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

Happy Birthday **Devils Dicile Outlaw** on June 2<sup>nd</sup>.  
 Happy Birthday **Outlaw Kid** on June 12<sup>th</sup>.  
 Happy Birthday **Bandido T-Black** on June 21<sup>st</sup>.  
 Happy Birthday **Highwaymen Junior** on June 21<sup>st</sup>.  
 Happy Birthday **Outlaw Frank** on June 26<sup>th</sup>.

Happy Birthday **Mongol Chucky** on June 7<sup>th</sup>.  
 Happy Birthday **Pagan A.D.** on June 18<sup>th</sup>.  
 Happy Birthday **Outlaw Mad-Man** on June 21<sup>st</sup>.  
 Happy Birthday **Iron Coffin Honky** on June 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Correction:** Feb Issue 2 should have read: Welcome **Devils Dicile Outlaw** to the NCOM Brothers Behind Bars Newsletter Mailing List...

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

**Editor's Note:** For *March* there were 2 issues, For *April* there was 1 issue, For *May* 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 (**79 Clubs**) in Prison: Avengers, Bandidos, Banshees, Barons, Black Pistons, Boozefighters, BPM, Breed, Brother Speed, Brothers 8, Brotherhood Nomads, Brothers Of Wheels, Damned Deacon, D.C. Eagles, Death Squad, Derelicts, Devils Diciples, Diablos, El Forastero, Finks, Fly-In-Wheels, Forsaken Few, Free Souls, Galloping Goose, Ghost Riders, Grim Reapers, Gypsy Joker, Hellions, Hells Angels, Hells Lovers, Hells Outcasts, Hermanos, Hessians, Hidalgo's, Highwaymen, In Country Vietnam, Iron Coffins, Iron Horsemen, Invaders, Iron Wings, Iron Mustangs, Legion Of Doom, Liberty Riders, Long Riders, Marauder's, Misfits, Mohawk Valley Riders, Moloch, Mongols, Motopsychoz, Nomads, Outlaws, Pagan's, Peckerwood, Phantom's, Pharoahs, Reapers, Renegades, Sadistics, Salty Dogs, Satans Soldiers, Scorpions, Set Free Soldiers, Sin City Diciples, Sons Of Silence, Sovereign, Sundowners, Thunderbirds, 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...

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**The Prospect Conundrum;** By Dick (aka Pagan A.D.) Big Hank **There were 2 prospects** bellied up to a small bridge with a H.D. frame between them. Down in the water are 3 bike frames protruding out of the water just enough to see. One prospect a little bit older with raggedy jeans all rough looking. The other is nice & clean, fresh you might say. The older one says, "I think they need a dumping spot." The younger inexperienced one says, "ya Think?" Now, is the young one agreeing with the other one? Or is he saying your aloud to think, or, is it a rival Club dumping spot & they want them to take the rap for it. Or are 2 or more members using the same spot, & don't know about one another?

**Question for Amy White:** Amy, is a 1%er Club's prospect aloud to think? And don't ask anybody for help! I would like a reply, Dick (A.D.) Big Hank, Also what should the prospect do?

**Outlaws Case Inches Along** - Apr 22, 2014 - **Georgia** - By Aging Rebel; [www.AgingRebel.com](http://www.AgingRebel.com) - The law is an ass. It moves slower than most glaciers. It is a racket for the glorification & enrichment of bad men. And, today's exhibit in support of these immoderate statements is the never ending Georgia Outlaws case. The "case" is really 7, separate, Fed cases dispersed over Georgia & Florida that are the fruit of a 2-year-long undercover investigation by the Atlanta Division of the FBI. The "investigation" was basically a fishing expedition by an "FBI certified Undercover Employee with 10 years of undercover experience, having attended & completed FBI Undercover School," & 2 slightly less official agents provocateur officially named C.I. One & C.I. Two. The prosecutions are divided in order to frustrate public scrutiny.

**Stings:** The idea of the "investigation" was to create crimes that could then be prosecuted. A press release issued on August 16, 2012 bragged: "All but 2 of the defendants charged in this investigation have direct ties to the Outlaw MC or other motorcycle clubs that are affiliated with & controlled by the Outlaws," said United States Atry Sally Quillian Yates (photo above). "The charges unsealed today allege that these motorcycle club members engaged in substantial drug trafficking & weapons offenses. This case is a big step forward in making sure that these groups don't threaten the safety of our North Georgia communities." "Brian D. Lamkin, Special Agent in Charge, FBI Atlanta Field Office, stated, 'Today's arrests of the numerous members of the Outlaw MC & those of several of its affiliate clubs represents the unified efforts of our region's law enforcement in addressing a serious & very structured crime problem. The Outlaw MC, its affiliate clubs, & its membership are not above nor beyond the law & today's arrests, the culmination of a two-year intensive investigation, should serve as clear evidence of that.'" The best known defendant is a member of the AOA named Larry McDaniel who has held a leadership position in that social organization. Among the crimes with which McDaniel was charged was "impeding a Fed proceeding" because McDaniel recommended that a chapter of the Black Pistons MC that had been infiltrated by Fed agents & snitches be shut down.

**Honeycutt:** After almost 2 years, men are still being sentenced for crimes that were instigated by the FBI. Last week, a man named Phillip Honeycutt learned his punishment for "use of a communications facility in the distribution of a controlled substance." A Fed judge named Richard Story told Honeycutt, "The public out there wants me to do something. 'Lock them up as long as you can.' That's what the public thinks. This is not one of those things where we can just turn our heads." Honeycutt had sort of participated in an FBI orchestrated drug sting. As is usually the case in these things, men who needed money were offered easy cash for working "security" at a drug transaction. Frequently, the victims of these stings don't even know they are participating in a drug deal until the drugs come out for the hidden cameras. This drug "sting" was shady & Honeycutt hadn't even been there. "The Gov't offered him \$200 to sit on the street & look for police," Honeycutt's lawyer, Michael H. Saul, told Judge Story. "He's not a leader. He's not a manager. He's just some unemployed person being paid to yell 'police,' There's nothing to suggest he's a bad person." Honeycutt was contrite with the judge & admitted he had "done wrong." "You have made a mistake & I think you have learned from that," the judge replied. "There's no such thing as an easy \$200." Then the heartless son of a bitch sentenced Phillip Honeycutt to 18 months in prison.

**We are continually** faced by great opportunities brilliantly disguised as insoluble problems...

**Harley Issues Press Release** - Apr 23, 2014 – *Wisconsin* - By The Aging Rebel; [www.AgingRebel.com](http://www.AgingRebel.com) - Harley wants potential investors to know business is booming so the motor company issued a press release yesterday that was rewritten as a news story in the business sections of most of America's Nat'l newspapers this morning. The brief version of the news in that release is that H-D's earnings rose 18.7 percent in the first quarter of 2014. Worldwide sales rose 5.8 percent. The company's net income rose to \$265.9 million which is \$41.8 million more than a year ago. The news was so encouraging to investors that the price of Harley's stock rose nearly 7% yesterday. The 2 little tiny bits of semi-bad news is that American sales were nearly flat from a year ago. And the company's "general merchandise" sales, which includes tee-shirts, fell from \$72.144 million a year ago to \$64.114 million in the first quarter of this year.

**Wandell Speaks:** "H-D delivered gains on many fronts in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter, with shipments up 7.3%, strong margin improvement & solid growth in dealer new motorcycle sales," said Keith Wandell, Chairman, Pres & CEO of H-D, Inc. "Thanks to the great contributions of our employees, dealers & suppliers, we continue to lead at delivering exceptional customer experiences in 89 countries," said Wandell. "Our Project Rushmore motorcycles were in high demand in the quarter & we began shipping the H-D Street 750 & 500 into select markets. These motorcycles, together with continuous improvement in our operations at every level, underscore the momentum we've established as a customer-led company." "Our dealers had a solid quarter of retail motorcycle sales. Sales in the Asia Pacific region were up strongly, & we are encouraged by the continued growth of new H-D motorcycle sales in Europe. We're also excited to be entering the heart of the retail selling season in the U.S., having achieved 1st-quarter retail growth of 3.0% in the midst of a long, cold winter," said Wandell. "According to Wandell, 'there's also great news for H-D in the annual reporting of our demographic market share data.'"

**Demographic Market Share Data:** "In 2013, for the 6<sup>th</sup> consecutive year, H-D was the number-1 seller of new on-road motorcycles in the U.S., both 601cc-plus & across all displacements, to young adults age 18-34, women, African-Americans & Hispanics ('outreach' customers) & Caucasian men age 35-plus ('core' customers), according to Polk 2013 U.S. new motorcycle registration data from IHS Automotive. The Company grew its U.S. market share & also increased its share gap to the nearest competitor in each of these segments, compared to 2012. "Together with our dealers, we continued to expand the appeal of our products & the H-D experience," said Wandell. "H-D dealers sold more than 4 times as many new, on-road motorcycles, 601cc & up, to U.S. young adults last year, & among riders age 35-plus, more than 9 times as many to women, more than 6 times as many to African Americans & more than 7 times as many to Hispanics, as the nearest competitor." "According to H-D's internal data, retail sales of its motorcycles to U.S. outreach customers grew at more than twice the rate of sales growth to core customers in 2013 compared to 2012." "H-D, Inc. is the parent company of H-D Motor Company & H-D Financial Services. H-D Motor Company produces custom, cruiser & touring motorcycles & offers a complete line of H-D motorcycle parts, accessories, riding gear & apparel, & general merchandise. H-D Financial Services provides wholesale & retail financing, insurance, extended service & other protection plans & credit card programs to H-D dealers & riders in the U.S., Canada & other select internat'l markets.

**We used to play** a lot outdoors, not in leagues,  
But just in our spare time. -Steve Yzerman

**The Malos Hechos Furor** - Apr 24, 2014 – *California* – By The Aging Rebel; [www.AgingRebel.com](http://www.AgingRebel.com) - This is a television & internet story because its heart is a video. This story wouldn't have even been news a generation ago but it is news now. It has been festering in Fresno, the 5<sup>th</sup> largest city in Calif, for about the last week. The story is important because the video that follows these words is likely to pop up in newscasts, press conferences & court proceedings for the next decade & now & forever it will be attached to the phrase "motorcycle club." The video was originally posted to YouTube on March 7 but it didn't start to get attention until this month.

**The Stomping:** It shows a fairly routine beating in a parking lot. Police say the altercation started in a Fresno bar called the Crossroads. The bar has a reputation for edginess. Last month a man & wife named Herman & Janae Tatum were shot in the bar. Mrs. Tatum died. When the argument in the Crossroads went outside the 2 men who lost the fight were set upon by the 6 winners. One of those losers managed to avoid significant injury by back peddling & dancing & wrestling himself free whenever his arms were pinned. The other loser was wrestled to the ground & stomped. When he went passive he got stomped some more. The stomping hurts to watch & it is probably particularly disturbing to people who have never seen such things before. The video was apparently recorded on a cell phone by someone acquainted with the winners & Fresno police saw it. "Social media was very, very helpful in this case," Police Chief Jerry Dyer told Carmen George of the Fresno Bee. "We continue to monitor social media every single day."

