationwide, I started traveling to various states & talking to the leaders of many biker's rights groups. One problem that kept coming up was that the activists in one state often had very little knowledge of what was going down in the other states, even the ones next to them. There was no organized way to exchange information or to band together to fight what was essentially the same fight. It didn't seem to matter whether I was in the Deep South or up in New England. There was no real, regular coming together of these people. So I thought I could use some of the legal fees - that come in from AIM members who do use our attorneys when they have a case - to help out. But not by forming a new association or organization, because bikers are very much into their own state's rights & that's the way it should be. One of the things that went wrong when this was tried in the past was that everybody was worried about having their own particular organization swallowed up by some "master" organization. What we're putting together is truly a coalition, not a new organization that can join only by agreeing to make your own group's rights secondary to the nation group's. Plus, the coalition isn't asking anyone for money. In fact, one of the coalition's goals is to be completely neutral, not to accept donations or money from any other source.

**ER:** How far have you gotten in organizing this thing?

**RL:** Pretty far. I started by sending letters to ten different "movers & shakers" of the biker's rights world from all over the United States. In it I asked them to come to a meeting in Las Vegas. I paid their way & I told them that in my opinion it was time to come together, if for no other reason than that there's a good chance a national helmet law will be proposed next year. An amazing thing happened. All these people - some of who hadn't even talked to each other since the last attempt to put together a Nat'l group fell apart in '77 - sat in this room & said, "All right, let's do it" We were done 2 hours ahead of schedule because of all the positive energy there. As of now [early April], we have 23 states that are members of the coalition & we feel that by the time of our national convention in Kansas City next month we'll have a minimum of 50% of the states participating.

**ER:** Who'll run the coalition & how?

**RL:** We have an advisory board made up of 2 people from our 8 regions. We also have a safety liaison to coordinate our activities with motorcycle safety groups. And we're trying to get a liaison person to work with the motorcycle dealer associations, because in a lot of ways the dealers are facing the same kind of legislative hassles the riders are. Right now the board of advisors is about 19 or 20 people who'll meet 3 times a year, once during the convention & twice in different regions. And these advisors are just that - advisors. For example, while they'll be the ones to decide who'll get cash grants for projects, the bottom line on how much will be available for grants will be me, because the bottom line has to be the checkbook.

**ER:** How about you? Do you have a title in the organization or do you just sign the checks without a title?

**RL:** Founder. I really don't know what else to call me.

**ER:** "The Godfather"?

**RL:** Yeah, that's it. Alright!

**ER:** So tell us, Don Lesteroni, about how much money are you planning to put into this coalition?

**RL:** I think in its first year the coalition will expend somewhere in the vicinity of \$200,000.

**ER:** Some people say that bikers are just too independent, too state's rights-minded, to use your phrase, for this kind of organization to work. Why do you disagree?

**RL:** It depends on what we're talking about organizing on a national level. See, the things that have been tried in the past have always been super-organizations with everyone belonging to them. A Nat'l something. The coalition isn't at all the same thing, because it's not asking anyone to give up any of his own rights. We won't get involved in a state organization's internal politics or operations. We'll stay out of it completely. The only thing we're trying to offer is a service that they can go to if they need legislative aide, whether it's information, money, etc. Most of the time, the ideas failed before because of 2 things. One was the fact that there would've had to be a "superpower" & many people felt this would usurp the power of the individual states. In this case, that's not true. The 2<sup>nd</sup> thing was, of course, taking money from the states, & in that case we aren't going to be doing that. Another thing is, I think more bikers have come to the realization that we're in for a Nat'l fight-whether it's on insurance problems or helmet laws or whatever. And it's going to have to be fought on a Nat'l level. We've had very little negative input.

**ER:** Some of the "negative input" we've heard revolves around the idea that the coalition wants to set up a computer system with every member of each group's name & address in it. What about that?

**RL:** In the first place, the coalition is made up of groups, not individuals. It's true that when a group joins, it has to say that it'll support & endorse AIM. That's our only rule & it's necessary for survival, because AIM is where the money's coming from. But that in no way means they have to give the coalition or AIM their mailing list. In fact, there are 3 different methods by which an organization can tell their members about the AIM program. One way is that they mail copies of our information to their members. Another way is that they simply give us the names of their members - not the addresses - & we stuff the envelopes with our literature, put the names on them, & send them back to the local organization for mailing. The third way is to simply give us the mailing list. About 4 or 5 states have done that, but none of them have to.

**ER:** You say that in order to be part of the coalition, a state organization has to support AIM because that's where the money is coming from. But AIM has no money in & of itself - the money actually comes from the law offices of Richard Lester. Doesn't that mean that your critics have a valid point when they say a group has to solicit their members to use your services if they want to be in the coalition?

**RL:** No, absolutely not. It's not a solicitation of their members to use our legal services. What we're talking about is supporting AIM editorially in their newsletters, allowing us to put up a booth at their events, things like that. But we also maintain - & we've maintained it before each & every group that we've gone to - that this in no way limits the right of any biker to choose whatever attorney he wants whenever he needs one.

**ER:** In other words, it just lets them know you're out there?

**ER:** What are some elements of this "Nat'l fight" you often refer to?

**RL:** One thing I want to bring out is that there's a great deal out there besides helmets, which is the number one issue on most biker's minds. For instance, we're also under attack from the insurance industry now. California & other states are under siege regarding their join-several liability laws. Say a biker's hit by a cage & thrown into the path of a bus. The bus runs him over & he loses his legs. The cager is mostly responsible for the accident, but maybe he has only \$20,000 in insurance. You can get the rest of the judgment from the bus company, because the way the law

is now, it reads that as between 3 people involved - the 2 joint-several defendants & the injured party - let's take the money from the perpetrators rather than a victim. The insurance companies want to change that & make the legless victim eat it. The insurance companies are also pressuring state legislatures to put a mandatory ceiling on how much money a person can win in a damage suit. In other words, they want to rip off the judge & jury's historic right to decide how much a person's been injured in an accident. Let's say you've been run down & you're totally paralyzed, you'll never move your arms or legs again - can't even kill yourself if you wanted to. Who's more qualified to decide what your suffering & loss is worth, a jury [by deciding] on the facts in your particular case or some politicians dealing solely with theories & insurance lobby "fact" kits?

**ER:** You've spoken several times about getting patchholders involved in the coalition. What are your plans for counteracting the fantastically biased, poisoned atmosphere the media has created toward hardcore bike clubs? I mean you never see a story about a one percenter club in the newspaper, it's always called a gang - & they're always being slandered by some bigoted public official who doesn't know shit. Do you think the coalition will have any place in fighting this stereotyping?

**RL:** A big place. A lot of our public awareness campaign is going to focus on dispelling the biker myth, on putting Marlon Brando to rest after all these years. Those kinds of things are a big part of the program. And since we're not asking them for any of their money or power but only for their cooperation & their work, they'll get behind it. We have a network of AIM attorneys, AIM state reps, Nat'l road reps for AIM, regional advisors for the coalition, state coordinators. So we have a lot of people to work with, people who can go out into the grass roots & really talk to other people. I think that's very effective.

**ER:** You make this all sound like a joy ride to the top of the "Big Rock Candy Mountain" but getting people to work & sweat together isn't that easy. What do you say to the biker who says, "Politics is bullshit; All I want to do is ride my scooter, get fucked up & get laid."

**RL:** I say this, you can still get fucked up & get laid, but as far as riding your scooter, if you want to ride it free & be in the wind, you better fight for your rights. Because if you don't fight for your rights, nobody else is going to go out & do it for you. If you want to stay out there on your scooter instead of having motorcycles outlawed altogether, then you'd better listen up.

**Expelled Finks bikie allegedly tortured couple** – Mar 16, 2014 – *Australia* – By Josh Robertson; [www.CourieMail.com.au](http://www.CourieMail.com.au) - A Gangster's son who never made the grade as a bikie kidnapped & brutally tortured a couple in a vain bid to track down his missing submachine gun, police claim. Former Finks member Dion Spizzirri is accused of "hogtying" & shooting a woman in the stomach & pistol-whipping her partner unconscious during a five-hour interrogation over his lost Uzi. Police will allege Spizzirri was "desperate" to recover the Uzi – a rare find on the weapons black market – & continuously bashed the woman while her wrists & ankles were bound behind her back with plastic zip-ties. Investigators claim he then shot her in the stomach, using a pillow as a "silencer" & a handgun he had already used to bash her male companion in the head. Spizzirri allegedly changed into a fresh T-shirt before leaving the torture scene, while his alleged accomplice dumped the wounded woman at a bus stop near the Gold Coast Hospital. The submachine gun allegedly owned by Spizzirri but entrusted to the victims has never been found. Taskforce Maxima Inspector Brendan Smith said that kind of heavy weaponry was "very rare" in the underworld. Spizzirri also faces grievous bodily harm charges over 2 separate Gold Coast

attacks – one involving a victim who was struck on the head with a hammer. Insp Smith said Spizzirri, the son of jailed meth producer Dino Spizzirri, had been thrown out of the Finks.

