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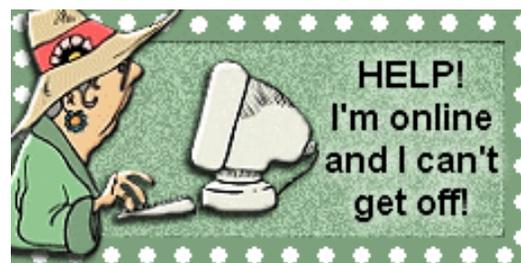
In Memory of **D.C. Eagle Rambo** from *Wisconsin* died as a result of road rage on June 13th... R.I.P. Rambo...
Rambo was only 23, but a Veteran with the 101st Airborne... **Rambo** was just married in February...
Rambo has a 2 ½ year old son... **Rambo** and his wife had just adopted a 9 year old orphan girl...
Rambo is survived by his father **D.C. Eagle Bad**... **Rambo's** funeral had over 200 motorcycles.
Rambo's actions actually saved 3 or 4 other riders...

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The **Outlaws MC Nation** has just renewed its Sponsorship of this Newsletter thru November 2014... Thank You!!!



Great spirits have always encountered violent opposition from mediocre minds.-Albert Einstein

Meddle not in the affairs of dragons, for thou art crunchy, & taste good with catsup. - George of Lod, Year of Our Lord 297

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

Editor's Note: For *April* there was 1 issue, For *May* there were 2 issues, For *June* this is the 2nd issues...

Editor's Note: Currently we are sending over 365 copies of this newsletter to members of **82** 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 (**82 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, Estedes, 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, Unforgiven, 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 MCs 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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Biker Newsbytes: Compiled & Edited by Bill Bish, NCOM

U.S. House Votes Down Fed Helmet Law Push: The Obama Administration's proposed Grow America Act, a 4-year \$302 billion transportation funding measure, contains a provision to allow NHTSA to begin lobbying states & state legislators "to consider proposals related to motorcycle helmet use laws," effectively overturning a ban against such Fed lobbying on the issue that has been in place since 1995. But on June 9th, by a voice vote on the floor of 229-192 (10 absent or abstaining), the

U.S. House of Representatives approved an amendment offered by U.S. Representatives Tim Walberg (R-MI) & Jim Sensenbrenner (R-WI) to strike that provision from the House's version of the legislation; titled the Transportation, Housing & Urban Development, & Related Agencies Appropriations Act (H.R. 4745). The full bill was approved by the House the following day, with the offending language in Section 102 of H.R. 4745 successfully eliminated, but the Senate version of this highly politicized & largely partisan transportation funding bill is still under consideration. The Administration "strongly opposes House passage of H.R. 4745," & "looks forward to working with the Congress on an orderly appropriations process..."

"Vision Zero" Hits NYC: A controversial European traffic control plan referred to as "Vision Zero" has found its way to American shores, as NYC Mayor Bill de Blasio has gained support of the New York City Council for his Vision Zero plan to eliminate traffic fatalities by 2024. On May 29, 2014, the City Council approved a package of new policies aiding Mayor de Blasio's quest to end traffic deaths, modeled after a Swedish philosophy that treats all road deaths & serious injuries as inherently preventable, the initiative has become the centerpiece of the new administration's transportation agenda. Among the changes approved, which includes misdemeanor charges or loss of license for hitting a pedestrian or cyclist, certain "exhibition behavior" from motorcyclists will not be tolerated under the law. The new rules governing motorcycle behavior outlaws "wheelies, doughnuts, burnouts & revving" -- a 1st offense would be punishable by up to 60 days in jail.

American Legion Rider Discriminated against By "No Colors" Policy: Bikers all across South Florida are threatening to boycott & protest a restaurant after a member of the American Legion Riders said he was discriminated against for riding a motorcycle & wearing patches that proclaim his military service. Proud Navy veteran Robert Thompson of Pompano Beach told WPTV Channel 5 (NBC) that a manager at the Old Key Lime House told him to remove his leather vest because they do not allow "gangs or colors" & that "his kind" was not welcome. Within days of the incident, hundreds of veterans & bikers began sharing what happened through social media. A Facebook page was even created to boycott & protest the Old Key Lime House. Fearing backlash, management at the restaurant suspended the employee who made the comments, & the owner has apologized, calling it "a terrible misunderstanding." A manager at the restaurant told the TV news station that their "no colors or gangs" policy should not have been applied, claiming that the restaurant welcomes bikers & veterans; although a sign still hangs at the bar that states: "Welcome All Bikers - No Patches or Club Affiliation Allowed - Leave it on Bike" Thompson said he did not speak out to cause controversy but to stop discrimination, no matter what someone looks like, from happening again anywhere.

Minnesota Approves Purple Heart...: Few U.S. states offer the option to get a personalized motorcycle license plate. Minnesota just approved a bill to create a special motorcycle license plate for wounded combat veterans which will be a shrunken version of the Purple Heart plates that car owners can get.

Flying Old Glory could Void your Warranty: Due to wind resistance from flags fluttering behind his Harley trike, former Wisconsin State Senator Dave Zien was informed by H-D that the factory would not honor the warranty after the clutch failed during a ride to Dallas, Texas for the NCOM Convention last month. Zien, 64, a longtime member of the NCOM Legislative Task

Force, says the Motor Company denied his warranty claim because of the excessive drag created by the flapping flags he flies from the back of his 2014 trike, which has 15,000 miles on it & is covered by a 7-year unlimited mileage warranty. "All they said was, because I fly flags on the bike, there's no warranty on the powertrain," Zien told the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel newspaper on May 15. A combat Marine & Viet Nam veteran, the former lawmaker is a Hall of Fame biker who has set several long-distance riding records since the 1970s & says he's always done so with multiple flags on his bike. His 1991 Harley with one million miles on the odometer has been on display since 2000 at the Sturgis Motorcycle Museum & Hall of Fame in South Dakota. H-D told the newspaper that Zien's warranty is still in effect, but because of the addition of aftermarket products -- essentially, the huge flags -- Zien has voided any coverage on the powertrain & transmission. "The issue isn't that the flags are heavy," Harley spokeswoman Maripat Blankenheim told the Journal-Sentinel, "but they provide terrific drag on the engine & the transmission, especially when the bike is at highway speeds." She added that the flag mounts that Zien used were not Harley products. "When you alter a motorcycle with non-compliant products, that does impact your ability to make a warranty claim," Blankenheim said. Zien currently has 7 flags flying from his 3-wheeler including full-sized Stars & Stripes, Don't Tread on Me, U.S. Marine Corps & Wisconsin flags & an NRA banner that proclaims "Stand & Fight", & he says all the flag mounts were installed at a Harley dealership. The "Million Mile Motorcycle Man" is ready for a fight to defend the right of all to fly a flag on a motorcycle without voiding the warranty. "Ain't nobody gonna stop our flags, not even Harley-Davidson corporate," Zien told the paper.

Motorcycle Thefts Continue Downward Trend: Motorcycle thefts continued to decline in 2013, a downward trend that began in 2008; & of 5 major brands only H-D owners saw an uptick in the number of stolen bikes. According to new data released by the National Crime Information Center, an electronic clearinghouse of nationwide crime data aggregated by the FBI, overall last year there were 45,367 reported motorcycle thefts nationwide, the equivalent of one every 9 minutes, down 1.5%, even as bike sales increased. Of those stolen, there were 3,907 H-Ds, up 4% from 2012, while the percentage of stolen Honda, Yamaha, Kawasaki & Suzuki motorcycles fell 2.1% (Kawasaki) to 9.1% (Suzuki). Honda was the bike stolen most often, followed by Yamaha, Suzuki, Kawasaki & H-D. The thefts were highest in Calif, followed by Florida, TX, N.C. & Indiana. 37% of the motorcycles reported stolen in the U.S. in 2013 were recovered, compared with about 50% of the stolen cars.

Electric Cycles Gain Traction: Despite America's love affair with H-D, electric motorcycles are revving up U.S. sales, according to a recent article in USA Today, & 2-wheeled e-vehicles are gaining converts among urban commuters & law enforcement. Sales of high-performance e-motorcycles will rise at least 30% per year through 2023 in North America, cites a report last month by Navigant Research, a market research firm. Co-author John Gartner sees several reasons: consumers looking for refuge from high gasoline prices, increases in city traffic & improved e-vehicles. Zero, the largest U.S. manufacturer of e-motorcycles, has boosted production from fewer than 100 units in 2010 to more than 2,000 this year, notes Scott Harden, the company's V.P. of marketing. Compared to gas-powered counterparts, he says Zeros are cheaper to operate -- about a penny per mile -- & don't make noise, fumes or vibrations. E-motorcycles sell best in the San Fran Bay area, southern Calif, FL & TX, says Adrian Stewart, director of marketing for Oregon-

based Brammo, which rolled out its first model in 2009. The U.S. market faces increased competition as BMW launches an e-scooter this year, & Yamaha plans an electric entry in 2016. Also on the way are three-wheeled electric tuk-tuks, vehicles without sides that have canopies & are common in Asia. Netherlands-based Tuk Tuk Factory is partnering with eTuk USA, which is seeking road-use approval for 3 models from the U.S. DOT.

Thousands of Angry Bikers Clog French Streets in Protest: Once again, France was the scene of enormous demonstrations with thousands of motorcyclists gathering in every city across the nation on April 12 & protesting at the newly proposed speed limit of 80 km per hour (50 mph) on the national road network. The angry bikers accuse the Gov't of wanting to impose draconian measures in the sole attempt to cash in extra euros from road users who simply won't respect the proposed speed limits. Paris alone saw more than 5,000 angry bikers blocking the city centre for hours & bringing it to a complete standstill. Other cities across France also saw massive protests with thousands of irate motorcyclists showing their opposition to the reduced speed limit. Lyon, the second largest French city, was also paralyzed with thousands of bikers blocking that city's centre in revolt against the new speed restrictions. Protests took place in 80 towns & cities across the country & were all organized by regional branches of the extremely respected & powerful Fédération Française des Motards en Colère (FFMC) also known in English as the French Federation of Angry Bikers. The French Gov't will further discuss the proposals & a decision will be made by the end of the year. The bikers are prepared to take up the streets again if need be to express their on-going ire.

Four Corners "Coming Together": The NCOM & COC will host a "Coming Together" on Sat, Aug 30, 2014 during Ignacio Bike Week, 1:30-4:30pm at the Sun Ute Community Center, 290 Mouache in Ignacio, Colorado. "An opportunity to meet patch holders from around the country," the agenda includes a COC Report by Richard M. Lester, Founder of AIM & NCOM, a seminar on the Defender Program & Nat'l Anti-profiling Legislation by Paul Landers, U.S. Defender Lt Commander & Liaison for COCs TX, a seminar on Riders Rights & Liberties, & a seminar by Colo A.I.M. Atty Wade Eldridge on Search & Seizure & Other Rights. The Coming Together will continue with a Confederation of Clubs Meeting with reports from representatives of each COC present, & conclude with a Show of Unity. For further info, contact NCOM at 800-ON-A-BIKE.

Weird News: Tiny Pooch: Police in Riverton, Wyoming were called to the scene of a motorcycle accident where a 45-year old man reported that a Chihuahua dog had chased him down the road on his H-D, attempting to bite the front tire & causing it to crash. Answering the age old question, "What's he going to do with it when he catches it," the pooch fled the scene but was later apprehended & its owner cited for having a small dog at large.

Quotable Quote: "You ought to be extremely cautious, watchful, jealous of your liberty; for instead of securing your rights, you may lose them forever..." - Patrick Henry (1788)

At the Senior Citizens Center they had a contest the other day. I lost by one point. The question was: Where do women have mostly curly hair? Apparently the correct answer was Africa. Who knew? One of the other questions that I missed was to name one thing commonly found in cells. It appears that Mexicans is not the correct answer either.

I have always been Crazy, But it has kept me from going Insane.