**Malos Hechos:** Fresno police arrested 4 men in connection with the incident. Their names are Apolinio Martinez, Daniel Telles, Christopher Martinez Jr. & Christopher Martinez Sr. And police allege that the 4 are members of a new motorcycle club called the Malos Hechos – which probably translates most accurately as the "Born Bad." The police haven't offered any proof that the assailants are members of the club. And they also allege that Malos Hechos is associated with a notorious fraternal organization called the Fresno Bulldogs. In his interview with the Bee, Chief Dyer said, "I received a call from an individual who was trying to represent this group as simply people dropping out of the gang & trying to help other people drop out of the gang & get into motorcycle riding, which is nothing further from the truth.... These are individuals that are extremely violent." In the same interview Dyer admitted that violent crime in Fresno is down 13% from a year ago.

**Burglary In Florida:** ( You just can't make this up! ) When southern Florida resident Nathan Radlich's house was burglarized recently, thieves ignored his wide screen plasma TV, his VCR, & even left his Rolex watch. What they did take, however, was a "generic white cardboard box filled with a grayish-white powder." (That's the way the police report described it.) A spokesman for the Fort Lauderdale police said, that "it looked similar to high grade cocaine & they'd probably thought they'd hit the big time." Later, Nathan stood in front of numerous TV cameras & pleaded with the burglars: "Please return the cremated remains of my sister, Gertrude. She died 3 years ago." The next morning, the bullet-riddled corpse of a local drug dealer known as Hoochie Pevens was found on Nathan's doorstep. The cardboard box was there too; about half of Gertrude's ashes remained. Taped to the box was this note which said: "Hoochie sold us the bogus blow, so we wasted Hoochie. Sorry we snorted your sister. No hard feelings. Have a nice day." And you thought California was the land of fruits & nuts.

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**Biker Newsbytes:** Compiled & Edited by Bill Bish, NCOM

**U.N. Calls for Universal Helmet Laws Worldwide:** The United Nations has approved a resolution on road safety that, in part, calls for member nations to enact mandatory helmet laws. Cosponsored by United States' ambassador Suzanne Powers, the non-binding resolution also calls for laws against distracted driving (such as banning inappropriate cell phone use & texting while driving) & supporting global harmonization of vehicle regulations (which could include anti-tampering measures to prevent customizing & equipment modifications). The U.N. General Assembly voted to approve the "Improving Global Road Safety" resolution on April 10, 2014 to encourage Member States "that have not yet done so to consider enacting comprehensive legislation on key risk factors for road traffic injuries, including...the non-use of helmets..." While countries that belong to the United Nations are not required to comply with such a "non-binding resolution," many "member states" heed UN recommendations & can set the stage for further restrictions on motorcycles & motorcycling around the world.

**FTC Seeking Comment on Ethanol Labeling:** The Fed Trade Commission is soliciting comments on a proposed rule to require additional labeling at the gas pump for blends of gasoline containing more than 10% ethanol, despite the knowledge that such higher levels of ethanol-laden fuel causes engine & fuel system damage in motorcycles & ATVs & can void manufacturer warranties that extend only to the use of E-10. "In response to the emergence of ethanol blends as a retail fuel & the likely increased availability of such blend," the FTC proposes an additional label to avoid inadvertent misfueling, but under the rule the label would be rounded to the nearest factor of 10; so fuel containing up to 14% ethanol would be inaccurately labeled "E-10". Acknowledging that, "In motorcycles & non-road products, EPA raised engine-failure concerns from overheating," the FTC solution is another label on the pump, & is seeking public comments now on their rule proposal. Deadline to submit comments is June 2, 2014.

**Washington State Riders Allowed to Run Red Lights:** Washington motorcyclists will soon be allowed to run red lights under certain conditions, under Senate Bill 5141 recently signed by Governor Jay Inslee, which will allow riders to proceed through traffic stops controlled by ineffective detection devices. Traffic vehicle detection devices are scattered throughout the state in both rural & urban areas, giving streets green lights when they need them & reds when they do not. The devices, which come in the form of cameras or underground sensors, register vehicles stopped at intersections & cue traffic lights accordingly. But to motorcyclists, the technology represents the opposite of traffic efficiency, as the devices often fail to register their bikes, creating inconvenient & sometimes dangerous moments at busy intersections. The motorcycle community's longstanding wish for a solution was granted on March 31 when Gov. Inslee signed Senate Bill 5141, giving motorcyclists the option of running red lights that rely on ineffective vehicle detection devices. When motorcyclists encounter devices that fail to notice their presence, they will be allowed to proceed through the light with "due caution" after one complete cycle. Weight-bearing traffic signal

mechanisms were developed in the 1920s, but have mostly been phased out over the years in favor of induction loop signals which are buried in the road & triggered by ferrous metal. Many of the newer detection devices are cameras that control traffic lights based on sight or timing. "There was no safe & legal way to get through until this legislation passed," Larry Walker, Gov't Relations Specialist for the Washington Road Riders Association, told the Oregonian newspaper. Fourteen other states have passed similar legislation. Senate Bill 5141 takes effect June 12.

**MCs Rally in Support of Mongols in Patch Seizure:** Thousands of bikers from throughout southern California recently rallied in a "show of support" to combat a lawsuit brought by Fed authorities seeking to take control of the Mongols M/C patch logo. The U.S. Dept of Justice last year filed a lawsuit seeking to seize control of the trademarked logo of the Mongol Nation MC LLC, arguing that the Mongols are a criminal organization & that the mark is used for intimidation. But the Mongols & their attys 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 an attorney representing the club. The trial, previously scheduled to begin last month, has been postponed to late Sept. Fed prosecutors, following an Oct 2008 operation dubbed "Black Rain" in which dozens of Mongol members ultimately agreed to plead guilty to a host of charges, have labeled the Mongols an "outlaw motorcycle club" & argue that the Gov't therefore has the authority to take control of the Mongols' logo to prevent violence. The lawsuit breaks new ground in terms of trademark law, & may end up at the Supreme Court. Unlike a business trademark controlled by a single entity, the Mongols' logo is a "collective membership mark" that is legally owned by one entity, but held in trust for the members; "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. 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, & it was Wright who first suggested to prosecutors back in 2008 that they could go after the Mongols' trademark. If the Justice Dept's lawsuit should succeed, it would eventually affect more than just the Mongols, the club's atty told the Daily News; "They'll go after all of the motorcycle clubs."

**Yemen Bans Motorcycles to Prevent Assassination Attempts:** The Yemeni Interior Ministry imposed a temporary ban on motorcycles in Sanna as consecutive drive-by shootings underscored the capital's worsening security situation, Xinhua news agency reported. Hit-and-run attacks have become common in Yemen where a popular uprising in 2011 weakened Gov't control, so the supreme security committee ordered the ban to prevent assassination attempts. Within a matter of days, 2 people were shot down outside their hotel by gunmen on a motorcycle, the director of training at a police college was shot by motorcycle gunmen, & a member of parliament was killed by motorcycle-riding assassins near the Ministry of Defense.

**Sri Lanka May Require Lights-On For Motorcycles:** In Sri Lanka, an island country off the coast of India where motorcycles are a prominent form of transportation, Police Headquarters is evaluating the use of headlights by motorcyclists during daytime to prevent accidents, & may consider its legalization under the Motor Traffic Act, sources said. A lights-on program was initiated during the last week of January but police said it was still

too early to assess its success. A senior police officer of the city traffic division said if it was found to be successful it would be legalized & introduced countrywide, adding that it was found that motorcycle accidents had reduced in many African countries on the implementation of similar laws.

**Weird News:** Motorcyclist's Erection Lawsuit Peters out in Court: A California court has dismissed a motorcyclist's erection lawsuit, in which the rider alleged that a 4-hour ride on his 1993 BMW K1100RS motorcycle led to a prolonged & painful erection that lasted 20 months, because the evidence didn't stand up in court. The motorcyclist filed a product liability lawsuit against BMW & the seat maker, claiming a motorcycle design defect in the motorcycle's "ridge-like" saddle design gave rise to his nearly two-year long bout of priapism. He claimed the painful condition left him "unable to engage in sexual activity, which is causing him substantial emotional & mental anguish," & he sought damages for lost wages, medical expenses, emotional distress, & general damages, motorcycle blog Visor Down reports. An urologist testified that the plaintiff indeed suffered from priapism, but the court rejected the testimony of a neurologist who claimed the motorcycle's vibration caused the disorder. That rejection of testimony led to the case's dismissal for lack of hard evidence. Strangely enough, one man who filed a medical malpractice suit for a faulty penis implant complained that his 8-month erection prevented him from doing one of his normal activities: riding his motorcycle.

**Funeral Protest Law Upheld:** Fred Phelps, the infamous founder of the Westboro Baptist Church -- the Kansas congregation known for picketing funerals with anti-gay signs -- died of natural causes on March 19 at the age of 84, & his death & reported excommunication from the church dovetails with a recent decision by U.S. District Judge Fernando Gaitan, Jr., bringing closure to a nearly 8-year long legal fight over the group's funeral protests. The Westboro church gained notoriety for protesting funerals -- especially for troops killed in combat -- to express their belief that God is punishing the U.S. for homosexuality, but Missouri lawmakers responded to a 2005 Westboro protest of a soldier's funeral by passing a general prohibition against protests & pickets near funerals from one hour before they start until an hour after they end, later adding a specific 300-foot buffer zone. Following a protracted 8-year legal battle involving the Eighth Circuit striking down the general prohibition as an unconstitutional infringement on free speech, which was later reversed & sent back to Gaitan for further proceedings, whereupon Judge Gaitan subsequently upheld the Missouri law. In Phelps' later years, the protests themselves were largely ignored or led to counter-demonstrations that easily shouted down Westboro's incendiary message. A motorcycle group known as the Patriot Guard Riders arose to shield bereaved mourners at military funerals from Westboro's notorious signs. In an ironic twist, the debate soon shifted to whether people should protest Phelps' funeral, but according to Phelps' daughter Margie Phelps -- an attorney who argued the church's case before the U.S. Supreme Court -- "There will be no funeral."

**NCOM Convention Teaches Rights, Preaches Unity:** The largest gathering of motorcycle rights activists in the world took place in Dallas for this year's annual NCOM Convention, which will draw thousands of concerned bikers from across the country to discuss legal & legislative topics of concern to all riders. The 29<sup>th</sup> annual NCOM Convention will be held Mother's Day weekend, May 8-11, 2014 at the Intercontinental Hotel - Dallas in Addison, Texas. Hosted by the Texas Confederations of Clubs, all motorcyclists

are welcome & are encouraged to participate in the many meetings, seminars & group discussions that will focus on legislative efforts & litigation techniques to protect riders' rights & preserve Freedom of the Road. Nearly 3 decades ago, on Jan 27, 1986, leaders of various motorcycle groups from across America met in Las Vegas to discuss a "coming together" & the need for a Nat'l united front to protect the biker life-style & riders' rights, & the National Coalition of Motorcyclists was born from that gathering. Founded by personal injury attorney Richard Lester & wholly supported by the Aid to Injured Motorcyclists nationwide network of motorcycle-riding lawyers, NCOM has grown to over 2,000 member organizations representing hundreds of thousands of concerned motorcycle riders nationwide. The goal & purpose of NCOM is to assist all motorcycle organizations & individual riders with legal, legislative & motorcycling issues.

