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**Good Judgment** comes from Experience. *Experience* comes from Good & Bad Judgment. - Author Unknown

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In Memory of Sons Of Silence Baron from Colorado who passed away the evening of August 31<sup>st</sup> of a heart attack... R.I.P. Baron...

Congratulations to Outlaw Storm on your release...

Congratulations to U.S. Military Vet Cuz on your release...

Congratulations to Pagan Trucker on your release to a Half-Way House...

Congratulations to Hells Angel Pat on your release to a Half-Way House...

Congratulations to Pagan Scammer on your release to a Half-Way House...

Congratulations to Pagan Doc on your upcoming release to a Half-Way House (Sept or Oct)...

Congratulations to Outlaw Eddie on your upcoming release to a Half-Way House on September 4th...

Congratulations to Outlaw Hotrod on your upcoming release to a Half-Way House on October 15th...

Correction from July Issue 1: Diablo Shane from Connecticut wasn't released to a 1/2 way house, in fact he still has 6 + years to go...

Welcome Vago Sluggo to the NCOM Brothers Behind Bars Newsletter Mailing List...

Welcome Bandido Happy to the NCOM Brothers Behind Bars Newsletter Mailing List...

Welcome Pagan White Boy to the NCOM Brothers Behind Bars Newsletter Mailing List...

Welcome Hells Angel Andy to the NCOM Brothers Behind Bars Newsletter Mailing List...

Welcome Back Invader Victor to the NCOM Brothers Behind Bars Newsletter Mailing List...

Welcome Outlaw Crazy Lee from England to the NCOM Brothers Behind Bars Newsletter Mailing List...

Welcome Saddle Tramp Arvil from Missouri to the NCOM Brothers Behind Bars Newsletter Mailing List...

Welcome Widomaker Big Al from California to the NCOM Brothers Behind Bars Newsletter Mailing List...

Welcome Devils Reject Smokey from Washington to the NCOM Brothers Behind Bars Newsletter Mailing List...

Welcome Mongol Hangaround Tulsa Terry from Oklahoma to the NCOM Brothers Behind Bars Newsletter Mailing List...

Welcome Bandido Robert from Belgium but imprisoned in Norway to the NCOM Brothers Behind Bars Newsletter Mailing List...

**Correction:** Happy Birthday to **Outlaw Big Tim** Silvia should have read on July 11th...

Happy Belated Birthday to **Devils Disciple Outlaw** which was on June 2<sup>nd</sup>... Happy Birthday...

Happy Birthday **Pagan Izzo** on September 1<sup>st</sup>...

Happy Birthday **Pagan Moose** on September 4<sup>th</sup>...

Happy Birthday **Outlaw Crazy Joe** on September 19<sup>th</sup>...

Happy Birthday **Outlaw Richie** on September 22<sup>nd</sup>...

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*Special Thanks* goes to **Devils Disciple Outlaw** who in *Tehachapi, Calif* for his \$ 10.00 donation to this newsletter. Thank you!

*Special Thanks* goes to **Tramp** who in *El Dorado, Kansas* for his \$ 20.00 ( \$ 5.00 a month) donation to this newsletter.. Thank you!

I would like to Thank **Manny** And the **Legion Of Doom MC** from *Florida* for their \$ 50.00 donation to this Newsletter...

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The **Prairie Rattlers MC** from *Williston, North Dakota* has just renewed its Sponsorship of this Newsletter for another year... The Prairie Rattlers MC have continually Sponsored this newsletter for 6 years with a check for \$ 250.00 for a donation of \$ 20.00 per month... The one thing we can do to ensure this newsletter continuing is Thanking our sponsors, so please thank them at: **Prairie Rattlers MC**; Box 2217; Williston, ND 58801-2217... Once Again Thank You to the *Prairie Rattlers MC*!

I would like to Thank the **Solders For Jesus MC** for their continued Support of this Newsletter on behalf of all the **Brothers Behind Bars**... I just received a \$ 600.00 check from them for a donation of \$ 50.00 per month for the next year... Please drop them a Thank you note... Address: **Solders For Jesus MC**; Box 549; Anaheim, CA 92815... Sending a Thank you note is the one thing you can do; so the sponsors know how much their donation is appreciated.... Once Again *Thank You to the Solders For Jesus MC Nation*!!

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**The Brothers Behind Bars North Dakota Run and BBB Fundraiser:** We got home on Sunday about 1:00 pm from North Dakota, where the North Dakota Chapter of the Sons Of Silences had a BBB Run / BBB Fundraiser for the Newsletter... Very successful Run and Benefit... Run was about 130 miles leaving from Fargo, ND (Clubhouse) basically North on west side of the Red River, crossed over the river into Minnesota, and basically south back to Fargo, ND area, crossed back into ND and then back the Clubhouse... Kari and I had a Great Time... In fact All that attended had a Great Time... 60 plus bikes... Very well organized run, well planned ride with Brothers doing road blocking at any intersection that might be busy (remember out in rural N.D. / Minnesota not too much traffic, But they had it covered)...

**Many Thanks to SOS General** for all you did at the Clubhouse... Many Thanks to **SOS Nuck** for organizing a great run, very well organized... Many thanks to **SOS Frog** for all you did... Many Thanks to ALL of the North Dakota Brothers for all the things you did to make it Great!!! I enjoyed the visits with all of you, wish I could have visited longer with each of you - know you were all very busy too... Many Thanks to your Probates and Prospect for all the Hard Work They did too...

**Amount you sent home** with me: \$ 1,350.00 for the BBB Newsletter - Amazing...!!! (\$ 112.50 a month for the next year)... Which was up from \$ 95.00 a month last year...

**I would also like to Thank** All those attended the BBB ND Run, as your attendance is what made it so successful...

**I presented Sons Of Silence General Plaque** for all the Hard Work he has done over the years to making this a very Successful Run... **The Plaque Read:** In Appreciation to **Sons Of Silence General 1%ER** In recognition of your efforts and tireless dedication to the **Brothers Behind Bars** Newsletter that provides support to Patch Holders from many Motorcycle Clubs from around the World that are incarcerated. Without Brothers like you and the North Dakota Chapter of the **Sons Of Silence MC**, the **Brothers Behind Bars** would cease to exist. Thank You from, Mike Davis - SOS MC Retired - BBB Newsletter Editor and all of the **Brothers Behind Bars**. 2014

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**Hello All**, Here is a First in all the years of doing the Newsletter... I got Sacramaniacs Bam Bam BBB Newsletter RTS (UTF - Unable To Forward), so I checked the Federal Inmate Locator Site... Only to Find he has escaped on July 17, 2014...!!! Run Bam Bam Run...!!! And he was in a U.S.P. Wow...!!! Envelope Stamped UTF - Unable To Forward - Yea, I guessing he didn't leave the Prison a Forwarding address just for his NCOM BBB Newsletters...!!! Respects, Mike SOS MC Retired NCOM BBB Newsletter Editor

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**This guy gets an early release from Prison**... So he thought he would surprise his O'Lady. When he gets home he knows where she kept a key under the Welcome Mat. He goes in and to his surprise he finds a guy half-naked sleeping on his couch. So he goes to the bedroom, wakes up his O'Lady and ask who's that Son of a Bitch on my couch. She looks up at him and says, "That's the Son of a Bitch who sent you \$ 300.00 every month". He looks down at her and says, Well get you Fat Ass out there and put a Blanket on Him"...

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

**Editor's Note:** For *June* there were 2 issues, For *July* there were 2 issues, For *August* this is the 1<sup>st</sup> issue...

**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...

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

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**NCOM Report In ABATE of MN Road Noise** – August 2014 – **Minnesota** – By Frank Ernst; [www.ABATEMN.org](http://www.ABATEMN.org) - (612) 801-2920... Email: [NCOMLiaison@ABATEMN.org](mailto:NCOMLiaison@ABATEMN.org) - I have included a report that was published in Road Noise Sept 2011 in my closing comments I asked the question. Is this the end of this issue or will there be appeals & additional attempts by Gov't to try to dismantle motorcycle clubs? Well the question has now been answered; the prosecutors have filed an appeal. It is interesting how far these issues can go when the Gov't has an unlimited amount of tax payer dollars they can spend.

**Now I ask the question has a Global War on Clubs** been started. Most of the world's English language press report that American Police had been given the power to "rip" Mongols patches

"**Off the backs**" of any Mongol they could find whether he had been indicted or not. The underlying story is that the global war on terror has become a global war against motorcycle clubs. The attorney for the Mongols has also take action.

**Convinced that prosecutors & a Fed judge** are intent on eliminating the Mongols MC by taking away its iconic logo, an attorney for the group has asked the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals to step in & remove the judge overseeing what could be landmark trademark litigation. Atty Joseph Yanny filed the appeal for help last week. He wants Judge Otis D. Wright removed from the case for remarks & actions he believes show Wright to be prejudiced against the 700-member motorcycle club. Yanny's motion also suggests that the assignment of Wright to the trademark case was somehow rigged in the district court, headquartered in downtown Los Angeles. A motion to have Wright disqualified was heard in district court & denied. Yanny's plea to the higher court seeks to reverse that decision. I have googled Judge Wright & here is just a sample of what I found. (Judge Otis Wright II of California's Central District, has filed for personal bankruptcy, a rare thing for a Fed judge. Judge Wright listed assets of \$833,426 & liabilities of \$895,292 at the time of his Chapter 7 bankruptcy filing late last year. Additionally from the Robing Room I found the following comments: This man needs to be removed from the Bench. He is a Biased Judge). How far will the war to restrict the rights of motorcyclists the freedom of association & expression go. NCOM Report Sept 2011. In the past there has been discussion about the confiscation of club colors, now we are hearing of rulings on the issue. Los Angeles, CA.—A Fed judge has rejected an unprecedented bid by the U.S. Gov't to seek control of a gang's name & its identity— via its logo—through a court order in a case involving the notorious Mongols motorcycle club. In an eight-page ruling filed Tue, U.S. District Judge Otis Wright said he must "regrettably" rule in favor of the Mongols because the gang itself was not named in a 2008 racketeering indictment & it maintained exclusive ownership of the trademarks. Wright granted the biker gang's petition & vacated a preliminary order of forfeiture he signed last year. Prosecutors, for the first time ever, had sought to take control of the Mongol name & the insignia that shows a pony-tailed Genghis Khan-like figure aboard a chopper. If Wright had signed the prosecution's proposed order, the Gov't would be the owner of the logo & the club's name. "I guess it was their belief that somehow it would make a difference to the organization, causing it to cease to exist," said George Steele, an atty who represented the Mongols Nation MC. "It's heartening to know the law does what it's supposed to do & protects you from those who try to seize your property & your liberty." U.S. attorney's spokesman Thom Mrozek said his office will review the ruling & consider all options, including an appeal. Who will be the next target? fe

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

**Quotable Quote:** "No one wants to pick a fight with a group that can write 100 letters in a week." - Iowa State Senator Matt McCoy, on why ABATE is successful at fighting helmet laws

**Congress Extends Highway Trust Fund:** Acting hours before the Gov't was set to cut payments to states for Hwy & mass-transit projects, Congress engineered a \$10.8 billion short-term funding patch to keep the Hwy Trust Fund solvent through next May. Following several delays, the Senate approved a House-drafted Hwy bill just ahead of a midnight Aug 1st deadline to keep Fed money flowing even though the HTF has nearly exhausted its reserves because fuel taxes haven't kept up with spending. The Fed gas tax of 18.4 cents a gallon, which helps finance the trust fund, has remained unchanged since 1993, & drivers have increasingly turned to more fuel-efficient cars & higher-mileage motorcycles. But the issue is far from resolved, as lawmakers failed to reach a long-term solution to pay for federally funded transportation projects & gives Pres Barack Obama occasion to promote his ideal transportation measure; the **"Grow America Act"**; a \$302 billion four-year surface transportation reauthorization proposal which happens to include a push for mandatory motorcycle helmet laws nationwide: "Title IV — Highway And Motor Vehicle Safety," SEC. 4004: Amendment to Motorcyclist Safety Grant Criteria, the Grow America Act would amend Section 405(f) of title 23, United States Code by inserting the following: **"Support Activity** - The (Transportation) Secretary or the Secretary's designee may engage in activities with States & State legislators to consider proposals related to motorcycle helmet use laws." While the temporary fix will kick the debate into next year, after the Nov elections & the swearing in of a new Congress, don't wait to contact your Senators & Representatives to let them know where you stand!

