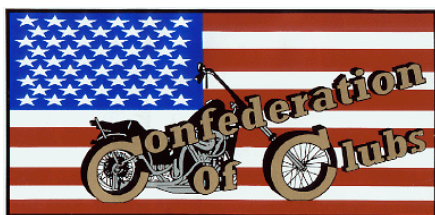


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**Editor's Note** : It is too hard to keep up with counts, But for your info here are the Clubs that are getting the Brothers Behind Bars Newsletter (**82 Clubs**) in Prison: Avengers, Bandidos, Banshees, Barons, Black Pistons, Boozefighters, BPM, 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, Red Devils, Renegades, Sadistic, Salty Dog, Satans Soldiers, Scorpions, Set Free Soldiers, Sin City Deciples, 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, Scotland, Sweden, & Wales.

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**30th Annual NCOM Convention Rolls into Denver**: The 30th annual NCOM Convention will be held Mother's Day weekend, May 7-10, 2015 at the Denver Marriott Tech Center, located at 4900 S. Syracuse St. in Denver, Colorado, so reserve your room now for the special NCOM rate of \$99 by calling (303) 779-1100. Billed as the largest gathering of motorcycle rights activists in the world, this year's annual NCOM Convention will draw over a thousand concerned bikers from across the country to "The Mile High City" to discuss topics of concern to all riders. The NCOM Convention will be hosted by the Confederation of Clubs of CO, & all motorcyclists are welcomed & encouraged to participate in the many meetings, seminars & group discussions that focused on legislative efforts & litigation techniques to protect our riders' rights & preserve Freedom of the Road. Topics will include Anti-Profiling Laws; "Save the Patch" Legal Defense Fund; The R.I.C.O. Law & How It Affects You & Your Group; Public Relations & Social Media; & Special Meetings for Veterans Affairs, Women in Motorcycling, Clean & Sober Roundtable & World of Sport Bikes, as well as the Christian Unity Conference & Confederation of Clubs Patch Holders Meeting. The National Coalition of Motorcyclists is solely sponsored by the Aid to Injured Motorcyclists nationwide legal services program & serves as an umbrella organization for more than 2,000 NCOM Member clubs, organizations & associations worldwide, representing well over a quarter of a million politically active motorcyclists. NCOM has successfully outreached to numerous segments of the motorcycling community in an effort to unite for our rights, both legal & legislatively, & has become a unifying voice amongst North America's Motorcycle Rights Organizations, MC s, women riders, religious riding organizations, touring groups, trikers, sportbikers, & minority motorcyclists. To pre-register for the 2015 NCOM Convention, contact the National Coalition of Motorcyclists at (800) 525-5355 or visit [www.ON-A-BIKE.com](http://www.ON-A-BIKE.com)



Unity is power...



**Lane Splitting Could Move Beyond California:** Calif is the only state in the U.S. where motorcyclists are allowed to cruise between lanes of cars, a practice called lane-splitting that is normally used to cut through stalled or slow-moving traffic. But now, an effort to legalize lane-splitting in other states, such as WA, OR, TX & TN, is gathering momentum amid a push by motorcyclists & by some lawmakers looking to relieve highway congestion. Bills to extend the practice to other states has sparked a safety debate, & although no one has tracked exactly how many hwy accidents are caused by lane-splitting, a study from the Calif Office of Traffic Safety last year found that motorcyclists' injuries were kept down as long as they split lanes in slowly moving traffic & exceeded the speed of other traffic by less than 10 miles an hour. Further, the study found that motorcyclists were less likely to die or be injured in lane-splitting crashes when compared with other kinds of collisions. The lane-splitting measures in WA (SB 5623 & HB 1515), OR (SB 172 & SB 420), TX (SB 442 & HB 813) & TN (HB 1102) all set varying limits to motorcyclists' speed & speed differential. Most of those bills are in committee, although Wash State's measure has passed the state Senate 35-14.