**Quotable Quote:** "As I would not be a slave, so I would not be a master. This expresses my idea of democracy." ~ Abraham Lincoln (1809-1865) 16th U.S. President

**Coones And Sincox Routed In Laughlin - Apr 26, 2014 - Nevada** - By The Aging Rebel; [www.AgingRebel.com](http://www.AgingRebel.com) - Nevada police continue to consider motorcycle club members fair game. Last night at the annual Laughlin River Run approximately 40 police including a Swat team shut down adjoining vendor booths operated by a member of the Hells Angels MC & the Vagos MC. According to a usually informed & reliable source the Lucky 7 Motorsports booth owned by Vago Michael Raymond Sincox & the So Cal Clothing Line Booth run by well-known Hells Angel Rusty Coones were closed & the operators were compelled to pack up & leave. Both booths were on property owned by the Pioneer Hotel. Police called the booths "potential threats," presumably because the 2 operators belong to different MCs & members of those clubs have confronted one another in the past.

**No Problems:** The source said, "There was no sign of any conflict or tension of any kind. In fact, they were extremely friendly with each other, exchanged clothing between the booths, helped each other with vendor supplies, & Sincox & Coones embraced each other multiple times in the last few days. The 2 booths helped each other pack up." Coones may be best known as a member of the band Attika 7 & for television appearances on the television series Sons of Anarchy & The Devils Ride. Lucky 7 Motorsports is a family owned business operated by Sincox & his extended family. His parents, grandparents, sister & brother-in-law were working in the booth when it was shut down. The shutdown left that business with about \$20,000 of unsold merchandise & 3 unsold motorcycles valued at \$50,000.

**Lieutenant John Healy:** The massive police action was initiated by Lt John Healy of the Laughlin Station of the Las Vegas Metropolitan P.D. According to the source, Pioneer Hotel security told Sincox & Coones "Lt Healy is making this call," "it is out of our control," "law enforcement is pushing this" & that if hotel security did not cooperate the Pioneer would "suffer the consequences."

**Grandma's advice:** For better digestion I drink beer, in the case of appetite loss I drink white wine, in the case of low blood pressure I drink red wine, in the case of high blood pressure I drink scotch, & when I have a cold I drink schnapps. When do you drink water? I've never been that sick!

**God promised Men** that good & obedient Wives would be found in all corners of the World... Then He made the Earth round. . . And laughed & laughed & laughed...

**And Now The Devil Dolls** - Apr 28, 2014 – *California* - By The Aging Rebel; [www.AgingRebel.com](http://www.AgingRebel.com) - And now the tyrants of social orthodoxy are going after the Devil Dolls. The women's club has a slight edge. It started as a Harley only club but now admits women who ride Trumpets, Beezers, Beemers & Nortons. It has "no interest in snitches or plead outs." It refuses to judge a prospect's "checkered legal past as long as your offense was not against children, the elderly or animals." It describes its members as "punks, rednecks, old school bikers, rockabilly rebels, rockers, moms & professionals." The Dolls also sponsor numerous fund raising events for numerous charities. "We are a family," the club says on its website, "and for some of us the only real family we have ever known. The main thing we have in common is that we love to ride & we have each other's backs in a hot minute." The club also proclaims "We are a 3 piece Outlaw MC" & "We are bikers & we live by the code." Apparently San Francisco has a problem with that. The club also maintains cordial relations with several Bay Area Hells Angels chapters & the theme park by the bay probably has a problem with that, too.

**No Right To Party:** The Dolls MC was founded on Valentine's Day, 1999 & yesterday the club's women held their 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary party. The Dolls booked the Pacific Rod & Gun Club for the affair last Dec. The Rod & Gun Club is located on land owned by the City of San Francisco & last week the Gun Club cancelled the Dolls' reservation. Dolls Pres Theresa Foglio described the gun club manager as "apologetic. He was pressured by the city & county. They just freaked him out." "I have grandmothers, mothers, daughters," she told the Bay City News. "I have veterans in the club. None of us have criminal records. It's really odd."

**Protest:** According to published reports, the San Francisco P.D. & San Francisco Public Utilities Commission wanted the event curtailed because it involved "bikers." Foglio was quoted as saying that the real problem is television programs like *Gangland* & *Sons of Anarchy*. "It isn't fair to take what's on TV & say that is reality," she said. "MCs are not street gangs. The bigger issue is profiling." The Dolls partied anyway. They moved their event to the Bay Riders MC clubhouse. And for 2 hours yesterday morning a half dozen of the women picketed outside the Rod & Gun Club. The protest was observed by San Francisco Police. The observers greatly outnumbered the protesters.

**Eckert Sentencing Continued** - Apr 29, 2014 – *Florida* – By The Aging Rebel; [www.AgingRebel.com](http://www.AgingRebel.com) - The sentencing of Robert "Willy" Eckert was continued yesterday until Thu morning. Last week a jury found Eckert guilty of 2 counts of manslaughter with possession of a firearm, 1 count of attempted 2<sup>nd</sup>-degree murder with possession & discharge of a firearm & 1 count of attempted voluntary manslaughter. Eckert's lawyer, Adam Pollack, asked for the continuance to research case law relevant to Florida's "The 10-20-Life" law. The law, enacted in 1999. Makes a 20-year prison sentence mandatory for anyone who fires a gun during the commission of a violent felony. The 10-20-Life law mandates an enhancement to a sentence for another crime & by law the 10-20-Life penalty must be served after the sentence for the original crime is completed. Eckert fired 3 shots that all missed in a gun battle in which 3 men were killed & 2 men were wounded. Briefly stated, prosecutor Stewart Stone wants Judge Jessica Recksiedler to sentence Eckert to consecutive 20-year sentences. Pollack thinks he can find a precedent that would allow or compel Recksiedler to sentence Eckert to a pair of 20-year sentences that would be served concurrently or simultaneously.

**May 5:** Meanwhile the trial of Paul Wayne "Dog" Smith has been continued & a new trial date has not yet been set. Smith had originally been scheduled for trial on May 5. However, according to Rene Stutzman of the Orlando Sentinel, Smith hired a new lawyer last week & that new counsel will need time to research Smith's case & decide whether to advise his client to negotiate a plea agreement or fight his case in court. There is a significant amount of evidence that Smith fired the first shots that began the Sept 30, 2012 gun fight between members of 2 different clubs that call themselves Warlocks. Numerous witnesses in previous trials have said that Smith fired the shots that killed Peter "Hormone" Schlette. The open slot in Recksiedler's calendar will now be filled by the second trial of Victor Manuel "Pancho" Amaro. Prosecutors allege that Amaro fired the shots that killed Harold "Lil Dave" Liddle & Dave "Dresser" Jakiela. Amaro was tried the first time during the week of April 14 but a mistrial was declared 4 days into that proceeding after a sloppy prosecutorial error.

**Former Florida Warlocks:** Both Smith & fellow defendant David "Tin Man" Maloney are former club brothers of the victims in the September 2012 gunfight. The victims were all members of the Warlocks MC headquartered in Orlando. Both Smith & Maloney were expelled from that club & became members of the Warlocks MC headquartered in Philadelphia. Smith was expelled from his old club after numerous arrests involving methamphetamine abuse. He appears never to have done time for any of his crank arrests & he also somehow avoided jail after brandishing a knife in an altercation between Philly Warlocks & members of the Red Devils MC in the Out of Bounds bar in Florence, South Carolina. Around the same time, Maloney was not charged after shooting a member of his former club outside Jonny Rotton's Bar Out Back in Sanford, Florida.

**Eckert Pulls 27 Years** – May 1, 2014 – *Florida* – By The Aging Rebel; [www.AgingRebel.com](http://www.AgingRebel.com) - The tragedy of Robert "Willy" Eckert found its anticlimax today when he was sentenced by Florida judge Jessica Recksiedler to live the next 27 years of his life in prison. Eckert was a former member of the Lehigh Valley Chapter of the Warlocks MC. He was expelled from that club & moved to Florida where he was reunited with a former club brother named Edward Frederick "Chester Eddie" Glowitz. Glowitz is also known "Nightmare 1-Percenter" & "John Furin."

**Nightmare:** After the Chester, Pennsylvania chapter of the Warlocks was decertified by the mother club in 2011, Glowitz recruited members for a Florida chapter certified by the Chester chapter of the Warlocks. The new chapter wore the traditional insignia worn by Glowitz & Eckert's old club – a patch that depicted a harpy. The new chapter had between 6 & ten members & at least 3 of those members were former members of the better known Warlocks MC that established its 1<sup>st</sup> chapter in Orlando. The new Warlocks chapter was pugnacious & friction developed between the new chapter of the Harpy Warlocks & the big, Florida Warlocks club that wears a Phoenix patch. In a little more than a year that friction led to a shootout in the parking lot of a VFW Post in Winter Springs, Florida. Three members of the Florida Warlocks, Harold "Lil Dave" Liddle, Peter "Hormone" Schlette & Dave "Dresser" Jakiela, were shot & killed in the incident. 2 other Florida Warlocks, Brad Dyess & Ronnie "Whiteboy" Mitchell, were wounded.

**Legal Aftermath:** Eckert & 3 other members of the Harpy Warlocks chapter, David "Tin Man" Maloney, Victor Manuel "Pancho" Amaro & Paul Wayne "Dog" Smith were charged with multiple counts of 2<sup>nd</sup> degree murder & attempted murder.

Maloney was acquitted of all 3 murder counts & one of the attempted murder counts last month. Prosecutors have not yet announced whether he will be retried on the remaining attempted murder count. Amaro's trial ended in a mistrial earlier this month & he will be retried starting next Mon. Eckert was the 1<sup>st</sup> defendant to be convicted. Eckert appears to have fired 3 shots during the gunfight. None of them found a target. Like Maloney & Amaro, Eckert insisted he had acted in self-defense. Although he declined to testify at his trial last week he did speak today. "I'd like to apologize to all the families involved," Eckert told Judge Recksiedler. "I wish that day had never happened." Eckert's lawyer, Adam Pollack, told the judge his client's crime was using "poor judgment." He asked the judge to sentence his client to 20 years in prison which would have been the minimum sentence allowed under Florida law. "It's unfortunate the decisions made that day by everybody," Pollack said. Prosecutor Stewart Stone asked the judge to give Eckert at least 24 years. Recksiedler thought 3 more years than that was about right.