**Self-Driving Cars Just Around the Corner:** Cars that drive themselves are almost here. They'll be for sale in 2020, if not earlier. "Prototypes have shown that the technology works," according to The Kiplinger Letter, a business bulletin passed along to NCOM by A.I.M. Atty Ralph C. Buss, "and major automakers are racing to commercialize it." The shift to "autonomy" has already begun. Cameras, radar sensors & tiny computers let a growing number of new models park themselves, brake automatically, or take the wheel when drivers stray from their lanes. Think of it as cruise control that navigates, & never gets tired or distracted. Automakers are just getting started...advances likely in the next few years: brighter headlights that'll double as sensors to gauge following distances & detect obstacles ahead; software with artificial intelligence to control the car & anticipate other drivers' actions; new cameras capable of "seeing" lane dividers through snow or fog. Though fatalities are on the decline, 30,000 people still die in accidents each year, mostly caused by human error. While not foolproof, safety advocates believe electronics & software can slash accident rates, & fewer accidents & less damage will lead to lower insurance premiums. Traffic experts also predict an economic boon, as autopilot software lifts productivity by allowing workers to do more while commuting, can keep older workers on the job longer, & lets more people work farther away by making long commutes less tedious as the car does most of the driving & coordinates with other self-driving cars to avoid traffic jams even in congested environments. Last motorcyclists feel left out of the mix, Google recently requested permission in California to test riderless motorcycles on public roads. A prototype motorcycle that balances & steers without a rider has already been built by Google engineers.

**Splitting Controversy:** California is the only state in the nation that does not outlaw the practice of lane-splitting, in which motorcyclists use the space between lanes when traffic is slow or has stopped. Though not "legal," neither is the practice illegal, & until now the Calif Dept of Motor Vehicles & the California H.P.

were encouraging riders to do it safely & recently even published online guidelines for safe tactics to minimize the risk of accident. But now the CHP has come under fire from a state employee who charged the police agency had exceeded its authority by recommending lane splitting. The Office of Administrative Law agreed, & told the CHP to take down the guidelines, now removed since July 7th. Since the CHP's decision to remove the guidelines, motorcycle safety experts & motorcycling organizations have stepped up to voice their concerns about the future of lane-splitting, which supporters contend decreases traffic & helps motorcyclists' avoid overheating, & increases rider safety by reducing the number of accidents involving motorcycles hit from behind while stuck in traffic jams.

**Australian "Bikies" Score Taxpayer-Funded War Chest:** Queensland '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 ordering the South Australian Gov't to pay the Mongols MC \$178,000 in legal costs after losing a high-profile court battle four years ago to banish gangs from its borders. Bikie sources told the Gold Coast Bulletin that the money would be tipped straight into the bid to challenge the Vicious & Lawless Association Disestablishment laws pushed through by the Newman Gov't. After covering legal bills, any remainder would go into a "fighting fund" to challenge similar laws being used in Queensland & NSW. In 2010, SA's so-called "bikie gangs" -- including the Finks, who later became the Mongols -- formed a united front to challenge the state's anti-association 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 Attorney-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."

**Motorbikers in North Korea Ordered to Park to Save Fuel:** It is no secret that North Korea suffers chronic shortages of fuel, but now the scarcity has claimed a new class of victims: motorbike riders. Following a drop in oil imports from China, North Korean authorities have cracked down on private motorbike use in order to conserve fuel for military & Gov't officials. The new restrictions come just as motorbikes have been emerging as the next stage in the evolution of vehicular transport in North Korea, much as they had in other parts of Asia decades ago. Motorcycle ownership is widely considered a status symbol in North Korea, where most people still travel on foot. Many motorbike owners supplement their income by using them as taxis. The restrictions could not be independently verified & have not been reported in North Korea's own state-run press, but the DailyNK website specializing in North Korean news said the restrictions ban private motorbike use except in the morning commute & at night, & that violators risked confiscation of their vehicles. Even before the new restrictions on motorbikes, riders faced hazards peculiar to North Korea's authoritarian system -- long-distance travel permit requirements, decrepit roads, an unpredictable black-market for gasoline & petty corruption among the police including stopping motorbikers just to extort their gasoline.

**Boobytraps found on Off-Road Trails:** Fed authorities in Arizona are warning off-highway-vehicle riders to be wary of trails in the Coconino Nat'l Forest near Happy Jack, AZ, where trail riders have reported the tires of their all-terrain vehicles & off-road motorcycles were punctured by rebar spikes, sharpened & partially buried in trails heavily used by responsible enthusiasts & their families. No injuries have been reported, but the sabotage

endangers riders, hikers & even animals. “The end of the rebar has been flattened & sharpened to a point, & the exposed point has been painted to blend in with the road surface,” Mogollon Rim District Ranger Linda Wadleigh said in a statement. The rebar was placed in areas frequented by off-highway vehicles, but “The objects pose a serious threat to everyone, & that doesn’t just mean people recreating on a motorcycle or OHV, it includes people walking, hiking & even wildlife. We are taking this very seriously & asking the public to keep an eye out & report suspicious activity in the area.” In related news, vandals have placed spiked strips along trails in Colorado in the Pike Nat’l Forest, burying the devices along trails used by off-road enthusiasts to cause flat tires & immobilize off-hwy vehicles.

**Sturgis Hall of Fame Class of 2014:** The Sturgis Motorcycle Hall of Fame is designed to recognize individuals or groups who have made a long term positive impact on the motorcycle community, & The Freedom Fighters Hall of Fame recognizes the commitment & sacrifices individuals across the nation, & world, have made to protect the rights of motorcyclists. For 2014, Deb “Tiger” Chandler was recently inducted into the Freedom Fighters HoF in ceremonies held Aug 6th at The Lodge in Deadwood during Sturgis Bike Week: “In partnership with the Colorado Confederation of Clubs, she assumed the role of *Colorado* Commander of the Coalition of Independent Riders – a registration of independent riders. Tiger has worked tirelessly through the state legislature to address issues of importance to motorcyclists in Colorado including funding for beginning rider training & alcohol interlocking devices for motorcycles. She has also been instrumental in implementing a Biker Day at the Capital in Colorado as a means of opening dialog between bikers & legislators.” In addition, six others were named to the Sturgis Motorcycle Hall of Fame: Clyde Fessler of H-D, Jesse Jurens of Legend Suspensions, daredevil Jay “Lightnin’” Bentley, bike-builder Keith Terry of Baggster LLC, drag racer Bonnie Truett of Truett & Osborn, & custom builder Paul Yaffe of Bagger Nation.

**Weird News: Teen Fakes Robbery to Buy Motorcycle:** The desire to own a motorcycle drove a minor to stage an armed robbery & even inflict wounds on himself to make it look convincing. The Pune Cantonment police in India detained a 17-year-old boy for stealing Rs 1.27 lakh from his employer & later staging an armed robbery. Investigations revealed that the minor staged the robbery as he wanted to buy a motorcycle. A police inspector said the boy was working in Sankla’s travel agency. “On Sat morning, Sankla gave the boy Rs 1.27 lakh & told him to deposit the money in the bank. However, the boy returned after some time with torn clothes & cuts on his wrists. He told (owner) Sankla that some unidentified persons stopped him while he was on his way to the bank, attacked him & snatched the cash from him before fleeing.” The proprietor rushed to the police station with the boy, where the inspector later noted: “I became suspicious as the cuts on the boy’s wrists looked self-inflicted. Moreover, he was unable to give proper description of the robbers. We then detained the boy & during sustained interrogation, he admitted that he had staged the robbery because the boy said he wanted to buy a motorcycle and, therefore, hatched the plot.”

**The Taliban Endorses Honda:** Taliban-published Azan magazine is quick to condemn America, but loves the Honda CG125. They say there’s no such thing as bad publicity, but Honda can’t be too pleased with the rave review it received from “Azan,” a quarterly magazine published by the Taliban. An English-language publication, “Azan” is radical propaganda intended to recruit disillusioned Muslims. The cover story for its 3rd issue dealt with

how to leave your life behind to join in the Jihad against the West, but buried in the pages of the issue was a full page spread titled “Steeds of War” that highlights the virtues of Honda’s CG125 as a vehicle of choice for the Mujahideen. “All Praise is due to Allah Who has made the Crusaders flee with a humiliating defeat at the hands of the Mujahideen who have so little resources compared to them. We, the Mujahidin, have won the war with Honda 125s valued at around \$700,” the magazine boasts.

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**Best sermons are lived; not preached:** Real life stories that teach you many things in life. Excellent reading; read all; the 6th & 7th are masterpieces! The following stories have wonderful shades of emotions. These are based on true incidences both wonderful & inspirational. These stories will remove some wrong misconceptions that we have about the people & life in general.

1. **Today**, when I slipped on the wet tile floor a boy in a wheelchair caught me before I slammed my head on the ground. He said, “Believe it or not, that’s almost exactly how I injured my back 3 years ago.”

2. **Today**, my father told me, “Just go for it & give it a try! You don’t have to be a professional to build a successful product. Amateurs started Google & Apple. Pros built the Titanic.”

3. **Today**, I asked my mentor – a very successful business man in his 70’s– what his top 3 tips are for success. He smiled & said, “Read something no one else is reading, think something no one else is thinking, & do something no one else is doing.”

4. **Today**, I interviewed my grandmother for part of a research paper I’m working on for my Psychology class. When I asked her to define success in her own words, she said, “Success is when you look back at your life & the memories make you smile.”

5. **I am blind by birth.** When I was 8 years old, I wanted to play baseball. I asked my father- “Dad, can I play baseball?” He said “You’ll never know until you try.” When I was a teenager, I asked him, - “Dad can I become a surgeon?”. He replied “Son, you’ll never know until you try.” Today after my own successful sight restoration surgery, I am a surgeon, just because I tried!

6. **Today**, after a 72 hour shift at the fire station, a woman ran up to me at the grocery store & gave me a hug. When I tensed up, she realized I didn’t recognize her. She let go with tears of joy in her eyes & the most sincere smile & said, “On 9-11-2001, you carried me out of the World Trade Center.”

7. **Today**, after I watched my dog get run over by a car, I sat on the side of the road holding him & crying. And just before he died, he licked the tears off my face.

8. **Today** at 7AM, I woke up feeling ill, but decided I needed the money, so I went into work. At 3PM I got laid off. On my drive home I got a flat tire. When I went into the trunk for the spare, it was flat too. A man in a BMW pulled over, gave me a ride, we chatted, & then he offered me a job. I start tomorrow.

9. **Today**, as my father, three brothers, & two sisters stood around my mother’s hospital bed, my mother uttered her last coherent words before she died. She simply said, “I feel so loved right now. We should have gotten together like this more often.”