**Tattoos, Leather Vests & God: A Look at a Motorcycle Ministry's Blessing of the Bikers** – Mar 17, 2014 – *Florida* – By Carmel Delshad; [www.WMFE.org](http://www.WMFE.org) - Thousands of bikers are on their way back from Daytona Beach's yearly Bike Week, which wrapped up Sun. But a few of them will leave with more than just a tan. It's not every day that you see members of a ministry tatted up from the neck down. But then again, Heaven's Saints Motorcycle Ministry isn't a run of the mill church group. "We look like bikers, we act like bikers, everything that they stereotype, & we're talking about the lord," says John Zammetti, Pres of the ministry. One of the group's main functions is the Biker Blessing—a prayer to watch over any biker who wants one, says Donna Zammetti. "Most people bless bikes, we bless bikers. Because the bike is made of metal," Donna Zammetti says. In the midst of the drinking & partying atmosphere of Bike Week, John & Donna Zammetti say they're there to lead bikers on a different path.: "The road they're on, at the end of that road is death," John Zammetti says. His wife, Donna, adds: "Most of us came out of that lifestyle, with the drinking & the drugs." It's a far cry from where they are now. The group of 6 people form a semi-circle, close their eyes & bow their heads as a member recites a prayer: "Bless these riders & their motorcycles, lord. Put a shield of protection around these riders & their passengers..." After prayer, the group hops back on their motorcycles & rides back to their tent. Inside, there's a table in remembrance of bikers who've died, & a board to sign in support of the military. In the middle of the bars & posters of scantily clad women, their tent is a somber reminder of the dangers of riding a motorcycle. And group member Bobby Milne says a little prayer can go a long way for the bikers: "All of us want a guardian angel when we're riding," says Milne.

**Let the Punishment Fit the Crime:** A US Air Force C-130 was scheduled to leave Thule Air Base, Greenland, at midnight during a winter month. During the pilot's pre-flight check, he discovered that the latrine-holding tank was still full from the last flight. So, a message was sent to the base & an airman who was off duty was called out to take care of it. The young man finally got to the air base & made his way to the aircraft, only to find that the latrine pump-truck had been left outdoors & was frozen solid. So, he had to find another one in the hangar, which took more time. He returned to the aircraft & was less than enthusiastic about what he had to do. Nevertheless, he pumped the tank deliberately & carefully (and slowly) so as not to risk criticism later. As leaving the plane, the pilot stopped him & said, "Son, your attitude & performance have caused this flight to be late & I'm going to personally see to it that you are not just reprimanded, but also punished." Shivering in the cold, his task finished, the airman took a deep breath, stood tall & said, "Sir, with all due respect, I'm not your son; I'm an Airman in the United States Air Force. I've been in Thule, Greenland, for 11 months without any leave, & reindeer's asses are beginning to look pretty good to me. I have one stripe; it's 2:30 in the morning, the temperature is 40 degrees below zero, & my job here is to pump shit out of an aircraft." "Now, just exactly what form of punishment did you have in mind Sir?"

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**Warlocks murder trials begin in 2 weeks** – Mar 18, 2014 – *Florida* - By Rene Stutzman; <http://articles.OrlandoSentinel.com> - In rat-a-tat fashion, the 4 Philly Warlocks motorcycle gang members charged with murdering 3 members of a rival gang will stand trial individually, starting in 2 weeks. Two judges today laid out that schedule & spelled out some ground rules, hoping to prevent violence between the 2 groups whose members hate each other as they sit in the same courtroom, watching justice being played out. David “Tin Man” Maloney, 54 of Longwood, the leader of the break-away Philly Warlocks, will stand trial first. Circuit Judge Marlene Alva will begin jury selection for him March 31. Today she ordered that no one attending the trial wear gang “colors”, patches & insignia that identify which group they belong to. But she said no when defense attorney Michael LaFay asked that attorneys refer to jurors solely by number – not by name. He had made that request, saying he feared possible juror intimidation or harassment. Maloney & co-defendants Robert Eckert, 39 of Longwood, Victor Amaro, 43 of Winter Springs, & Paul Smith, 48 of South Carolina, are charged with 3 counts of second-degree murder & 2 counts of attempted murder for the Sept. 30, 2012, shootout in the parking lot of the Winter Springs VFW. Defense attys say their clients are innocent because they acted in self-defense. But according to prosecutors, Maloney & his co-defendants ambushed the rival gang members as they pulled into a parking lot, thinking they were about to take part in a charity run to aid veterans. Killed were 3 Orlando Warlocks: Harold “Lil Dave” Liddle of Lake County, Peter “Hormone” Schlette Jr. of Louisiana & David “Dresser” Jakiela of Orlando. They were part of a group from which Maloney & his friends had broken away. Some members of the group from which Maloney broke away returned gunfire that day, according to prosecution records. Amora is to stand trial April 14 in front of Circuit Judge Jessica Recksiedler. The following week, Eckert will be tried in her courtroom. The last defendant, Smith, who court records show is the first person to open fire, will be tried by Recksiedler either May 5 or 12. Each trial is expected to last about a week, attys said.

**Warlocks MC member held after shooting** – Mar 31, 2014 – *Florida* – By Daniel Dahm; [www.ClickOrlando.com](http://www.ClickOrlando.com) - A member of the Warlocks motorcycle club was arrested over the weekend after Brevard County sheriff's deputies said he shot a Volusia County Warlock club member who had been subpoenaed to testify in court against members of the Brevard club. Deputies say John Charles Haskell shot Larry Spohn in the right arm. Spohn is a witness to a shooting that involves members of the Brevard County club. Haskell was arrested, booked in the Brevard County Jail on a charge of attempted first-degree premeditated murder. Deputies said Spohn was riding a motorcycle south on Interstate 95 when he was shot. He didn't see the shooter, but told deputies 2 people were riding with him. One person riding with Spohn, identified in BCSO records as “Witness-1,” said he saw a white Chrysler follow the group for 3 to 5 miles. When they got near Fiske Boulevard, the car pulled up next to them, the witness saw a puff of smoke from the driver's side window & heard a gunshot. The car immediately exited the highway. “Witness-2” told police he saw a man hold a semi-automatic handgun out the window of the Chrysler, pull up to Spohn & fire. Police found a car matching the witness description near Fiske Boulevard & State Road 520. Haskell was driving. He “was positively identified along with the vehicle as the person who shot Mr. Spohn,” records show. Deputies say the Warlocks are a “documented criminal street gang,” Haskell is a member & he committed a crime “for the purpose of benefitting, promoting or furthering the interests of the gang.”

**Mongols rally against Fed lawsuit targeting club logo** - Mar 31, 2014 - *California* – By Brian Day; [www.WhittierDailyNews.com](http://www.WhittierDailyNews.com) - Members of the Mongols Motorcycle Club joined with thousands of bikers from throughout the region Saturday at a rally to garner support & funds to combat a lawsuit brought by Fed authorities seeking to take control of the Mongols' trademarked logo. The U.S. Dept of Justice last year filed a lawsuit seeking to seize control of the trademarked logo of the Mongol Nation Motorcycle Club LLC, arguing that the Mongols are a criminal organization & that the mark is used for intimidation. But the Mongols & their attorneys argue that the Gov't is overstepping its bounds with the lawsuit, which they said would infringe on the rights of club members. “They're trying to destroy the right of men to associate & indicate their association,” said Joe Yanny, an attorney representing the Mongols. “It's absolutely ridiculous.” The trial, previously scheduled to begin last week, has been postponed to late Sept. Guests at Saturday's rally at the House Bar & Grill in Maywood sported patches from dozens of motorcycle clubs, ranging from the Vagos to Christian biker clubs. Hundreds of roaring Harley-Davidsons lined the streets outside the jam-packed venue, where bikers ate, drank & listened to music. The rally represented, “a show of support from basically all the motorcycle clubs in Southern California,” Yanny said. Fed prosecutors, following an Oct 2008 operation dubbed “Black Rain,” in which 80 Mongol members rounded up from 6 states ultimately agreed to plead guilty to a host of charges, have labeled the Mongols an “outlaw motorcycle club.” Prosecutors allege the group is involved in crimes ranging from murder to drug dealing, & the Gov't therefore has the authority to take control of the Mongols' logo. In addition to being a violation of club members' free-speech rights, Yanny said, “more importantly, it's a due-process issue.” The Gov't is attempting to punish the entire club of more than 700 members for the actions of a small fraction, he said, adding that those involved in the 2008 criminal case are no longer club members. “They want to paint the whole group as bad because of it,” Yanny said. “These men are decent men.” Many Mongols are former military members simply seeking camaraderie, he said. The club's constitution takes a zero-tolerance stance toward criminal activity, he added. But U.S. ATF officials have maintained that the club is a criminal organization, & that taking control of the logo was a measure intended to prevent violence. Mongols Pres David “lil Dave” Santillan has said the club has been working hard to improve its image in recent years. He thanked guests for their support at Saturday's rally. From a legal standpoint, it remained in question whether the Fed Gov't has the authority to seize the trademark, Yanny said. The lawsuit breaks new ground in terms of trademark law, the attorney said, adding that it may end up at the Supreme Court. Unlike a business trademark controlled by a single entity, the Mongols' logo is a “collective membership mark,” Yanny said. “It's legally owned by one entity, but held in trust for the members,” he said. It's the votes of club members that ultimately determined who is allowed to wear the club's patch. The Mongols have also filed a motion to have Fed Judge Otis Wright II removed from the case, alleging bias. Yanny said he filed an additional writ in support of the argument Fri. Thom Mrozek, spokesman for the U.S. Attorney's Office in Los Angeles, previously declined to comment on the motion to have Wright replaced. Wright, who ruled in favor of the Mongols in a 2008 lawsuit brought by a member whose patch was taken by law enforcement, has made statements indicating he is prejudiced against the motorcycle club, the Mongols' attorneys argued. Additionally, Yanny said it was Wright who first suggested to prosecutors back in 2008 that they could go after the Mongols' trademark. “That's why he shouldn't be sitting on the bench in