**Handlebar Height Law Repealed in South Dakota:** Good news for those riding to the 75th Anniversary Sturgis Rally this year, as South Dakota has abolished their handlebar height law, so as of July 1st ape hangers will now be legal & no more 20-dollar-tickets for bars taller than shoulder-high. On Tue, Feb 24, 2015 Governor Dennis Daugaard signed Senate Bill 85, joining 13 other states with no handlebar restrictions (Arkansas, CO, Idaho, Iowa, KY, Minn, Mont, Oregon, Penn, N.M., N.C., VA & Tenn). Pointing out that there are no Nat'l laws that regulate handlebar height, nor commonly agreed upon standards between states, ABATE of S.D. emphasized personal comfort & style over safety concerns, given that no scientific studies identify any negative impact. "A great team effort," cites ABATE state coordinator Jiggs Creasy. "Not a single opponent testified & not a single vote against it (SB 85 passed unanimously in the Senate 34-0 on 02/05/15 & passed the House of Representatives 69-0 on 02/17/15)."

**Quotable Quote:** "I believe there are more instances of the abridgment of the rights of the people by the gradual & silent encroachments of those in power than by violent & sudden usurpations." - James Madison (1751-1836) fourth U.S. Pres

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**United Front Helps to Defeat Helmet Law Proposals in New Mexico:** In a unique "Pay-to-Play" scheme to punish motorcyclists for exercising their right to ride without a helmet, a Senate bill proposed in N.M. would have created a system of taxation for riders who opt not to wear a helmet. Specifically, SB 308 would have created an annual motorcycle \$697 license plate sticker that allowed the operator & passenger to refrain from wearing a helmet, for a fee. It & a full blown helmet law (SB 327) were both heard in committee on the same day, & each bill died. "Feb 24, 2015 is a day that will live in N.M. Motorcycle History as 2 helmet bills died in the Senate Public Affairs Committee," said Annette Torrez, Chair of the N.M. Motorcycle Rights Organization & a member of the NCOM Board of Directors. Torrez had issued a call to action, requesting assistance from the National Coalition of Motorcyclists, the NCOM Legislative Task Force, US Defenders, Motorcycle Riders Foundation & the American Motorcyclist Association, all of which came to the aid of N.M. riders to help defeat the onerous proposals. "Together we can accomplish the possible & the impossible," said Torrez. "Now we can put our efforts into SB 651, the Careless Driving Bill to increase penalties for a person who commits careless driving that result in death or great bodily harm."

**Red Light Bills Advance in Georgia & Oregon:** "Today marks the first time either Georgia General Assembly body has voted Yes on Red light relief for GA Riders," said ABATE of GA state director Ned Williams, referring to Senate Bill 76 "Motorcycle Mobility Act" which passed the state Senate 51-4 on March 11. "So now we are ramping up for a fight in the house ..." & ABATE is calling for motorcyclists to contact members of the Georgia House of Representatives "and ask them to Vote Yes on AB76." Likewise, a bill to allow motorcyclists to proceed through an inoperative or malfunctioning traffic-control signal has cleared the OR state Senate unanimously which will permit "a bicyclist or motorcyclist to proceed at a stop light under certain conditions." Senate Bill 533 is now headed to the House floor with bipartisan support, & is designed to bring relief to bikers who find themselves at stop lights that won't change by allowing them to safely proceed through a red light that "fails" to trip after "one full cycle."

**Massachusetts Riders Oppose Proposed Ban on Bike Rides in Yarmouth:** Massachusetts Motorcycle Association (MMA) members are organizing opposition to citizens' petition articles that will be before voters at the upcoming Yarmouth Annual Town Meeting. One article would ban motorcycle rides through town & the other involves a noise bylaw. Rick Gleason, MMA legislative director, said, if enacted, one of the articles would ban charity rides in town. That would include, he said, one of the town's biggest rides, Big Nick's Ride for the Fallen. "If this ban is put in place & enacted & if the attorney general stands by it & says that it is just, it's going to force the organizers to reroute the ride," Gleason said, adding that people who come to town for the charity rides spend money locally on hotel rooms & meals. "We do not support this ban. There are a couple of big rides that begin or end or pass through Yarmouth. We would hate to see the town miss out on the opportunities & the monies that are generated during these charity rides." he said.