**Black Berets Pres arrested on domestic violence charges** - May 1, 2014 - *New Mexico* - By Ryan Boetel; [www.ABQJournal.com](http://www.ABQJournal.com) - A man identified in court documents as the Pres of the Black Berets MC was arrested Wed on suspicion of beating up a woman & holding a gun to her head in front of her 2 young children. Ronald Chavez, 45, is being held on a \$50,000 cash-only bond for child abuse, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, false imprisonment & felon in possession of a firearm charges. Police said he was staying at another Black Beret member's house & he assaulted that member's sister. The assault happened on April 21 but the woman didn't report the crime until Tuesday because she feared of retaliation, according to the criminal complaint. Albuquerque area law enforcement have said the Black Beret's are a motorcycle club affiliated with the Bandidos Motorcycle Gang. The Dept of Justice considers the Bandidos to be a criminal organization that trades drugs & weapons & is involved in violent crime, according to the department's website. Police said on April 21 Chavez got into an argument with the woman over rent. She told police that he punched her in the face & she fell to floor. Then he grabbed her by the hair & started to "hammer punch" her, according to the criminal complaint. Police described the punch by stating he made a fist with his thumb up & repeatedly struck her with the side of his fist. Chavez then took the woman outside & held a gun to her head, according to the complaint. The woman's 5 & 8-year-old children were begging Chavez not to shoot their mom as he cocked the pistol, according to the court documents. A neighbor came outside & Chavez released the woman & fired 2 shots into the air. She left with the children & called police the next week, according to the documents. Chavez was convicted of aggravated battery in 1995, possession of a firearm by a felony in 2000 & felony drunken driving in 2005, according to a state court website.

**Fugitive Aussie biker Wade Yates-Tauai found via Facebook** - May 1, 2014 - *California / Australia* - By AAP; [www.TheAustralian.com.au](http://www.TheAustralian.com.au) - Mongols biker Wade Yates-Tauai asked an associate to "antagonise" Max Waller & then watched as Waller was stabbed to death in a Gold Coast park with a steak knife designed by English celebrity chef Jamie Oliver, according to court documents filed in the US. Yates-Tauai, 22, appeared briefly in a Los Angeles court today after his arrest at a hotel at the weekend in the Californian mountain resort of Big Bear. US District Court judge John McDermott was told Australian authorities have 60 days to file extradition papers for Yates-Tauai. As the burly Queensland cage fighter was being led out of court & back to his cell in LA's Metropolitan Detention Centre, his

girlfriend & former Miss V8 Supercar Nat'l finalist, Raquel Petit, sitting at the rear of the public gallery, shouted: "I love you". Yates-Tauai replied: "I love you too. Don't talk to anyone". A criminal complaint filed by US prosecutors has given the most thorough public account of the killing of Waller & the case Queensland police have built against Yates-Tauai & alleged co-conspirators. Text messages & phone records will likely play a substantial role in the case. Yates-Tauai boarded a flight to Indonesia on Dec 10, a day before he was due to testify before the Queensland Crime & Misconduct Commission probe into his alleged involvement in the fatal stabbing of Waller, according to the complaint. While fugitives often keep a low profile, Yates-Tauai & Petit documented their travels on their Facebook pages, making it easy for US Marshals to track them in Calif. When the couple visited Venice Beach, authorities were aware. When they were in the mountains of picturesque Big Bear Lake, a US Marshal fugitive task force officer with the Los Angeles P.D. knew about it. The court documents allege when Waller's body, suffering stab wounds from a 15 to 21 millimetre wide straight blade knife, was found on June 23 outside the Gold Coast apartment complex, Carmel by the Sea, police searched a park across the road & found Waller's mobile phone. The phone "revealed SMS conversations between Waller, & Cohen Andrew Smith as well as between Waller & Benjamin Thomas Mortimer", US prosecutor, Sean D. Peterson, wrote in the complaint filed in the District Court. "Mortimer, Smith & Yates-Tauai are known associates of a criminal motorcycle gang & Waller was associated with a rival criminal motorcycle gang," Mortimer wrote. Analysis of the phone records & SMS messages allegedly found Smith & Mortimer had been trying to arrange a meeting with Waller. On June 24, Mortimer was scheduled to appear in a Queensland court for an assault & robbery, according to court documents. Yates-Tauai & Mortimer were allegedly upset with Waller & called Waller "a dog". "QPS (Queensland Police Service) believe the above demonstrates a possible motive as Waller was fatally stabbed 28 hours prior to Mortimer's pending court appearance," according to the complaint. Analysis of telephone records, phone tower positioning & SMS messages indicated Yates-Tauai was with Mortimer when Mortimer attempted to contact Waller on June 22. "When Waller failed to respond to Mortimer's SMS message, Yates-Tauai contacted Smith via SMS & asked that Smith "antagonise (the) old mate". In the early hours of June 23, after more text messages were exchanged, Waller allegedly arranged to meet in the park opposite the Carmel by the Sea apartment building. Video footage from a resort complex nearby showed a dark grey Holden Commodore arrive & park near Carmel by the Sea. "It does show the vehicle park before the driver, believed to be Yates-Tauai, exits the vehicle," the court papers said. Video footage showed Waller collapsing outside the foyer of Carmel by the Sea. Police allege a search of the Wyndham Hotel where Yates-Tauai & Mortimer left before the killing found a set of Jamie Oliver brand steak knives matching the knife used in the assault. The knife was sold in a set of six, but allegedly only 5 were located.

**Can Ya Help my Friend...?** I'm reaching out on behalf of a friend of mine who needs some help who wishes to remain anonymous. His wife told him to go out & get some of those pills that would help him get an erection... when he came back, he handed her diet pills. Anyway, he's looking for a place to live.

**The National Institutes of Health** has just released the results of a \$200 million research study completed under a grant to Johns Hopkins. The new study has found that women who carry extra weight live longer than the men who mention it.

**Christie Film At Glastonbury** - May 1, 2014 – *California / United Kingdom* – By The Aging Rebel; [www.AgingRebel.com](http://www.AgingRebel.com) - The Last American Outlaw, Nick Mead's documentary about George Christie's ordeal by Fed justice, will have its British debut in the cinema tent of the Glastonbury Festival of the Performing Arts in the evening of June 29. The film will close this year's festival & will be followed by a question & answer session with Christie & Mead via Skype. Christie was the long standing Pres of the Ventura, California charter of the Hells Angels MC. He was indicted in July 2011 of conspiring to firebomb 2 tattoo shop competitors out of business in July 2007. His prosecution was unreasonable even by the skewed standards of Fed justice. Christie finally negotiated a plea deal in January 2013 & was sentenced last Aug to serve a year in prison. He will be released to a halfway house in Los Angeles later this month. Mead had already begun a documentary featuring Christie that was intended to be an homage to Easy Rider. After Christie's arrest, the film's focus changed & Mead (photo above) began to document Christie's legal ordeal. The United States Atty for the Central District of California tried to stop production of the film which, among other subjects, examines the methods used to obtain convictions against motorcycle club members in Fed court. Both former Mongol Al Cavazos & former Bandido Pres George Wegers are interviewed in the movie. The Glastonbury Festival of Contemporary Performing Arts is an annual 5-day music festival in Pilton, England.

**Mead And Christie Say:** Mead calls Glastonbury "the perfect venue for this film. We shot it in harsh black & white so it can be projected against a brick wall or on a canvas hung between trees, a renegade festival like Glastonbury is the perfect home for it. I don't want it ever to be shown in a movie theater...a campground, a bike dealership, a rock concert, it's got that edge to it, & we need to maintain that edge." The festival is a major event in the British summer & attracts extensive news coverage in Europe. "It's so cool that George will be getting out of jail in time to see his film in its rightful home, a rock festival of all places, & the most credible festival in the world." Christie said showing the film "at Glastonbury is very personal for me. During my 2 year term on house arrest waiting for my case to resolve I watched many Glastonbury concerts via satellite. I never imaged Nick & I would become part of such a great festival. My only regret is because of my felony conviction my travel is restricted & will prevent me from attending in person." About the film, the former Hells Angel said, "The outlaw biker is to motorcycles what jazz is to music. It started in America & has spread around the world. LE has declared war on the outlaw bike culture & become so obsessed with its pursuit that in many instances Fed police have compromised their own oath to uphold the law. The United States Gov't is now trying to deny freedom of expression by taking away the right to wear club trademarks. If this is allowed to happen this will tear the very fabric the U.S. Constitution was written on." Mead added, "It's good to get my friend back."

**Watery eyes after sex:** 2 black guys were in a bar talking & one says to the other, "You ever notice after you have sex with a white woman that your eyes burn, your nose burns & you get all teary-eyed?" The 2nd black guy says, "Yeah, all the time." The 1st one asked, "Why is that?" The 2nd says, "I'm pretty sure it's the pepper spray."

**What the difference** was between an abandoned motorcycle & the Minnesota Vikings...?

**At least** the abandoned motorcycle has a title...

**Police from Rock Springs, other cities train to deal with outlaw motorcycle gangs** – May 2, 2014 – *Wyoming* – By AP; [www.TheRepublic.com](http://www.TheRepublic.com) - Rock Springs police are getting training to deal with outlaw motorcycle gangs. Police Chief Mike Lowell arranged 2 days of training this week for his officers & others across the state. Steve Cook of the Heartland Training Institute in Kansas City, Missouri, led the training. Lowell says the number of outlaw gang members is increasing in Wyoming. He says Rock Springs doesn't have any gang headquarters but some cities have groups that support gangs. He says he wants to make sure his officers know the right way to handle gangs. Lowell says some motorcycle clubs don't break laws but outlaw motorcycle gangs are defined by involvement in crime.

**Iconic photographs of 1960s biker gang the Chicago Outlaws go on show for first time in UK** – May 2, 2014 – *United Kingdom* – By Deni Kirkova; [www.DailyMail.com.uk](http://www.DailyMail.com.uk) - Forty of Danny Lyon's Bikeriders prints will be shown 19 June - 16 August... ATLAS Gallery, London, to host first ever British show of iconic works... It's a photographic series that captures a small but utterly fascinating slice of 1960s life & style. Photographer Danny Lyon got up close & personal with the Chicago Outlaws MC between 1963 & 1967 to document their most intimate & honest moments. The result, a series named The Bikeriders, is considered a classic work of modern photo-journalism & gives a raw, unvarnished insight into the biker culture of the time. Danny's approach was to document his subjects intimately from the inside, rather than simply observing as an outsider. To achieve this, he immersed himself in the biker life at the age of just 23. The young photographer spent 4 enthralling years with the club's members across the USA, in locations including Milwaukee, Long Island New York, Chicago, New Orleans & Detroit. His work was so controversial, Hunter S Thompson reportedly wrote to him warning him against his acquaintance with the Club. He wrote: 'Dear Danny, I think you should get to hell out of that club unless it's absolutely necessary for photo action.' But Danny persevered & befriending his subjects, he photographed & recorded interviews along the way, creating an extensive archive that illuminates the diverse characters & strong narratives of this sub-culture. The series of images was instrumental in demystifying biker culture & it remains a seminal work on 1960s America. Born in New York in 1942, Danny started taking pictures in the early 1960s as a staff photographer for the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee at the University of Chicago. His earliest images were published in a book on the Southern Civil Rights Movement, & during his career he has studied & photographed death-row inmates, street kids & the changing face of lower Manhattan. A fascination with humanitarian issues & communities on the edge of society has always formed the basis of his work, & today he is regarded as one of the most important documentary photographers of the last 50 years.