this case,” Yanny said. If the Justice Dept’s lawsuit should succeed, Yanny said it would eventually affect more than just the Mongols. “They’ll go after all of the motorcycle clubs,” he said.

**Witness was shot just before testifying at Warlocks murder trial** – Mar 31, 2014 – *Florida* – By Rene Stutzman; [www.OrlandoSentinel.com](http://www.OrlandoSentinel.com) - A murder trial witness was shot while driving down Interstate 95 on his motorcycle with his buddies Saturday, just days before the first defendant went on trial Monday in the deaths of 3 men during a gun battle between rival biker gangs in 2012. The shot that hit Larry Spohn in the right arm on Sat came from a passing Chrysler that immediately got off the interstate. Spohn survived. Police now say the shooter was a member of a rival gang that was involved in the shootout that left 3 dead at a VFW post in Winter Springs, one of the bloodiest crimes the quiet suburban community has ever seen. The trial began Monday, despite Spohn’s gunshot wound & a short lecture from a defense attorney who says the shooting is part of a campaign to intimidate & harass witnesses. Spohn was to take the stand on behalf of defendant David “Tin Man” Maloney, 54, of Longwood, a leader of the Warlocks MC in 2010 who was kicked out & formed a tiny splinter group. Since his exile, said defense attorney Michael LaFay, Maloney has been in the Warlocks’ cross-hairs. That was the case on Sept. 30, 2012, in the parking lot of the VFW post in Winter Springs, LaFay said, & now his witnesses are facing the same treatment. Brevard County deputies arrested a member of the Warlocks & charged him with the weekend shooting on I-95. He is John Charles Haskell, 43, a convicted drug offender from New Jersey who now lives in Cocoa. “The defense witnesses in this case have been habitually threatened & harassed for months,” LaFay told reporters Monday. It’s no coincidence, he said, “that the person arrested was a Florida Warlock. It’s the same organization.” According to LaFay, Maloney acted in self-defense when he began shooting after 5 members of the Warlocks pulled into the VFW parking lot 2 years ago for what was supposed to be a fund-raiser for disabled military veterans. Instead, it turned into a lopsided gun battle that left 3 Warlocks dead & Maloney & 3 members of his break-away group, the Philly Warlocks, in jail. Each is charged with 3 counts of second-degree murder & 2 counts of attempted murder. Assistant State Attorney Stewart Stone has called the shootout an “ambush.” Maloney was wearing a bullet-proof vest, had 3 guns, & in his Jeep were 2 more handguns & 2 shotguns. Each of the co-defendants was armed or was found near guns, according to prosecution records. None of the men who were killed had a gun, those records show, but others in their group returned fire. Despite Saturday’s shooting, the trial began Monday. Maloney was wearing a coat & tie. Circuit Judge Marlene Alva & attorneys began jury selection at 9:30 a.m. & worked into the evening. They finished picking a panel of 6 plus 2 alternates about 6:30 p.m. Opening argument is to begin in the morning. The victim of Saturday’s shooting, Spohn, was not available for comment. Authorities said his wound was not life-threatening. LaFay would not say what Spohn would tell jurors but said the newly wounded biker was not at the scene of the shootout. This, according to Haskell’s arrest report, is what happened Sat.

**Hells Angel bikie faces bomb charges** – Mar 31, 2014 – *Australia* – By Nick Toscano; [www.ThAge.com.au](http://www.ThAge.com.au) - A Hells Angels member accused of planting home-made bombs in a series of attacks on rival bikie gangs’ businesses & clubhouses has been committed to stand trial. Dennis Basic, 34, was 1 of 9 men linked to outlaw bikie clubs arrested last Oct after a string of shootings & fire-bombings in the city’s south-eastern suburbs & the Mornington Peninsula. The attacks were part of a simmering feud

between several bikie gangs following the shooting of former Bandidos enforcer Toby Mitchell at a Melton industrial estate in March last year. Basic was refused bail at the Melbourne Magistrates Court on Mon, & faces 30 charges relating to firearms, drugs & violence, & manufacturing or storing improvised explosive devices. Anti-bikie detectives from Echo Taskforce have charged Basic over a string of attacks between May & Sept last year. The attacks included a fire-bombing of the Bandidos’ Dandenong clubhouse, attempted bombings at a gym & tattoo parlour owned by Comancheros in Hallam, & a blast that blew up a four-wheel-drive parked outside a former associate’s home in Narre Warren. Basic, who was living in a caravan park at Langwarrin last year, was placed behind bars after police raided his small cabin. Detective Leading Senior Constable Glen Hatton said officers seized an arsenal of weapons including a bolt-action rifle, a sawn-off pump-action shotgun, a .22-calibre revolver, a .32-calibre revolver & ammunition. They also allegedly found ammonium nitrate-based explosives materials, detonators & fuse wires. Fairfax Media understands Basic had fallen out with the Comancheros after trying to form his own motorcycle gang, called “Mayhem”, in Dandenong 2 years ago. Comancheros’ ex-president Jay Malkoun is believed to have threatened the new club & stripped them of club colors, according to a police source. Basic was later sponsored by the Hells Angels, in what the source described as a “mad recruitment drive” to boost numbers on the Mornington Peninsula. Basic’s alleged attempted attacks on Hallam’s Nitro Gym & Nitro tattoo parlour, owned by Comancheros boss Mick Murray, were met with immediate retaliation when the Comancheros shot up the Hells Angels’ Darkside clubhouse in Seaford the next night. Nick Papas, SC, for Basic, argued his client should be bailed because there would likely be a lengthy delay of up to 20 months until a County Court trial date could be set, & he wanted to see his children aged 7 & 9. A friend of Basic’s also offered a \$200,000 surety, & said he would employ Basic as a labourer at his northern suburbs plumbing business. But the prosecution opposed bail saying Basic was an unacceptable risk. The Hells Angels also have a Thomastown chapter, which Basic risked associating with, the court heard. Basic will appear for a County Court directions hearing on Tue morning.

**Detroit Highwaymen Clubhouse shut down** – Apr 1, 2014 – *Ohio* – by Rich Jaffe; [www.Local12.com](http://www.Local12.com) - For the last few years we’ve been telling you about problems involving the Detroit Highwaymen motorcycle gang. The local chapter is now basically now out of business. This is a story you’ll see only on Local 12 News. The highwaymen set up shop here in Cincinnati around 2009, but for the last few years they were in a turf war with the Iron Horsemen. We’ve reported on assaults, shootings, robberies the kinds of things you’d expect. Late last week, Cincinnati city officials filed a lawsuit declaring this place a public nuisance & on top of it the Highwaymen honcho’s out of Detroit came here & shut the place down. Sat evening, Cincinnati Police showed up at the Detroit Highwaymen’s clubhouse & served them with a nuisance complaint from the city. It’s a move aimed at shutting down the clubhouse. Sergeant Bill Halusek with Cincinnati Police tells us, “Any building, place, property used for gang activity & you have 2 felony offenses that start at that property, can be abated under Ohio Nuisance Law.” One of those felony offenses was when Roger Sadler allegedly shot at rival Iron Horsemen right outside the clubhouse last year. The second offense came in Feb when Highwaymen were captured on camera attacking an Iron Horseman & stealing his motorcycle. Halusek says in his 30 years with Cincinnati Police & ATF, it’s the first time the city has used this approach on a bunch of bikers.