10. **Today**, I kissed my dad on the forehead as he passed away in a small hospital bed. About 5 seconds after he passed, I realized it was the first time I had given him a kiss since I was a little boy.

11. **Today**, in the cutest voice, my 8-year-old daughter asked me to start recycling. I chuckled & asked, “Why?” She replied, “So you can help me save the planet.” I chuckled again & asked, “And why do you want to save the planet?” “Because that’s where I keep all my stuff,” she said.

12. **Today**, when I witnessed a 27-year-old breast cancer patient laughing hysterically at her 2-year-old daughter’s antics, I suddenly realized that I need to stop complaining about my life & start celebrating it again.

**History of the NCOM Brothers Behind Bars Newsletter:** The First Brother to receive the initial newsletter (not really a newsletter back then), was Sons Of Silence Dago. Dago transferred from Iowa to my Chapter in Minnesota. Shortly after moving to Minnesota & even before he changed his Iowa Rocker to Minnesota he found himself in a little hot water (Parole Violation). Being I am a Computer Analyst, friends would e-mail me jokes. Basically I printed some jokes off, dropped them into the mail to my new chapter Brother Dago. I figure if I could put a smile on his face for even a few seconds that was well worth a 33-cent stamp. Being as I was copy-n-pasting the jokes into a word document for printing & we had other SOS MC Brothers who found themselves on the wrong side of the bars, I simply printed copies of the jokes I was sending Dago for them too.

**In fact** I was coping-n-pasting so many jokes into word documents & mailing to all of the Sons Of Silence Members in prison, that one of the Brothers (Nick the Knife) sent me a letter & told me he was tired of jokes, would prefer me to write him a message or something. About that time an X-Bandidos MC member named Conn Ed (years later he authored a book titled "Out In Bad Standing") started to Emailing me Motorcycle Club related articles. This was long before there were any Biker News Websites. So I started coping-n-pasting these articles into the word document along with some jokes & mailed to the Brothers.

**I also started looking** for other Biker related articles now on the Internet, & include them too. Sometimes I would sign a Biker related website's guestbooks.

**Dago was sent to the St. Cloud State Prison**, which is the city I live in. I would visit him once or twice a week. On one visit he told he just mailed me a poem he wrote, once I read I should let him know what I thought of it. Well, I myself was not much into reading poetry. The letter came to my house, I set it aside figuring when I was in the mood to read poetry I would open it & read it. I figured I wouldn't like it anyhow, & I knew I had to tell him the truth of what thought of his poem. I think subconsciously I was tiring to avoid hurting the last feeling he may have had... Each visit or each time he would call, at the end of the visit or call, he would ask, so how did you like the poem? I would respond, I will read it soon, I need to be in the proper frame of mind (figured I would have to get Drunk to read it)... Well this went on for a couple of months. Dago was starting to get a little upset. So I open & for the 1st time I read "SOS Family Memories". An extremely moving poem (Song) about My Club. Once I read, I could believe it. It brought a tear to my eye. I loved it. From that point on, I make a point to open every letter I get from a Brother Behind Bars in a timely manner. Sometimes I get behind on opening letters as I'm busy with the Club, Work, & other projects... But I try to open letters in a timely manner.

**Dago was writing other songs** also & started sending them out to me. I would include them in my mail which was the early start of the BBB Newsletter to the other Sons Of Silence Brothers. He got a job in the Prison Studio, where he could record these songs. He had recorded 12 tracks & sent them out to me, where I found a back alley-recording studio that would do the final mix & burn CDs for cheap. The newsletter helped its first Brother get a profession, so once he got out, he had his music.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Happy Birthday **Sons Of Silence Dago** on Sept 4<sup>th</sup>...

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

**Being interested in finding material** for the newsletter, I surfed the web, viewing Motorcycle Club's web sites & putting info from these sites into my newsletter. I was viewing the Outlaws MC site. We recently establish a more cordial relation with them. I have heard about Taco for many years & there was a link to his page. He was currently in prison & had a guest book for message. I simply put an entry on it, saying nice web site Mike SFFS with my e-mail address. Figuring last I would think about that. A few day later I got an e-mail from a man named Smitty from the Florida Outlaws MC. It simply said thanks for signing Taco Guestbook & he would like you to drop him a letter. His mailing address was on his web site, as I really did not have anything to say to Taco, so I figured I would print an extra copy of the newsletter I was sending my Brothers. Jokes & news article, nothing that was for SOS eyes only. Besides the mailrooms were all reading the Brother's mail, so it wasn't like I was including anything like secret messages. Thus was born the First Non SOS Club member to be added to my mailing list.

**Shortly after that** (Oct. 2004), my Brother Jason from Colorado Springs was released from prison. He had been getting the newsletter & sharing it with a Bandido & an Outlaw. Jason calls me & said the Bandido he was sharing his newsletter with was missing reading it. This Bandido name Neto helped Jason out when he arrived in Prison with new tooth brush, other toilets, & showed him the ropes, as this was Jason's first & only time in prison. Jason ask me; could I send him a copy? Of course Brother. Bandido Neto was the first Bandido added to the mailing list, & I believe the second non SOS member added. Over the years we've written each other, and one day when he is released, look forward to meeting him in person.

**Then one day**, my Brother Nomad Bronson, who has never been in prison, called me & asked if I would put his friend Pagan White Bear on my BBB Newsletter mailing list. Of course I would, as a Brother of mine was asking me to. White Bear was the first Pagan's MC member to be added to the mailing list. Over the years, with White Bear writing me & me writing him back to him, I got to know him some. And when he got out of prison, I had the opportunity to meet him in person & spend some time with him. And we became friends, his wife & my wife became friends, his son & my daughter became friends to. May White Bear 13 1% Rest In Peace. If my memory serve me correctly, I believe White Bear was the first non-SOS Club member who got the BBB newsletter in prison, that I met once released.

**Over time**, I would get letters from Brother from other clubs that had access to the newsletter either from a SOS Member, Outlaw Taco, Bandido Neto, or Pagan White Bear explaining how they were transferred from a prison where a SOS Member, Taco, Neto, or White Bear was, & they were sharing the newsletter with them. I would contact the club that this member was in & verify that he were in good standings with their Club before added to the newsletter mailing list to. Thus establishing my Club Contacts for the newsletters. Those Clubs I couldn't make e-mail contact with, I would contacted one of my Brothers who was most likely to know or have contact with & set me up with a club contact. So basically this has been a joint effort.

**Over the years to**, I've gotten to become friends with members of other Motorcycle Clubs. Example Hells Angel South Side Billy & I became friends along with his wife & my wife. South Side Billy was my contact with the Hells Angels MC, he would verify any of his Club Brothers that wanted the BBB Newsletter sent to them. May South Side Billy 1%er Rest In Peace.

**Without Motorcycle Club members** from the many Clubs that get the BBB Newsletter in prison; the BBB Newsletter probably would have ceased to exist... I've gotten many letters from guys in prison saying they are in their MC in Good Standings only to find out thru his Club Contact that the letter writer was a piece of shit – Snitch...

**At the 2005 NCOM Convention**, I approached Joey Lester & showed him copies of the recent newsletters, & asked if NCOM would be a sponsor of it... Joey & Richard reviewed things & became the primary Sponsor as they still are today. More than looking for their money, I was looking at them to be the main sponsor, then under the NCOM umbrella, Hopefully Club Politics would not be any part of the BBB Newsletter. And fortunately, Club Politics Never has been an issue. With NCOM being the main sponsor, this is one way NCOM gives back to the Motorcycle Club World – Thank You...!!!

**Over the years**, others have offered to help sponsor the Brothers Behind Bars Newsletters. As the BBB Newsletter could not have grown with all of these Sponsors. I'm very grateful that to the Sponsors, as without them the Newsletter could have never gotten to the volume it is. In fact without the Sponsors, the Newsletter would have probably ceased to exist. I would especially like to Thank the Sons Of Silence MC North Dakota Chapter for all the Help they have been over the years with the BBB Newsletter.

**There are many more** BBB Newsletter related items I could talk about, But I've already rambled on enough... Love & Respect, Mike NCOM Brothers Behind Bars Newsletter Editor.

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**Welfare 101:** A young man with his pants hanging half off his ass, 2 gold front teeth, & a half inch thick gold chain around his neck; walked into the local welfare office to pick up his check. He marched up to the counter & said, "Hi. You know, I just HATE drawing welfare. I'd really rather have a job... I don't like taking advantage of the system, getting something for nothing." The social worker behind the counter said "Your timing is excellent. We just got a job opening from a very wealthy old man who wants a chauffeur & bodyguard for his beautiful daughter. You'll have to drive around in his 2013 Mercedes-Benz CL, & he will supply all of your clothes." "Because of The long hours, meals will be provided. You'll also be expected to escort the daughter on her overseas holiday trips. This is rather awkward to say but you will also have, as part of your job, the assignment to satisfy her sexual urges as the daughter is in her mid-20's & has a rather strong sex drive." The guy, just plain wide-eyed, said, "You're bullshittin' me!" The social worker said, "Yeah, well... You started it..."

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**Izod, The Wrath Of God** - July 22, 2014 – U.S.A. – By The Aging Rebel; [www.AgingRebel.com](http://www.AgingRebel.com) - In 1972, the German director Werner Herzog released a film called Aguirre, the Wrath of God. The film starred the young & edgy Klaus Kinski as the Spanish conquistador Lope de Aguirre who, in the film at least, floated his soldiers down the Orinoco & Amazon Rivers with the promise they would find El Dorado. Naturally, they all go crazy & die. The fun of the film is watching them all go crazy & die. Near the end of the film, as Aguirre & his few, sick, remaining companions float down a last stream on a last raft; they begin to die from arrows shot by Indians hidden in the dense jungle on both sides of the stream. One broken soldier looks up & sees a wrecked ship in a tree. "That is no ship. That is no forest," he declares. An arrow impales the man's leg. "That is no arrow," the conquistador tells himself. "We just imagine the arrows because we fear them."

**Arrows Of Bad News:** This old, forgotten film is pertinent now because the Iron Order MC is starting to look like yet another example of life imitating art. The news about the Iron Order as reported here for the last month has been almost entirely bad. Judging by the reader comments that have followed each of those stories, most Iron Order members do not take bad news well. Over & over, members of the Iron Order have written to complain that this page is just making up bad news to discredit or embarrass the club. The bad news yesterday was that a man named Robert Fernandes was publically identified as a member or associate of the Iron Order MC in an article by a reporter named Scott Schulte in the Kingman, Arizona Daily Miner. Fernandes is an ex-offender who is quoted by Schulte as saying, "When I got out of jail I got involved with the Iron Order MC, I needed that camaraderie." Schulte's story & Fernandes' quote are what journalists call "news" because the Iron Order has repeatedly presented itself as a "law abiding motorcycle club" that shuns ex-offenders. The Aging Rebel included a link to the Daily Miner story in the article which was titled "The Law Abiding MC."

**Izod Wants A Correction:** This morning, Iron Order Internat'l Pres Ray "Izod" Lubesky wrote to complain that Schulte got it wrong & Fernandes has it wrong & The Aging Rebel should do something about that. In the body of an email with the subject heading "Correction" Lubesky wrote: "Please correct your article regarding the IOMC being an OMG. Robert Fernandes is not now nor has he ever been a member of the IOMC. We don't even know who he is. Also, we have not now nor have we ever been designated an OMG by anyone with the exception of you. One more thing, no one from this club is lambasting you or your website publicly. We only wish you could get your facts straight, your stories accurate, your sources vetted properly, your research done professionally, & you give some attempt at being fair & balanced."