Governor calls for end of black biker weekend – June 9, 2014 - *South Carolina* – By AP; www.FoxNews.com - After a bloody Memorial Day weekend left 3 dead & 7 wounded along the Grand Strand, Gov. Nikki Haley wants to end the annual Atlantic Beach Bikefest which has drawn black bikers for decades to this community near Myrtle Beach. But Mayor Jake Evans says he has no plans to end the event in a community that, during the days of segregation, was one of the only places on the South Carolina coast where blacks were welcome. But he's willing to discuss increasing law enforcement with neighboring communities. Brad Dean of the Myrtle Beach Area Chamber of Commerce says Atlantic Beach has the right to put on whatever festival it wants. But he says neighboring communities can't stand idly by when an event has such a negative impact.

Police swoop on properties linked to Outlaws bikie gang – June 10, 2014 – *Australia* – By www.theage.com.au - Guns, cash & drugs have been seized from properties linked to the Outlaws bikie gang in Victoria's north. Police swooped on at least 4 homes & the Lisburn Street clubhouse in Shepparton, early Wed morning, arresting 2 men & a woman. Properties in Lenne Street, Mooroopna, Lemnos North Road, Lemnos, Parkside Drive, Shepparton & Allen Street, Kyabram were among others searched. The operation was a multi-agency effort, involving the anti-bikie Echo taskforce, Shepparton police & the Australian Fed Police's Nat'l Anti-Gangs Squad. The raids are part of an ongoing investigation, police say. Detectives were still searching the clubhouse late Wed morning.

Gangs worked together to sell drug – June 10, 2014 – *New Zealand* – By www.radionz.co.nz - A year-long drug investigation in Wellington has revealed what police say are rival gang members working together to sell methamphetamine. Seven people have been arrested including members of the Tribesmen gang, the Highway 61 MC & the Mongrel Mob in raids on Tue morning. Detective Senior Sergeant Chris Moore said the rival gangs used their combined networks to fuel the trade. Moore said 150 grams of methamphetamine with an estimated street value of up to \$150,000 was seized. Cash & assets worth up to \$50,000 were also seized, including a Chevrolet Corvette & a Harley Davidson motorcycle. Those arrested are due to appear in the Wellington, Masterton & Auckland District Courts this week.

Hey, act your age -- senile!

Wanna Get Away - June 10, 2014 – *Hollywood* – By The Aging Rebel; www.AgingRebel.com - Another reality television show needs a biker. J.P. Garzone, who has previously worked as a casting associate with the Fox series Kitchen Nightmares, is now casting a show called Utopia. Garzone writes: "We are looking for a diverse group of people because America is diverse. We want as many groups & demographics represented as possible. There will be lots of different skill sets there too. One group we feel needs to be represented is the MC community. This group is well known but often misunderstood. We want to have someone that can represent this lifestyle & show audiences that they are people, with families, honor, pride & morals. Whether they have been formerly incarcerated or not, does not matter. We cannot accept anyone on parole or probation, unfortunately." "The show we are doing is more social experiment than reality show but it is going to be a huge hit on a major network. Any help in spreading the word is greatly appreciated. This could be a great opportunity for someone to represent the MC community & use it as a soundboard to showcase the truth about the riding community in America, speak on injustice & squash the stereotypes."

Let's Read The Press Release: You can decide for yourself if joining this show is better than prison. The press release says: "Can a perfect world be created? From unscripted mastermind John de Mol, & based on the hit Dutch television series of the same name, Utopia is a bold new unscripted series that moves a group of everyday people to an isolated, undeveloped location – for an entire year – & challenges them to create their own civilization. "Utopia will be the largest, most ambitious social experiment on television, & I'm thrilled that Talpa Media USA has chosen Fox as its U.S. broadcast partner," said Simon Andrae, Executive V.P. of Alternative Entertainment, Fox Broadcasting Company. "The series offers people from all walks of life the chance to start all over again & re-write the rules of civilization as we know it. It addresses fascinating & fundamental questions about human law, morality & social structures, wrapped in an irresistible & truly forward-thinking television format." "With no existing power structures & limited amenities, these 'pioneers' must draw on their own ideals & everything they know about societies around the world, to create a new one...will it be better? Will they rewrite the rules they have always lived by? Will they falter or prosper? "As the Utopians build the new society, every decision counts. Each must try to become indispensable to the group or risk being exiled to their regular lives & replaced by potential newcomers who have been vying to join. "With cameras following the Utopians 24/7, viewers can watch their society unfold, both weekly on Fox & also online. As they observe the inhabitants living together, & building their new existence, viewers themselves will have the chance to become a valuable & powerful asset to the community, & ultimately to question whether Utopia remains an elusive but alluring fantasy, or whether the pioneers have truly realized their dream."

Three bikies charged after Ballarat nightclub robbery – June 10, 2014 – *Australia* – By www.TheCourier.com.au - Three men will face court today after being charged with aggravated burglary, intentionally cause serious injury, robbery & prohibited person possess firearm on Mon night. Anthony Martelli, 38-years-old from Smythes Creek, Chad Salvemini, 35-years-old from Wendouree & Graham Hudgson, 34-years-old from Wendouree, faced an out of sessions hearing in Ballarat following an alleged robbery & assault which occurred at Camp Street nightclub Haida on Sat. The men are believed to be members of the Finks OMC, whose CBD clubhouse was raided by members of the Echo Taskforce & Ballarat police on Mon morning. The warrants were executed after staff members & patrons at the Camp Street premises were allegedly assaulted & the venue was allegedly robbed shortly after midnight on Sat morning. As part of the operation, 7 premises across the region were raided & 3 men were arrested, believed to members of the outlaw Finks MC. Ballarat Police Superintendent Andrew Allen said it was important for police to send a clear message to the MC. "We know that the Finks are trying to establish themselves up here & if this is their attempt to try & muscle in & establish themselves as an outlaw motorcycle gang chapter in Ballarat, we will be there to arrest them, take them into custody & put them before the courts," he said.

I was explaining to my wife last night that when you die you get reincarnated but must come back as a different creature. She said she would like to come back as a cow. I said, "You're obviously not listening."

The wife has been missing a week now. Police said to prepare for the worst. So, I went to the thrift shop to get all of her clothes back.

Banning Black Bike Week - June 10, 2014 – South Carolina -

By The Aging Rebel; www.AgingRebel.com - South Carolina Governor Nikki Haley wants to ban the Atlantic Beach Bikefest or, as it is usually called, Black Bike Week. Black Bike Week is ostensibly a motorcycle rally but is really more of a ghetto-fabulous festival of drunken twerks. It is big, loud & scary for old white people. So far, most press outlets have been covering the furor over Black Bike Week as a motorcycle story but this is hardly about bikes. Governor Haley is either going to back down & shut up about Black Bike Week or she is going to find herself in a shouting match about race relations in the New South. Haley is alarmed because this year during Black Bike Week 3 people were killed & 7 were injured in 5 confirmed shootings. It became national news & Haley reacted like this:

Haley Speaks: “Eight shootings happened during this weekend. Three people died. That is not okay for South Carolina.” “This Bikefest does not represent the people of this state. It does not represent what we are trying to do when we promote tourism & jobs.” “There are no revenues worth the bad press that we got this past weekend. There are no revenues worth the lack of companies that will come to this area because of what happened this weekend.... There’s nothing worse that the governor wants to see than Myrtle Beach on the front page of USA Today in a negative light. In a time when we are trying to improve the tourism in South Carolina, trying to bring jobs to South Carolina, trying to show everybody why Horry County is such a great place to live, work, vacation & raise a family.” “It is time for that Bikefest to come to an end, & that is the way I’m going to talk to the elected officials of Atlantic Beach. I think it’s time for everybody in Horry County to come together to say, ‘No More.’ We are proud of our state. We are proud of the look of our state. We are proud of the actions of our state. We are proud of the people of our state, & the state deserves to be respected & the area deserves to be respected. It’s time for this activity to stop.”

Backlash: There was an immediate backlash. The Associated Press quoted an Atlantic Beach resident named Jennequa Miller as saying, “If you’re going to stop the black bikers weekend, you should stop all biker weekends, regardless if nothing happened during that time. That’s unfair.” Until the 1960s, Atlantic Beach was the only blacks only beach in Virginia, the Carolinas or Georgia. Visitors called it “The Black Pearl.” Atlantic Beach Mayor Jake Evans insists that Black Bike Week will continue. “I’m not above talking to Grand Strand city leaders & coming together with them & making sure they handle the problem, which is to make sure everybody abides by the law,” he said. “But I’m not willing to sit down at the table with anyone & discuss canceling Bikefest.” “The \$60,000 or so the town makes on Bikefest fees is a big chunk of its \$500,000 annual budget. A little bit of money is a lot to us,” Evans said.

U.S. Sentencing Commission Hearing on Drugs Minus Two Retroactivity – June 10, 2014 – U.S.A. – By FAMM; www.FAMM.org - Dear Mr. Davis, Today the U.S. Sentencing Commission held an all-day hearing on drug guideline retroactivity. As you know, the Commission agreed to lower guidelines by 2 levels for most drug offenders coming into prison after Nov 1, 2014. The question they tackled today is whether to apply that lower guideline to people already serving drug sentences. The Commission has estimated that about 51,000 prisoners could be eligible for lower sentences if the Commission approves retroactivity & their average sentence reduction would be about 23 months. There were 16 witnesses at today’s hearing - including FAMM’s general counsel, Mary Price. We were most

eager to hear the positions of the Dept of Justice, the U.S. Probation Office, & the Fed judges. In a nutshell, this is what they said: Fed judges support retroactivity of the drug guideline. Judge Irene Keeley spoke on behalf of the Fed Judicial Conference & said that although retroactivity could result in motions from 51,000 prisoners, that was the courts’ “burden to bear.” She also called it a “moral issue” & said it would be fundamentally unfair to categorically deny retroactivity to prisoners. The U.S. Probation Office basically said “we know how to handle retroactivity,” & pointed to crack reductions they have processed in past years. The Dept of Justice is a different story. The DOJ representative told the Commission that the DOJ supports “limited” retroactivity. DOJ thinks only the squeakiest clean drug prisoners should benefit – ones without any priors or guns or role enhancements. While that sounds semi-logical, it isn’t. That’s what judges are for – to determine who should benefit from retroactivity. That’s why we want judges to look at every applicant’s motion & decide whether the person is too dangerous to let out of prison. Under the Dept of Justice’s proposal, only 20,000 prisoners would be eligible to benefit from retroactivity. As you can imagine, FAMM & others who testified strongly oppose that position & argued against it. We know that criminal history frequently overstates how dangerous a person is; that testifying to your innocence at trial can trigger an obstruction of justice bump; that there is a difference between someone who points a gun at another person & someone who got a gun bump from a codefendant’s gun; & that every case is different & deserving of individual attention. That was the message FAMM’s Mary Price sent to the Commission when she testified. My take-away from the hearing is that the Commission still needs to be persuaded to vote FOR retroactivity – Without Limitations. They need to hear from families & friends of those in prison who are not squeaky clean but still deserve to have a judge determine if they are too dangerous to release a little early. The Commission needs to hear that applying the lower guideline retroactively is the kind of fundamental fairness that Americans believe in. If your car had a defect, the manufacturer wouldn’t just fix it for those who buy cars in the future; they would fix it for everyone who already owns the car. Applying the lower drug sentencing guideline is the same argument. And they need to hear about the children of prisoners who are being punished as much or more than the prisoner. We still have until July 7th to write to the US Sentencing Commission & tell them to make the drug guideline retroactive. Please do it! They will vote on whether to make it retroactive on July 18th. This is hugely important. Get involved. Get your families involved. Let’s make justice happen! Best, Julie Stewart, Founder; Families Against Mandatory Minimums

Golf Injury: Two women were playing golf. One teed off & watched in horror as her ball headed directly toward a foursome of men playing the next hole. The ball hit one of the men. He immediately clasped his hands together at his groin, fell to the ground & proceeded to roll around in agony. The woman rushed down to the man, & immediately began to apologize. “Please allow me to help. I’m a Physical Therapist & I know I could relieve your pain if you’d allow me,” she told him. “Oh, no, I’ll be all right. I’ll be fine in a few minutes,” the man replied. He was in obvious agony, lying in the fetal position, still clasping his hands there at his groin. At her persistence, however, he finally allowed her to help. She gently took his hands away & laid them to the side, loosened his pants & put her hands inside. She administered tender & artful massage for several long moments & then asked, “How does that feel?” “Feels great,” he replied, “but I still think my thumb’s broken.