**Schools in Chad Closed over Violent Helmet Law Protests:** Schools & universities in the Chadian capital of N'Djamena were closed on Tuesday, March 10, 2015 & remained shut "until further notice" after student rallies against motorcycle helmet laws left at least one person dead. The closure announced by the Gov't of

Chad in central Africa comes a day after students took to the streets to protest against a rise in helmet prices ever since their use became obligatory in N'Djamena effective March 1 & motorcyclists are now required by law to wear a helmet. The protesters set fire to several vehicles & blocked access to schools & universities, an Agence France-Presse (AFP) journalist reported. Clashes broke out after security forces used tear gas to disperse the protesters. Hospital officials contacted by AFP said "three people were killed, & several others were injured."

**Drug Driving Limits Set for First Time:** Limits on the consumption of illegal drugs before driving have been set for the first time under new legislation introduced in the United Kingdom, & drivers & motorcyclists face up to 6 months in prison for exceeding very low limits set on 8 illegal drugs including cannabis & cocaine. The limits set for medicinal drugs exceed normal prescribed doses. The legislation, which covers England & Wales, also sets limits for 8 prescription drugs including morphine. Police will use new roadside drugs testing kits to measure cannabis & cocaine in saliva. Tests for other drugs including ecstasy, LSD, ketamine & heroin can be done at police stations. A conviction will lead to a minimum one-year's driving ban & a fine of up to £5,000. Police will delay enforcing the new law until satisfied the procedures "withstand legal scrutiny."

**I received some bad news** on my end, my co-defendant Michael "Cocoa" Cicchetti passed away Feb 25, 2015 in Fed prison, he was in the first trial group with me, if you remember he's the one that had a heart attack in the middle of trial... R.I.P. Highwaymen Cocoa. See you on the other side, your brother, Junior.

**Michael Cicchetti** - April 10, 1955 - Feb 25, 2015 - Age 59, Beloved husband of the late Carol. Loving father of Kristin Cicchetti & Jason Poyle. Dear brother of 8. Dearest son of the late Michael & Virginia Cicchetti. Also survived by many cousins, nieces & nephews. Michael will be deeply missed by family & friends. Visitation Fri, March 06, 2015 from 2-9 p.m. at the Dearborn Chapel of Voran Funeral Home, 23701 Ford Road. Funeral service Sat 11:00 a.m. at the funeral home. Interment St. Hedwig Cemetery.

**Legalizing Lane Splitting** - Mar 9, 2015 – U.S.A. – By Aging Rebel; [www.AgingRebel.com](http://www.AgingRebel.com) - Momentum is building to legalize lane splitting outside Calif. The practice of riding between lanes of stopped or slow moving cars is legal in most of the world but not in most of America. Something called "lane sharing" has always been legal in Calif. It allowed 2 motor vehicles to share the same lane. It also allowed bullying cops to cite motorcyclists for things like driving on the white line or stopping at a light with your tires in one lane & your left foot in another. The Calif HP put a stop to the madness about 2 years ago when they issued an official bulletin titled "Lane Splitting General Guidelines." The document explained to Calif bikers when they would & wouldn't get a ticket for splitting lanes. Then the CHP backed down when a long time state employee named Ken Mandler "petitioned the Calif Office of Admin Law in 2013, claiming the CHP created an 'underground regulation' by formulating & distributing guidelines for safe lane splitting." Whether Mandler likes it or not, the underground regulation has stuck. In Calif, at least, everybody now seems to be on the same page about what is legal & what is not.

**Other States:** Now legislation has been proposed in 4 other states, Washington, Oregon, Texas & Tennessee that would legalize lane splitting there. The legislation in all 4 states has been supported & endorsed by the American Motorcyclist Association. Three days ago the Wall Street Journal ran a feature that reports that. "Some traffic-safety officials - & many automobile drivers - see the practice as unsafe." The Journal also cites research that indicates that "lane splitting, when done in a safe & prudent manner, is no more dangerous than regular motorcycling," The paper reports that legislation in Calif may be forthcoming that would formally allow lane splitting when the speed differential is less than ten miles an hour in traffic moving at less than 30 miles an hour.