**The Aging Rebel Replies:** The content of the Daily Miner story was quoted accurately. It does not appear that the Kingman paper has yet corrected its story. When this page becomes aware that the Daily Miner has corrected yesterday's story The Aging Rebel will report that. The Iron Order MC has been identified as an Outlaw Motorcycle Gang, or OMG, by an anonymous analyst in an official publication of the ATF dated July 1, 2014 & titled OMGs And The Military 2014. The passage quoted by this page occurs at the bottom of page 28 & the top of page 29 of this report & is accompanied by side by side photographs of the indicia of the Iron Order & the Iron Horsemen MCs. This page reported this fact accurately & believes that it is reasonable to conclude from the context of the comments pertinent to the Iron Order & the accompanying illustration that the ATF analyst wrote what he meant to write. This page also believes the direct quote "More importantly, many of their members are police & corrections officers, active-duty military and/or Gov't employees & contractors" in a report about connections between military personnel & "OMGs" is unambiguous. Members of the Iron Order MC have gone out of their way to try to discredit this page & influence its reporting. The Iron Order gives the impression that it wants this page to act as a good news propaganda conduit on behalf of the Iron Order. The Aging Rebel stands by its continuing coverage of the Iron Order MC.

**Being Thankful:** A Rabbi said to a precocious 6-year-old boy, "So your mother says your prayers for you each night? That's very commendable. What does she say?" The little boy replied, "Thank God he's in bed!"

**Fox Backs Out Of Motorcycle Stunt - July 24, 2014 – Texas / Idaho** – By The Aging Rebel; [www.AgingRebel.com](http://www.AgingRebel.com) - Fox TV has backed out of a proposed deal to fund & televise a motorcycle jump of Snake River Canyon in Southern Idaho. Daredevil Robert Craig "Evel" Knievel tried to jump the canyon on a rocket powered motorcycle on Sept 8, 1974. He didn't make it. Knievel had originally hoped ABC Sports would broadcast the jump but they backed out. So he made a deal with boxing promoter Bob Arum's Top Rank Productions. Arum broadcast the failed jump on closed circuit television. Everybody lost money on the deal. One of the investors, Vince McMahon, Jr., declared bankruptcy & afterwards dedicated himself to making professional wrestling the wonderful & lucrative spectacle it has grown to be.

**Money:** Fox had agreed to celebrate the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of that colossal failure this Sept 14 by televising not one but 2 attempts of the canyon. A Hollywood stuntman named Eddie Braun was to leap the canyon on steam powered, rocket motorcycle. Motorcycle daredevil "Big" Ed Beckley was going to jump the canyon on some other kind of rocket motorcycle. About a month ago Fox announced that the network was pushing the jumps back into Oct. Then ten days ago Fox announced that 2 veteran executives named Gary Newman & Dana Walden had been named co-bosses of bosses at the Fox Television Group. Their immediate task was to stop Fox from bleeding money, which is what happened shortly after viewers got bored with American Idol. Apparently, someone told them what happened the last time somebody tried to cash in on a Snake River Canyon jump.

**Big Ed,** a dreamer who goes about 285 & who promotes himself as the "World's Largest Motorcycle Jumper," issued the following statement on: "We received the final word the new bosses at FOX TV have backed away from the Snake River Canyon Jump. It was not in their new budget for us to make the jump. We will not sacrifice safety, our integrity, & our just reward for attempting a real motorcycle jump over the Canyon. We are now seeking other media partners & we are undaunted by this development because it is in God's hands. We have followed his lead from the start & whatever he has in store for us, whatever it may be we are along for the ride. "A special thanks go to those who are closest to this whole deal – my friend, my cheerleader, the one that never gave up thru all this is Cheryl Williamson. Her support has been a lifesaver throughout this whole ordeal. Of course there is my friend & attorney Jon Simmons as well as Rod Woodruff & his crew from the Buffalo Chip. These are the ones closest to the whole project & have been with me thru the beginning. There are many others too like Chad Coppess, Gene Sullivan, my Team Jesus, my office girls, & more & they all are respected & appreciated for always being there for me. Also to my back up rider & builder Paul Stender & his beautiful wife Thanks for all you have done & tried to do for this project. "Thanks to you all – for your support & believing in me. I hope you understand there will be no replies to your questions – nor radio or TV interviews about this subject until we know more – we will move forward. I am not through with this jump or others we have been working on. There is much more to do with this restart of my career. Remember – I have always been the one that when people said he couldn't – I showed them I could & I have the Lord on my side – everything is possible with him."

**Braun,** is concentrating on his participation in "Evel Knievel Days 2014" in Butte, Montana & has made no comment on the Fox cancellation.

**Hughes found guilty of first-degree murder** – July 24, 2014 – *Virginia* – By Keith Epps; <http://news.Fredericksburg.com> - Jason Shane Plaster's daughters wrote letters that were presented by the prosecution in court Thu. The victim impact statements include a one-page letter from one daughter & a 3-page letter from the other daughter... A Stafford County jury Thu convicted William Hughes of 1st-degree murder & recommended that he serve 27 years in prison. The jury decision came early on the 4th day of Hughes' trial in Stafford Circuit Court. Hughes, 45, will be formally sentenced by Judge Michael Levy on Oct. 1. Hughes was one of 3 people involved in the July 2007 slaying of 31-year-old Jason Plaster, whose remains were dug up last March on Belle Plains Rd in southern Stafford. The multi-acre tract near Potomac Creek belongs to one of the codefendants in the case, Dennis Benzie. Police began digging for Plaster after Benzie told Stafford Detective Sgt. Chris Cameron about the 2007 slaying. Benzie, who had just been arrested on drug & firearms charges at the time of his confession, testified against Hughes, as did the other codefendant, Stuart Lee Sullivan. Sullivan has pleaded guilty to 2<sup>nd</sup>-degree murder & will be sentenced on Sept. 25. Benzie got a deal in which he will not be charged with murder, though he is still facing drug charges. Before deliberating Hughes' sentence Thu, jurors heard emotional letters from Plaster's daughters, who are now between the ages of 10 & 13. A number of people in the courtroom cried as details about how Plaster's slaying affected his family were read aloud. One child wrote about how Plaster's 3 children ended up in foster care because their mother couldn't take care of them without Plaster's help. She said they were abused by a relative they were living with before ending up in different foster-care homes. They said it was especially devastating to learn that Hughes, a man they referred to as "Uncle Bill," was his killer. "No, my father wasn't a perfect man, but our love for him was perfect," one child wrote to Hughes. "You set off a chain reaction of misery for my family." The other wrote that the sisters went through 4 years of abuse before one of them jumped from a balcony & broke her leg in an effort to get attention from a neighbor. The neighbor called police & the girls were removed from the home. "You destroyed my family. You destroyed my life ...." she wrote. "I hate you!" One daughter suggested that Hughes seek forgiveness from God because she didn't know if she could forgive him. Benzie & Sullivan testified that Hughes shot Plaster with a Derringer & Sullivan followed with several shots from his 9mm gun. A 9mm round was in the back of Plaster's skull when it was recovered. Both men said Hughes told them that he was upset with Plaster because he had exposed himself to Hughes' wife & tried to have sex with his daughter. There were some significant variances in the 2 men's stories. For example, Benzie claimed that he, Sullivan & Hughes had plotted to lure Plaster into the woods under the pretense of digging up some buried firearms. Sullivan claimed he knew nothing of the murder plot until Hughes fired the initial shot. He said he fired because Hughes told him to & he feared repercussions to himself & his family if he didn't. Hughes' motorcycle gang connections were referred to a number of times during the trial. Hughes acknowledged being the Pres of the Prince William chapter of the Warlock MC. Hughes testified that he had no involvement in Plaster's death & had no idea why Benzie & Sullivan-2 men he considered friends-would say that he did. Defense atty Chris Feldmann pointed out the inconsistencies in the primary witnesses' stories & said there was considerable reasonable doubt. Prosecutors Lori DiGiosia & Ed Lustig disagreed, saying there was no reason for either witness to falsely implicate Hughes. "The only reason that they would say that Bill Hughes was there that day was because he was," DiGiosia said. "It was his plan to kill Jason Plaster, & he carried it out."

**Iron Order Killer Still Not Charged** - July 24, 2014 - *Florida* - By the Aging Rebel; [www.AgingRebel.com](http://www.AgingRebel.com) - Relatives & friends of Zachariah James "Nas T" Tipton peacefully demonstrated outside the office of the State Atty in Jacksonville yesterday. Zach Tipton was shot & killed by a man widely identified as a prospect with the Iron Order MC on June 26 outside Nippers Beach Grille in Jacksonville Beach, FL. The State Atty, a woman named Angela B. Corey is, as yet after a month, undecided about whether to charge Tipton's unnamed killer with anything: involuntary manslaughter, assault, battery, invitation to affray, making false statements to police, disorderly conduct, littering, public urination, anything. Corey was elected in 2008, 2 years after she was fired from her job as an Assist State Atty. She was appointed as Special Prosecutor after local police failed to charge George Zimmerman in the shooting of Trayvon Martin. Corey filed a charge of 2<sup>nd</sup> degree murder against Zimmerman on April 11, 2012. A jury acquitted Zimmerman of the charge in July 13.

**Protesters Want Answers:** One of the demonstrators yesterday was Zachariah Tipton's sister Tina. She said, "Right now, we want the truth about what happened that night to come out. We want somebody to be arrested. We want justice to be served." Tina Tipton told CBS affiliate WTEV, "We feel like we don't know anything more than the general public at this point & that's upsetting." Another demonstrator named Holly Gravengaard told WTEV, "They (the family) are asking very simple questions & I don't understand why they're not giving up the name. Why they're protecting him & his family & why they're not concerned about this family." Tipton's father, Jimmy Carter, told the television station that he thinks prosecutors are "going to give nobody no answers until this is over. Maybe an outpouring of support, people, will get the attention of the state's attorney & at least give us the answers we need to have, you know."

**No Charges:** The State Atty's reluctance to charge the anonymous shooter with anything at all is curious. This is hardly the first fight between members of the Iron Order & members of traditional motorcycle clubs. For example, a brawl between members of the Wayne County, GA chapter of the IO & members of the Long County chapter of the Wingmen MC in a bar in Jesup, GA on Aug 12, 2010 resulted in the arrest of 8 members of the IO 2 weeks later. The IO members were Don Crouch, James Smith, Ronald Spear, Joseph Savard, Tony MacIntire, Billy James Armstrong, Charles Caldwell & Glenn Pond. Crouch, a Hinesville, GA firefighter was charged with affray, a misdemeanor, & a Georgia felony called "unlawful acts of criminal street gangs." A single shot, which hit nobody, was fired in that altercation. According to multiple sources speaking on conditions of anonymity, multiple shots were fired during Tipton's murder. So far, Jacksonville Beach police spokesman Tom Crumley has only said that Tipton died from a single shot to the head. He hasn't yet divulged whether police believe multiple shots were fired or whether Tipton suffered additional, non-fatal wounds.