Pen Argyl woman fires gun, threatens to send motorcycle gang to kill people, records say – June 11, 2014 – *Pennsylvania* – By Sarah M. Wojcik; www.lehighvalleylive.com - A Pen Argyl woman fired a handgun at the ceiling of a Plainfield Township home & threatened to send a motorcycle gang to kill people in the home, according to court records. Morgan Messinger arrived at the Plainfield Township police station at 7 p.m. Tuesday to report the incident from 3 hours earlier involving 59-year-old Glenda “Squirrel” Martin, of the 400 block of North Schank Ave, court papers say. Messinger was at a friend’s house in the 6500 block of Sullivan Trail with Laura Lilly, Matthew Cline & Scott Degarmo & James Kleiner in the township when Martin showed up, court papers say. Martin’s daughter allegedly lives at the residence, but records did not indicate if she were present at the time. Court papers say Martin began yelling at Messinger & Kleiner, threatening to kill them if they did not return stolen money by that evening. Martin allegedly went into her daughter’s room & returned with a handgun. She allegedly waved the gun around, pointed it at the ceiling & pulled the trigger. Cline, who was in the driveway at the time, ran inside when he heard the gunshot, court papers say. Martin put the gun back into her daughter’s room & returned to make more threats, court papers say. She allegedly told the Cline she’d put a bullet in his back. Martin told the group she was willing to send the Pagan’s MC after the group, court papers say. The group is a violent outlaw motorcycle gang, founded in Maryland, which traffics weapons & drugs, according to authorities. Plainfield Township police said they considered Martin’s threat about the Pagans to be legitimate because she has strong connections with the outlaw gang, according to court records. The Pagan’s are active in 11 states, including Pennsylvania & New Jersey. Plainfield Township police Patrolman Scott Zabriskie said the gang has a presence throughout the Slate Belt & police exercise extra caution when responding to certain locations & incidents where the group could be involved. “They’re definitely here,” he said. “All officers in this area are aware of it.” Although none of the victims suffered any serious injuries during the incident, they were in extreme fear for their safety, according to court records. Martin was arraigned before on-call District Judge James Narlesky on charges of aggravated assault, terroristic threats, stalking, reckless endangerment, simple assault & harassment. She was sent to Northampton County Prison in lieu of \$100,000 bail.

Man sentenced to 4 years in prison for having a gun during confrontation between Avenger – June 11, 2014 – *Michigan* – By www.StateJournal.com - A Michigan man currently behind bars for fleeing police in that state has been sentenced to 4 years in Fed prison for having a gun in his possession in Raleigh County. U.S. Atty Booth Goodwin said Thomas Glen Speck, 37, of Fostoria, will serve his prison sentence after he completes his Mich sentence of 3 to 10 years for 3rd-degree fleeing & eluding police. Speck had admitted a .12 gauge shotgun at a residence where he was staying in Harper, Raleigh County, in March 2012 was his, Goodwin said. The gun was found during an investigation of a confrontation between members of the Avengers MC & W.V. State Police, Goodwin said. Because he was convicted of unarmed robbery & 2nd-degree home invasion in Michigan in 1999, Speck is prohibited by law from possessing a firearm. Speck was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Irene C. Berger & was investigated by the West Virginia State Police & the FBI. The prosecution was handled by Asst U.S. Atty John File.

I was in bed with a blind girl last night & she said that I had the biggest penis she had ever laid her hands on. I said, “You’re pulling my leg.”

Talk of motorcycle dangers needs context – June 11, 2014 – *Minnesota* – By Bob Adomaitis; <http://m.StarTribune.com> - As a 40-year safety professional, it annoys me to the point of anger when I read articles about safety that provide misleading statistics. In the Star Tribune, the June 7 article “Motorcycle deaths up in Minnesota” stated that over the period from 1997 to 2008, motorcycle deaths in the USA more than doubled. Without being given context to that number, the reader is left thinking that a very disturbing trend is happening. However, according to the 2012 report of the Governors Highway Safety Association, motorcycle registrations in the United States went from approximately 3 million to a little more than 8 million between 1997 & 2009. Based on these numbers, the fatality rate for motorcyclists actually improved during the period in which the fatality count doubled. I found corroborating statistics on the U.S. Dept of Transportation & Motorcycle Industry Council websites. The 2012 GHSA report goes on to state that “[n]ational data support a strong relationship between motorcycle registrations & motorcyclist fatalities.” The report provides a chart showing that from 1976 to 2011, fatalities track registrations “quite closely for the entire 34 years, & extremely closely for the period 1990-2008.” State data are available, & Minnesota follows the national trend for fatalities vs. registrations. The article also discussed the number of fatalities happening in the over-45 age group: 32 of the 55 deaths in 2012. This, in addition to comments in the article, gave the impression that older riders are overrepresented in the data, which once again is not accurate. The Fed Bureau of Transportation Statistics reports that in 1985, the median age of motorcyclists was 27 & that in 2003 the median age was 41. Also in 2003, 53% of owners were 40 or older. Considering that it has been 10 years since these numbers were reported, it is not unreasonable that half of the fatalities would be happening to older riders. My point is not to minimize the tragedy of even one motor-vehicle-related death. There is no argument with the fact that motorcyclists are extremely vulnerable & that in encounters with 2- to 3-ton vehicles, the motorcycle always loses. I am a lifelong motorcycle enthusiast, & I wholeheartedly endorse the message in the article that drivers need to be much more vigilant of motorcycles. Motorcyclists, too, can greatly increase their chances for accident-free riding by wearing high-visibility clothing, riding defensively, taking a safety course and, most important, wearing protective clothing — especially a helmet (preferably full-faced). However, the take-home message of the article was that “motorcycling is dangerous,” not that “motorcyclists are dying on Minnesota roads, primarily because other drivers don’t see them.” When the Star Tribune presents articles about safety using raw data instead of providing rates, ratios, percentages or other normalizing data, it does its readers a disservice. I guess “Motorcycle death rate stable” wouldn’t attract as many readers as “Motorcycle deaths up in Minnesota.”

Danger Will Robinson - June 11, 2014 – *California* – By The Aging Rebel; www.AgingRebel.com - If you are going to ride the freeways it does you no good to think of that thing between your thighs as a motorcycle. Whether it is a bike or not is beside the point. If you want to be an old biker someday you have to understand that you’re riding a cloak of invisibility. Automobile drivers run over motorcycles & abruptly pull in front of them all the time. The results are often catastrophic for the biker. When there is a collision motorists always say, “I never saw the bike.” Police are inclined to believe the drivers who are rarely charged because there is some body of evidence that motorists who say that are telling the truth. In general drivers don’t see motorcycles because they don’t expect to see motorcycles.

Expose, Confront, Change: So the advent of “autonomous cars” may or may not be a good thing for motorcyclists. Not that anybody has any choice about whether there will be driverless cars on the San Diego Freeway & the New Jersey Turnpike within the next 5 years. To quote the immortal turn of phrase coined by Calif Lt Governor Gavin Newsome, driverless cars are coming “whether you like it or not.” It is probably only a matter of time until “Whether you like it or not” replaces E Pluribus Unum as the national motto. But there are some rational people who would like to slow down the ever accelerating transformation of the United States & the rest of the First World into a science fiction dystopia. Yesterday one of them was a guy named John M. Simpson who is the “Privacy Project Director” for a non-profit group called Consumer Watchdog – whose official motto, by the way, is “Expose, Confront, Change.” Simpson is alarmed by the alacrity with which the new “Google Car” is likely to appear on public roads in Calif. Anybody who remembers the days when auto GPS devices instructed motorists to drive over cliffs or who has seen this week’s Forbes headline, “After GM’s Apology: More Than 2 Million Dangerous Cars Still On The Road,” understands that consumer technology is not foolproof. Google, which some people still think of as merely a search engine, is itself aware of the shortcomings inherent in the global positioning infrastructure integral to its autonomous car. That’s why Google announced yesterday that it is spending a half billion dollars to buy a satellite company called Skybox Imaging.

Google Car: In case you missed it, Google announced on May 27 that it is building a fleet of 100 experimental electric-powered vehicles that have no driver controls whatsoever. You control these things with a smart phone. You use your phone to tell the autonomous vehicle where you want to go & the Google car, theoretically, takes you there instead of over a cliff into the Pacific. Also, in an ideal world, these Jetsons’ gizmos will notice when you are splitting lanes on any of El Lay’s lovely byways without going into kill mode. Google probably doesn’t intend to start manufacturing cars. What Google wants to do is develop & sell technology that existing manufacturers like VW, Ford, Nissan, Toyota & Mercedes-Benz can use in the driverless cars they are already developing. And what Consumer Watchdog objects to about all this is Google’s intention to start testing these things on Calif Hwys at the end of the summer. The group wants a driver with control over things like starting, stopping & steering in these “cars” for another 2 years - until July 2016.

Dear DMV: Yesterday Simpson wrote Jean Shiomoto, Dir of the Calif Dept of Motor Vehicles: “I am writing on behalf of Consumer Watchdog to express our concern that Google & others with a vested interest in developing autonomous vehicle technology, also known as ‘driverless cars,’ may push the Dept of Motor Vehicles into promulgating rules regulating the public use of these vehicles on California’s highways that are inadequate to protect our safety. “There can be no doubt that Google is pushing to deploy autonomous vehicles as fast as it can. The Dept of Motor Vehicles must not succumb to the Internet giant’s pressure. One of the key safety provisions of the testing regulations is the requirement that there must be a test driver in the driver’s seat who is capable of assuming control of the car if there is a problem. Little more than a week after the DMV adopted the testing regulations; Google announced plans for a fleet of driverless cars that have no steering wheel, brake pedal or accelerator. There would be no way for an occupant to take control in an emergency; occupants would be captives of Google’s technology, completely at the Internet giant’s mercy. “We call on the DMV to ensure the safety of the public is put well

ahead of the self-serving agendas of the manufacturers. The autonomous vehicle regulations for public use should require a full year’s results of testing under DMV regulations with at least 6 months to publicly scrutinize & analyze the results before a vehicle can be certified.”

House Votes to Keep Motorcycle Lobbying Ban - June 12, 2014 - Washington D.C. – By AMA; www.Motorcycle-USA.com
- The U.S. House of Representatives approved a bill late Tuesday that reaffirms Congress’ intent to prohibit the Nat’l Highway Traffic Safety Administration from lobbying states & state legislators on motorcycle safety matters, the AMA reports. H.R. 4745 -- the Transportation, Housing & Urban Development, & Related Agencies Appropriations Act -- originally contained a provision that would have permitted the NHSTA to spend tax money to try to convince states to adopt mandatory motorcycle helmet laws & to impose other unnecessary regulations on motorcyclists. The ban has been in place since 1995. U.S. Reps. Tim Walberg (R-Mich.) & Jim Sensenbrenner (R-Wis.) offered the amendment to strike Section 102 of H.R. 4745. The amended bill passed on a vote of 229-192, with 10 members not voting. “As a rider, I know that educating riders & the driving public is the best way to keep motorcyclists safe,” Walberg said. “I’ve always thought that what you put between your ears is equally as important as what you put on your head or body, & I’m glad the House passed this commonsense amendment so we can focus on promoting motorcycle safety, not wasting more taxpayer dollars.” Wayne Allard, AMA V.P. for Gov’t relations, applauded the change. “We are happy that the House members accepted the language in the amendment,” said Wayne Allard, AMA V.P. for Gov’t relations. “Lifting the ban on NHSTA lobbying would have given Washington bureaucrats free rein to spend taxpayer money to lobby states & legislators to create laws that infringe on our rights as motorcyclists.” The Senate version of the appropriations bill remains under consideration. The AMA believes that adults should have the right to voluntarily decide when to wear a helmet. The AMA does not oppose laws requiring helmets for minor motorcycle operators & passengers. The AMA asserts that helmet use alone is insufficient to ensure a motorcyclist’s safety.