For the Highwaymen, Saturday night was a one 2 punch. One from the city & one from their Detroit headquarters. Halusek says, "We also learned the national Detroit Highwaymen chapter revoked their charter as well." Ironically just a week ago, the biker's Detroit office sent one of their national musclemen, John Duffey, to Cincinnati to help this troubled local chapter clean up its act. Duffey though didn't exactly get a warm welcome from the Queen City. According to Halusek, "We knew there was a national officer coming to town, we knew he was on parole, we knew some other things about him as well. When he left here he committed a traffic violation, speeding across the viaduct, one thing lead to another & he was subsequently arrested for a firearm. He was here to fix the problems that were occurring, he was elected V.P. that night." Duffey served Fed time after he & dozens of other Detroit Highwaymen were arrested by the FBI in Detroit, following massive raids in 2009. Investigators believe the Cincinnati chapter had simply brought down too much heat & attention on the national organization. Heat that could have lead to racketeering charges on members of their Detroit hierarchy. Again, Sergeant Halusek, "We were playing a game of chess with people who were playing checkers. Our moves were pretty thought out & we're gonna continue down that path. We're not gonna tolerate the gun violence. I'm not gonna have people out here shooting in the middle of the street." John Duffey was indicted by a Hamilton County Grand Jury last week. If convicted on the gun charge he's undoubtedly looking at resuming his Fed sentence in prison. In 2011 the Highwaymen's national President got 37 years in prison following the same raid that caught Duffey. As for the future of what used to be the "Cincinnati Highwaymen" it's uncertain. It's expected they might reinvent themselves as members of a different club. The city case against the owner of the Highwaymen's clubhouse is set for a trial date later this month.

**Witnesses to biker group shooting testify in murder trial** – Apr 2, 2014 – *Florida* – By Dave McDaniel; [www.Wesh.com](http://www.Wesh.com) - Witnesses to a biker club shooting in 2012 that left 3 people dead took the stand in the murder trial for one of the alleged shooters Wed. Ronnie Mitchell, a witness to the shootings, said that David Maloney & another man came out of the Winter Springs Veterans of Foreign Wars post & started shooting. Maloney was kicked out of the Florida Warlocks & formed a new group called the Philly Warlocks. It was after that tension, authorities say, that a charity ride erupted in violence, leading to the shooting deaths of 3 Florida Warlocks: David Jakiela, Harold Liddle & Peter Schlette. The state says the Philly Warlocks ambushed the Florida Warlocks in the parking lot. "She said, 'Oh my God, they shot him in the face. Oh my God, they shot him in the chest,'" said VFW worker William Tzipani. "I saw Mr. Maloney & a man in the Green Beret, & they were firing across the parking lot," said Tzipani. But Maloney's defense team says he fired in self-defense, & that others were the aggressors. The defense said the victims & witnesses had weapons of their own, including knives, batons, baseball bats & more. They say not one Maloney bullet hit any of the 3 men who were killed. Thomas McGarry, the local leader of the Florida Warlocks, testified that he sanctioned participation when he thought the VFW was the ride sponsor. He said he told his members not to go when he realized the sponsors were the rival group. "I didn't want a confrontation, & I didn't want to bring trouble to the VFW. I respect them too much," he said. Either his message wasn't delivered, or it was ignored. Maloney is the first of four defendants to go on trial. All of the defendants will be tried separately.

**A Wisconsin bar on a Minnesota road has its peculiarities** – Apr 3, 2014 – *Minnesota / Wisconsin* – By John Brewer; [www.TwinCities.com](http://www.TwinCities.com) - A couple walked into the Wabegon Bar, flummoxed. "Where the hell are we?" they asked. The bartender had heard it before. That's because the Wabegon is the only bar in Wisconsin you can't get to through Wisconsin. "Unless you canoe here," said regular BPM MC Bill Talarico. The bar is just off a stretch of Minnesota 23 known as the Evergreen Memorial Scenic Drive, which stretches diagonally from Duluth to the far reaches of southwest Minnesota. Just outside of Duluth, though, after the road leaves down-on-its-heels Gary-New Duluth, it crosses the St. Louis River & passes through a spit of Wisconsin barely 2,000-feet wide. On the western edge of that spit, wedged between the river & the state border (and the Evergreen highway a few feet beyond), sits the Wabegon. By some long-forgotten engineering gaffe, the driveway to the Wabegon runs from the bar in Wisconsin, over the imaginary border line to the highway in Minnesota. And that unique positioning has led to a few peculiarities. The business has 2 zip codes: one for Wisconsin & one for Minnesota. Once, a tenant in one of the bar's rental cabins wanted to register to vote in Minnesota -- she was born in Minnesota worked in Carlton, Minn. -- but was told that because she sleeps in Wisconsin, she'd have to register there. And the regulars are strictly Minnesotan, down to the allegiance to the Vikings. "There's nothing in this place that would tell you it's a Wisconsin bar," said owner Paul Vernon, "except the poker machines." Then there's that: The bar can offer poker machines that payout & offer off-sale beer & liquor. "Seventy percent of our off-sale is to Minnesotans," Vernon said. The local folklore about the bar & the land it sits on is that it used to be a part of Minnesota, until the state needed a partner to build the Fond du Lac dam on the St. Louis River. So it sold the small contiguous acreage to neighboring Wisconsin for \$1. While the dam is real -- as is the wall-sized mural of it in the bar's dining room -- the story isn't. "As far as I know, it's been Wisconsin since God created Wisconsin & Minnesota," said Paul Gassert, an auditor with Carlton County, Minn. That's how Andy Lisak, the Douglas County, Wis., administrator, understands it, too. "It's odd in the sense that you have to go to Minnesota to get there," he said, but not odd when you consider that "there are portions of piers based in Duluth that have tips in Wisconsin." For Talarico, the regular from tiny Wrenshall, Minn., it's the odd location that first brought him to the bar 30 years ago. While a high school student in Duluth in the early 1980s, Talarico couldn't drink in Minnesota bars, where the minimum age was 19. But the 18-year-old & his friends were able to zip across the border to Superior, Wis., on lunch breaks & have a beer with their burgers. It was one of those midday runs that brought his crew down Minnesota 23 to the bar marked by a listing Pabst Blue Ribbon sign (it's still listing). "I never made it back to school that day," he said.

**Before It Starts:** A biker came home from the road, sat down in his favorite chair, turned on the TV, & said to his wife, "Quick, bring me a beer before it starts!!!" She looked a little confused, but brought him a beer. When he finished it, he said, "Quick, bring me another beer. It's gonna start!!!" This time she looked a little pissed, but brought him a beer. When it was gone, he said, "Quick, another beer, it's gonna start any second...!" "That's it!" She blows her top, "You bastard! You waltz in here, flop your fat ass down, don't even say hello to me & then expect me to run around like your slave. Don't you realize that I cook & clean & wash & iron all day long?" The biker sighed. "Oh shit, it's started."

**Remember** why you ride free. – ABATE of Minnesota

**S.O.S. Family Memories: By Dago SFFS 1%ER**

Harpo, Brian, Uncle Ben,  
These were giants among men --  
Might never see their kind again  
But we've all grown because of them.

Bemis, Terry, In The Back,  
Norby murdered by a crack  
And P.K. gave his life one night  
Doing what he knew was right.

That night outside the friendly tap  
Chucker dying in my lap  
Someone's knocking at the door  
Eastman isn't here no more.

The road has asked for its share too.  
It's where we live, it's what we do  
And those it takes along the way  
Remind us all to live today.

Looking further down the page  
Natural causes and old age  
I've seen the brightest lights wink out  
But then I've seen some new ones sprout.

And others, only known to them  
Chose the method, how and when  
And though we'll never know the "Why"  
They were sons until they died.

Lisa, Debbie, Cindy, too:  
Sisters who have paid their dues  
I've left a lot of others out  
They're all remembered, that's no doubt.

A few got weak, they rolled and hid  
I hope they pay for what they did  
Like pigs they're living in their slime  
While greater men are doing time.

So through the years and through the miles  
Through the tears and all the smiles  
Through the best times and the bad  
Think about the lives we've had

And live today like it's your last  
As it has been for others past  
And know that we're the lucky ones:  
Sons Forever, Forever Sons.