**Idée Fixe:** The fact that the man who killed Zach Tipton has gotten a pass so far may result from the Iron Order's deliberate efforts to brand itself as a "law abiding MC." The Iron Order counts numerous sworn law enforcement personnel in its ranks & its reach extends even into prison. In a memorandum to all Iron Order members, club president Ray "Izod" Lubesky wrote, "Our brothers in the Shiprock, New Mexico chapter are all prison guards. They tell us the first thing that happens to 1%ers when they get to prison is they get their asses beat just to let them know they ain't shit in prison." A Safety Bulletin issued by Okaloosa County, FL Sheriff Larry Ashley immediately after Tipton's

murder illustrates the fixed idea the Iron Order's calculated branding seems to implant in the minds of Northern Florida cops. "The IOMC officers I met with wanted to get the message out that they Are Not a 1% MC, nor do they aspire to become one or to be known as one," Ashley wrote the day after Tipton died. "Normally, at least in my experience & interaction with the club, they are LEO friendly & most wear a Maltese Cross as an indicator they are armed. Of the club officers I met with this evening, all are former LEOs with the exception of one -- & he is an Active Duty First Sgt affiliated with Security Forces. So, the info I received today came from a Very Reliable source." The presumption underlying this investigation seems to be that the Iron Order is "a very reliable source."

**Former Hells Angel & cop who chased him share their unlikely friendship** -- July 27, 2014 -- *Minnesota* - By Kristi Belcamino; [www.TwinCities.com](http://www.TwinCities.com) - Considered the "godfather" of the Minneapolis Hells Angels, Pat Matter knew 3 things in life were true: "When you love someone, you get hurt. ... When you're real, everyone hates you for it. And when you trust, you get killed." And yet, Matter found an unlikely man to trust: Chris Omodt -- the Hennepin County cop who'd been after him for years. Two decades after the men 1<sup>st</sup> heard of each other, they're telling the story of their unlikely alliance. Their co-written book, "Breaking the Code" (self-published & available Fri), tells the tale of how their lives intersected, giving a no-holds-barred glimpse into the world of biker gangs & the investigators who go after them. The friendship Matter & Omodt now share -- including daily phone calls -- is a long way from where they began. The 2 men, in different parts of the Twin Cities, embarked on their chosen careers around the same time in the early 1980s. Both men started out at the bottom. Both had to prove themselves -- Matter that he was Hells Angel material, Omodt that he had what it takes to be a detective. Early on in the journey that would take him all the way to Pres of the Minneapolis Hells Angels, Matter learned the potential cost of his lifestyle when one of his friends died violently. "Rick's death wasn't easy to take," Matter writes in the book. "It was all a part of it, of course, a part of the outlaw biker lifestyle. There was risk. There was danger. And yet that was also part of the allure. And there was the camaraderie -- being around guys who would fight for you, even die for you." Omodt, meanwhile, was beginning his career as a cop. He was the son of a Hennepin County sheriff, but instead of cashing in on his family's reputation, the 19-year-old intentionally started at the bottom -- community service officer for the Edina police. He proved himself & was promoted to detective. As each man rose in his career, their paths grew closer. But it wouldn't be until Feb. 15, 2002, that the 2 would meet face-to-face at the Anoka County Jail.

**The Puzzle Piece:** During an investigation into Matter's crimes that went on for years, detectives unearthed 2 kilograms of cocaine they were able to tie to Matter. At the time, it didn't seem like much -- just another puzzle piece in the case they were trying to build against Matter. It wasn't until nearly 5 years later that investigators decided that Matter's connection to the cocaine could be the key to bringing down the powerful Hells Angels leader. And so on Feb. 14, 2002 -- Valentine's Day -- one day before the statute of limitations ran out, Matter was indicted in connection with the stolen cocaine. Omodt, by then a Hennepin County sheriff's detective, went to introduce himself to Matter, who said, "I know who you are." As the charismatic leader of the Hells Angels, it was Matter's job to pay attention to everyone who was watching him, including opposing biker gangs who wanted to see him dead instead of behind bars. Now, Omodt admits, the case against Matter was weak. "It was a bluff," Omodt said in an

interview Sun, "but by Sept we were able to build a pretty good case against him." Meanwhile, Matter had been flirting with the idea of leaving the HAs. Too many people he knew had been arrested or were dead. And on top of that, he was beginning to realize that a stable family environment was more important than a gang empire. "By 1999, the stakes had gotten higher," Matter writes in the book. "A lot higher. I'd learned that Trish was pregnant. We'd had Cole living with us from my 1st marriage & Trish had become interested in us having a child of our own." But leaving would mean betraying everything he had fought for & believed in for nearly all of his adult life. To avoid a life sentence, Matter had agreed to cooperate with authorities & testify in other drug cases across the nation. That meant breaking the code -- which usually led to a pine box 6 feet under. As the leader of a biker gang, you not only lived by the code, you enforced the code. "That was the way I lived. I preached it," Matter said Sun. "I'll be honest, to this day, to go against that was the toughest thing I ever did." But Matter did it. For his family. And was sentenced to 9 years in prison. And it was then that Matter turned to a man he didn't quite trust yet -- Omodt -- & asked him to keep an eye on his wife, Trish, & son while he was locked up. "That was what convinced me about Pat," Omodt says. "She stood by him all that time. They loved each other. This one is standing by her man. That's why I believed in Pat."

**Different Worlds:** Despite being on opposite sides of the law, Matter & Omodt each had codes & standards of right & wrong. Matter's code included being honest, no matter what. He even had potential Hells Angel recruits take lie-detector tests. As a Hells Angel, Matter answered threats or challenges to his authority with fists. Despite a reputation that put fear into bikers across the nation, Matter writes in the book that he could never have been a killer: "Thankfully, it never got to the point where I'd have to follow through, where I'd actually have to pull the trigger on someone. Unless it was self-defense, I knew I didn't really have it in me. But of course no one else knew that & that's the way I wanted to keep it." Matter may have been a gangster, but he wasn't a killer -- a crucial distinction that Omodt says made it possible for the 2 men to be friends today. "If he had been, there's no way we'd be sitting in this room together today," Omodt said Sunday. Omodt's cop family had a long history of fighting criminals. His grandfather, Hugh Omodt, a St. Paul cop, even had a run-in with John Dillinger during a 1933 raid in which the gangster escaped in a blaze of machine-gun fire. His father, Don Omodt, was in the FBI under J. Edgar Hoover before his 28-year-run as Hennepin County sheriff. Yet despite his family's legacy, Omodt doesn't hesitate to point out instances of corruption in law enforcement & the justice system in "Breaking the Code." Before being asked to come in & straighten out a host of problems with the Metro Gang Strike Force in January of 2009, Omodt said, he insisted upon a state audit. When he arrived for work, the audit had not been done. When he protested, he was told he would not be held accountable for any wrongdoing that had occurred before he took the helm. Ultimately, an investigation into the task force found that members could not account for more than \$18,000 in seized cash & more than a dozen vehicles. "It was a disaster is what it was," Omodt said Sunday. Given more time, Omodt believes, he could have fixed the problems with the strike force, but it was shut down in July of that year.

**It's The Truth:** Omodt & Matter say the integrity they recognized in each other gave them common ground. "When I interviewed Pat, he was so honest it was crazy," Omodt said. And in Omodt, Matter found the same: "He's a caring person. He's genuine." That doesn't mean they always saw eye-to-eye writing

their book. “We butted heads,” Omodt said. “Oh, yeah, we did,” Matter agreed. “Breaking the Code,” which will be available on Amazon & at Barnes & Noble, is chock full of stories that almost seem too far-fetched to be true -- like the day Matter donned a tow truck driver’s jacket, ripped down the police tape blocking a driveway & backed a flat-bed truck up to a friend’s million-dollar lake house as investigators watched. Right in front of Fed agents Matter loaded his friend’s classic Corvette onto the flatbed & drove away before they realized what had happened & could confiscate the vehicle. But Matter & Omodt say it all happened. “We put our heart & souls into this book,” Matter said. “It’s the truth.” Omodt, 53, retired as a captain in the Hennepin County Sheriff’s Office 2 years ago & now works as a nationally recognized gang expert. Matter, 62, who got out of prison at the same time as Omodt’s retirement, lives a quiet life now, devoting himself to being a husband & a father. He said his only regret is not realizing at the time the effect his drug sales had on others. “I was thinking that bikers were getting all the meth, & it was all adults,” Matter says. “The sad truth is I didn’t think about it at the time.” But he doesn’t regret the life he led as the “godfather” of the Minneapolis Hells Angels. “I’m not ashamed of who I was. There’s a lot of good in Hells Angels. There is both bad & good.”

**Members of biker gang shot; rival bikers charged with attempted murder** – July 28, 2014 – *Tennessee* – By Jonquil Newland; [www.WRCBTV.com](http://www.WRCBTV.com) - Four men are behind bars after a late night shooting at a gas station left 2 men injured. It happened on Decatur Pike in Athens around midnight on Sat morning. What started out as a quiet night quickly turned violent at the Applebee’s in Athens when 2 rival biker gangs came head to head in the middle of the restaurant. Police say members of the Heathens MC were in the establishment eating when the Outlaw MC came in & attacked, causing a scene & damage to the restaurant. While no shots were fired at Applebee’s, that wasn’t the last time either group pulled out weapons. Police say around midnight on Sat morning the Outlaw group was spotted once again. But this time at the Kangaroo Gas Station, just right down the street from their first encounter with the Heathens. Police say as the Outlaws pulled in, the Heathens weren’t far behind. As they stopped near pump number 1, the Heathen’s car doors opened & they began to shoot. Police say the Outlaws retaliated, the gunshots ended with 2 people in the hospital. Patrick Petty, Jarod Grant, Robert Wood, Thomas Ingle, Jr. & Jerry Henry were all arrested & charged with attempted first degree murder after 2 were shot. Both bikers who were shot were transported to the hospital... The condition of those injured has not been released at this time. The Heathens group is located in Tennessee, not to be confused with the group in Georgia.

**Cody police chief meets with Hells Angels** – July 30, 2014 – *Wyoming* - By Jeremy Fugleberg; <http://trib.com> - Cody Police Chief Perry Rockvam met Wed morning with representatives of the Hells Angels motorcycle club, seeking an “open dialogue” with the group, a police spokesman said. “They’ve been in contact for some time,” Officer John Harris, spokesman for the Cody P.D., said at a 10 a.m. news briefing today. “The meeting was supposed to occur yesterday, but due to logistical issues they weren’t able to make it last night. They’re meeting as we speak.” The Hells Angels are in Cody from Wed through Sunday for their USA Run, an annual gathering of the club’s bikers. Law enforcement officials estimated that about 400 to 500 bikers & associates would take part. Bikers began trickling into Cody earlier this week. Harris said he wasn’t aware of any incidents or arrests. Harris confirmed that the group’s events were centered on a site in the 700 block of Yellowstone Ave, or on the south side of

U.S. Hwy 16 at the far west end of Cody. A photo tweeted by the Park County Sheriff’s Office showed that the HAs had erected a tent & a number of outhouses. A semitrailer was parked to one side. 14 L.E. agencies, including local, state & Fed, are assisting Cody police during the visit of the notorious MC, long considered an organized crime syndicate by law enforcement. The state of Wyoming is pitching in up to \$184,000 toward the cost of law enforcement’s coverage of the event, Harris said. The HAs last gathered in Cody in 2006 for their Worldwide Run, & law enforcement agencies received some criticism for their blanket response. Five arrests were made, stemming from one traffic stop of the club’s members. Harris acknowledged the significantly ramped-up law enforcement presence in Cody during this year’s event, although he declined to total the number of officers or detail all of the agencies involved. He said the 2006 run didn’t compare in size with this year’s smaller, national run. “This is a different event, & we’re going to respond differently,” he said.