The Male Life Cycle: When I was 13, I hoped that one day I would have a girlfriend with big tits. When I was 16 I got a girlfriend with big tits, but there was no passion, so I decided I needed a passionate girl with a zest for life. In college I dated a passionate girl, but she was too emotional. Everything was an emergency; she was a drama queen, cried all the time & threatened suicide. So I decided I needed a girl with stability. When I was 25 I found a very stable girl but she was boring. She was totally predictable & never got excited about anything. Life became so dull that I decided that I needed a girl with some excitement. When I was 28, I found an exciting girl, but I couldn’t keep up with her. She rushed from one thing to another, never settling on anything. She did mad impetuous things & made me miserable as often as happy. She was great fun initially & very energetic, but directionless. So I decided to find a girl with some real ambition. When I turned 30, I found a smart ambitious girl with her feet planted firmly on the ground, so I married her. She was so ambitious that she divorced me & took everything I owned. I am older & wiser now, & I am looking for a girl with big tits.

A buddy of mine has just told me he’s getting it on with his girlfriend & her twin. I said, “How can you tell them apart?” He said, “Her brother’s got a mustache.”

Grenade launchers to bandages: 'It's there for the asking' – June 12, 2014 – *Minnesota* – by Tom Steward; <http://www.LookTrueNorth.com> – Old tanks, jeeps, artillery & other military leftovers used to end up in city parks. Now, hardware from the Iraq & Afghan wars often winds up in the hands of police & other law enforcement agencies — items from “paperclips to airplanes” at essentially no cost, courtesy of the L.E. Support Office of the Dept of Defense. A state Dept of Public Safety briefing video for L.E. ticks off the gear: ambulances, armored vehicles, helicopters, handcuffs, riot shields, cranes, fuel tankers, rifles, pickups, holsters, bayonets & grenade launchers. All this is available for potential procurement, provided local authorities demonstrate a direct application to their mission. “Any type of thing that you can think of that can help support the process of law enforcement here in the state of Minnesota,” Kim Ketterhagen, an official with the Minnesota Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Management, says in the 2013 video. “... So, please reach out to us & obtain this equipment. It's there for the asking.” Authorities say concerns over safety, training & emergency preparedness drives much of the demand. “My squad cars aren't bulletproof & this is deer-hunting country, so we assume pretty much anybody out in a farmhouse here is armed with a high-powered rifle,” said Sheriff Robin Cole about Pine County's 20-ton mine-resistant vehicle, obtained for \$3,000 in transportation costs. “So needlessly exposing my officers to the potential of being shot from a quarter-mile away is not something I'm willing to do, if we have a vehicle to help mitigate that.” Under the Fed Govt's 1033 Surplus Equipment Program, more than \$25 million in military surplus weapons, vehicles & gear has been scooped by 325 Minnesota local police Depts & 85 county sheriff Depts. Several state agencies also participate, including the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, Minnesota Dept of Public Safety & Minnesota State Patrol. “It can be a way to re-utilize things that would otherwise be destroyed or junked & save some people some money in the process,” said Lt. Erik Stenemann of the Uni of Minn P.D. The campus police received 8 M-16 rifles. The Minnesota Public Safety Dept provided Watchdog Minnesota Bureau with a breakdown of 8,600 items procured by local & state authorities, going back to an armored vehicle obtained by Otter Tail County in 1994. The equipment runs the gamut from hundreds of trauma & first-aid kits to night-vision sniper scopes & assault packs. There's even an indoor rock-climbing wall & gym equipment, which the Breckenridge P.D. got in 2012. Weapons account for about one-third of the inventory: 1,973 M-16 rifles, 610 M-14 rifles, 245 .45-caliber pistols, 68 “riot type” 12-gauge shotguns & 10 grenade launchers for tear gas & smoke grenades. The Minneapolis P.D. ordered 162 M-16s, while the Dept of Public Safety & State Patrol each got 210 of the military rifles. The city of St. Louis Park procured 3 grenade launchers, according to the DPS spreadsheet. The checklist includes 24 armored trucks, 7 mine-resistant ambush protected vehicles & 7 Humvee utility trucks used by SWAT teams & for rescues & other emergency operations. A Staples officer volunteered his time to pick up a used Humvee in Jefferson City, Mo., which carries a sticker price of nearly \$50,000, brand new. “The Humvee vehicle will be used as a mobile incident response unit & not for daily patrol,” according to the city of Staples' August 2012 newsletter. “... The Humvee requisitioned by the police Dept is a 4-door model with a hard shell slant-back powered by a 6.2 liter diesel engine with 32,548 miles on it. The interior is strictly utilitarian & lacks any creature comforts such as a radio or air conditioning.” MN Dept of Public Safety list of surplus military equipment State officials track the weapons & other gear through on-site audits & serial numbers. The checklist includes 4 Bell

helicopters, obtained over the years by the Minnesota Dept of Natural Resources. “The taxpayers made out huge on this deal. The air time that we flew on these ships & the military, it was a great opportunity,” said Roger Tietz, operations support manager for the DNR enforcement division. “You can't speak against it. It put us into a flight program we probably would not have been able to start up.” While the procurement program dates to 1993, the arrival of Mine-Resistant Ambush Protected — MRAP — armored vehicles in recent months has touched off a national discussion of the “militarization of police.” “It may seem like overkill, it may also seem like a cost savings. I suppose it all depends on what your needs are,” said Capt. Stenemann of the Univ of Minn P.D. “... I can see where someone would look at a program like this, & the hot topic these days is the militarization of P.D.s, & this is it. But really, it's kind of like sifting through a Dumpster in many ways.” Minnesota was reportedly allotted 18 MRAPs — with 7 already on the ground in Dakota, Olmsted, Pine, Sherburne, St. Louis & Wright counties & the city of St. Cloud. “So how do we maintain the balance between the need for a robust law enforcement presence, which has the capability to meet the demands of the 21st century, with the need to preserve the basic civil liberties outlined in the Constitution?” Tom McGregor, a citizen watchdog now running for county commissioner, wrote in Wright County Watch this past fall. “Any equipment this office owns, as long as I am sheriff, will be used only within the constraints of the Constitution of this country,” said Sheriff Cole. “That means when we use our vehicles to do some sort of police action, number one, someone's life will be in dire jeopardy or we will have a warrant issued by a judge based on probable cause to be using the vehicle in that way.” A key reason for Wright County's MRAP: the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's security concerns over the Monticello Nuclear Power Plant. County authorities stress the defensive capabilities of the 24-ton MRAP, still on its first tank of fuel. “There's no gun mount on it; as a matter of fact, it doesn't even have gun ports. There's no little window we can even open up to stick a gun out ...,” said Capt. Todd Hoffman of the Wright County Sheriff's Office. “So it's basically a big piece of body armor that you can put some deputies in & drive up to a scene.” Pine County's MRAP has already seen action in 2 drug raids since arriving this past fall. It will see more action this summer in parades & fairs. “The kids love to crawl around on it,” Cole said. “People have received it very well, & it's free. It's hard to pass up free considering what one of these things costs.” It's the second armored vehicle obtained by Pine County authorities. Perhaps someday one of those things will be put to use the old-fashioned way — as a static display in a local park.

Drug ringleader testifies first in Windham man's smuggling trial – June 12, 2014 – *Maine* – By Scott Dolan; www.PressHerald.com – Steven Olson, 23, is accused of helping ringleader David Jones traffic millions of dollars' worth of marijuana from California to Maine. Convicted drug ringleader David Jones of Portland testified at the trial of his accused “right-hand man” Wed that he paid a percentage of the hundreds of thousands of dollars he made smuggling marijuana across the country to the Boston chapter of the Hells Angels MC. During the 1st day of Steven Olson's trial in U.S. District Court in Portland, Jones said his marijuana ring, which smuggled the drug from California to Maine, overlapped with a cocaine trafficking ring run by Robert Evon, former owner of the Port City Music Hall, now in jail awaiting sentencing on Fed charges in Maine & New York. Jones said that he bought some of the cocaine he needed to feed his ounce-a-week habit from Evon, & that Evon bought marijuana from him. Jones also said that he was close to

an agreement to buy the Port City Music Hall from Evon last year before being outbid by the owners of the nearby State Theatre, which now runs both venues. Evon was arrested July 31 on cocaine-trafficking charges & Jones was arrested in Portland on Oct. 4 on marijuana-smuggling charges. Until Wed, Fed authorities had not revealed the connection between Jones' & Evon's drug rings. Lead investigator John Bourque, a detective from the Kennebec County Sheriff's Office assigned to the Fed DEA, described the connection while testifying as the trial's first witness Wed. Bourque said Fed agents heard Jones' voice while conducting a wiretap investigation into Evon's ring & subsequently obtained a wiretap for several disposable phones that Jones used. Olson, 23, of Windham, is the only person so far, out of more than a dozen charged in either ring, to refuse a plea offer & insist on a jury trial. Nearly everyone else charged has pleaded guilty, including prominent Saco Atty Gary Prolman & Old Orchard Beach businessman Michael Paul Jr., who each pleaded guilty to money laundering. Olson was indicted by a Fed grand jury in Dec & has pleaded not guilty to a charge of conspiracy to distribute marijuana. He faces a minimum of 5 years & up to 40 years in prison, as well as a maximum fine of \$5 million. Olson's Atty, William Maselli, told jurors to be skeptical of much of the testimony they would hear because many of the witnesses have either been convicted but still face sentencing, or are trying to avoid being charged. "Every single one of these witnesses has a very powerful, life-altering motive to come in & testify," Maselli said. "They all have a motive." Maselli told the jurors that he expects the evidence will be "insufficient" to find Olson guilty on the conspiracy charge. Jones has pleaded guilty to smuggling as much as 5,500 pos of marijuana from Calif starting in 2011 using the U.S. Postal Service, & driving hundreds of pounds more across the country, according to Fed court documents. The total value of the marijuana was in the millions of dollars. Evon has pleaded guilty in Fed court in New York State to arranging to have 2 soda vending machines filled with 78 kilograms of cocaine, worth about \$2.7 million, to be delivered from Los Angeles to an East Coast warehouse in Feb 2012. He also faces Fed charges in Maine of conspiracy to distribute cocaine, conspiracy to distribute marijuana & possession of the hallucinogen LSD with intent to distribute. Both men & other members of their drug enterprises face decades in Fed prison at upcoming sentencing hearings. Tiffany Ridlon, Jones' ex-girlfriend whom he met while she was working as a stripper at PT's Showclub in Portland, testified that she introduced Jones to Olson in 2012 so Olson could help him with the marijuana smuggling business. Jones, who also goes by the nickname David Kaos, 1st drew the attention of Fed authorities on Sept. 5, 2012, after a member of his ring, Raymond Paquette, was arrested in Kansas while driving about 106 pounds of marijuana from Calif to Maine. Jones was in a different car trailing Paquette in Kansas & was also arrested but ultimately released. The prosecutor, Assistant U.S. Atty Daniel Perry, said in his opening statement that police obtained a warrant & searched Jones' properties in Maine after his Kansas arrest, but then the trail went cold for several months. Jones testified that after his Kansas arrest, he & Olson had a falling out. Jones said Olson refused to pick him up from the airport, wouldn't return phone calls & waited months before repaying a portion of his \$350,000 drug debt to Jones. "I told him to kick rocks," Jones testified. "Our working relationship was over." Jones also admitted under cross-examination by Maselli that he had threatened multiple witnesses in the case since his arrest. He admitted that he hired a private investigator & another man with connections to the Hells Angels to follow Prolman & collect \$177,500 from him after he cut ties with Jones. Jones, who could be sentenced to life in prison, admitted that he

agreed to testify against Olson as part of a deal with Fed authorities. "You'd pretty much do anything to do less time in prison, isn't that right?" Maselli asked. "I'd say that's fair," Jones answered. Jones is expected to return to the stand Thu.