One day when we all have gone  
And leave our young to carry on  
We'll meet again when it gets dark:  
"Donec Mors Non Separat"

For All S.O.S. Family, Living And Lost, Yesterday Through  
Tomorrow. With Love, Dago SFFS USSA 1%ER

**Freaker's Ball** – By Dr. Hook  
Well there's gonna be a freakers ball  
Tonight at the freakers hall  
And you know, you're invited one and all

Come on babies grease your lips  
Grab your hats and swing your hips  
Don't forget to bring your whips...We're going to the freakers ball

Blow your whistle and bang your gong  
Roll up something to take along  
It feels so good it must be wrong  
We're freakin at the freakers ball

Where all the fags and the dykes they're boogin' together  
The leather freaks are dressed in all kinds of leather  
The greatest of the sadists and the masochists too  
Screaming "Please hit me, and I'll hit you"

The FBI are dancing with the junkies  
All the straights, are swinging with the funkies  
Across the floor and up the wall  
We're freakin at the freakers ball  
Yall, we're freakin at the freakers ball

Everybody's kissing each other  
Brother with sister, son with mother  
Smear my body up with butter  
Take me to the freakers ball

Pass that roach please and pour the wine  
I'll kiss yours if you'll kiss mine  
I'm gonna boogie till i go blind  
We're freakin at the freakers ball

White ones, black ones, yellow ones, red ones  
Necrophiliacs looking for dead ones  
The greatest of the sadist and the masochists too  
Screaming "Please hit me, and I'll hit you"

Everybody's fallin' in batches  
Pyromaniacs striking matches  
I'm gonna itch me where it scratches  
Freaking at the freakers ball

**Shooting survivor testifies in Warlocks murder trial** – Apr 3, 2014 – *Florida* – By Dave McDaniel; [www.WESH.com](http://www.WESH.com) -  
Testimony resumed on Thu in the murder trial for Warlocks MC member David Maloney. Maloney is charged with 3 counts of murder for the deaths of David Jakiela, Harold Liddle & Peter Schlette in 2012. He is also charged with 2 counts of attempted murder. A man who rode into what the prosecution is calling an ambush testified on Thu morning about his scramble to stay alive. Brad Dyess said he & 4 other Florida Warlocks rode into the Winter Springs VFW & almost immediately there was trouble with a rival group called Philly Warlocks. According to Dyess, what started as yelling for them to leave, quickly turned violent. "He threw his hands in the air & yelled something to the affect of 'You shot me,' then I saw Paul point a gun in his face & shoot him," said Dyess. Dyess said he always carries guns & quickly pulled one. "I fired 2 more shots to keep me from being shot at & give me a chance to get over the wall," he said. Dyess says as he was running he saw Maloney come out of the VFW with a pistol in his hand. "I saw him come out the door & pull a pistol & he dove behind a truck over there," said Dyess. The defense showed a large knife in court saying it was carried by one of the men who was killed. The defense said Maloney was inside when the shooting started, & by the time he was outside with a gun any shots he fired were in self-defense. Maloney is the first of 4 defendants to go on trial. All of the defendants will be tried separately.

**There is no "P" in Brotherhood...**

**'Warlord' of MC gets 6-year prison sentence for role in armed robbery** – Apr 3, 2014 – *Illinois* – By Don O'Brien; [www.Whig.com](http://www.Whig.com) - To the people in Roodhouse, a small community of 1,800 in Greene County, Timothy Jackson was a family man, a hard worker & community-minded. He was the assistant chief of the town's volunteer fire Dept, serving under his father, who was the chief. He served a term as an alderman. "He was the kind of guy who would have your back," Russell Iverson said. He worked with Jackson as a guard at the Illinois Dept of Correction's Jacksonville Correctional Center for 15 years. To members of the Liberty-based Midwest Percenters MC, Jackson was the club's "Warlord." According to testimony given at the armed robbery trials of his fellow Midwest Percenters members, Jackson was the man who demanded that 2 members of the Tunnel Rats club give up their vests during an altercation at the intersection of 12th & Hampshire in Quincy on May 20, 2012. "This isn't a (expletive) game," Jackson was quoted as saying by one of the Tunnel Rats members. "We'll (expletive) kill you. Give us your (expletive) cuts." Jackson was sentenced Thu to 6 years in prison. He was convicted by an Adams County Circuit Court jury on an aggravated robbery charge at the end of a 4-day trial in Feb. He was eligible for probation but instead became the third club member sent to the Illinois Dept of Corrections for his actions that day. After reading letters of recommendation from Jackson's friends & family members & then hearing about how he acted on the day of the incident, Judge John Wooleyhan had one question for Jackson before sentencing him. He asked what possessed Jackson to do what he did that day. "(It was) a foolish decision to react to an ego," Jackson said, "and to react to actions of another individual. I wouldn't let that happen again." The sentence was half of what Assistant State's Attorney Josh Jones requested. "They were bullies, all of them," Jones said. "They decided that they were going to exercise control & take what they wanted." Iverson was one of 5 character witnesses who testified on Jackson's behalf during the 90-minute hearing in Adams County Circuit Court. Jackson's attorney, Todd Eyler, also called Jackson's former boss, his nephew, his sister & one of his daughters. They all spoke highly of Jackson. "That's diametrically opposed to what he did on May 20, 2012," Jones said. "The Timothy Jackson that his friends & family know is not the Timothy Jackson who is the 'Warlord' of the Midwest Percenters." Eyler argued that since Jackson has no previous felony convictions & that he is an upstanding member in Roodhouse that he would be a good candidate for probation. "Outside of this incident, he's been a law-abiding citizen," Eyler said. "He does have respect for the law & does have what it takes to successfully complete a term of probation." Eyler said Jackson could be in danger if sent to prison because he once was a corrections guard. Jackson quit that job in the late 1990s to get into the trucking business. After initially denying his role in the incident, Jackson took responsibility as he addressed Wooleyhan. "I made some bad decisions that day," he said. "I'm very sorry for the events that took place that day. I can say a decision like that will never be made again." Wooleyhan said Jackson told the Probation Dept that he only wanted to give the rival club members a "lecture on manners & respect." "It was a bad decision," Wooleyhan told Jackson before announcing his sentence. "It was the kind of thing you might see happen with kids in junior high school." Jackson was given credit for 45 days already served in the Adams County Jail. He must serve 2 years of mandatory supervised release when his prison sentence is finished. He has been in the Adams County Jail since the end of his trial. Jackson was the last club member to be sentenced in the case. Joseph E. Teel, 40, of Barry, was sentenced to 25 years in prison in May after being convicted of armed robbery. Gerald R. Utterback, 45,

of Barry, was sentenced to 5 years in prison on an aggravated robbery conviction last week. Zane E. Liggett, 56, of Camp Point, was sentenced Wednesday to 24 months probation on a mob action charge. He testified against both Utterback & Jackson in their trials.

**Camden sets wheels in motion to shutter motorcycle club** – Apr 3, 2014 – *New Jersey* – By [www.App.com](http://www.App.com) - Camco cops say gang's hangout has long been magnet for crime... A better-built mousetrap. That's the result hoped for by Camden County Police Chief Scott Thomson after what he called a decades-long "cat-and-mouse game" with the Wheels of Soul MC. Camden officials Wed closed the gang's clubhouse on Princess Avenue, citing code violations. They also bulldozed a garage they said the club illegally built on neighboring city property. The push came after a woman allegedly was sexually assaulted at gunpoint inside the clubhouse early on March 27. Antoywayn Lindsey, a 34-year-old city resident who served time for a 1997 homicide, faces numerous charges in the alleged attack, including 3 counts of aggravated sexual assault. Authorities said he was armed with 2 loaded handguns when he was arrested at the clubhouse last week. And once inside, police spotted more than Lindsey's guns. "While we were in there, we noticed some pretty significant structural deficiencies," Thomson said. The chief said a series of code violations included illegal electrical wiring. "The building itself is pretty deplorable inside. ... I'm sure at some point in time this will be subject to being razed as well," he added. Thomson also pointed out a makeshift security camera system that "conveniently never contains any videotape for our review whenever criminal activity occurs." A PSE&G worker removed some of the cameras from a nearby utility pole. Several members of the club stood in the drizzle & watched as the garage was demolished. They grumbled & cursed about the city's actions but declined to be interviewed. Thomson noted the club has a history of criminal activity & violence. In 1979, 19 people were injured when fights between members of the Wheels of Soul & a rival motorcycle gang escalated into a shootout at a Woodrow Wilson-Camden football game. In 2007, Paul Mealey III, 35, was shot dead after a fight at the clubhouse spilled outside.

**Don't question my heart** if you're not willing to understand what you find; question your own first.

**As Freeman**, we fear no one or no-thing. If we should sacrifice for that lack of 'conformity', or pay a price for comporting ourselves in a 'normal' manner, then we are the better because of it. Love & respect, Crazy 1%ER SFFS

**We mostly hate** what we don't understand...or fear it...  
- SOS Crazy...

**Yep, I know your fast**, you was haulin' ass when I passed ya!!!  
SOS Newfy St. Cloud, Minnesota Chapter

**Ignorance is not** an obstacle of advancement in the BOP...  
- Iron Wings Boos Retired

**Those who abandon their history**, are prone to repeating it. Mostly the mistakes. - BPM MC PK

**Self-Test Of Personal Liberty**: Am I, Or Have I Not Engaged In Any Activity I Would Otherwise Consider Normal Because Of Fear Of Consequences Of Society Or Gov't...? If So, I Am No Longer Free... SFFS Dago 1%ER USSA