**After being married for 50 years,** I took a careful look at my wife 1 day & said, "Fifty years ago we had a cheap house, a junk car, slept on a sofa bed & watched a 10-inch black & white TV, but I got to sleep with a hot 23-year-old girl every night. Now, I have a \$500,000 home, a \$45,000 car, a nice big bed & a large screen TV, but I'm sleeping with a 69-year-old woman. It seems to me that you're not holding up your side of things." My wife is a very reasonable woman. She told me to go out & find a hot 23-year-old girl & she would make sure that I would once again be living in a cheap house, driving a junk car, sleeping on a sofa bed & watching a 10-inch black & white TV. Aren't older women great? They really know how to solve an old guy's problems.

**Military vets' motorcycle club claims discrimination** – May 2, 2014 – *Netherlands* – By Maxime Zech; [www.nltimes.nl](http://www.nltimes.nl) - Motorcycle club Veterans has issued a declaration against Minister Ivo Opstelten of Security & Justice. The club believes that the Minister consciously damaged their name by spreading fallacious information about them. The veterans are accusing Opstelten of defamation & abuse. The motorcycle club is made up of ex-military veterans who served abroad. It is a small club. Together with the Hells Angels, the Veterans are member of a 'consultation group' that attempts to keep the peace, the club says. Members of the motorcycle club say that slanderous info is being spread about the Veterans. In documents from the ministry, the police & the Public Prosecution Authority, they are painted as heavy criminals, drug dealers & murderers. "But the Minister knows that in the 19-years that our club has existed, there has never been a criminal investigation into our club or one of our members", a spokesperson tells the NOS. The Veterans published a statement in which they declare that they are often served in difficult circumstances in the name of the Kingdom & the Gov't, & that they have made a contribution to the peace, freedom & judicial equality. "Members of our club have statements of satisfaction from Defense & letters of high Gov't officials in which they express praise." The club regrets the manner in which they are currently attacking a member of the Gov't, but see no alternative. The Royal Dutch Motorists Association & the RAI Association also believe that they are being falsely criminalized, & are sick of it. They are taking distance from "the senseless banning of motorcycle events by municipalities." They say that only one percent of motorcycle clubs have criminal interests. These clubs even call themselves 'one percenters'. They also say that an essentially healthy sector & one million clients are being pigeonholed as criminals. The 2 organizations say that motorcycle events are often fun for the whole family, with bouncy castles & cotton candy.

**Queensland's outlaw MC members are overwhelming criminals with serious convictions** – May 3, 2014 – *Australia* – By Des Houghton; [www.TheAustralian.com.au](http://www.TheAustralian.com.au) - The myth that motorcycle gangs are law-abiding groups with "a few bad apples" has been shattered by research showing clubs are lairs for our very worst criminals. More than 70% of members of some bikie clubs have serious criminal convictions for everything from murder to theft, extortion & drug trafficking. Nearly half of all members of the top 19 violent outlaw gangs had convictions for serious crimes, police researchers found. The statistics do not include petty crimes or traffic offences. The findings debunk the popular misconception that bikies are unfairly targeted by police, said Deputy Commissioner Brett Pointing, the head of Operation Resolute. The Bandidos (72%) Lone Wolf (71%) & The Hells Angels (55%) had the highest number of convicted criminals. Police said they conducted the research for fear they were losing the propaganda war after the introduction of the Vicious Lawless Association Disestablishment laws by the Newman Gov't. The findings, released exclusively to The Courier-Mail, will be an embarrassment to civil libertarians & the Labor Party that seeks to wind back the tough new laws. Senior police commissioned the research after becoming infuriated at some commentary suggesting the number of criminals in motorcycle gangs was "no different to a fishing or football club". Bikies have 30 times more criminals in their gangs than the number of criminals in the general community. Pointing said the number of bikies in Queensland had doubled in the past 7 years – & so had drug crimes. "Recent arrests support the statistics & have made a mockery of the claims outlaw motorcycle gangs do not have criminal activity as their core reason for being," he said. "The

many recreational motorcycle groups in Queensland are lawful – it is unfair on those groups to be used as pawns in the PR spin which some groups have peddled in an attempt to deflect attention from the criminal activities of outlaw motorcycle gangs. "The statistics show criminal motorcycle gangs impact on the quality of life of innocent Queenslanders in a large & significant way. "Criminal motorcycle gangs have grown by more than 50% in the past 7 years – this has coincided with the rise in illicit drug use in our state. "It is these drugs that impact on the innocent lives of our sons & daughters, families & friends, & many of the arrests of criminal motorcycle gang members have been for drug trafficking. "We have to acknowledge that traditional methods could not halt the growth in criminal motorcycle gang activity & we are now at the crossroads. "We can risk returning to the past – or we can maintain this current course & ensure a safe & secure community for all Queenslanders." Pointing (right) said Queenslanders deserved to "go out in public without fear of intimidation by gangs". A total of 866 criminal motorcycle gang participants have been prosecuted on 1986 charges since the crackdown. A total of 679 charges have been finalized.

**Kari, my wife, say Thanks** for All The Johnny Cash / Folsom Prison Postcards... Especially the Sets of Them... L&R, Kari

**My Wife Met My Girlfriend** - Rodney Carrington

I got home & the door was locked And I tried to ring the bell  
I found a little bitty note  
That she had wrote telling me to go to hell  
I crawled in the window I got inside  
She kicked me in the balls then I cried  
Called me a name said I lied  
Kicked me again & though I died Took my cloths set em on fire  
Hit me with her curling iron I tried to block it with my watch  
Then she kicked me in the crouch again  
Yeah Today's the day my wife met my girl friend

Well I tried to tell her but she didn't care  
Things weren't what they seemed  
She had a pan on the stove full of boiling water  
My nads would soon be steamed!  
I tried to run Scream for help!  
She hit me in the nerch with a rhinestone belt  
It was like nothing that I ever felt  
I thank god that i wasn't wearing a kilt  
She grabbed the bat from beneath the bed  
She swung it once then she missed my head  
She ran back & swung it again then she hit me in the twins again  
Yeah today's the day my wife met my girl friend  
Yeah today's an awful day My boys won't be the same  
Yeah today's the day my wife met My girl friend

**Definitions: Guts vs Balls:** There is a medical distinction between Guts & Balls. We've all heard about people having Guts or Balls. But do you really know the difference between them? In an effort to keep you informed, here are the definitions:

**Guts:** Is arriving home late after a night out with the guys, being met by your wife with a broom, & having the Guts to ask: 'Are you still cleaning, or are you flying somewhere?' **Balls:** Is coming home late after a night out with the guys, smelling of perfume & beer, lipstick on your collar, slapping your wife on the butt & having the Balls to say: 'You're next, Chubby.' I hope this clears up any confusion on the definitions. Medically speaking, there is No difference in the outcome. Both result in severe bodily injury.

**Still few answers in ND rancher's 2013 murder** – May 5, 2014 – *North Dakota* - By Amy Dalrymple; [www.agweek.com](http://www.agweek.com) - A man convicted of hindering law enforcement last year while officers investigated the disappearance of a Williston, N.D., rancher will serve 5 years in prison. Issac Steen received the maximum penalty April 28 in Williams County District Court for not telling authorities that the body of missing rancher Jack Sjol was on his property. While family members of Sjol say they're pleased Steen received the maximum sentence, they still have a lot of unanswered questions about why Sjol was shot & killed a year ago. "The farther we go without any answers, the less chance of that coming out," says his brother Scott Sjol of Minot, N.D. Jack Sjol was last heard from on April 24, 2013, & was missing until his body was found in a dump on Steen's property near Williston 3 weeks later. A medical examiner's report says Sjol was shot at his ranch northeast of Williston. Six people were charged in connection with the case, & Steen was the first to go to trial. Ryan Lee Stensaker, charged with conspiracy to commit murder, is set to go on trial in July. Charges against 2 other defendants were dismissed. 2 other defendants charged with hindering law enforcement have upcoming trials.

**'Heinous' crime:** Testimony during Steen's trial in April revealed that Stensaker came to Steen & asked if he could dump some garbage on his property. Steen later discovered the body & learned that the man had been killed by Stensaker & his associates, Northwest Judicial District Judge Paul Jacobson says. "That info communicated to the defendant indicated a most serious & heinous crime," says Jacobson, giving the rationale for his sentence. Steen did not come forward to law enforcement, who were engaged in a massive search effort by air & land to find Sjol, until "the jig was up," Williams County State's Assistant Attorney Nathan Madden says. That delay caused some evidence to be lost & wasted law enforcement resources, Madden says. Defense attorney Mary LeClair says Steen didn't immediately come forward because he feared Stensaker & was afraid of being blamed for the homicide. When Steen did talk to authorities, he brought them to the site where he had last seen the body & cooperated, she says. Steen made a brief statement in court & apologized to the family. Several people who submitted victim impact statements to the court wrote about the painful 20 days & 20 nights while they searched for Sjol. "He could have, with one phone call, eliminated the fear, the not knowing, the despair," wrote Kelly Blomberg, Sjol's girlfriend of nearly 8 years who described Sjol as the love of her life. Steen will receive credit for 300 days he has served, which Jacobson says is required by law. "I don't think 5 years was adequate for the crime, but I'm happy with the judge for giving him the maximum he was able to," Scott Sjol says. Stensaker, described by Madden as a lifelong friend of Steen, is scheduled for trial July 8. Conspiracy to commit murder charges were dismissed against Ronald Keith Edwards Gibbons & Jeremy Weyrauch. Gibbons is facing new charges in Williams County, primarily related to possessing a firearm. Issac's sister, Teresa Steen, is scheduled to go on trial for a charge of hindering law enforcement July 15, & Amber Rae Jensen is scheduled for a trial on the same charge Sept. 2. The family knows of "absolutely no ties" between Jack Sjol & the people charged in connection with his death, his brother says. The family thinks Stensaker was the shooter but are confident he didn't act alone, Scott Sjol says. "We feel there are a number of people who know a lot more than they're saying," Scott Sjol says. In Steen's statement to law enforcement, he says Stensaker told him the Sons of Silence MC ordered a hit on Sjol. That has not been confirmed by law enforcement, & Scott Sjol says he doesn't put any stock in that theory. In a letter submitted in the court file, Blomberg urges

Issac Steen to come forward with everything he knows & correct the lie that Sjol was connected to an outlaw motorcycle group. "It is a travesty that Issac & his cohorts have cast doubt on Jack's good character just by the fact that they are career criminals & drug users & committed crimes against Jack," she wrote. "Because for people in this community to retain any semblance of feeling safe, they have to believe that Jack somehow got mixed up with these career criminals & being murdered resulted from that. But all of us who know Jack know that is untrue."