Vet is asked to remove vest at eatery – June 12, 2014 – Florida
- By Matt Morgan; <http://m.palmbeachpost.com> - Robert "Pitstop" Thompson, Assistant Director Chapter 180 of the American Legion Riders, photographed at his home in Pompano Beach on Wed, June 11, 2014. Thompson says he was asked to remove his leather American Legion Riders vest at the Old Key Lime House in Lantana. "The manager said he didn't like the image of the rider," he said. "I told him I represent the military. I should be able to wear this..." After a Pompano Beach man felt disrespected at a Lantana restaurant Saturday, he did what many people in 2014 would do. He posted it on Facebook. What happened next surprised him. Robert Thompson's post was shared more than 100 times, a re-post of his message was shared nearly 1,500 times & a new group called "Protest Key Lime House in Lantana, FL" got more than 2,300 "likes" in its first day. "I'm in shock that it has gotten to this point," he said. Thompson, who said he's a 20-year Navy veteran, was wearing his American Legion motorcycle vest Saturday. An assistant manager at the Old Key Lime House made him take it off because the restaurant has a policy against motorcycle vests & patches because of its image as a family restaurant. Thompson took off the vest & his group ate without incident, but when Thompson approached the assistant manager about the policy he said the man was rude. Thompson said he told the man that didn't belong to any motorcycle gang, he just wanted to wear his American Legion vest. He said the manager then rolled his eyes, telling Thompson he didn't care. "That's a slap in the face to any vet," he said. A manager at the restaurant said the incident boiled down to a misunderstanding & poor judgment by the assistant manager. Katherine Kenyon said the policy against vests & patches has been in place for about 10 years, but it does not apply to veterans in American Legion attire. She said the assistant manager, who does not usually interact with customers, was "out of line" & has been suspended indefinitely without pay. "It is our fault, & we apologize for that," she said. "We welcome all vets on motorcycles." Thompson said he wants the restaurant to issue a public apology & hold a bike night fundraiser that will go toward military charities of his choice. He said he works directly with the Heroes Entering Life's Opportunities Foundation & Military Heroes Support Foundation, both of which he said give 100% of money to veterans. The restaurant team is willing to give Thompson both requests, Kenyon said. Thompson is planning to speak in person with the owner, Wayne Cordero today. Both Cordero & his daughter, whom Kenyon said are also veterans, called Thompson to apologize & talk about the incident. But the protest page still exists. Some people on the page are planning a ride-by protest for Fri around 6 p.m., but Thompson said he never wanted it to get that far. He said he felt disrespected at the restaurant, but Thompson is giving the owner the benefit of the doubt because he wasn't there. He said he doesn't want the restaurant to lose business & close. "I don't want the doors to shut down because of this," he said. "I don't want people losing their jobs." Several comments on the page include screen shots of a page called "Old Key Lime House" that has all-caps posts attacking the bikers. One post — that was later deleted — says the restaurant doesn't like "loud stupid bikers." Kenyon said that is not an official page & wasn't created by management. She said they didn't own the page or have any control over content.

Keep talking. I always yawn when I'm interested.

Neuman, Schuh spar over HAs visit to restaurant – June 12, 2014 - *Maryland* - By Ben Weathers; www.CapitalGazette.com - This much everyone seems to agree on: On April 5, a group of motorcycle gang members stopped at the Greene Turtle restaurant in Gambrills & left without any problems. What remains in dispute is what was said between Anne Arundel police & the restaurant's management before the incident, which came to light during last week's debate between County Executive Laura Neuman & state Del. Steve Schuh, R-Gibson Island. Schuh & Neuman will face each other on June 24 in the Republican primary for county executive. Neuman said she found Schuh's previous comments on gang activity in the county "interesting" given the gang's visit to the restaurant, in which Schuh is a partner. County police contacted the restaurant prior to the event to request members of the Hells Angels motorcycle gang not be allowed to show their "colors" or club insignia. When police went to the restaurant the day of the event, they found more than 50 motorcyclists they identified as Hells Angels displaying gang colors, Neuman said. Schuh is the owner of several restaurants managed by GT-Mid States LLC, a holding company for restaurants including Greene Turtle Sports & Grilles in Gambrills, Pasadena & Annapolis. He is the company's financial adviser & is not involved in the day-to-day operations of the businesses. Schuh has cited gangs as a top public safety concerns during his campaign speeches. "If you're committed to reducing gangs or eliminating gangs in the county, I would ask that your businesses also honor that request & refuse to let them show colors in the restaurant," Neuman said in the debate at Severna Park H.S.

'No colors' policy: County police provided an email sent to Schuh's GT Mid-States LLC's partners James King & County Councilman Derek Fink, R-Pasadena, in March recommending the restaurant implement a "no colors" policy. Police spokesman Lt. T.J. Smith said police initiated conversations with the restaurant's management in Jan & asked signs be posted barring gang colors. But the day of the event, no signs were posted & some 60 Hells Angels & 30 other motorcycle gang members were displaying their club insignias, Smith said. Club members will wear vests or jackets with the club name & insignia, Smith said. While the club's members gathered at the restaurant & had drinks, no alcohol was served, Smith said. The email, sent in March & provided by police, makes no mention of posting signs at the restaurant. The email refers to the club's "long history" of crimes including "murder, attempted murder, extortion, racketeering, firearms trafficking, conspiracy, & drug trafficking." In response, Schuh accused Neuman of using the police Dept to serve her political purposes, likening her to her predecessor, John R. Leopold. Leopold resigned from office last year after being found guilty of misconduct in office — in part for using his police security detail for posting & retrieving political signs & picking up campaign checks. "I would have thought Laura Neuman would have learned from the example of John Leopold not to be using the police Dept for political purposes," Schuh said.

'Political statement': Neuman dismissed the criticism. "That's clearly a political statement intended to cover up bad public policy" at the restaurant, Neuman said. Schuh said the restaurants have a "no colors" policy & if gang members were wearing colors that day, it was a violation. County Police Chief Kevin Davis, who was appointed by Neuman, responded through an agency spokesman that the Dept "plays no role in political campaigns." During the debate, Neuman also said police sent additional officers to the restaurant. Smith said the additional response was based on police history with the gang & the fact they would be at a family establishment - not because of the restaurant's failure to

follow the recommendation. Five jurisdictions assisted county police & 16 undercover officers & 8 members of the police's gang unit were present at the restaurant, Smith said. Knowing the gang was going to be at the restaurant in large numbers required a "thoughtful response" from police, Smith said. The P.D. & the restaurant's management are at odds over the details & the communications exchanged concerning the event. King, GT Mid-States LLC CEO, said he had a phone conversation with the head of the police's gang unit days before the event. "I was advised by the head of the gang unit that 'There's not much you can do, just wanted to alert you of the situation,'" King said. King said the restaurant had 2 off-duty Maryland State Police troopers working security the day of the event. The restaurant's CEO said that no one "instructed me, told me or suggested" that signs be posted. "If they asked me to do it, I certainly would," King said. Reached at the restaurant Thu morning, Fink said signs have not been posted. During the 3 years the business has been there has never been a similar event, he said.

Charity event: The email provided by police refers to the event as the Hells Angels & support club members' "inaugural spring ride." King & Fink said they were informed the ride was part of annual charity event — a suggestion Neuman dismissed. "This was in no way a charitable event," Neuman said. Gangs will often disguise gatherings as charity events, Smith said. Attempts to reach the MC were unsuccessful. Smith said the event was one of multiple stops during the day — though the only one known to be in the county. The time the group spent at the restaurant also appears to be in dispute. Smith said the group stayed at the restaurant for nearly 2 hours. King, who was not at the event, said he received information from staff the group was there for less than an hour. Smith said it was not uncommon for police to reach out to businesses when they have information that gang activity or other crimes are being committed. The Dept works with area hotels when it receives information about underage drinking or prostitution, he said.

Road Rage Blamed For Wild, Violent Chase With Biker Club - June 13, 2014 - By Phil Rogers; *Illinois* - By www.NBCChicago.com - Woman charged with attempted murder for allegedly provoking confrontation... Police say a young biker died in a wild chase provoked by a case of road rage, & a motorist faces 2 counts of attempted murder as a result of the incident. Authorities say 27-year-old Chiquita Stevenson was driving home from work near the intersection of Archer Ave & Lagrange Rd in Burr Ridge when she encountered the DC Eagles MC. The bikers were visiting southwest suburban cemeteries on what's called a "Rest in Peace" ride. Stevenson is accused of swerving her car into the middle of the pack, coming close to striking one of the bikers, & after an angry exchange, throwing objects at them from inside her car. Investigators say the altercation escalated, & Stevenson began chasing 2 of the motorcyclists up Archer Ave. At that point, one of the bikers, 23-year-old Joshua Deford, also gave chase, creating a wild procession weaving in & out of traffic & at times in the wrong lanes at speeds reaching 80 mph, according to police. At some point during the chase, Deford lost control of his bike, skidding & crashing as the procession continued into suburban Bedford Park. He died from his injuries on Tue. Police say the bikers attempted to drive into the parking lot of the Bedford Park police station, & that's where Stevenson allegedly struck one of them with her vehicle, causing him to crash. But Stevenson's boyfriend, Nicholas Williams, tells NBC 5 a radically different version of the story. Williams says the Stevenson was on her way home from work when she encountered the bikers, one of whom he says attempted to smash

her windshield. He says Stevenson pursued one of the cyclists to get his license number, but others surrounded her car. At one point he says she called 911 because she feared for her safety, & insists she was not the aggressor. “She’s 120 pounds,” Williams said. “Who in their right mind would do that?” Stevenson pleaded guilty to misdemeanor battery in 2012 & was sentenced to 18 months of supervision. She is being held on \$500,000 bond.

Woman says biker gang targeted her on Hwy - June 14, 2014 – North Carolina – By Dianne Gallagher; www.WCNC.com - A trip from Charlotte to Disney World was interrupted by a motorcycle gang. A local woman says her windshield was broken & she has the pictures to prove it. “Shards of glass flew even into the second row seat of my car. A piece hit my nephew in the face. We were covered in glass,” Christy Boyles explains. It’s how her windshield was smashed that still has Christy so shaken up. It was just a brief run-in on I-77 South in Rock Hill. “There were a bunch of motorcycles coming up on us & riding my tail. My husband has always told me, ‘If you get around a pack like that, get over & get out of their way.’ They started to come over to my lane & cut me off.” But Christy says it was already too late. “He had a metal thing in his hand & he just flung it at us. Just this big, brown piece of metal with bolts & stuff on it. I just had to let us hit us because I had nowhere to go.” Christy told NBC Charlotte over the phone, a trooper said biker gangs are becoming a problem on the highways again. Sergeant Tim Ayers, Pres of the South Carolina Gang Investigators Association, agrees. Since 2009 S.C. has probably been the hotbed for the Southeast. A double murder tied to biker gangs from back in March at the Fort Mill Armory is still unsolved. And NBC Charlotte has covered Fed & local busts over the past few years that have put dozens of Hells Angels, Outlaws & other notorious gang members in handcuffs & behind bars. Many of whom lived, worked & rode the streets of Rock Hill. “There’s been an increase in presence in our area, but fortunately we’ve been able to push their criminal activity out of the city limits,” Ayers says. “They’re not interested in civilians on the street. Their issues are with other clubs, but if they feel like someone just wrecked or tried to wreck them, they do take offense to it & get upset about it.” Christy says aside from cuts, no one was injured but “it absolutely terrified us, frightened us.” Ayers says Christy did everything right but biker gangs can be unpredictable. If you find yourself in a similar situation, try to get out of the way & don’t make any gestures or comments to the bikers.