**When Freedom** is outlawed, only outlaws will be Free...

**Mongols want judge in trademark case disqualified** - Apr 5, 2014 - *California* - By Frank C. Girardot; [www.PasadenaStarNews.com](http://www.PasadenaStarNews.com) - Convinced that prosecutors & a Fed judge are intent on eliminating the Mongols MC by taking away its iconic logo, an attorney for the group has asked the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals to step in & remove the judge overseeing what could be landmark trademark litigation. The appeal for help was filed by attorney Joseph Yanny last week. He wants Judge Otis D. Wright removed from the case for remarks & actions he believes show Wright to be prejudiced against the 700-member motorcycle club. Yanny's motion also suggests that the assignment of Wright to the trademark case was somehow rigged in the district court, headquartered in downtown Los Angeles. A motion to have Wright disqualified was heard in district court & denied. Yanny's plea to the higher court seeks to reverse that decision. "The instant criminal case seeks forfeiture of (the Mongols') collective membership mark — the club's very identity — which the Gov't has been trying to destroy and/or confiscate for 6 years," Yanny wrote. "Unless this Court grants the relief requested, the District Court's erroneous order will prejudice of the First Amendment rights of hundreds of (Mongols) & irreparably erode public confidence in the judiciary." Although the trademark case stems from the 2008 Fed criminal indictment of 80 members of the group including its then Pres Ruben Cavazos of West Covina, it is separate litigation. In the criminal case, a Fed judge ruled against prosecutors who sought all rights to the Mongols logo & attempted to remove it from members. When that judge died, half the case was reassigned to Wright. In recent months he has taken issue with the club's by-laws describing a prohibition against criminal activity as "laughable." "This is a criminal enterprise as evidenced by the admissions of same by no fewer than 40 people who appeared before me ... This is a dangerous enterprise," Wright said at a hearing in Oct. Yanny's writ to the 9th Circuit concludes those statements are evidence of Wright's bias. In a grand jury indictment of the gang, Fed prosecutors characterized the Mongols as a violent & lawless criminal organization. "Crimes committed by Mongols on behalf of the Mongols Gang included acts of violence ranging from battery to murder, as well as drug-trafficking offenses, money laundering, weapons-trafficking, extortion, & hate crimes against African Americans," an indictment filed in Sept notes. "Mongols also frequently conducted robberies, stole motorcycles, & engaged in the theft of credit card account information as a means to obtain funds for themselves & the Mongols gang." Club Pres David Santillan of West Covina filed a declaration in Feb explaining the club & defending it. "The Mongols Nation MC consists of over 700 members worldwide. Our members include doctors, lawyers, professionals of all sorts, business owners, & loyal employees of others. I am informed & believe that many if not the majority of our members were formerly members of the U.S. armed forces," he wrote. No hearing date has been set, Yanny hopes to present an oral argument to the court.

**Murder charge dropped against Warlocks MC member in fatal shooting** - Apr 7, 2014 - *Florida* - By [www.WFTV.com](http://www.WFTV.com) - A judge on Monday granted direct acquittal to one count of second-degree murder in the trial of a motorcycle gang member accused in a fatal shootout during a Seminole County charity event. Known Philadelphia Warlocks MC member David Maloney was initially charged with 3 counts of murder & 2 counts of attempted murder. The judge said Monday that Peter Schlette, one of the people killed in 2012 during a charity event outside a Veterans of Foreign Wars post in Winter Springs, was killed before Maloney was outside. Schlette & 2 others killed were part of the rival Orlando Warlocks. Channel 9's Jeff Deal also learned

Mon that Maloney wants to use stand your ground as his defense. The defense argues their client acted in self-defense, even though Maloney was wearing a bulletproof vest the day of the shooting & had an arsenal of weapons in his Jeep. The defense on Monday called Ed Glowitz, a man who is a former member of both clubs, to the stand. They said Glowitz warned Maloney the Florida Warlocks wanted him to hurt him. "Did any of the bosses at the meeting direct any harm to be done to Mr. Maloney?" asked the defense attorney. "Not in those words. Well, to harm him, yes," said Glowitz. The defense seemed to be trying to show there was a reason that Maloney was prepared with the bulletproof vest, according to Deal.

**Caribbean cruise - Stranded on Island - Gorgeous Woman - Really good Ride...** He booked himself on a Caribbean cruise & proceeded to have the time of his life, that is, until the ship sank. He soon found himself on an island with no other people, no supplies, nothing, only bananas & coconuts. After about 4 months, he is lying on the beach one day when the most gorgeous woman he has ever seen rows up to the shore. In disbelief, he asks, "Where did you come from? How did you get here?" She replies, "I rowed over from the other side of the island where I landed when my fishing boat sank." "Amazing," he notes. "You were really lucky to have a row boat wash up with you." "Oh, this thing?" explains the woman. "I made the boat out of some raw material I found on the island. The oars were whittled from gum tree branches. I wove the bottom from palm tree branches, & the sides & stern came from an Eucalyptus tree." "But, where did you get the tools?" "Oh, that was no problem," replied the woman. "On the south side of the island, a very unusual stratum of alluvial rock is exposed. I found that if I fired it to a certain temperature in a volcanic vent I found just down island, it melted into ductile iron & I used that to make tools & used the tools to make the hardware." The guy is stunned. "Let's row over to my place," she says "and I'll give you a tour." So, after a short time of rowing, she soon docks the boat at a small hand built wharf. As the man looks to shore, he nearly falls off the boat. Before him is a long stone walk leading to a cabin & tree house. While the woman ties up the rowboat with an expertly woven hemp rope, the man can only stare ahead, dumb struck. As they walk into the house, she says casually, "It's not much, but I call it home.. Please sit down." "Would you like a drink?" "No! No thank you," the man blurts out, still dazed. "I can't take another drop of coconut juice." "Oh, it's not coconut juice," winks the woman. "I have a still. How would you like a Jack Daniels neat?" Trying to hide his continued amazement, the man accepts, & they sit down on her couch to talk. After they exchange their individual survival stories, the woman announces, "I'm going to slip into something more comfortable. Would you like to take a shower & shave? There's a razor in the bathroom cabinet upstairs." No longer questioning anything, the man goes upstairs into the bathroom. There, in the cabinet is a razor made from a piece of tortoise bone. Two shells honed to a hollow ground edge are fastened on to its end inside a swivel mechanism. "This woman is amazing," he muses. "What's next?" When he returns, she greets him wearing nothing but a bandana around her blonde locks & some small flowers on tiny vines, each strategically positioned, she smelled faintly of coconut oil. She then beckons for him to sit down next to her. "Tell me," she begins suggestively, slithering closer to him, "We've both been out here for many months. You must have been lonely. When was the last time you had a really good ride? She stares into his eyes. He can't believe what he's hearing. "You mean..." he swallows excitedly as tears start to form in his eyes. "You've built a Harley?"

**No arrests in bloody biker brawl on I-15** – Apr 7, 2014 – *California* – By Sarah Burge; [www.PE.com](http://www.PE.com) - Two weeks after a bloody brawl among motorcycle riders on the freeway near Temecula left 2 Hells Angels with stab wounds, no arrests have been made & investigators say the stabbing victims aren't talking. The fight blocked northbound traffic on Interstate 15 near the U.S. Border Patrol checkpoint about 6 p.m. March 22, & reportedly involved dozens of bikers described by witnesses as Mongols & Hells Angels armed with weapons such as bats & shovels. By the time officers arrived, the bikers were gone but they found a bloody fight scene & a discarded knife, a Riverside County sheriff's investigator wrote in search warrant documents. Officers drove north to the Temecula Parkway off-ramp, where they found 2 motorcyclists. One of them was wearing Hells Angels clothing & was covered in blood, court records say. While officers were trying to detain the bikers, a man in an SUV pulled up & identified himself as a Hells Angels chapter president & a friend of the 2 motorcyclists, Investigator Carlos Topete wrote in court papers. The man collected the injured biker's bloody Hells Angels vest & some other items, putting them in his SUV, Topete wrote. The injured rider was taken to a hospital for treatment of 8 stab wounds. While officers were investigating, they learned that another Hells Angel with stab wounds had been taken to Rancho Springs Medical Center in Murrieta. The person who dropped him off was driving a truck with Arizona plates & hauling a utility trailer. The man, who claimed to be the chapter president, later told investigators that the truck belongs to the Hells Angels MC & is used to transport Hells Angels merchandise. Sheriff's investigators confiscated the Hells Angels vehicles for evidence. Sgt. Kevin McDonald said investigators believe the purported chapter president misrepresented his position with the group & that he is merely an associate. The victims, both admitted Hells Angels members, have been released from the hospital & have refused to say who is responsible for their injuries, McDonald said. According to a witness, the conflict between the motorcycle clubs appeared to have started farther south on Interstate 15 in San Diego County. The witness, a Temecula resident who asked that his name be withheld out of fear for his safety, said he entered the freeway at Highway 76 & noticed a few bikers who appeared to be chasing 2 Mongols on motorcycles. The Mongols were outnumbered at first, he said, but as they passed Rainbow Valley Boulevard, they were joined by a large group that had been parked off the freeway. As they passed the checkpoint, dozens of bikers in Mongols clothing surrounded the other bikers, blocking the lanes of traffic. The witness said the men in Mongols MC gear kicked the other men off their bikes. The men pulled out weapons — he saw a hammer, a screwdriver & a crowbar — & began brawling, moving toward the freeway shoulder as they fought, the witness said. At one point, a pickup hauling a trailer pulled up. The men in the trailer appeared to be holding handguns, he said. The witness said he called 911 but didn't stick around long enough to see the stabbings. "My wife was scared," he said. "She just wanted us to get out of there. They were still fighting when we left." The witness said he couldn't believe they were openly brawling on the freeway in broad daylight. Capt. Jeff Kubel, who serves as Temecula police chief & commander of the sheriff's Southwest Station, said there's no reason to expect further violence from outlaw motorcycle clubs in the Temecula area. Though it's still unclear what happened, all indications are that the motorcyclists involved were on their way home from events in San Diego County, he said. Albert Perez, an attorney who represents the Mongols MC, declined to comment Monday. Efforts to reach a representative of the Hells Angels MC were unsuccessful.