**Biker gang members arrested for Covington arson** – May 5, 2014 – *Ohio* – By Rich Jaffe; [www.Local12.com](http://www.Local12.com) - 2 members of a local biker gang now face charges in connection with a fire at a rival gang's club. This case began back in mid-Feb, when Local 12 reported exclusively on the violent back & forth between the Detroit Highwaymen & their rivals the Iron Horsemen. It culminated the weekend of Feb 23, with what authorities say was 2 Highwaymen shooting up & firebombing the Horsemen's Covington clubhouse. Local 12 has learned that on Friday, Cincinnati Police & ATF agents picked up Emmert Earls, also known as Andy Earls, & Ricky Fields. Both are members of the now defunct Cincinnati chapter of the Detroit Highwaymen. They're facing a variety of charges including arson for the Feb attack on the Iron Horsemen's Covington clubhouse. People were inside the building when the 2 men allegedly opened fire with a shotgun & threw an incendiary device, basically a Molotov cocktail through one of the upstairs windows. The attack followed multiple violent altercations between the 2 rival motorcycle gangs in Cincinnati. This is a case that was largely made through the efforts of a Covington Police detective. Members of these 2 biker gangs routinely don't cooperate with authorities & prefer to settle things between themselves. But it's a case that everyone takes very seriously, & if convicted, Earls & Fields could be looking at life in prison. Just last month, Cincinnati Police shut down the Detroit Highwaymen's clubhouse as a public nuisance. At the same time, their Nat'l Pres shut the chapter down for drawing too much attention to the group.

**Running Nude:** A woman in Wicklow was having a daytime affair while her husband was at work. One rainy day last week she was in bed with her boyfriend when, to her horror, she heard her husband's car pull into the driveway. 'Oh my God - Hurry! Grab your clothes & jump out the window. My husband's home early!' 'I can't jump out the window. It's raining out there!' 'If my husband catches us in here, he'll kill us both!' she replied. 'He's got a hot temper & a gun, so the rain is the least of your problems!' So the boyfriend scoots out of bed, grabs his clothes, & jumps out the window! As he ran down the street in the pouring rain, he quickly discovered he had run right into the middle of Wicklow town's annual marathon, so he started running along beside the others, about 300 of them. Being naked, with his clothes tucked under his arm, he tried to blend in as best he could. After a little while a small group of runners who had been watching him with some curiosity, jogged closer. Do you always run in the nude?' one asked. 'Oh yes!' he replied, gasping in air. 'It feels so wonderfully free!' Another runner moved a long side. 'Do you always run carrying your clothes with you under your arm?' 'Oh, yes' our friend answered breathlessly. 'That way I can get dressed right at the end of the run & get in my car to go home!' Then a third runner cast his eyes a little lower & asked, 'Do you always wear a condom when you are running' 'Nope ... just when it's raining.

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**Obama Administration's "Grow America Act" Pushes Helmet**

**Laws:** The U.S. Dept of Transportation has sent to Congress a \$302 billion four-year surface transportation reauthorization proposal, the "Generating Renewal, Opportunity, & Work with Accelerated Mobility, Efficiency, & Rebuilding of Infrastructure & Communities throughout America Act" – or Grow America Act; Pres Obama's blueprint for a model transportation bill, which happens to include a push for mandatory motorcycle helmet laws nationwide! Specifically, buried in the Obama Administration's 350-page proposal, found under "Title IV -- Highway And Motor Vehicle Safety," in SEC. 4004: Amendment to Motorcyclist Safety Grant Criteria, the GROW America Act would amend Section 405(f) of title 23, United States Code by inserting the following: "Support Activity -- The (Transportation) Secretary or the Secretary's designee may engage in activities with States & State legislators to consider proposals related to motorcycle helmet use laws." The time to act is NOW! This new highway bill is under immediate consideration as the current two-year "Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act" (MAP-21) expires in September, but the Highway Trust Fund -- the main funding source for most state & local transportation projects -- is headed toward insolvency & is expected to run out of money as early as July. So contact your Congressional representatives today, & protect your rights for tomorrow!

**Legislative Proposal Would Prevent Your Motorcycle From Testifying Against You:**

Data collected from so-called "Black Box" devices can be used against you in a court of law, & most people don't even realize it. That's why U.S. Senator Amy Klobuchar (D-MN) is proposing to amend the language of the Driver Privacy Act to protect all information recorded by event data recorders installed on all "motor vehicles", including motorcycles. The way S. 1925 is currently written grants privacy only for data the Gov't "requires" to be collected. Currently the Gov't does not require "black boxes" on motorcycles, only passenger vehicles, trucks & buses. But some current motorcycle models are equipped with the recording devices. A similar bill in the House (H.R. 2414) is worded that "any data recorded on any event data recorder in an automobile or motorcycle shall be considered the property of the owner of the automobile or motorcycle." Under current law, insurance companies, law enforcement & auto rental agencies can access the data on the device & can use it as evidence against the driver/owner in legal proceedings. Data recorders collect a wide range of information on crashes, including whether the brakes were applied, the speed at the time of impact, the steering angle, & whether seat belt circuits were shown as "Buckled" or "Unbuckled" at the time of the crash. Fourteen states have statutes that restrict access to the event data recorder or limit the use of recovered EDR info.

**Governors Association Notes Reduced Motorcyclist Fatalities:**

A recent report by the Governors Highway Safety Association projects that the number of motorcyclist fatalities fell by 7% last year, the second decline in five years, despite an increase in motorcycle sales in 2013. The report, "Spotlight on Highway Safety," based its findings on motorcyclist fatality counts reported to the GHSA by all 50 states & the District of Columbia for the

first 9 months of 2013, & indicated that motorcycle fatalities are projected up in 13 states, down in 35 states & D.C., & to remain the same in 2 states compared with the first 9 months of 2012. Noting bad weather the first six months of 2013, the association projects that the number of motorcyclists killed last year will total 4,610, down from 4,957 in 2012 & nearly identical to the 2011 figure of 4,612. Meanwhile, new motorcycle sales ended the year with a 1.4% overall increase, up from 452,386 total units in 2012 to 458,972 last year, bringing total U.S. motorcycle registrations to a record 9 million nationwide. The Governors association also noted that the use of helmets dropped to 60% in 2012 down from 66% in 2011, citing that only 19 states now require helmets for all riders.

**New Michigan Law Limits Temporary Motorcycle Permits:**

Michigan Governor Rick Snyder has signed legislation that encourages motorcycle operators to apply for a full operating endorsement by limiting their ability to obtain temporary training permits. The move is aimed at improving motorcycle safety standards in the state. Sponsored by Representative Bradford Jacobsen (R-Oxford), House Bill 4781 allows a motorcyclist to apply for a temporary instruction permit (TIP) only twice during a 10-year period, starting next January. Previously, there was no limit to the number of times a person could be granted a temporary permit, so many operators would apply every riding season as an alternative to obtaining their full cycle endorsement, taking advantage of the loophole in the law to avoid taking required testing or training. "This bill will help prevent abuse of the current motorcycle permitting process, ultimately ensuring more motorcyclists are trained to operate their vehicles in the safest manner possible," the governor said.

**New Hampshire Supreme Court Upholds Anti-Police License Plate:**

The high court in the "Live Free or Die" state has ruled in favor of free speech on a personalized license plate that reads; "COPSLIE". David Montenegro forced the issue by suing the New Hampshire Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) when it refused to accept his request filed 4 years ago for the personalized plate. "A reasonable person would find COPSLIE offensive to good taste," a May 12, 2010 DMV ruling explained. Montenegro filed for reconsideration & received the same response, so in August that year he decided to apply, in order, for COPSLIE, GR8GOVT, LUVGOVT, GOVTSUX, SEALPAC & GOVTLAZ. The pro-Gov't license plate, GR8GOVT, was immediately approved. He used the approval of one message over another as evidence that his state & Fed constitutional right to free speech was being trampled. The state supreme court framed the question as an issue of private speech, the plate's message, on Gov't-owned property, the license plate itself. The justices agreed with Montenegro that the regulation cited by the DMV was unconstitutionally vague because it was left up to the whim of employees to decide what messages were acceptable.

**Big-Time NCOM Convention in Big-D:**

Everything's bigger in Texas, & the Lone Star state recently hosted one of the largest gatherings of bikers' rights activists in the world as concerned riders from across the country attended the National Coalition of Motorcyclists annual NCOM Convention in Dallas. This yearly "coming together" of various segments of motorcycling, from M/Cs to MROs & from Christian clubs to sportbike riders, was hosted by the Texas Confederation of Clubs & welcomed all motorcyclists to attend various meetings & seminars on legal & legislative issues affecting today's motorcyclists. For nearly 3 decades, over Mother's Day weekend the NCOM Convention has provided a platform for diverse factions of the motorcycle

community to come together in unity & cooperation in pursuit of shared interests for the betterment of biking. Topics included Biker Anti-Discrimination & Profiling Legislation; Protecting Your Patch; the Legality of Motorcycle-Only Checkpoints; Know Your Rights during a Police Encounter; Freedom of the Road & Use of the Courts; as well as seminars on the Use of Social Media, Incorporate Or Not, the Art of Grant Writing, & featuring the Golden Hour - How to Save a Biker's Life by EMT Instructor Slider Gilmore. Special Meetings were on the agenda in support of NCOM's many outreach programs for Women In Motorcycling; Clean & Sober Roundtable; National Sport Bike Association; & Christian Unity Conference, in addition to the Confederation of Clubs General Patch Holders Meeting. "It wasn't our biggest Convention ever, but I'm thrilled with the progress made here this weekend & proud to see the unity behind the Save The Patch effort to support the Mongols MC in their court battle to prevent authorities from seizing their club colors...which would endanger every clubs' rights to wear a patch," said NCOM Founder Richard M. Lester. During the Silver Spoke Awards Banquet, several honorees were recognized for their contributions to "Improving The Image of Motorcycling", including: **Gov't**: Jerry Patterson, running for Lt. Governor of Texas; **Media**: Darrell & Cheryl Briggs - Oklahoma Biker Magazine; Commerce: Steve Menneto - CEO of new Indian Motorcycle; **Legal**: Ray Pacia - AIM Attorney for Rhode Island; Entertainment: Stan Ellsworth - "American Ride" BYU-TV history series; InterNat'L Award: Michael Mosia - Motorcycle Movement of Quebec; Special Recognition: 2 Million Bikers to DC; & NCOM's highest honor, the Ron Roloff Lifetime Achievement Award, was presented to Bobbi Hartmann, Member of the NCOM Legislative Task Force & former MMA of AZ Lobbyist.

**Next year's 30th Annual** NCOM Convention will be held May 7-10, 2015 at the Denver Marriott Tech Center in Denver, Colorado.

**Save The Patch:** "Bikers from around the nation are joining forces to support the Mongols MC to combat a lawsuit by Fed authorities to take control of the Mongols trademarked logo," states a National Call To Action issued recently by the US Defenders National Office. "They are trying to destroy the right of men to associate & indicate their association" said Joe Yanny, an attorney representing the Mongols. In addition to being a violation of club members' freedom of speech rights, Yanny said, "more importantly, it's a due process issue." If the Feds win this case & set a new precedent then no trademarked logo will be safe from being taken away. In announcing that Texas clubs are "rallying for the Mongols & their legal representation," the CTA asks others to "join the fight to support the Mongols Nation with its trademark battle with the Feds" by educating yourself on this case by going to: <http://usdefender.net/cta-tdf.html> & go "LIKE" the National US Defenders Facebook page for future updates. To donate to the Mongols Nation Lawsuit Defense Fund ("100% or every red cent goes directly to the Trademark Fund") send donations to: Joseph Yanny, Law Office of Yanny & Smith, 1801 Century Park East Suite 2400, Los Angeles, CA 90067 "We have no other fight as important as this fight to help the Mongols MC Nation win this case, the US Defenders will do all we can to assist them in every State," US Defenders National Office.