**FBI arrests 4 members of Sacramento-area Vagos MC** – July 31, 2014 – *California* – By Gabriel Rosas; [www.News10.net](http://www.News10.net) - The FBI calls the Vagos the biggest outlaw motorcycle gang in the area with ties to an internat’l, highly-organized criminal network. On Wed, Fed agents capped off more than a year’s worth of undercover work that resulted in 4 arrests. As of late Wed night, all 4 of the men arrested were still going through the booking process at the Sacramento County Jail & unable to respond to News10 requests for interviews, but one high-ranking Vagos member did say his organization is not a gang. In a criminal complaint, the FBI describes the Sacramento Vagos as an outlaw motorcycle gang trafficking in methamphetamine, illegal weapons, & stolen motorcycles, but Vagos member Chris Mayhew insisted his organization is a peaceful one. “We’re not a gang. We’re a motorcycle club. We’re a whole bunch of brothers. You know, we’re a family,” Mayhew said. Mayhew described himself as an officer of the group. He’s one of several members named in the criminal complaint against accused drug supplier James Cline & accused gang members Leonard Walter & Michael Wright. The 3 men were arrested for drug charges along with accused drug supplier Richard Cardenas. Mayhew talked outside the North Sacramento apartment complex described by the FBI as a central Vagos location often called, “the compound.” “The apartments, I mean it’s an apartment complex. It’s not a compound. You know what I mean? It’s a whole bunch of families here with kids & everything, & we all know each other. We all help out with each other,” Mayhew said. Court documents show that beginning in spring 2013, the FBI infiltrated the group using an undercover employee who was able to coordinate a series of controlled drug purchases that led to the arrests. Mayhew says he wasn’t aware of the arrests & that they shouldn’t reflect the organization as a whole. “You can’t judge a tree because of one bad apple. You know what I mean? Not everyone hated the Atlanta Falcons when Michael Vick was over there fighting all them dogs. Everyone still liked the Atlanta Falcons. Just ‘cause of that one bad apple though, you can’t judge everyone else,” Mayhew said. The 4 suspects are expected to appear in court by the end of the week for their arraignment.

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**All Men / All Girls:** When my daughter, Kelli, said her bedtime prayers, she would bless every family member, every friend, & every animal (current & past). For several weeks, after we had finished the nightly prayer, Kelli would say, “And all girls.” This soon became part of her nightly routine, to include this closing. My curiosity got the best of me & I asked her, “Kelli, why do you always add the part about all girls?” Her response, “Because everybody always finish their prayers by saying ‘All Men’!”

**Hells Angels And The Cody Economy** – July 31, 2014 – *Wyoming* – By Penny Preston; [www.KULR8.com](http://www.KULR8.com) - Hundreds more Hells Angels drove into Cody Wed night & Thu. Police say the bikers will continue to come in through the weekend. Hells Angels is holding its Nat'l run, or meeting, in the northwest Wyoming town. Does their presence help or hurt the economy in Cody? Is a Hells Angels motorcycle engine running the sound of money or mayhem for Cody? In a press briefing Thu, Cody police revealed that in 2 days, they haven't arrested or given tickets to a single Hells Angel biker. Cody Police spokesman John Harris said there were 6 traffic stops in Cody Wed, but, "Only one of those traffic stops was the Hells Angels & that just resulted in a warning." The Wyoming H.P. told us Wed they had stopped a few Hells Angels & issued some citations, but they did not return our Thu call to update the count. When 1300 Hells Angels came to town for the world run in 2006, some people were concerned their presence would keep other tourists from coming to town. So we checked with the City of Cody to find out. They reported that in July of 2006 their bed tax income was up about a thousand dollars, & their sales tax income down about 3 thousand dollars. But since some of that sales tax comes from Yellowstone, we asked them about their numbers, & they said their attendance was down a little bit in 2006." The owner of Zapatas Mexican Restaurant in downtown Cody, Connie Mowatt said of her Hells Angels customers, "The ones that have been in have been very courteous. No problems at all." Mowatt remembers when the bikers came to town 8 years ago. We asked her, "Have you ever had customers get up & leave because they were scared of the bikers who sat down next to them?" She answered, "Not at all." The Executive Director Cody Chamber of Commerce, Scott Balyo explained the feelings of the business community, "The comments I got from our members, or even people on the street, is its more of a local curiosity that they're here. Hopefully they'll spend some money, they'll have a good time." We tried once again to interview club representatives. They declined, but one biker said, "We love Cody." While our investigation was not scientific, it appears some businesses like the bikers too. Mowatt explained, "I'm excited, & I'm hoping to have a lot of them in here. They're polite, & I have to say they like to spend money. They spend money." The Cody police say they expect up to 600 Hells Angels in town through the weekend.

**Ex Minnesota Hells Angels leader a marked man after tell-all book** – Aug 4, 2014 – *Minnesota* – By Tom Lyden; [www.MyFoxTwinCities.com](http://www.MyFoxTwinCities.com) - Pat Matter is a man I never dreamed I'd get the chance to interview. Most folks who know him, personally or by reputation, will be stunned that he's going in front of a television camera for the first time. But the former leader of Minnesota's Hells Angels has one hell of a story to tell. And he did it with the help of a cop who helped lock him up... Pat Matter was the undisputed godfather of the Minnesota Hells Angels, ruling over the city's methamphetamine trade for decades from the Angels clubhouse on Washington Avenue. Until 10 years ago, when Matter did the unthinkable. He broke the code, & snitched on his fellow Angels. Matter is now telling his story with the help of an unlikely coauthor, Chris Omodt, a former Hennepin County deputy who helped put him away. "Pat would always accuse me of investigating him further, but I wanted to get the facts right," Omodt said. The book, *Breaking the Code*, is hardly light reading. It lays out the drugs, the sex & raw brutality of life in the Hells Angels in vivid detail. But for Matter it came to an end when he was indicted & convicted of distributing cocaine. Looking at a life sentence, he cut a deal. In return for testifying against his fellow Angels, he'd get 7 years taken off his sentence. He did 9 years behind bars. "It was the hardest thing I ever did,"

Matter said. "I just wasn't going to lose my family." But Omodt discovered that being a Hells Angel involved a certain amount of bluster & bravado. Like the Filthy Few patch -- a kind of merit badge, for murder. The godfather & cop alternate chapters from their own perspective. The narrative also tracks the development of a unique friendship, between the con & son of a former sheriff. "When Pat went to prison he asked me to look after his wife & children," Omodt said. "I think the greatest reward for a law enforcement officer is to see someone turn his life around. And I truly believe Pat has turned his life around." Matter's cooperation has come with a price. From all accounts, he's a marked man. The Hells Angels made that clear when they blacked out his face on a clubhouse mural. "I wrote this to tell my story, not to bash the Hells Angels or law enforcement," Matter said. "This was to tell my story."

**Man accused in Hells Angels homicide pleads guilty** - Aug 4, 2014 - *Nebraska* - By Marjorie Sturgeon; KMTV; [www.JRN.com](http://www.JRN.com) - The man charged with murdering someone inside the Hells Angel MC pleaded guilty to manslaughter. Jay Witt faces up to 120 years in prison after Monday's plea, according to Douglas County Attorney Don Kleine. Investigators say Witt shot & killed William Furlong last July. Surveillance showed Witt & his girlfriend Tammy Kozak leaving the south Omaha club after the shooting. Kozak told investigators Witt said he shot Furlong because he thought he had a weapon.

**Ex-Finks motorcycle club 'terror team' rides into Victoria as Mongols** – Aug 4, 2014 – *Australia* – By [www.HeraldSun.com](http://www.HeraldSun.com) - Bikies known as the "Terror Team" are among an influx of outlaw MC members to Victoria. Former Qld Finks Greg Keating & Shane Bowden, office bearers of the club, have established themselves as "Nomad" bikies within Melbourne's Mongols chapters. Both Keating & Bowden became Mongols, an international bikie gang, following its near complete national "patch-over" of the Finks last year. The influx from Queensland & other states includes some of the most prominent outlaw bikies in Australia. Victoria, once regarded as "Switzerland" in the sense of being a neutral state, is yet to ban a gang under the Criminal Organisation Control Act. But Premier Denis Napthine said any bikies moving to Victoria to avoid tougher laws interstate would receive a "rude shock". "I say to criminal bikie gangs, there is no place to run, there is no place to hide in Victoria," Dr Napthine said. "We have the legislation, we have the police, & we will get you." The "Terror Team" cell, whose motto is "Violence with Attitude", has a history of stand-over tactics, extortion & assaults on the Gold Coast. Bowden, who shot Hells Angel Christopher Wayne Hudson during a 2006 fight night in Carrara dubbed the "Ballroom Blitz", has been in Melbourne for almost a year. Keating, his close friend & fearsome sergeant-at-arms, has been known to use any means necessary to discipline his members. Documents filed in the -Supreme Court in Queensland detailed how the Terror Team stood over small businesses & controlled Orchid Avenue nightclubs. But the state's tough anti-bikie stance has led to an exodus. Assist Commissioner (Crime Command) Steve Fontana told 3AW it was not uncommon for bikie groups to move around. "They do move around, & that's always a concern, but we do (focus on) these individuals," he said. "We have had a number relocate to Victoria & we are aware of this particular group." Police forces & national crime authorities were co-ordinating nationwide to share intelligence on bikie gangs, Fontana said.

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**His mother** should have thrown him away & kept the stork. - Mae West.

**Bikers more angelic than hellish in Cody** – Aug 5, 2014 – *Wyoming* – By Bruce McCormack; [www.CodyEnterprise.com](http://www.CodyEnterprise.com) - Like any contented conventioners after a long weekend of mixing business & pleasure, Hells Angels leaders say they thoroughly enjoyed their stay in Cody. But they're mum about a return visit. "As organized as people think we are, we aren't that organized," said Jeff, a club member from Denver who declined to give his last name. He was one of 2 organizers of the club's event in Cody. "There were no problems at all – this was a perfect place for us." He said the lighter law enforcement presence was "noted & appreciated" by the club. "There was no helicopter this time," he said in reference to the Homeland Security chopper stationed in Cody for the club's World Run in 2006 when about 1,200 members attended. Making its presence felt, that chopper, at least once, hovered low over the Hells Angels main '06 encampment at Ponderosa Campground, kicking up a dust storm. "The public said time & again that they were harrassed far more than we were in 2006," he added. This year law enforcement "acted like any law enforcement agency," he added, saying "relations were good" with Police Chief Perry Rockvam & Sheriff Scott Steward. "They did a good job dispelling rumors." He said their encampment in the bowl acreage west of Pizza Hut worked well for them. No official business was conducted this week in Cody, he added, & that area was just for "socializing, barbecue & relaxing" among some of the estimated 300 members in attendance. Asked if any unwelcome guests tried to access that area, he said, "Only the cops." He declined to answer a number of questions, especially about "club business." Responding to persistent reports for several years that the Hells Angels are considering purchasing property in the Cody area as a permanent site for an annual summer rally, Jeff said Cody is "centrally located" for many of their members, is close to Sturgis, S.D., & that members enjoy the riding in this area. "But I'd hate to speculate about the future," he added. "We're pretty adventurous & a permanent place is not really our forte." He also noted the importance to the club of proximity to Sturgis often is over-stated. "I've been at a run in New Hampshire a week before Sturgis," he added. Touting the fact that there were few, or no, problems during the several days of peak member presence in Cody, he said one incident happened at Walgreens – "Might as well be Starbucks, right?" he said with a laugh – when a motorcyclist had some problems. "But he wasn't one of ours," noted Jeff, a 10-year club member who works in the IT (Information Technology) field in Colorado. Another person became concerned about bikers "and ran into a bank," but that situation also was not connected to the Hells Angels, he said. Reminded that their reputation precedes them, Jeff feigned ignorance & gave an arms out, palms up look, as if to say, "What, us? But he laughed when told the story of a senior citizen waiting first in line at a stop light Sunday morning who – when she observed a pack of a dozen or more Hells Angels riding toward the intersection 90 degrees to her left – looked both ways a couple of times & then ran the red light rather than let the bikers get any closer. "We shook some hands downtown & kissed some babies," he added. "Some members enjoy socializing with the public more than others." He acknowledged friction with various reporters covering the biker event. "Sometimes it's hard to stay on our side of the line," he added. "Good news (no problems) for us is not necessarily good news (crime stories) for them." "But we really want to let the town know that we appreciate all the hospitality," he added. "And if we do come back, we want to have the lines of communication open." He said the Hells Angels have had no trouble during their summer runs for about the last 10 years. They'd be comfortable returning to any of those communities, he said. Reminded that one year there was a

standoff with police in Durango, Colo., & a motel room was destroyed in Steamboat Springs another year, he replied, "Well, yeah." Asked if any communities actually seek out their rallies, he said, "We're not ashamed of coming to your town, but no, no town courts the Hells Angels." "We're just not in their budget," he said with a laugh.