**Hells Angels founder may testify at trial of man accused of Newton kidnapping** – Apr 9, 2014 – *New Jersey* – By Joe Moszczynski; [www.NJ.com](http://www.NJ.com) - Ralph "Sonny" Barger, the legendary former leader of the Hells Angels MC, may be asked to testify for the state at the trial of a Missouri man with the same last name who is charged in the mistaken-identity kidnapping of a Newton businessman. Barger, who founded the Oakland chapter of the motorcycle club in 1957, would be asked to testify about letters that William Barger, 51, claims "Sonny" Barger wrote about the formation of a Hells Angel chapter in the Midwest, said Sussex County First Assistant Prosecutor Gregory Mueller. William Barger is accused of using the letters to enlist 3 men to kidnap Jeffrey W. Muller, a money broker from Mahwah. In a case of mistaken identity, the men allegedly kidnapped Jeffrey M. Muller of Newton. "He (Sonny Barger) had no involvement whatsoever" in the case, said Mueller. William Barger, also known as "Brutal," allegedly told the men they would be considered for membership in the new Hells Angels motorcycle chapter if they kidnapped the money broker. William Barger, of Nevada, Mo., had hoped to recoup some of the \$500,000 that was lost by Roy Slates, a Missouri businessman, to Jeffrey W. Muller in a business deal, authorities have said. As part of the deal, William Barger & the kidnapers would get to keep 25% of the amount collected. The kidnapping plot went awry when the 3 suspected kidnapers mistakenly abducted Jeffrey M. Muller, the owner of a pet supply store in Newton, on Jan. 8, 2010. In court papers filed by Mueller, Barger allegedly told the 3 men that he established the new Hells Angels chapter, the "Heartland," with the permission of "Sonny" Barger, who William Barger claimed was his father. "In reality, no one associated with HAMC authorized the creation of a 'Heartland' chapter. Billy Barger was not related, in any way, to Sonny Barger. In fact, he didn't even know him. The only club Billy Barger actually belonged to was the Masons. And, Billy Barger did not even own a motorcycle," Mueller wrote on the court brief. "Sonny" Barger, 75, who is still active in the Cave Creek, Az., chapter of the Hells Angels, was convicted in 1988 of conspiring to blow up the club house of a rival motorcycle gang in Louisville, Ky. He served 4 years in a Fed prison following his conviction. Most recently, he made guest appearances on the TV show, "Sons of Anarchy."

**Warlocks Murder Trial** – Apr 9, 2014 – *Florida* – By Rene Stutzman; [www.OrlandoSentinel.com](http://www.OrlandoSentinel.com) - On the witness stand John Boudreau, 50, a current member & former Nat'l Pres of the Florida Warlocks Biker Club points toward David "Tin Man" Maloney identifying him as a former member of the Warlocks. Maloney, 54, the 1<sup>st</sup> of 4 co-defendants is charged with 3 counts of 2<sup>nd</sup>-degree murder & 2 counts of attempted murder, members of the Warlocks biker group. One at a time on the witness stand this morning, a state DNA expert pulled out the pistols that killed 3 members of the Florida Warlocks, a biker gang, during a Sunday morning shootout at the VFW hall in Winter Springs 2 years ago. Two had the DNA of Victor "Pancho" Amaro, said Kiersten Taylor Kevin, a DNA expert with the Florida Dept of Law Enforcement. One matched the DNA of Paul Smith, she said. Both men are charged with 3 counts of 2<sup>nd</sup>-degree murder & are to stand trial in the next few weeks. But Taylor Kevin's testimony came on Day 6 of the triple murder trial of David "Tin Man" Maloney, a member of the same rival motorcycle gang as Amaro & Smith. Prosecutors identify Maloney as that group's founder & leader, someone who had threatened to kill members of the Florida Warlocks. He was involved in the shootout that day, Sept. 30, 2012, but his shots hit no one, according to attorneys for both sides. Still, under Florida law, he's as guilty as any other participants if he took part in a felony that led to someone's death.

In this case, the state alleges there were 2 underlying felonies: Two attempted murders. They were other members of the Florida Warlocks who testified that Maloney fired toward them but missed. If convicted on all 5 counts, Maloney, 54, of Longwood, could be given 5 life prison terms. He says he acted in self-defense; opening fire only after members of the Florida Warlocks had begun shooting. According to prosecution records, Smith, one of Maloney's allies, was the first person to open fire that day. Smith killed Peter Schlette, a Florida Warlock member & a trucker from Denham Springs, La. Taylor Kevin testified that Smith's DNA was found on a black 40-caliber Glock pistol found at the scene. Amaro's bullets killed David Jakiela, 52, of Orlando, & Harold Liddle, 46 of Tavares, according to attorneys. Taylor Kevin testified that Amaro's DNA matched 2 guns found at the scene, including a .357-caliber revolver. She pulled each of those pistols from evidence boxes to show them to jurors. Earlier today, a state witness told jurors that Maloney hated the Florida Warlocks, a biker gang he was kicked out of and, as a consequence, created a local chapter of a rival group, called the Philly Warlocks. That witness, Dan Thomas, told jurors he heard Maloney say, "I'm taking over. I'll kill every one of them." Shortly after Taylor Kevin testified, prosecutors rested.

**Hells Angels sue former mining boss for wrongful dismissal** - Apr 10, 2014 - *Canada* - By Jason Warick; [www.LeaderPost.com](http://www.LeaderPost.com) - Three mine workers who lost their jobs because of their membership in the Hells Angels MC are suing their former boss & others for wrongful dismissal. Dean Brent Bell, Larry Booth & Graham Scott Fedoruk suffered emotional distress, insomnia, anxiety & depression when they were dismissed in a "callous & humiliating manner," according to their statement of claim, filed Friday in Saskatoon Court of Queen's Bench. They request unspecified compensation, including "moral damages." Their lawyers, Gary Caroline & Joanna Gislason of Vancouver, were not available for comment. None of the allegations contained in the statement of claim have been proven in court. Each of the named defendants - Xtreme Mining, its owner Leonard Banga & the Potash Corporation of Saskatchewan Inc. - has one month to file a statement of defense. In an interview Wed, Banga remained defiant. "There is no basis to this claim at all. I've done everything by the book," he said. Banga alleges the Hells Angels made death threats, assaulted him & other staff & brought a restricted firearm to the workplace. He said he has witnesses, documentation & other proof of numerous incidents. "This will all come out if they force me into court. I will have no problem proving I had just cause (for the firing)," he said. PotashCorp senior director of public affairs Bill Johnson said the claims "are completely without merit." He said PotashCorp will definitely file a statement of defense. "We place a priority on providing a workplace that is safe, productive & respectful," Johnson said. Last year, Banga instituted a new policy banning all members of criminal organizations from working at Xtreme. Banga admitted he'd knowingly hired Hells Angels over the years, & remained friends with many of them. However, he said numerous incidents of violence & intimidation forced him to make the move to ensure a safe workplace. "I'm sure some of them are gonna be a bit crusty, but I can't have that going on here," Banga said in an interview last Aug. Banga was lauded by an internationally recognized expert on the Hells Angels. "Wow. This man is a true leader," Yves Lavigne, author of *Hells Angels at War*, said at the time. "He is doing something no other business has in this country." Lavigne said companies should have the right to bar Hells Angels & other people they see as a safety risk. The fact Xtreme workers deal with high-powered explosives makes it even more vital, he said. Speaking last year through Saskatoon lawyer

Morris Bodnar, Hells Angels members denied they are a criminal organization, & said the new policy was unfair. Now, 3 are suing Banga for firing them, as well as PotashCorp for denying them access to mine sites. Banga showed a wanton disregard for their "dignity, feelings & well-being," the claim states. The men say they were promised full-time, permanent employment with benefits. By dismissing them, & making derogatory public statements about Hells Angels working at Xtreme, Banga has made them unemployable, the claim alleges. The men say they had exemplary employment records. Each earned a gross income of approximately \$10,000 per month, as well as health, dental & other benefits. Bell, who has prostate cancer, says Banga convinced him to sell his motorcycle shop to work for him. "The malicious, highhanded & callous conduct of Mr. Banga displayed a wanton disregard for the Plaintiff's rights," the claim states. "Such conduct warrants an award of punitive & exemplary damages."