**Quotable Quote:** "They've (bikers) got the same rights as anybody. The day it becomes a crime to ride a motorbike down the street, by God that'll be a sad day for all of us." Capt Bingham addressing his police officers in the 1968 movie "Angels From Hell"

**Freedom Fighters.** *This is a Call To Action!* We need your help... Please join our efforts in supporting the Mongols MC in their efforts to win the Trademark Lawsuit case . It is our sole intention to raise much needed funds to assist them , "*Freedom Is Not Free*". Please give today. This will take every organization, all SMRO's, Clubs & Independent Bikers working together side by side to win this battle.

**Please refer to link:** <http://usdefender.net/cta-tdf.html>

**Send your donations to:** Trademark Defense Fund

C/o RML:

734 Topanga Canyon Blvd.- Suite 200  
Canoga Park, California 91303

**Respect,** US Defenders National Office <http://usdefenders.org/>

**What is the CTA about?** A California Fed case against the Mongols MC is attempting to challenge the First Amendment's free speech rights, the Gov't's seizure powers & the ownership of a trademark.

**What are the US Defenders saying?** The National US Defenders office is issuing a formal CTA to defend the Motorcycle Riding Community against attempts by the Gov't to seize Motorcycle Clubs "Collective Membership Marks" (Colors) & destroy the Clubs identity by taking away their Branded Logos.

**Why support this effort?** We are in the fight of our lives & are asking the entire Motorcycle Riding Community to stand up & assist us in speaking out against the elimination & erosion of our Constitutional rights & freedoms in order to leave a legacy of freedom for our children & grandchildren!

**If each one of us gives just a small amount,** as a whole we can make a dent in the expenses that are accruing to fight this great battle. United in solidarity & strong in number, we are a powerful entity to be reckoned with!

**The US Defenders program** is not a Motorcycle Rights Organization but it does have one thing in common...it fights for our rights and civil liberties.

**US Defenders drive hard** for awareness and togetherness so we can all speak with One Loud Voice!

**US Defenders Store:** US Defenders merchandise funds the efforts of the Nat'l Office of the US Defenders. All proceeds are used to buy literature and support activities of the US Defenders.

**US Defender Calendar** Added to the Website: Send us your US Defender events & we will post on the calendar!

**National Officers:**

US National Commander	Gimmi Jimmy
US National Lt. Commander	Paul
National Legislative Liaison	Double D
US National C.O.I.R. Commander	Dr. Jim

**US Defenders National Commander,** Gimmi Jimmy speaking at the 29th Annual NCOM Convention in Dallas, Texas: Gimmi Jimmy's US Defender seminar at the 29th Annual NCOM Convention set the tone for the conference. Through Solidarity and commitment, all clubs were united to support and fight for the topic at hand: the Trademark Defense Fund! We support the fight along with the Mongols MC in saving their patch, thus saving our own! To take part in the National CTA to Save our Patch, go to CTA Trademark Defense Fund for details on how to donate to the cause.

## 2014 Darwin Awards

**Sixth Place:** Goes to a San Anselmo, CA man who died when he hit a lift tower at the Mammoth mountain ski area while riding down the slope on a foam pad. 22-year old David Hubal was pronounced dead at Mammoth Hospital. The accident occurred about 3 a.m., the Mono County Sheriff's Dept said. Hubal & his friends apparently had hiked up a ski run called Stump Alley & removed some yellow foam protectors from lift towers, said Lt. Mike Donnelly of the Mammoth Lakes P.D. The pads are used to protect skiers who might hit towers. The group apparently used the pads to slide down the ski slope & Hubal crashed into a tower. It has since been investigated & determined the tower he hit was the one with its pad removed.

**Fifth Place:** Goes to Robert Puelo, 32, was apparently being disorderly in a St. Louis market. When the clerk threatened to call the police, Puelo grabbed a hot dog, shoved it into his mouth & walked out without paying. Police found him unconscious in front of the store. Paramedics removed the six-inch wiener from his throat where it had choked him to death.

**Fourth Place:** Goes to poacher Marino Malerba of Spain, who shot a stag standing above him on an overhanging rock & was killed instantly when it fell on him.

**Third Place:** "Man loses face at party" A man at a West Virginia party (probably related to the winner last year, a man in Arkansas who used the .22 bullet to replace the fuse in his pickup truck) popped a blasting cap into his mouth & bit down, triggering an explosion that blew off his lips, teeth, & tongue. Jerry Stromyer, 24, of Kincaid, bit the blasting cap as a prank during the party late Tuesday night, said Cpl. M.D. Payne. "Another man had a blasting cap in an aquarium hooked to a battery & was trying to explode it. It wouldn't go off & this guy said, 'I'll show you how to set it off!'" He put it into his mouth, bit down & it blew all his teeth out & his lips & tongue off, Payne said. Stromyer was listed in guarded condition Wednesday with extensive facial injuries, according to a spokesperson at Charleston Area Medical Division "I just can't imagine anyone doing something like that," Payne said. (Note: Maybe that's why they call these the Darwin Awards)

**Second Place:** Doctors at Portland University Hospital said an Oregon man shot through the skull by a hunting arrow is lucky to be alive & will be released soon from the hospital. Tony Roberts, 25, lost his right eye last weekend during an initiation into a men's rafting club, Mountain Men Anonymous (probably known now as Stupid Mountain Men Anonymous) in Grants Pass, Oregon. A friend tried to shoot a beer can off his head, but the arrow entered Robert's right eye. Doctors said that had the arrow gone 1 millimeter to the left, a major blood vessel would have been cut & Roberts would have died instantly. Neurosurgeon, Dr. Johnny Delashaw, at the Univ Hospital in Portland said the arrow went through 8 to 10 inches of brain with the tip protruding at the rear of his skull, yet somehow managed to miss all major blood vessels. Delashaw also said that had Roberts tried to pull the arrow out on his own he surely would have killed himself. Roberts admitted afterwards that he & his friend had been drinking that afternoon. Said Roberts, "I feel so dumb about this."

**This Year's Winner:** John Pernicky & his friend, Sal Hawkins, of the great state of Washington, decided to attend a local Metallica concert at the George Washington amphitheater. Having no tickets (but having had 18 beers between them), they thought it would be easy to "hop" over the 9 foot fence & sneak into the show. They pulled their pickup truck over to the fence & the plan was for Mr. Pernicky, who was 100 pounds heavier than Mr.

Hawkins, to hop the fence & then assist his friend over. Unfortunately for (the late) Mr. Pernicky, there was a 30-foot drop on the other side of the fence. Having heaved himself over, he found himself crashing through a tree. His fall was abruptly halted (and broken, along with his arm) by a large branch that snagged him by his shorts. Dangling from the tree with a broken arm, he looked down & saw some bushes below him. Possibly figuring the bushes would break his fall, he removed his pocket knife & proceeded to cut away his shorts to free himself from the tree. Finally free, Mr. Pernicky crashed into holly bushes. The sharp leaves scratched his ENTIRE body & now, without the protection of his shorts, a holly branch penetrated his rectum. To make matters worse, upon landing his pocket knife penetrated his thigh. Hawkins, seeing his friend in considerable pain & agony, threw him a rope & tried to pull him to safety by tying the rope to the pickup truck & slowly driving away. However, in his drunken haste, he put the truck into reverse & crashed through the fence, landing on his friend & killing him. Police arrived to find the crashed pickup with its driver thrown 100 feet from the truck & dead at the scene from massive internal injuries upon moving the truck, they found John deceased under it half-naked, scratches on his body, a holly stick in his rectum, a knife in his thigh, & his shorts dangling from a tree branch 25 feet in the air.

**Congratulations gentlemen.** You win. Five more idiots have been removed from the gene pool & we are richer because of your supreme sacrifice.

**Winter Springs man goes back on trial in Warlocks murder case** – May 5, 2014 – **Florida** – By Rene Stutzman; [www.OrlandoSentinel.com](http://www.OrlandoSentinel.com) - Attys finished jury selection in Sanford Mon for a Warlocks murder suspect whose trial 3 weeks ago ended in a mistrial. Prosecutors are expected to begin presenting their case tomorrow against Victor "Pancho" Amaro, 43, of Winter Springs, who is charged with murdering 3 members of a rival motorcycle gang during a shootout 2 years ago in the VFW hall parking lot in Winter Springs. He says he acted in self-defense. Amaro's biker gang got into a shootout Sept. 30, 2012, with members of the Florida Warlocks. 3 Florida Warlocks were killed. Amaro & 3 other members of his gang were charged with murder. Amaro went on trial 3 weeks ago, but 4 days into the proceeding, prosecutors played an audio recording of his statement to Winter Springs police & inadvertently included a portion in which he confessed to being a convicted felon. That prompted Circuit Judge Jessica Recksiedler to declare a mistrial. Amaro is charged with 3 counts of 2nd-degree murder & 2 counts of attempted 1st-degree murder. Last week co-defendant Robert Eckert, 40, of Longwood was sentenced to 27 years in prison after a different Seminole County jury convicted him of 2 counts of manslaughter with a firearm, one count of attempted second-degree murder with a firearm & one count of attempted voluntary manslaughter. Yet to come to trial is Paul Wayne Smith, 49, the Effingham, S.C., man who started the shooting when he killed Florida Warlock Peter Schlette, a trucker from Denham Springs, La., a biker who was not carrying a gun. The leader of Amaro's breakaway group, David Maloney, 54, of Longwood, was acquitted last month of 3 of 4 counts.

**Any man who thinks** he can be happy & prosperous by letting the Gov't take care of him; better take a closer look at the American Indian. - Henry Ford

**You are the kind** of person who, when one first meets you, one doesn't like you. But when one gets to know you better, one hates you...

**Hells Angels banned from buses & beer** – May 5, 2014 – *Denmark* – By [www.theLocal.de](http://www.theLocal.de) - Members of the Hells Angels gang are seen as violent & secretive, but according to one former member their lives are governed by strict rules - including no buses or alcohol. According to a former Hells Angel of the Berlin branch, it has strict laws forbidding its members from alcohol & travelling by bus or train. The only exception to the alcohol rule is the gang's annual party. Since leaving the clan, 26-year-old Kassra has helped uncover several crimes within the organization & revealed some of their more unusual rules – & what happens to a member if he breaks them. Becoming a member of the notorious organization is no mean feat. Firstly, they have to undergo a rigorous induction period before he can be accepted as a fully-fledged member. Kassara told Bild newspaper on Monday that for €110 a month, an aspiring member joins as a “Hangaround” where for 3 months his tasks include cleaning the clubhouse, running errands, picking up food & refueling motorcycles. After successfully completing the entry level, he becomes a “Prospect”, the duration of which is at least a year at a payment of €720 a month. On completion he becomes a “Full Member” once he has made a one-off payment of €1,500. His promotion into the clan will be emailed to every Hells Angel member worldwide. As well as the alcohol ban, smartphones should not be used for important conversations. Mentioning members' names & giving info about the club is strictly forbidden at all times. Members breaking the rules are subjected to a €500 fine & are made to hand over their jacket & t-shirt, Kassra told Bild. In addition, every member of the organization is notified of the punishment, & if the offender is suspended longer than a year, he loses his membership entirely. But the most serious offence, & most dangerous for the oath breaker, is betrayal. If a member steals or switches to another club, he automatically becomes an outlaw. His photo is sent via email to each & every member of the organization, who can then do to him as they wish.