Hells Angels associates hit with stringent non-association orders over 2012 Savvy nightclub brawl – June 14, 2014 – *Australia* – By Nigel Hunt; www.HeraldSun.com - Three key HAs associates have been hit with stringent non-association orders following a brawl in the city. The trio are banned from associating with up to 5 fellow gang associates who were also involved in the incident at Savvy nightclub in 2012. It is only the 2nd time the non-association orders have been sought & granted in Adelaide Magistrates Court against biker gang members. The orders, granted by Magistrate David Whittle, also prevent Musa Alzuain, Daniel Jalleh & David Nicholas from being within 25m of Savvy nightclub unless they are driving past “in a car with windows closed”. The orders individually name up to 5 Hells Angels associates they are banned from associating with for a six-month period. Crime Gangs detectives charged 13 Hells Angels members & associates over the brawl on Oct 1, 2012, which erupted on the footpath in front of the Waymouth St nightclub. The men were identified as a result of extensive CCTV footage of the incident. So far 5 of those involved have been convicted of affray. Four received suspended sentences & one received a 10-

month jail term with a three-month non-parole period. Assistant Commissioner (Crime) Paul Dickson said the non-association orders were an “excellent outcome” & all available legislation would be used to disrupt & dismantle biker gangs. “Fights & brawling are behaviours typical of outlaw motorcycle gangs. SAPOL will not tolerate OMCG members & associates thinking they can act with impunity,” he said. “My message to those who have been issued with non-association & place restriction orders — SAPOL will be actively policing these orders to ensure that the public safety is maintained.” He said that besides contributing to public safety, the orders disrupted the ability of gang members to “organize, plan & commit criminal offending”. “The members who have been issued the non-association orders are very close. Their inability to associate together will have significant impact on both their ability to attend Hells Angels OMCG events & to gather in public due to the scrutiny of SAPOL,” Dickson said. The court-issued non-association orders were 1st used in Sept, 2012, against 2 Comancheros bikies who were convicted following a brawl in Hindley St. They were banned from associating with each other for 2 years.

Over 20 Motorcycle Wrecks during ROT Rally Weekend so far – June 15, 2014 – *Texas* - By www.TWCnews.com - Sunday is the last day of Texas’ largest motorcycle rally, & Austin police are urging people in town for the show to stay safe. The **Republic of Texas Biker Rally**, or ROT Rally, kicked off Thu. Nearly 200,000 people turned out to show off their bikes. ROT Rally includes a free concert & bike shows, & it even featured a performance from Evel Knievel’s son. Austin police are urging motorcyclists to stay safe. They say they’ve had at least 21 motorcycle wrecks since the show kicked off Thu, including several with life-threatening injuries.

Morton woman, Peoria man killed by gunman at East Peoria sports bar – June 15, 2014 – *Illinois* – By Matt Buedel; www.WashingtonTimesReporter.com - An off-duty FBI agent may have averted a mass-shooting Sat night when a gunman walked into a sports bar packed with patrons attending a high school reunion & shot his ex-wife & her new boyfriend. The gunman was killed when the agent, whom police would only officially identify as an off-duty L.E. officer & subsequently asked not to be named, shot the suspect after gunfire erupted about 8 p.m. at the Fifth Quarter Sports Bar & Pizzeria. The suspect & the 2 targets of his initial burst of gunfire ultimately died - the suspect at the scene & the other man & woman at a Peoria hospital. East Peoria Police Chief Dick Ganschow said investigators were reviewing video of the incident recorded at the bar, & crime scene investigators were gathering evidence. Interviews of friends & relatives of the shooter & the victims will continue in the coming days to determine the background that led to the deadly shooting. . . . The shooting incident happened about 8 p.m. Sat at the establishment at 1110 N. Main St., just across Illinois Route 116 from the Par-A-Dice Hotel & Casino. A heavy police presence remained on scene for hours after the gunfire erupted. “After just a brief moment inside the bar, he pulled out a weapon & shot a female & a male,” Ganschow said of the suspect. “He was subsequently shot.” Multiple sources, including a person at the scene who declined to be identified, said the shooter was the ex-husband of the woman who was shot. The other male who was shot was the woman’s new boyfriend. They were attending a high school reunion. A group of people on motorcycles wearing regalia of the Outlaw MC left the bar immediately after the shooting & was followed by police to a clubhouse on Farmington Road in Peoria County. Police later said they were witnesses to the incident, & not suspects.

Rival motorcycle gangs clash; two pummeled with clubs, ax handles – June 15, 2014 – *Pennsylvania* – By John Craven; www.WFMZ.com - One Montgomery County neighborhood is on edge after a violent brawl broke out between rival motorcycle gangs. Both groups have long criminal pasts & neighbors say they fear retaliation. The melee happened Saturday afternoon at the Ridge View Terrace mobile home park on West Ridge Pike, an area neighbors said is usually quiet. “There were graduation parties going on & baby showers going on & birthday parties,” said one neighbor who would only give her 1st name, Vicki. The park was the site of a picnic for the Wheels of Soul, a Philadelphia-based MC with a long criminal past. The Philadelphia Inquirer reports that at least 22 reported members have been indicted since 2011. According to Limerick Township police, the rival Pagan’s biker gang showed up & the melee began. Two gunshots were fired, but no one was struck, police said. Two men did go to the hospital after being struck in the head. One was reportedly hit with an ax handle. “It’s heartbreaking to have somebody come fight like that in front of anybody,” said neighbor Gary Collins. Both motorcycle groups have long & violent pasts. A Wheels of Soul member in Chicago was recently convicted of murdering several people. Closer to home, a woman claimed she was raped at a Wheels of Soul clubhouse in Camden, N.J., in March. Days later, city crews there demolished the clubhouse for code violations. Ridge View residents said motorcycle gangs have never been an issue there before. “They were never a problem before,” said resident Dave Duncan. “They’d better never have a party like that [again].” Many neighbors would not comment or even give their names, saying they feared retaliation. The ones who did said they were afraid the groups would return. “It’s horrible to know that there’s people out there like that, but the world’s full of hatred, & it’s a shame,” Collins said. Bruce Ashton rides a Harley & said violence like this gives all bikers a bad name. “Most of the guys that I know & I ride with, they’re all good guys,” he said. “Nothing wrong with them.” For now, police haven’t charged anyone yet, although they said witnesses are cooperating. That’s little comfort to a neighborhood living in fear of what could happen next.

London police monitor gathering of Hells Angels & Gatekeeper bikers – June 15, 2014 – *Canada* - By Dale Carruthers; www.chathamdailynews.ca - Police kept a close eye on a gathering of outlaw bikers in London on Sat. Members of the Hells Angels & the Gatekeepers were at the Polish Hall on Hill St. for a wedding. Bikers wearing full patches could be seen out front of the SoHo reception hall in the afternoon. “We do know that they’re in town & we are watching them,” Const. Amy Phillipa told the Free Press. The hall is located around the corner from a temporary Hells Angels clubhouse on Grey St. The single-storey house has been the scene of previous gatherings of outlaw bikers. It has also been the scene of violence. On Jan. 11, 2012, Diamond Ialenti, a known full-patch London Hells Angel, was shot near the Grey St. house, along with a woman. Both survived the shooting. Police said that the shooting was related to a turf war for the city’s illegal drug trade between street gangs & the Hells Angels. There are approximately 12 full-patch members of the Hells Angels in London & 160 in Ontario, said Det. Sgt. Len Isnor, head of the OPP-led -provincial biker-enforcement unit. The Gatekeepers are a friend club of the Hells Angels. That means the Hells Angels started the club & have oversight over it. The Gatekeepers have 4 chapters: 3 in Nova Scotia, one in London. “There is one Hells Angels member that is in charge of the 4 chapters. He basically liaisons with the Gatekeepers,” Isnor said. The Gatekeepers at the Polish Club were wearing patches with “Middlesex County” written on the bottom, indicating

they’re from the London chapter. It’s not unusual for police to keep tabs on Hells Angels gatherings, Isnor said. “They are organized crime . . . we have an obligation to protect the public & we monitor whenever they have gatherings.”

State Gov’t postpones plan to wipe bikies from building industry until after royal commission report into union corruption – June 16, 2014 - *Australia* - By Neil Doorely; www.CourierMail.com.au - The new laws were due to come into force in just 2 weeks & could have forced every tradie to undergo a police background check. Hundreds of plumbers, builders & electricians had until July 1 to relinquish any ties, or even friendships, they might have with motorcycle gang members or face deregistration under the legislation — which would have seen police share criminal intelligence with regulators. However Atty-General Jarrod Bleijie has confirmed the State Gov’t will “wait for any possible findings from the royal commission into union corruption before launching its new anti-criminal gang licensing program”. The royal commission must report by Dec 31. “Since the legislation was passed, there have been more allegations across Australia about building & construction trade unions’ links to organized crime & there is now a royal commission investigating possible corruption by those unions,” Bleijie said. “Our reforms have already made huge headway against the gangs & reduced crime but there may be further issues that need to be addressed when the royal commission’s report is handed down, so it’s prudent to wait.” The Electrical Trades Union - which had threatened to take the State Gov’t to the High Court over the legislation - welcomed the “back down”. “It’s a bloody good thing,” ETU state assistant secretary Keith McKenzie said. “They should back down because the legislation is unpopular.” The union predicted the amendments would hit about 200 of its 15,000 members. “Basically, someone could be targeted because they know someone, who knows someone,” Mr McKenzie said. “A member might be singled out because they went on a charity ride with their dad or grandfather. They might be deemed to be an associate of a bikie under the legislation.” While the ETU wants the legislation abandoned altogether, that seems unlikely. “Criminal gang members who have a trade or want to get into one should use this as an opportunity to put that criminal life behind them & show that they have genuinely moved on,” Bleijie said

Why Grandfathers are different...? Have you ever wondered what the difference is between Grandmothers & Grandfathers? Well, here it is: There was this loving grandfather who always made a special effort to spend time with his son’s family on weekends. Every Saturday morning he would take his 5-year-old granddaughter out for a drive in the car for some quality time -- pancakes, ice cream, candy-- just him & his granddaughter. One particular Sat, however, he had a terrible cold & could not get out of bed. He knew his granddaughter always looked forward to their drives & would be very disappointed. Luckily, his wife came to the rescue & said that she would take their granddaughter for her weekly drive & breakfast. When they returned, the little girl anxiously ran upstairs to see her grandfather who was still in bed. “Well, did you enjoy your ride with grandma?” he asked. “Not really, PaPa, it was boring. We didn’t see a single asshole, queer, piece of shit, horse’s ass, tree hugger, socialist left wing prick, blind bastard, dipshit, Muslim camel humper or son of a bitch anywhere we went! We just drove around & Grandma smiled at everyone she saw. I really didn’t have any fun...” Almost brings a tear to your eye, doesn’t it...?

You started at the bottom -- And it’s been downhill ever since.

One dead after motorcycle accident - June 16, 2014 – *Ohio* – By Brad Underwood; <http://www.local12.com> - One man is dead after crashing his motorcycle into a car in Goshen Township Sunday afternoon. The accident happened just before 2 p.m. at the intersection of State Route 28 & Linton Rd. 59-year-old Iris Boone, who was driving the car involved in the accident, is in fair & stable condition. According to the Ohio State Patrol, the accident appears to be the fault 59-year-old John Bennett who was riding a motorcycle. Bennett was pronounced dead at the scene. He was with at least one other motorcyclist. Ohio State Patrol says Bennett was trying to pass Boone while traveling east on State Route 28. When the motorcycle & car approached the intersection of Linton, Boone attempted to make a left turn. At that point, Bennett & Boone collided, sending them both into a ditch. The 2 riders have been confirmed as members of the Iron Horsemen MC. After the accident, several other members arrived at the scene. According to OSHP, Bennett was not wearing a helmet. Sgt. Aaron Gentry of the OSHP says the accident could have been avoided. Gentry says that even though drivers are allowed to pass on that stretch of 28, it appears Bennett didn't follow the rule of the law when he crashed into Boone's car as she turned. "Motorists are urged, even though the pavement markings show they can pass, if they are coming up to an intersection they are not allowed to be left of the center line. A lot of people have been told you can't pass in an intersection; the actual verbiage is you can't be left of center in an intersection. So laws do apply at this point," says Gentry. OSHP also says that as riding season is in full swing, all motorists need to be aware of their surroundings while on the road. More than 130 motor-cyclists have died statewide in 2014. A portion of State Route 28 was closed after the accident, but has since reopened. OSHP hasn't determined yet if alcohol or drugs were factors in the crash. The accident remains under investigation.