**City Commits \$200 Grand for Policing HAs** - April 11, 2014 - *Wyoming* - By Bryce Cornatzer; [www.MyBigHornBasin.com](http://www.MyBigHornBasin.com) - The City of Cody & Cody Police Department are preparing for the arrival of the Hell's Angels this summer. Police Chief Perry Rockvam met with Governor Mead & legislators this year. The department was requesting financial assistance from the state to cover the cost of adding extra law enforcement during the Angels' stay in late July, early August. The last time the Hell's Angels were in Cody in 2006, the state committed \$500,000 to cover extra patrol wages & overtime. Rockvam admits that the department did not learn until late that the Angels were coming this summer & is not near as prepared as it was 8 years ago. "The residents of the city don't want this event to be here," said Rockvam. "However, we can't tell them not to come. When (the Angels) do decide to make the community a place for them to visit it becomes an operation that we just have to manage." Current projections show that managing the situation will cost the department anywhere between \$143,000 & \$150,000 more than planned otherwise. Fuel & supply costs are still an unknown. Around the city, H.P., the Bureau of Land Management, & Yellowstone will all be aiding in their respective jurisdictions, covering costs of extra patrols internally. The city is left up to Cody PD. "We are forced to manage this thing," said Rockvam, "and it's going to cost us additional fees that we normally don't budget. It's definitely a city, county, & state public safety issue. I think the Hell's Angels are pretty notorious. They're well known. The potential is always there for violence. I'm not saying that the Hell's Angels are going to be bringing problems. I'm just saying that there is a potential for violence." The city has agreed to budget \$200,000 for additional policing & with tight budgets all around, City Council is exploring possibly using sales tax received from Marathon or drawing the money from its savings. "That might be a possibility," said Rosencranse. "The other thing that's a little uneasy at this point in time is all the department budgets are due, we haven't put everything together yet, so we don't have the big picture yet. We're getting there. It's always good to have these conversations early & often." If expenses exceed what the city & state set aside, ultimately the city will be left holding the bill. As they aim to achieve a break-even budget, an overage is the last thing council wants to see. With the \$200,000 commitment from the city, Rockvam will now receive assistance figures from the state.

**How Cold is it?** Colder than the Parole Board's Heart...  
- Outlaw Flapper

**Nobody talks...** Everybody walks... Silence is Golden...

**Warlocks MC member still faces legal battle despite acquittals** – Apr 11, 2014 – *Florida* – By [www.WFTV.com](http://www.WFTV.com) - Prosecutors haven't said if the leader of a local Warlocks MC will be tried again. David Maloney was charged with 2 counts of murder & 2 counts of attempted murder from a Winter Springs shootout that happened just before a charity bike ride in 2012. The shootout left 3 men dead. Maloney founder of the Philadelphia Warlocks MC, looked on late Wednesday night as he was acquitted on 2 counts of murder & one count of attempted murder. State prosecutors left shaking their heads. "Disappointed, disappointed with it," said prosecutor Stewart Stone. The case stems from a 2012 shootout between rival biker groups at the Veterans of Foreign Wars post in Winter Springs. Prosecutors say Maloney set it up to ambush members of the Florida Warlocks after they put a hit out on his life. Despite the acquittals Maloney is not completely cleared. Jurors were deadlocked on one count of attempted murder. The judge declared a mistrial on that count. WFTV legal analyst said Maloney will likely be tried again on the attempted murder charge. "Certainly from the evidence & the defendant's own testimony, the state has a good faith basis for retrying this count," said Sheaffer. That's because Maloney admitted he fired a shot at Ronnie Mitchell, the alleged victim in the count the jury deadlocked on. Maloney's attorney said there is concern because an attempted murder conviction could put him away for life. "It's certainly stressful for any person to be functioning at all under such serious severe charges," said defense attorney Michael LeFay. Maloney is still in jail on no bond for the remaining attempted murder count. LeFay said he plans to request a bond hearing soon. Sheaffer said LeFay will likely asked that the remaining charge against his client be dropped.

**Hundreds of bikers expected at Hells Angel's funeral** – Apr 11, 2014 – *United Kingdom* – By [www.ITV.com](http://www.ITV.com) - More than 1,000 bikers from all over the world are expected to turn out today to pay their respects to a Midland Hells Angel. Neil Mott, aged 53, died of a stroke earlier this month. He was Pres of the Hells Angel group based in Ashfield, Nottinghamshire. The bikers will set off from the clubhouse at the Shoulder of Mutton in Sutton-in-Ashfield at around 10am for a ride around Ashfield before making their way to the cemetery.

**Gregg Co. man found guilty of dealing meth smuggled across U.S. border** – Apr 12, 2014 – *Texas* – By [www.KLTV.com](http://www.KLTV.com) - A 72-year-old Longview, Texas man has been convicted of drug trafficking charges in the Eastern District of TX, announced U.S. Atty John M. Bales today. Jerry Castleberry was found guilty by a jury on March 11, 2014, of conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute & distribution of methamphetamine, possession with intent to distribute meth, & possession of firearms in furtherance of drug trafficking activity, following a 2-day trial before U.S. District Judge Mike Schneider. According to info presented in court, up until May 1, 13, Castleberry conspired with other persons to acquire & distribute large quantities of meth from a source in Dallas to dealers throughout the Longview, TX area. Evidence indicated that Castleberry was distributing meth manufactured in Mexico. Castleberry was also in possession of numerous firearms & ammunition, which are subject to forfeiture. Castleberry is a former member of the Bandidos motorcycle gang. As a result of his crime, Castleberry will also forfeit 2 H-D motorcycles & a Corvette Stingray. A Fed grand jury returned an indictment on June 27, 13, charging Castleberry & others with the Fed violations. Castleberry faces a minimum of 15 years in Fed prison. A sentencing date has not been set. This case was investigated by the DEA & the Gregg County Sheriff's Office & prosecuted by Asst U.S. Atty Bill Baldwin.

**Adler & Marler Scism plead to Fed drug charge** – Apr 12, 2014 – *Missouri* – By [www.DailyJournalOnline.com](http://www.DailyJournalOnline.com) - Two St. Francois County individuals have pleaded guilty to Fed drug distribution charges stemming from a 25-person indictment in Sept. On Thu, Amber Marler Scism & Alan Adler each pleaded guilty to conspiracy to distribute meth. Sentencing is scheduled July 1 before Judge Catherine D. Perry at the Fed courthouse in St. Louis. Marler Scism currently has an active warrant in St. Francois County for failure to appear for a misdemeanor of third-degree assault. The case was a joint operation of the FBI, DEA, ATF, Missouri State H.P., St. Charles & Jefferson County sheriff's offices, St. Louis Metropolitan P.D. & multiple local law enforcement agencies including the St. Francois County Sheriff's Dept. It involved several members of the Saddle Tramps motorcycle gang. In March, Brent Bouren, 43, (who is charged along with Melvin Scherrer with the St. Francois County murder of Samuel Francis) pleaded guilty to conspiracy to distribute cocaine & conspiracy to distribute meth. Sentencing was scheduled for 2 p.m. June 10. As part of the plea, he agreed to forfeit property seized by Fed authorities including guns, a motorcycle & a piece of real estate. Melvin Scherrer's case is scheduled for an evidentiary hearing on July 9. Jorge Lopez of Texas has pleaded guilty to conspiracy to distribute & his sentencing is set for April 24. Jerami Westenberger of Arnold has also pleaded guilty to distribution of a controlled substances & his sentencing is set for May 28. Arvil Matthews of Imperial has pleaded guilty to conspiracy to distribute with sentencing May 21. Amy Horrell Plass of Bonne Terre has been sentenced to 27 months in prison & one year of supervised release & fined \$100 for withholding information about a crime.

**May is Motorcycle Awareness Month in Minnesota (ABATE)...**

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

**Saint Peter is sitting at the Pearly Gates** when two guys wearing dark hoodies and sagging pants arrive. He looked out through the Gates and said, "Wait here. I'll be right back." St. Peter goes over to God's chambers and tells him who is waiting for entrance. God says to St. Peter: "How many times do I have to tell you? You can't be judgmental here. This is heaven. All are loved. All are brothers. Go back and let them in!" St. Peter goes back to the Gates, looks around, and lets out a heavy sigh. He returns to God's chambers and says, "Well, they're gone." "The guys wearing hoodies?" asked God. "No. The Pearly Gates."

**I no longer get lost.** I explore alternative routes to unintended destinations ~ Unknown

**So what else is on your mind** besides 100-proof women, 'n' 90-proof whiskey, 'n' 14-carat gold? - Lee Marvin; The Professionals

**Before you diagnose** yourself with depression or low self-esteem, first make sure that you are not, in fact, just surrounding yourself with assholes ~ William Gibson

**That is all Folks,** Smoke 'em if you got 'em... - Bugs Bunny

**U.S. Defenders:**

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

**National Coalition of Motorcyclists...**  
An Idea Whose Time Has Come...