**Steve Cook Strikes Again** - May 5, 2014 – *New Mexico* – By Aging Rebel; [www.AgingRebel.com](http://www.AgingRebel.com) - Summer is coming so tens of thousands of West Coast motorcycle enthusiasts will be passing through Wyoming in the next 5 months. It is a pretty & sparsely populated state. Most of the left coast passes through some part of Wyoming to get to Sturgis every Aug. This summer, the Hells Angels MC will hold its Nat'l Run in Cody. And, this year the police in Rock Springs, Wyoming will be better prepared than ever to make life miserable for all those tourists on 2 wheels. A week ago Steve Cook came to town to offer his “expertise” on the frequently discussed, mostly invisible motorcycle gang menace.

**Cook:** Cook describes himself as a “public figure” & as an “outlaw motorcycle gang expert & documentary television personality.” That is Steve in the photo above, jauntily leaning on a Hells Angels mailbox as if he owned it. Cook is both the Executive Director & Pres of a racket called the Midwest Outlaw Motorcycle Gang Investigators Association. According to one of his many official biographies, “Detective Cook has extensive knowledge & experience in investigating & prosecuting Outlaw Motorcycle Gangs. He has prosecuted members of the Fairbanks, Alaska Hell's (sic) Angel's (sic) Motorcycle Gang & Colorado Springs, Colorado Sons of Silence Motorcycle Gang for methamphetamine & firearms charges. He has also participated in surveillance operations of ‘church meetings,’ bike shows, & swap meets of several well-known outlaw gangs.” And “Steve has also been featured in the History Channel's Gang Land (sic) programs on the Outlaws, Bandidos & Galloping Goose, on Biographies (sic) Gangsters Americas Most Evil twice, History Channels (sic) Americas Book of Secrets & Biographies (sic) Gangworld (sic)

One Percenters.” Cook mostly provides training “for law enforcement officers, prosecutors, corrections personnel & criminal analysts addressing the problems & pitfalls of investigations of Outlaw Motorcycle Gangs.” His assertions are often fatuous & imaginative. He gets paid with public money but most of what he has to say about the motorcycle gang menace must remain secret “Due to the sensitive nature” of his training programs. Generally, “the exact locations” of his training programs can only “be revealed to those who register.” “Special security” is maintained. And his “training programs” are “only open to law enforcement officers, corrections officers, prosecutors, probation/parole officers & other criminal justice professionals. You must show proper agency credentials or identification to be allowed entrance into the training program.”

**Rock Springs:** Cook also does business as the Heartland Law Enforcement Training Institute & that's the patch he wore when he rolled into Rock Springs, a city of about 23,000 that is pretty unavoidable on an east-west ride because the city squats astride I-80. The local police chief, a fellow named Mike Lowell, told the Rock Springs Rocket-Miner, that because “Motorcycle gangs, also referred to as motorcycle clubs, have driven through Rock Springs & Sweetwater County,” on the Interstate on their way to someplace else, they have “caught the attention of police.” “Lowell said they (local police) have stopped motorcycle gangs inside the city limits including the Bandidos, Sons of Silence & Hells Angels.” “No community in Wyoming is safe from an outlaw motorcycle gang because they are so mobile, Lowell said.” Lowell asked Cook to help him with the problem that is mostly between Lowell's ears because, “There is enough of a concern with these groups to me to hold this class. To us, motorcycle gangs are identified by criminal action. We refer to them as OMGs.” The chief also told the Rocket-Miner “he wants outlaw motorcycle gangs to know he is willing to spend money to better understand them & their actions.”

**Training Conference:** Cook called his Rock Springs performance the “Patrol Response to Outlaw Motorcycle Gangs Training Conference.” It covered: the “Origin & History of Outlaw Motorcycle Gangs; Organizational Structure & Recruiting Process; Tattoo & Patch Identification; Intelligence Gathering; Study of the “Big 4” Outlaw Motorcycle Gangs; Weapons Identification; Outlaw Motorcycle Gangs & the Drug Trade; Motorcycle Gang Related Violence; Combating Lawsuits & Legal Actions; Unique Investigative Techniques;” & “Safe Methods of Conducting Vehicle Stops on OMG Members.” Trainees paid \$200 each to attend this thing & afterward, according to the Rocket-Miner, Chief Lowell had learned “when OMGs come to Rock Springs, they should realize police are going to stop them. If everything is on the up & up with no warrants, possession of illegal drugs or any other criminal activity, it will just be a little bit of an inconvenience.” He told the paper “OMG members also claim they are being misunderstood.” “They are saying they are just working guys who drink pop & like to work on their motorcycles,” he said. “We refer to them as motorcycle gangs.” In the future Rock Springs will always conduct traffic stops on motorcyclists with multiple officers because “It's nice to be able to meet them with force.” Drug sniffing dogs will always be dispatched to those stops whether a reasonable, articulable suspicion exists to conduct a canine search or not. And the Chief “wants the community to be vigilant & call law enforcement if they spot a group of motorcycle riders who they suspect may be a part of a motorcycle gang.” Incidentally, one can also get to Sturgis from the West Coast by way of Interstates 70 & 90.

**Nelson bikie gang becomes Hell's Angels chapter** – May 5, 2014 – *New Zealand* – By Kurt Bayer; [www.NZHerald.com.nz](http://www.NZHerald.com.nz) - Police are refusing to comment on revelations that notorious motorcycle gang the Hells Angels have patched over a Nelson bikie gang. In its latest New Zealand expansion move, the infamous group has allowed the Red Devils motorcycle club of Nelson to become a “hang around” chapter, according to sociologist & gangs’ expert Dr. Jarrod Gilbert. “This move was entirely predictable,” said Dr. Gilbert writes. “The Red Devils’ links to the Hells Angels are well known, & having served a mandatory period as an associate group, they have been given leave to wear some identifying Hells Angels insignia.” In time, it’s likely it will become an official chapter, joining those in Auckland, Wanganui & the Hells Angels Nomads chapter. But local police are refusing to speak about the latest move. “We have no comment to make in relation to the suggested activities of these groups,” a spokeswoman said. The Hells Angels first emerged in Auckland in 1961, the 1st chapter to form outside of California. The Red Devils formed in Nelson 5 years ago. Dr. Gilbert says their modest ranks were made up of members of the Nelson Bays MC. Police soon launched Operation Explorer, fearing the gang was about to become a Hells Angels chapter. An undercover agent infiltrated them, but as Dr. Gilbert pointed out, the forging of documents by police has meant the case is still mired in the courts. He said the addition now of the Hells Angels brand “is likely to assist in swelling the ranks of those wanting to join.” Dr. Gilbert spent 10 years with the country’s most notorious gangs researching his book *Patched: The history of Gangs in New Zealand*. In the last 4 years gangs have expanded rapidly, at a rate not seen since the 1970s. “Outlaw clubs, for certain people at least, have returned to vogue,” said Dr Gilbert. “Brotherhood, booze & bikes. The outlaws, it seems, are back.”

**Constitutional Rights to Flash Headlights** – May 2014 – by Robert Sirianni, Jr.; [www.jdsupra.com](http://www.jdsupra.com) - We’ve all seen cars that flash their headlights to warn fellow drivers of a nearby police officer. While this practice may be annoying to law enforcement, an appeals attorney can explain to you why flashing your headlights may be a constitutionally protected form of communication.

**State Laws Addressing Headlight Flashing Explained:** Several states have already introduced state laws that would make flashing your high beams to other drivers legal. New Jersey lawmakers introduced a bill last month. A similar measure was also passed in Missouri earlier this year. Some of these laws came as a reaction to local municipal ordinances that banned the practice of warning fellow motorists of nearby police. Many drivers had received tickets for flashing their headlights as a form of communication. A primary backer of the laws giving drivers the right to flash their headlights is the American Civil Liberties Union. The ACLU got involved after a Missouri driver was issued a \$1,000 fine for flashing his lights.

**Rationale for the Law:** The primary purpose behind the law protecting the flashing of headlights is to preserve “expressive conduct.” Basically, backers of the law see the prohibitions of headlight flashing as an attack on free speech. The ACLU would be concerned that if flashing headlights were banned, lawmakers may then try to take on blogging, Tweeting or some other form of communication that also warns drivers of nearby police.

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**American Bikers for Awareness, Training, and Education of Minnesota** is a not for profit, grass roots organization that is committed to educating motorcyclists and the general public about motorcycling. ABATE members ride many different types and brands of motorcycles. We are all people with a common interest in a common activity—motorcycling. The fact that we share an interest in motorcycling is more important than the type of motorcycle we ride.

**NTSB Chair Steps Down** - April 28, 2014 – *USA* - Deborah Hersman announced that she would be vacating her role as chairwoman of the **National Transportation Safety Board**. Hersman has commanded the board since 2009 and has been a board member since 2004. Hersman was also considered as a replacement for secretary of transportation Ray LaHood when her retired. The NTSB was created as an independent federal agency in 1967; it has investigated more than 132,000 accidents and made more than 13,500 safety recommendations. The NTSB is recognized internationally as a preeminent accident investigation organization. Hersman serves as the chief executive of the agency, which has 400+ employees and an annual budget of more than \$100 million. She was the board member behind the two-day motorcycle safety symposium conducted in October 2007, which led to the issuing of calls for mandatory helmet laws. She did, however, make good on a promise to the Motorcycle Riders Foundation to personally take the Basic Rider Course. She passed the class, but never got her license. Hersman was first appointed as a Board Member by Pres Bush in 2004 and was reappointed to two additional 5-year terms by Pres Obama in 2009 and 2013. Pres Obama appointed her Chairman in 2009, 2011 and 2013 with unanimous Senate confirmation votes. Hersman is not going far though. In her new role, the 43-year-old will be heading the National Safety Council. The safety council, a non-profit organization headquartered in suburban Chicago, describes its mission as “to save lives by preventing injuries and deaths at work, in homes and communities, and on the roads.” There is no word on the replacement chairperson of the NTSB.

**Phone call:** Don’t know how it works where you live, but here almost nobody accepts collect calls. Something to remember next time you get stopped. Call somebody and tell them you are being stopped and will call back if you can. If they don’t hear from you they should with local LE and see if you were arrested. If this post helps one guy it is worth it.

**I used to be F\_cking Stupid** . . . But then we broke up...

**I was banging this nice lady** over her kitchen table when we heard the front door open. She said, “It’s my husband—quick, try the back door!” In hindsight, I probably should have run, but you don’t get offers like that every day.

**Whom am I calling** “stupid”? I don’t know. What’s your name?  
**Do you have** to leave so soon? I was about to poison the tea.  
**I’m busy** now. Can I ignore you some other time?  
**Take a vacation;** go to Club Dead.

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

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