Victoria's most powerful bikie clubs have been weakened by departures of senior members - June 16, 2014 – *Australia* – By Nino Bucci; www.TheAge.com.au - Victoria's most powerful bikie clubs have been weakened by the departures of senior members as police turn the screws tighter on them. The Hells Angels, Comancheros & Bandidos clubs have all lost at least one senior member in just over 6 months, some handing in their patches while waiting for courts to rule on their fates. The Rebels have been stung by an unprecedented Australian Crime Commission operation, the largest Nat'l operation to tackle a bikie club. The leadership vacuum may lead to power struggles within clubs, which ACC executive director Paul Jevtovic said operated under a "militaristic hierarchy". Police also fear that new conflicts could be sparked as rivals look to exploit weaknesses. A bikie expert within law enforcement said that while bikie clubs were generally fairly stable internally, with replacements for leadership positions generally waiting in the wings, there was no telling how rival clubs may react. "It's not like there's blood in the water & all the sharks smell it," the expert said. "Other clubs have their own circumstances to consider, but there's always going to be people who want to exploit a weakness." The expert said the high-disruption model used by police had worked, but would never be the only way to break bikie clubs. Victorian police launched their largest operation targeting a bikie club in history last year when they raided dozens of properties linked to the Hells Angels. The Comancheros were hit in another huge raid earlier this year. The Echo taskforce declined to comment on the success of the raids, which led to charges against several senior members & dampened a feud between the Hells Angels & Comancheros. The expert said the disruption method had shown results but was "only one

tool in the toolkit". He said other factors such as a solid legislative framework & sound intelligence could be just as important. The Mongols, considered the most powerful club outside the "big four" in Victoria, also have lost a senior member this year, with state Pres Frank Dieni reportedly turfed out.

Bikie bosses who's who:

Bandidos: Nat'l Enforcer Toby Mitchell left the gang last Nov after suffering the physical & psychological aftermath of 2 shootings. The former kick-boxing champion has been the subject of several raids by the Echo taskforce & is banned from Crown casino, all Victorian race courses, several popular nightclubs & the Richmond Football Club change rooms. He recently told associates he was considering relocating permanently to Thailand, amid fears of another attempt on his life.

Comanchero: Pres Mick Murray agreed to sever all ties with the notorious gang & put up a \$1 million surety when he was granted bail last month. He now says he wants a quiet life as a family man & to concentrate on his legitimate business interests. The heavily tattooed former leader had been in the role less than a year, following the sudden departure of predecessor Jay Malkoun to Dubai, where he operates an advanced learning centre for children. Mr Murray, 36, is due to face charges of conspiring to pervert the course of justice.

Hells Angels: Peter 'Skitzo' Hewat claims to have resigned as Sgt-at-arms of the Hells Angels late last year. He is on bail with a \$500,000 surety over a string of weapons & drug-related charges. The Angels are considered the most powerful gang in Victoria. Hewat, Paul Petersen, Stephen Rogers & Ray Hamment jnr are considered the most prominent members, having established several chapters & been members for at least a decade. Hewat, Hamment & Rogers have faced court in the past 6 months.

Rebels: The bikie club with more Australian members than any other has been the subject of a huge Australian Crime Commission operation. Almost 400 members & associates have been arrested in the past 2 years by task force Attero officers. The ACC said the operation could be used as a template to tackle the other 3 of the "Big Four" clubs. The Rebels have about 112 members in 8 Victorian chapters, the ACC believes. It has been able to target the assets of members & pursue tax debts, with about \$1.7 million recovered up until Sept last year.

Senior Bandidos member arrested at Perth Airport on methylamphetamine charge – June 17, 2014 – *Australia* - By Calla Wahlquist; www.TheAustralian.com.au - A Senior Perth bikie has been arrested at Perth Airport & charged with drug dealing. Police from the Gang Crime Squad arrested the 38-year-old Wellard man at Perth Domestic Airport at 9.15pm yesterday. A spokeswoman from WA Police said the man was a senior member of the WA chapter of the Bandidos. The ABC reports that 5 police officers arrested the man inside the terminal, before placing a jumper over his head & leading him outside. The man has been charged with possessing methylamphetamine with intent to sell or supply.

Being a modest man, when I checked into my hotel on a recent trip, I said to the lady at the registration desk, "I hope the porn channel in my room is disabled." To which she replied, "No, it's regular porn, you sick bastard!"

All of your girlfriends kiss you with their eyes closed. Considering your face, that's the only way they could.

Mongols bikies refused permission to become registered incorporated body – June 17, 2014 – *Australia* - By Nigel Hunt; www.HeraldSun.com.au - The Mongols outlaw motorcycle gang has been formally refused permission to legitimize its standing in the community by becoming a registered incorporated body. Despite claims by the gang it held fun days for children - complete with jumping castles & Father Christmas - & that it was only formed because of its members' interests in American motorcycles, Liquor Licensing Soulio has refused the application. Legal sources believe the Mongols' move was largely tactical & aimed at thwarting the provisions of the Serious & Organized Crime Act should police obtain association or control orders against any gang members in the future. Atty-General John Rau has endorsed the decision, made on public safety grounds, to reject the Mongols' incorporation application. The gang has 21 days to appeal against the decision in the District Court. The incorporation application was lodged by Andrew Stevens, the treasurer of the Mongols. A legal source familiar with the application said an affidavit sworn by Stevens stated the club had been formed to further the leisure & recreational interests of members in American motorcycles. The source said the application stated the club organized recreational activities referred to as fun runs & that the runs involved organized meetings of its members & community members who wanted to participate in designated rides. The source said the application also states the club organizes a fun day for children at Easter & Christmas that involve children's rides, games, a sausage sizzle, a jumping castle & a visit from Father Christmas, who would give the children presents. The Mongols was formed last Oct when around half of the 65-strong Finks bikie gang "patched over". The move, which occurred nationally, was coordinated by the Finks in QLD in order to thwart moves to outlaw the gang in that state. Former senior Finks members Andrew Majchrak & Mark Sandery are now the senior officers of the Mongols. Majchrak is the subject of a current Consorting Prohibition Notice preventing him from any contact with Sandery. It was issued a fortnight after the patch-over. The Advertiser last month revealed several senior members of the Mongols' QLD chapter had moved to Adelaide & were opening a southern chapter on the South Coast, but it is understood this plan has now been abandoned. The legal source said the incorporation application stated the Finks/Mongols switch was not a patch-over, but that some members wanted to shift away from the Finks because of the direction the gang had taken. The application stated that some former members who had joined the Finks for their interests in motorcycles found it had moved away from its origins & new members were not interested in motorcycles. The source said the application stated new members used the Finks to further their own criminal activities, which brought the club & all members into disrepute. Some members who did not like being accused of criminality resigned from the Finks. He said it stated the members who had joined the Mongols did so to start a new life based on a love of American & British motorcycles & the promotion of recreational ridings of those motorcycles. The application includes the club's constitution which contained different clauses on meetings, elections, dues, patches, prospects, discipline, runs, funerals, alcohol & drug use & criminal convictions. The source said the constitution outlines the club's zero tolerance towards the use of drugs & members being convicted of serious crime, carrying guns or illegal weapons, robbery & sex offences. Any member found to have committed such an offence faces disciplinary action & expulsion. The application states this has already occurred. While the constitution of the club largely based on that of the US Mongols Nation gang, it states that while the local club will have an affiliation with the US-based Mongols, the SA club will have its

own personality & identity. Rau & Soulio declined to comment because of the appeal period. A Mongols source said the club was considering a legal challenge to the ruling "in the same successful way as 2 previous legal challenges" involving anti-bikie legislation.

Harley-Davidson testing electric motorcycles - June 18, 2014 - *Wisconsin / New York*- By M.L. Johnson ,AP; <http://hosted.ap.org> - Would a Harley still be a Harley if it didn't have that out-of-my-way rumble & those fat, hydrocarbon-belching exhausts? Motorcycle enthusiasts are about to find out as H-D rolls out an electric bike - a sleek, futuristic version that sounds like a jet airplane taking off. The public will get its first look at handmade demonstration models at an invitation-only event Mon in New York. The company will then take the models on the road for riders to try & provide feedback. Harley will use the info to refine the bike, which might not hit the market for several more years. Harleys have long been the bad-boy bike of choice with an image associated with motorcycle gangs, even though most riders are middle-aged & middle-class. The new venture is a departure from Harley's mainstay touring bikes & presents an added risk because currently almost no market for full-size electric motorcycles. The millions of two-wheeled electric vehicles sold each year are almost exclusively scooters & low-powered bikes that appeal to Chinese commuters. But those focused on electric vehicle development say Harley has the marketing power to create demand, & its efforts to lower costs, build charging stations & improve technology will help everyone involved. "It does validate what we've been doing; it adds additional credibility to it. It is certainly going to draw more people's attention to electric motorcycles. The marketing horsepower of H-D is going to be able to do things for us that we can't do on our own," said Scot Harden, V.P. of global marketing at Zero Motorcycles, the top seller of full-size, high-powered electric bikes. Zero expects to sell 2,400 electric motorcycles this year, a drop in the bucket compared with the more than 260,000 conventional motorcycles sold last year by Harley. The new LiveWire won't make the distinctive "potato-potato-potato" chug that Harley once tried to patent. Its engine is silent, & the turbine-like hum comes from the meshing of gears. But electric motors do provide better handling & rapid acceleration - with the electric Harley able to go from 0 to 60 mph in 4 seconds. LiveWire's design places the engine at the bottom of the bike. "When you ride a motorcycle, it's the movement of the top of the bike side-to-side that gives you agility in regard to making turns. So, if I put weight low in a motorcycle, I can turn faster. I can drop the bike down & make quicker moves," said Gary Gauthier, of NextEnergy, a Detroit-based nonprofit with expertise in electric vehicles. Jeff Richlen, Harley's lead engineer on LiveWire, put it this way: "Some people may get on it thinking, 'golf cart,' & they get off thinking, 'rocket ship.'" One hurdle Harley & others have yet to address is the limited range offered by electric motorcycles. Batteries typically must be recharged after about 130 miles, & that can take 30 minutes to an hour. Harley Pres Matt Levatich said he expects technology to improve & the company is less interested in immediate demand than long-term potential. San Jose State Univ police Capt. Alan Cavallo helped his Dept buy 2 Zero motorcycles & said officers have been "super happy" with the quiet, environmentally friendly bikes made nearby in Scotts Valley, California. But he said American riders who like to hit the highway would likely lose patience with the technology as it exists today. "That's the deal with the cars; you can't jump in a Tesla & drive to LA, it won't make it," Cavallo said, adding later, "People want the convenience of 'I pull into a gas station, I pour some gas in my tank & I go.'"