**Riders find time for fun and games** – Aug 6, 2014 – *Wyoming* – By Chris Frost; [www.CodyEnterprise.com](http://www.CodyEnterprise.com) - Hot dogs, dancing, softball and motorcycle stunts highlighted an eventful and busy Saturday in Cody. Events included a Hells Angels softball game, the inaugural Iron Horse Rodeo at Stampede Park and a street dance at the Irma Hotel. It was something of a typical summer afternoon at the park featuring sunshine, fresh air, kids playing – and about 150 Hells Angels members, family and friends enjoying an East vs. West softball game. The West squad rolled to victory in a game filled with misjudged and dropped fly balls, ground outs, heroic, diving catches and camaraderie equal to a family reunion. Both teams had plenty of supporters offering typical advice, like slide, take second and hit the cutoff man. Although no members cared to speak for attribution, some onlookers noted in conversations that the USA Run seemed more enjoyable than the 2006 World Run in Cody. "We tried to be cool with everyone the last time, and they (law enforcement) were jerks," said one Hells Angels watching the softball game. "Everyone (in Cody) is better this time." The banter between Hells Angels teammates was comical. "We need oxygen in the outfield," one East centerfielder noted. "The infield needs it, too." Police were not at the game, Cody Police Public Information Officer John Harris said, but officers patrolled Sheridan Avenue, east of Sunset School. "We will go in if an incident occurs, but they're (just) playing softball," Harris said. Iron Horse Rodeo organizer Tim Buckstead, owner of Bone Daddy's Custom Cycle shop in Red Lodge, was pleased with the crowd and participants. Thirty people participated. "It will be bigger next year," he said. His favorite part of the event was a performance by stunt rider "Crazy Frank." "He is going beyond everything a dirt bike rider should do," he added. "Frank is having fun with the crowd." "Crazy Frank," 36, who doesn't use his last name when performing, works at Griffin Enterprises in Billings during the week and wows crowds with jumps and power slides during the weekend. "I started riding on my dad's motorcycle when I was 6 months old," he said. "My goal is simple; keep it in the dirt." The biggest event was the obstacle course, where contestants threw water balloons over a bar, tried to catch it, then removed and placed lemons on traffic cones. "I did pretty good, for my first time participating," Red Lodge mechanic Christina Hawman, 28, said. The event thrilled Carrie Satterwhite, a stay-at-home grandmother from Ralston. "This is my first motorcycle rodeo," she said. "I enjoyed the obstacle course competition because everyone seemed to be having fun." Marie Szatkowski, 59, a hospital insurance clerk from Cody, said she missed the Beartooth Rally in Red Lodge this year, so the Iron Horse filled a need. "I come to events because I enjoy my bike," she said. Despite individual preferences, the "Weenie Bite" drew the most enthusiastic response. Contestants rode on the back of a motorcycle and attempted to bite a mustard-soaked hot dog hanging from a string. "My strategy was to go slow and go for the gold," winner Sarah Van Horn, 23, said. The Bone Daddy's customer service representative from Red Lodge has participated in the event for seven years. "This was the first time I won," she said. After a fun day of competition and entertainment, Buckstead said nothing beats a party at the Irma. The crowd rocked to Billings musician Jared Stewart, 43, whose set included favorites from U2, Keith Urban and Stevie Ray Vaughn.

**Motorcycle gang member writes book with officer** – Aug 10, 2014 – *Iowa / Minnesota* - By Barbara Wallace Hughes; [www.theState.com](http://www.theState.com) – Fort Dodge, Iowa - Pat Matter's story could be considered that of a hometown boy who made good — by being very bad. Matter, who dropped out of Fort Dodge public schools in the 8th grade, went on to build a multimillion dollar empire. He manufactured his own line of V-twin motorcycles, was a nationally ranked pro-stock motorcycle racer & a top-fuel racer. Matter was also the founder & 21-year president of the Minnesota Hells Angels. His biggest source of income? Dealing drugs. His expansion of the Hells Angels into Illinois escalated the decades-old war with the Outlaws, who once retaliated by planting C4 explosives under his truck. The no-holds-barred story of Matter's life is chronicled in a new book, released this month, & co-authored by a retired captain from the Hennepin County Sheriff's office in Minneapolis who helped send Matter to Fed prison. "I don't embellish. I lived the life. I don't need to add any extra to it. It is what it is," Matter said. "You'd had to have been there to believe it, & that's where Chris comes in." The book, "Breaking the Code: A True Story by a Hells Angel Pres & the Cop Who Pursued Him," describes the careers of both Matter, whose biker history dates back to the Grim Reapers in Fort Dodge, & Chris Omodt, whose family had a multigenerational history of law enforcement. "Breaking the Code" is told from both men's points of view in alternating chapters, detailing how law enforcement builds criminal cases, how criminals work to elude & evade their investigators, & how Matter's & Omodt's lives intersected. Longtime Fort Dodge residents may not immediately remember Pat Matter's name. But the story of his best friend, who was killed in a shootout in downtown Fort Dodge is practically a local legend. Matter & Rick Wingerson were members of the Grim Reapers MC. As biker clubs went, the Grim Reapers weren't a bad club, Matter said. "It was just the image we were trying to portray back then. There was no drug dealing going on in the Grim Reapers, or anything bad," he said. Still, he said, "We used to get into a lot of fights with the local kids around here." On Nov. 12, 1974, Matter & Wingerson were tipped off by a local bartender that brothers Ronald & Donald Chada were armed & looking for Matter's brother, Don. As Matter & Wingerson headed back to Wingerson's home to better arm themselves, they met the Chadads coming out of another bar. At least 16 shots were fired. Wingerson was hit & bled to death in Matter's arms. The Chadads were charged with 1st-degree murder, but later pleaded guilty to manslaughter & sentenced to serve no more than 8 years. Attorneys at the time pointed out that the plea deal saved taxpayers money. Matter offered a different take: no witnesses willing to testify. That's the biker code. Matter still describes Wingerson, who was the best man at Matter's first wedding, as being "like another big brother to me." "He thought I was the wildest kid. Wherever we went, we were coming out together," Matter said. Wingerson's death, Matter said, "made me tougher. So, I went on to become the Pres of the Grim Reapers in Minneapolis, & because I was that tough of a kid, the Hells Angels were interested in me." They offered to move Matter to Omaha, where he could join an established chapter, but he said no. "I wanted to put a chapter in Minneapolis. That's where I found my family, my camaraderie, with the Hells Angels especially. The Grim Reapers were more of a club that wasn't that serious. That's why they weren't a 1-percenter club. "One-percenters," Matter explains in the book, "were what we motorcycle clubs called ourselves. It comes from the claim often used by motorcycle enthusiasts to defend their interest in bikes: 99% of motorcyclists are law-abiding citizens. I imagine that's true, but the Hells Angels & clubs like them like to turn the claim on its head & take the 1 percent part as a kind of

badge of honor." "Breaking the Code" is filled with examples of how Matter built his reputation in the biker world. "I was very confrontational," Matter said. "It was what you had to do in those situations. I was ready to back it up, & I usually had a handful of very serious people with me who could roll with it, whatever way it turned out." At the 1980 annual Defeat of Jesse James Days in Northfield, Minnesota, during a skirmish between Grim Reapers & other motorcycle clubs, Matter pulled out a 9 mm Browning & shot a Timberwolf in the leg. He pistol whipped a couple of other bikers and, during the fight, some of the Grim Reapers took patches from some of the Sons of Silence, a major insult, made more so when they hung the Sons' patches upside down on the wall of the Grim Reapers' clubhouse. "The shooting helped my reputation; I wasn't afraid to stand up to anybody & use whatever force was necessary," Matter wrote. Later, at an anniversary party for the Hells Angels in Charlotte, North Carolina, Matter was wearing the Minneapolis red & white Grim Reaper patch - colors that belong to the Hells Angels. Two of the club members took exception. Matter wrote that the Hells Angels said when they see red & white patches, "we take 'em, you know?" "I wasn't feeling exactly welcomed. But, then I smiled & said, 'That's funny, because where I come from, we shoot people for trying to take our patches, you know?'" No one caused Matter any trouble at the party. Matter was introduced to crystal meth in 1977. While he was still working at a manufacturing plant, he started selling to guys he worked with & other Grim Reapers. By Feb 1978, he quit his job & started dealing full time. "I didn't have much of an education, & I saw there was money to be made there," Matter said. "It was the lure of easy money." Eventually, he said, "I had a multimillion dollar business." He wasn't really thinking about who was using the drugs, Matter said, "because methamphetamine used to be the bikers' choice of drugs, that's who did it. All these other folks weren't into methamphetamine. It became a big thing later on, but bikers have always been doing it. That's who I dealt with, & you don't think it's going to trickle down to anybody else." Selling drugs, Matter said, is "about making the money & being low profile. That's why the Hells Angels don't get that much heat. They live a pretty clean life, & you've got to catch them." And that wasn't easy. In fact, Matter insisted that all the members in his charter had to have legitimate jobs. However, law enforcement, after years of trying, was finally able to tie Matter to 2 kilograms of cocaine he had hidden in a friend's garage. The drugs were stolen by thieves who broke in to steal 6 H-Ds. There's a saying in law enforcement, Omodt said, that you never catch the bright ones. That's why it took so long to bring down Matter. The biggest risk to drug dealers, Omodt said, doesn't come from law enforcement. It comes from other dealers. "They control their turf, so to speak; they have their competition," he said. "Back when I was working narcotics, it wasn't unusual for somebody getting busted to roll over on their competition. You were killing 2 birds with 1 stone." On Valentine's Day 2002 - one day before the 5-year statute of limitations ran out - Matter was indicted over the cocaine. That's really where "Breaking the Code" begins, as Omodt uses the introduction to tell his side of the story of his 1st official meeting with Matter, whom he had been investigating for years. Later, after the book was published, Matter admitted to Omodt that they had met years before. In the book, Omodt describes being determined to show no fear during a traffic stop he made in Minneapolis years earlier where he cited a motorcyclist, then realized a pack of bikers was coming up behind them. The cited biker, Matter said, was him, returning with a group from the annual rally in Sturgis, South Dakota. While Matter freely admits to dealing drugs, shooting & beating people, he still had a moral code. "I hate liars & people who embellish the truth. There are a lot of things I don't like," he said. "There's