Can A Harley Be A Harley Without All The Noise? – June 18, 2014 – *Wisconsin* – By Mary Beth quirk; <http://consumerist.com> - Company Introduces Its First Electric Motorcycle... Growing up in the home of the H-D, none other than Milwaukee, WI, I can conjure up the sound of a Harley's engine just by closing my eyes. Such a skill could be handy for anyone longing to hear that distinctive rumble when faced with the company's first electric motorcycle, just introduced today. In a YouTube video introducing the bike, dubbed Project LiveWire by Harley, the motorcycle sounds like some kind of tiny jet plane, a kind of zippy, futuristic whirr, instead of that deep-in-your-gut rumble. That's just one aspect our colleagues at Consumer Reports feel is worth mentioning, along with the fact that without an extensive network of chargers to juice up the machines after about 130 miles (with a 30-60 minute charging process), the electric bikes will likely be a tough sell for now. The motorcycles will be shown off with demo models next week at an event in New York, reports the A.P., after which Harley will take a bunch of riders on a 30-city tour to test drive the bikes & see how they're received. It'll still likely be several more years before the hogs hit the market, however, in what will prove to be a big test for the company. Full-size electric motorcycles aren't exactly a hot market right now, but Harley says it's trying to think in the long-term instead of just focus on immediate demand. "We think that the trends in both EV technology & customer openness to EV products, both automotive & motorcycles, is only going to increase, & when you think about sustainability & environmental trends, we just see that being an increasing part of the lifestyle & the requirements of riders," H-D Pres Matt Lavatich said. "So, nobody can predict right now how big that industry will be or how significant it will be." The bikes are shift-free, & can go from 0 to 60 mph in about 4 seconds. Again, without the accompanying rumble, so either get used to the idea or not. "Some people may get on it thinking, 'golf cart,'" lead engineer Jeff Richlen said. "And they get off thinking, 'rocket ship.'"

Berlin bans Hells Angels logo – June 18, 2014 – *Germany* – By Jason Overdorf; www.GlobalPost.com - Outlawing the MC's symbols represents the latest weapon in a fight to stop Germany's 'biker wars.'... In the latest salvo of a battle to rein in outlaw motorcycle clubs, the authorities here are hitting the global Hells Angels brand where it hurts most: the logo. Last month, the signature winged death's head & "Hells Angels" label featured on the MC's "cut," or leather vest, were banned in the capital as the symbols of a criminal organization. Although a tough-minded Hamburg judge outlawed Germany's 1st HAs charter in the city in 1983, the HAs as an organization have never been banned across Germany. Now the prohibition of the iconic logo has come about through an ironic twist. When a former member of the banned Hamburg charter appealed to the court in April to be allowed to wear the club's "colors," the judge interpreted the original ruling to mean that the HAs logo is illegal not only in Hamburg, but throughout the country. "Now, all the other regions in Germany are thinking about that judgment," said detective superintendent Matthias Frohn, deputy head of the Berlin police division responsible for curtailment of the city's motorcycle gangs. "Some, like Berlin, said, 'If that deadhead is forbidden, then I guess it's forbidden.'" Since the ban of its first charter, the HAs have taken advantage of an organizational structure that mimics global chains such as McDonalds & Starbucks to gain a big following in Germany. Just check out their website. The Calif-based MC immortalized by gonzo journalist Hunter S. Thompson has charters across Germany & boasts as many as 1,000 members, according to Germany's Fed Criminal Police Office. The police allege that the loose-knit organization is involved in human

trafficking for prostitution as well as dealing in drugs & guns. Although specific charters have been banned in a handful of cities besides Hamburg, prosecutors have been unable to push through a blanket ban on the parent organization. As soon as local authorities bring the hammer down on one outfit, another one crops up. "You have individuals who work their way through different outlaw motorcycle gangs," said Frohn, whose bearish build & thick beard make him look a little like a biker himself. "Nowadays, they even sometimes switch between the Bandidos & Hells Angels," he added, naming another biker club. As with other groups allegedly involved in organized criminal activities, bikers, or "rockers," battle for control of legal & illegal businesses mostly among themselves. The US-headquartered Hells Angels, Bandidos, Outlaws & the homegrown Gremium MC all compete. Over the past 5 years, however, a "rocker war" between the Bandidos & Hells Angels — reportedly fought not only with chains & knives but also guns & hand grenades — has spilled into Berlin's streets. In the latest case, the Berlin state prosecutor this month indicted 10 HAs members for the alleged murder of a 26-year-old rival in a sports betting parlor. Video footage from a surveillance camera shows the perpetrators striding purposefully into the establishment & gunning down the victim as "civilians" nearby plugged euro coins into slot machines. "It's become pretty dangerous for the regular person," Frohn said. "We don't like the term 'rocker war,'" he added, "but when the Bandidos & Hells Angels started stabbing & shooting each other in 2009, that is something that does affect the general public." If convicted, the alleged killers could face life in prison. The HAs Berlin-City charter has already been banned under laws that allow German states to prohibit groups that are expressly organized for criminal purposes. Frohn says it remains to be seen whether the broader ban on the club's logo will be enough to finally scatter the gang.

Queensland bikies to have fighting fund after S.A. Gov't loses High Court gang challenge – June 18, 2014 – *Australia* – By Robyn Wuth & Sean Fewster; www.GoldCoastBulletin.com.au - QLD bikies will have nearly \$180,000 in taxpayer money to fight the state's tough criminal motorcycle gang laws after a landmark High Court decision. The Bulletin has discovered the South Australian Gov't has been ordered to pay the Mongols outlaw club \$178,000 in legal costs after losing a high-profile court battle 4 years ago to banish gangs from its borders. Bokie sources said the money would be tipped straight into the bid to challenge the Vicious & Lawless Assoc Disestablishment laws pushed through by the Newman Gov't. A senior bokie bearer told the Bulletin the legal bill represented only a small amount of money the Gov't had "wasted" pursuing the club "unconstitutionally". "Millions of dollars of taxpayer money has been spent, not just the \$178,000 to cover our court costs," he said. "All those years compiling the history & putting it together before the court cases in the Magistrate Court, the Supreme Court & ultimately the High Court, & for what? "They ended up with nothing & the legislation was declared repugnant." He said the \$178,000 would be used to cover legal bills, & any remainder would go into a "fighting fund" to challenge similar laws being used in QLD & NSW. "There is no value in (Gov'ts) pursuing this ... if a guy is breaking the law, they he will be caught & charged — you don't need a special bokie law for that," he said. "The courts have been tougher on bikers than they have on anyone else — we know that, we expect it." High profile critic of the laws, criminal lawyer Bill Potts of Potts Lawyers, said focused policing would be a more effective use of taxpayer money. "Costs follow the event & the loser, in this case the South Australian taxpayer, has to foot the bill," Potts said. "How much simpler if Gov'ts had worked out that tougher laws don't make a difference but more focused

policing is the best deterrent.” In 2010, SA’s bikie gangs — including the Finks, who later became the Mongols, formed a united front to challenge the state’s anti-assoc laws in the High Court. The High Court ruled the laws obliged the state’s courts to impose control orders on bikies at the request of the Atty-General & police, without any evidence. It dubbed the legislation “constitutionally repugnant” & said it undermined the independence of judges & forced them to find guilt “based on assumptions”.

Bandidos gang claims branch in Christchurch – June 19, 2014 – *New Zealand* - By Blair Ensor; www.stuff.co.nz - Infamous outlaw MC the Bandidos has announced online that it now has a fully-fledged chapter in Christchurch. Police said they were monitoring the bikie gang’s activity in the city but would not answer further questions about the group this week. Anyone with concerns or info about members of the group was asked to contact police, a spokesman said. Until recently the Bandidos only had a probationary chapter in Christchurch. The group had patched over members from other clubs last year, The Press understands. A recent post on the Bandidos’ worldwide website congratulated the city’s “full chapter” on its “new status”. Earlier this year, interna’l Bandidos members were in New Zealand to help set up probationary chapters in Invercargill & Dunedin. Gang expert Dr. Jarrod Gilbert said a probationary chapter was a group in the process of achieving membership to a club. It had to prove itself before it could become a recognized chapter, which had interna’l voting rights, & could wear a full set of the club’s colors. The latest announcement “is incredibly significant. It’s the equivalent of going from the development squad to playing for the All Blacks,” Gilbert said. It means “that you’re prepared to . . . dedicate your life to the club & protect the patch at all costs.” In 2012, it was reported the Bandidos were setting up a chapter in South Auckland. Since then police have said the gang had established itself in New Zealand, with more than 20 patched members. Figures supplied to The Press by the Dept of Corrections show there were 11 people with affiliations to the gang serving prison time as at Oct 31 last year. The Bandidos - described as one of the “big 3” outlaw MCs along with the HAs & Outlaws - is one of the most feared bikie gangs in Australia.

Stolen alpaca recovered in a raid on the Gypsy Joker bikie gang’s Sydney clubhouse – June 19, 2014 – *Australia* – By Nick Ralston; www.TheAge.com.au - A stolen alpaca has been recovered during a raid of a bikie clubhouse in Sydney’s southwest. Police on Wed raided headquarters of the Gypsy Jokers outlaw motorcycle gang, uncovering drugs, guns & cash. But they also found Cleo - a brown female alpaca that was being kept in a paddock at the rear of the clubhouse. Cleo was reported stolen from a property at nearby Bringelly in Feb. Gangs squad detectives also found a loaded .32 caliber revolver, a loaded pistol, approximately 700 rounds of ammunition, & more than 200 ecstasy tablets. Police said their investigation into the matter is continuing & they expect to make arrests. Cleo was taken by RSPCA officers for an examination & is expected to be returned to her owners shortly. An alpaca (Vicugna pacos) is a domesticated species of South American camelid. It resembles a small llama in appearance.

Guns, snakes, drugs found at Rebels’ homes – June 20, 2014 – *Australia* – By www.NineMSN.com.au - Guns, snakes & drugs have been seized in Sydney’s west as police target an outlaw bikie gang. Four men were also arrested as Strike Force Raptor continued its investigation into the Rebels motorcycle gang, police say. On Thu morning, a 47-year-old life member of the Rebels was arrested in Macquarie Fields. He was charged with

16 offences including commercial drug supply, ongoing drug supply & possession of a knife in a public place. The man’s arrest lead to 4 properties being searched - 2 in Macquarie Fields, one in Minto & another in Raby, police say. Weapons, ammunition, pythons & drugs were found at the several of the properties. Three Rebels associates, aged 33, 41 & 49, were arrested & charged with offences including possess drug & possess protected fauna. All 4 men will appear in Campbelltown Local Court on Fri. Police say a 64-year-old Rebels associate, who lives at the Raby property, will be issued with a Court Attendance Notice for firearm & weapon offences.

How gangs are bypassing Gov’t anti-bikie laws – June 21, 2014 – *Australia* – By Neil Doorley; www.CourierMail.com.au - Defiant bikies are riding around the state’s anti-gang laws by moving club meetings out of clubhouses & into suburbs – & the police are powerless to stop them. Bikies are gathering most Fri nights in members’ homes – on private property – to circumvent strict laws banning them from clubhouses. They travel to the meets alone or in pairs – on bikes or in cars – to avoid arrest & lengthy jail time under anti-association legislation. The Courier-Mail was invited to a get-together of the Brisbane chapter of Australia’s most powerful outlaw motorcycle gang, the Rebels, where 15 members adorned in club colours met knowing that they were “untouchables”. The bikies wanted to highlight how they were surviving the Newman Gov’t legislation introduced 9 months ago, & the subsequent police blowtorch. Rebel Jamie Ruff said the meetings were like “acts of defiance” in the face of Gov’t oppression. “I don’t think they’ll ever stop us doing this,” Ruff said. “They can do whatever they want, but we’ll still find a way to get together & hang out. “Basically the last 10 years of my life, I’ve been with these blokes. These guys are my family, that’s why I’m here.” State Gov’t figures released in April showed that 40 per cent of Rebels members had a criminal record. Before the VLAD laws were introduced last Oct, the Brisbane Rebels – like chapters throughout the country – met every Friday night at clubhouses to discuss gang business. But 46 QLD clubhouses were declared no-go zones because police said gangs were meeting to organize criminal -activities – a claim rejected by Brisbane’s top Rebel. Chapter Pres ‘Little Mick’ Kosenko, who hosted the meeting at his North Brisbane home, said the club was not involved in organized crime & any conviction against members would be minor. “Most would be low-level offences, relating to minor drug charges & assault & would have been committed by individual members, not as part of any organized club activity,” Little Mick, a Rebel for 33 years, said.

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