just certain things that Hells Angels in particular don't like to put up with. There is a moral code, & a lot of folks don't believe that." To this day, Matter insists he has never killed anyone. He wrote about grabbing his .380 & heading to a bar in Omaha with another club member to put down a skirmish there. Matter wrote that he fired a round into the ceiling & grabbed an Outcast member. "It was another episode that helped build my reputation," Matter wrote. "Thankfully, it never got to the point where I'd have to follow through, where I'd actually have to pull the trigger on someone. Unless it was self-defense, I knew I really didn't have it in me. But, of course, no one else knew that, & that's the way I wanted to keep it." When Omodt met Matter at the Anoka County Jail to escort him to the D.E.A. office & U.S. Marshals office for booking, he wrote that he felt some level of respect for Matter. "I walked in there," Omodt said, "and I was expecting to get a lot of lip service. But, I always carry myself professionally. I always try to shake hands. My dad (who had been a sheriff for 28 years) always told me to look them straight in the eye. So, that's what I did, & he was an absolute gentleman. "I'd heard the stories," Omodt said. "I had researched Pat extensively. I just considered him to be such a violent person. You meet him, & he comes across as a professional. Here's a guy with a lot of charisma. You just wonder where the violent side of this guy is, because I have never seen it firsthand. I've always seen the other side of him." Matter, on the other hand, was less immediately impressed with Omodt. "I didn't trust law enforcement," said Matter. "In the situation I was in, I figured they would lie to me about pretty much anything. The reason I did start respecting Chris was that I thought he was a pretty straight shooter." If Matter didn't cooperate with authorities & testify in other drug cases, he quickly found he could be facing a prison sentence that could keep him away from his family until his young son was grown. "I had to evaluate at the time, & it was the hardest thing I ever had to do because the code was embedded deep in me," but he ultimately decided to work with law enforcement. "It was a hard thing to do, but my family was more important to me." Matter said he had seen Omodt conduct himself professionally & not take it personally, even when other club members were giving him a hard time. "He's always held his composure. Here's a guy who can be about law enforcement & do the right thing," Matter said. When Matter was sent to prison, he said he asked Omodt to check in on his wife & son "to make sure they are OK. And, he said, 'I'll do it.'" And, he did. The 2 former adversaries are close friends today, with Omodt standing by Matter's family through recent health crises. In fact, it was Matter's devotion to family that convinced Omodt the man once known as the "godfather of the Hells Angels" in Minneapolis would be redeemed. "I'm very much a family person," Omodt said. "If you want to say what the real common denominator is between Pat & me, what made me believe that this guy was really going to turn his life around, it's that I saw what family meant to him. I saw his wife stand beside him for more than 9 years, waiting for him to get out of prison; they have a child together. That's very much unheard of. "I saw that & said, 'This guy is really going to do it. He's got the support system. He loves both of them very much, & vice versa. I saw that & I just said, 'Wow. He does have something deep in him.'" Today, Matter spends his time focused on his family. "My life's pretty slow compared to what it used to be, & I'm pretty happy about that," he said. "I didn't do this story to bash the Hells Angels, like I said in the book, or law enforcement," Matter said. "This was to tell the story of my life, this is what I lived, & I left out a lot of wild things." "We had to cut this book down substantially," Omodt said. "There's almost too much info. We're confident that if this one takes off, we have enough to do two or three more

books." "Breaking the Code" was Amazon's No. 1 best-selling law enforcement biography last week.

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**"My Motorcycle" By *Outlaw Alibi 1%er***

Oh what a beautiful day, to ride my motorcycle  
Oh what a beautiful day, to ride my motorcycle  
You see I've been gone and led astray,  
That old judge of mine took my freedom away,

It all started in the early morning sun,  
Those old boys came in, With their loaded shotguns,  
Now I'm cuffed on the grass, And oh just my luck,  
I watch them ride my Road King, Up on that flatbed truck,

No! oh! no!, please don't take her away,  
She's my only true love, And I need her to stay,  
So I took them to trial, To try to win her back,  
Cause they took Charlie too, And I didn't like that,

So I fought and I fought, I prayed and I prayed,  
But the jury decided, I was guilty that day.  
Oh what a beautiful day, to ride my motorcycle  
Oh what a beautiful day, to ride my motorcycle

So now I'm locked down, 7 years in the Feds,  
But I get Three hot meals, And a nice steel bed,  
It's okay, see I didn't go far,  
And it turns out the Feds, They let me play this guitar,

So I sit on this hill, play and write songs,  
About love and dreams, And my motorcycle being gone,  
But it's okay, I'll be back again,  
On a custom Road King, With my face in the wind,

So don't cry for me now, No, don't shed a tear,  
I'll be on my way soon, Speed shifting gears!  
Oh what a beautiful day, to ride my motorcycle  
Oh what a beautiful day, to ride my motorcycle

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**Join us for a BBQ And PAC Fundraiser - Minnesota - ABATE**  
*Big & Tasty southern style BBQ* will be hosting A Fundraising Event for Motorcycle PAC (Political Action Committee) of Minnesota. The dinner will take place Thu Evening, Aug 21. **Time:** 4:30 pm until 8:00 pm **Place:** Meeker County fairgrounds in Litchfield before the A.B.A.T.E. State Rally begins. \$15.00 per person... For those who will not be able to stay & attend the Rally, there will be free admission to enter the grounds to attend this event... The menu has not been finalized yet but as in the past may include a selection of smoked meat & side dishes. The donation for dinner is \$15.00 per person with all profits benefiting Motorcycle PAC of Minnesota.

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**Confucius says.....**Man who goes to bed with sex on the brain, wakes up in the morning with solution in hand...

**Tetanus Shot:** An older man in his mid-seventies struggles to get up from the couch then starts putting on his coat. His wife, seeing the unexpected behavior, asks, 'Where are you going?' He replies, 'I'm going to the doctor.' She says, 'Why, are you sick?' He says, 'Nope, I'm going to get me some of that Viagra stuff.' Immediately the wife starts working & positioning herself to get out of her rocker & begins to put on her coat. He says, 'Where the heck are you going?' She answers, 'I'm going to the doctor, too.' He says, 'Why, what do you need?' She says, 'If you're going to start using that rusty old thing, I'm getting a Tetanus shot!'

**Happy 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday D.C. Eagle Bingo** – Hope you enjoy your Birthday Party this Saturday. Respects, Mike Editor

**The Biker's Job In Hell** - By Richard **'Bingo'** Cosby  
D.C. Eagles M.C. / Wisconsin Confederation Of Clubs  
*(In memory of D.C. Eagle Chico, Outlaw Papa Snake, & Outlaw Rocker who was killed by the Milwaukee Cops)*

The biker died and found himself outside the 'Pearly Gate' -  
He said: "I was in the middle of a beer!  
Couldn't you people wait?  
Saint Pete just smiles and said:  
"Come in and get your set of wings."  
"I got my Hawg!" The biker said: "I don't need them things!"

Saint Pete just shut the gate - right in that biker's face!  
Then with a smile - he said: "Then you try that other place!  
The biker blinked - a second - nothing more -  
And he found himself on his Hawg - outside the Devil's door!

He wasn't there very long and up another biker came -  
He slid up to a stop and then he asked: "Hey, What's your name?"  
"They call me Papa Snake." he said: "And who the hell are you?"  
He answered: "I'm the biker boss! That's who you're talking to!

Now if you'll follow me I'll take you to the rest -  
We get a lot of bikers here - but I only keep the best."  
They rode for just a little way - it wasn't very far -  
To the Devil's clubhouse and they stepped up to the bar.

Jack Daniels for Papa Snake and pour the same for me.  
He turned and said: "I'm Rocker and Chico over there is my V.P.  
I know you're wondering just what you'll have to do -  
Well we'll have a drink - then I'll explain it all to you."

They had a few - then Rocker said to Papa Snake:  
"You were quite a bro alive - so I'll see that you get a break.  
You'll be in charge of 50 men who have to shovel shit -  
And 50 more - that have to carry it and dump it in a pit.

Now in that pit there's a hundred more - in shit up to their eyes!  
And while standing on their toes - they make it into 'pies'.  
Now all these guys - before they died and ended up down here -  
Were snitches, prison guards or judges - just to make that clear...

For when those pies of shit are made they take them from the pit -  
Because all the cops end up here; & they're fed those pies of shit!

**U.S. can keep court orders, phone companies secret in NSA spy case** – Aug 11, 2014 – *U.S.A.* – By Jonathan Stempel of Reuters; <http://news.msn.com> - The U.S. Gov't need not turn over a secret surveillance court's orders or the names of phone companies helping it collect call records, because it might reveal methods needed to protect national security, a Fed judge decided on Mon. U.S. District Judge Yvonne Gonzalez Rogers in Oakland, California, rejected the Electronic Frontier Foundation's argument that the U.S. Dept of Justice should turn over the materials, in the wake of unauthorized disclosures last year by a former National Security Agency contractor, Edward Snowden. The EFF noted that the Gov't had already declassified hundreds of pages of other documents discussing data collection under the U.S. Patriot Act, including some that the data privacy advocacy group had requested. These declassifications came after Snowden's leaks had been revealed. Rogers, though, said disclosing orders of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court, which handles Fed requests for surveillance warrants, could

"provide a roadmap" for targets of national security investigations to evade surveillance. She also said the Gov't's disclosure of "general" information about the call record collection program did not mitigate the "inherent risks to national security & Gov't investigations" of revealing the phone companies' identities. "Official confirmation of the existence of or general info about an intelligence program does not eliminate the dangers to national security of compelling disclosure of the program's details," she wrote. The EFF had also argued that statements by people affiliated with the Gov't, including a former member of a technology review panel who said "telephone companies like Sprint, Verizon, & AT&T" were required to turn over records to the NSA, justified the disclosures. "We're disheartened that the court is allowing the Gov't to keep the information secret," EFF staff lawyer Mark Rumold said in an interview. "It is quite likely that the Gov't is still using the Patriot Act to obtain info, under different intelligence programs, in bulk." The EFF will review whether to appeal, he added. Rogers ruled in the EFF's favor on one issue, ordering the Gov't to turn over a Jan. 4, 2010 memo discussing the interaction between the Patriot Act & the disclosure of information collected when compiling the census. A Justice Dept spokeswoman declined to comment. Snowden's leaks have sparked a broad debate over the Gov't's authority to collect personal data without violating people's privacy. On Mon, the U.S. Office of the Director of Nat'l Intelligence released partially blacked-out versions of 38 documents relating to a now-discontinued NSA program to collect bulk electronic communications metadata. The case is *Electronic Frontier Foundation v. Dept of Justice*, U.S. District Court, Northern District of Calif, No. 11-05221.

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**Best sermons are lived; not preached:** Real life stories that teach you many things in life. **(Continued)**...

**13. Today**, a boy in a wheelchair saw me desperately struggling on crutches with my broken leg & offered to carry my backpack & books for me. He helped me all the way across campus to my class & as he was leaving he said, "I hope you feel better soon."

**14. Today**, I was traveling in Kenya & I met a refugee from Zimbabwe. He said he hadn't eaten anything in over 3 days & looked extremely skinny & unhealthy. Then my friend offered him the rest of the sandwich he was eating. The first thing the man said was, "We can share it."

**Best sermons are lived; not preached**

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**L** - Love of Club & Brothers

**L** - Loyalty to Club, Brothers, & mission statement

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**R** - Respect for Clubs & Brothers must be earned  
By showing respect

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**Brotherhood** – Few know the meaning of the word,  
Few can understand it, And even Fewer deserve it...

***Iron Pirates*** (Disbanded '94) ***Sporty Dave***

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**U.S. Defenders:**

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

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