**Washington / Oregon:** The legislation to legalize lane splitting in Washington is Senate Bill 5623. It would allow motorcyclists to pass a car in the same lane when traffic is stopped or is moving at 25 miles an hour or less. If you split under the proposed law, you can't legally go more than 10 miles an hour than the flow of traffic. The bi-partisan Wash bill is sponsored by Democrats Tim Sheldon & Steve Conway & Republicans Jan Angel, Mark Miliscia, Randy Becker & Judy Warnick. There are 2 bills to legalize lane splitting In Oregon. Senate Bill 172, introduced by Brian Boquist, would permit riders to pass in a lane with traffic if traffic is stopped or has slowed to less than 10 miles an hour & the lane-splitting rider is traveling at a speed of 20 miles an hour or less. Senate Bill 420, introduced by Jeff Kruse, would allow lane splitting if traffic is stopped or slowed to 25 miles an hour or less & the motorcycle operator is traveling at 35 miles an hour or slower.

**Texas / Tennessee:** There are also 2 bills in Texas. House Bill 813, introduced by Sergio Muñoz, Jr. would allow motorcycle riders to ride between lanes of traffic moving in the same direction, if traffic is traveling 20 miles an hour or slower, & if the motorcyclist is not traveling more than 5 miles an hour faster than other traffic. Lane splitting would be prohibited in school zones & in areas where the posted speed limit is 20 miles an hour or less. And riders & passengers must wear helmets. A similar bill, Senate Bill 442, introduced by Kirk Watson, omits the helmet provision, but restricts lane splitting to limited-access or controlled-access hwy's. Tenn House Bill 1102, introduced by Tim Hill, would permit lane splitting when traffic is traveling at 45 miles an hour or less & the motorcyclist does not exceed posted speed limits. Lane splitting would not be permitted in marked school zones when a warning flasher or flashers are in operation.

**A biker is riding by the zoo,** when he sees a little girl leaning into the lion's cage. Suddenly, the lion grabs her by the cuff of her jacket & tries to pull her inside to slaughter her, under the eyes of her screaming parents. The biker jumps off his bike, runs to the cage & hits the lion square on the nose with a powerful punch. Whimpering from the pain the lion jumps back letting go of the girl, & the biker brings her to her terrified parents, who thank him endlessly. A reporter has seen the whole scene, & addressing the biker, says: Sir, this was the most gallant & brave thing I saw a man do in my whole life. Why, it was nothing, really, the lion was behind bars. I just saw this little kid in danger, & acted as I felt right. Well, I'll make sure this won't go unnoticed. I'm a journalist, you know, & tomorrow's papers will have this on the first page. What motorcycle do you ride? A Harley Davidson. The journalist leaves. The following morning the biker buys the paper to see if it indeed brings news of his actions, & reads, on 1st page: **Biker Gang Member Assaults African Immigrant & Steals his Lunch...**

**Hells Angel member ordered to stand trial on attempted murder** – March 10, 2015 – *California* – By [www.CBS8.com](http://www.CBS8.com) - A Hells Angels member accused of running down & seriously injuring a pedestrian following a confrontation outside an Oceanside bar must stand trial on felony charges, including assault with a deadly weapon, a judge ruled Tue. Prior to Tue's preliminary hearing, prosecutors filed an amended complaint, deleting an attempted murder count against 31-year-old Anthony Medvec. He faces 19 years in prison if convicted of assault with a deadly weapon causing great bodily injury & leaving the scene of a serious injury collision, said Deputy District Atty Christine Bannon. The defendant was taken into custody about 8 hours after the Nov. 25 hit-and-run crash on South Coast Hwy at Cassidy St. The chain of events that led to Medvec's arrest began around 4 p.m., when he & 2 other patrons of PCH Sports Bar & Grill at 1835 S. Coast Hwy began making inappropriate comments to the daughter-in-law of the victim when she walked past the establishment with her husband & the victim, Oceanside police Lt. Leonard Cosby said. The harassment escalated & Medvec allegedly yelled that he was going to hit the trio. The group continued to walk away, but as they were crossing at Cassidy St, Medvec sped through the intersection in a white Lexus & struck 60-year-old Michael Dean, who was walking with a cane in the crosswalk, Cosby alleged. The driver fled, but witnesses followed, the Lt said. Dean was taken to Palomar Med Center in Escondido to be treated for a collapsed lung & several broken bones. Police later determined that Medvec, a documented Hells Angels motorcycle gang member & Fed probationer who was required to wear a GPS tracking device, had been driving the Lexus, according to Cosby. The device led officers to his home in the 4900 block of Yuma Ave, where he was arrested without incident. Vista Superior Court Judge Blaine Bowman ruled that enough evidence was presented at Medvac's preliminary hearing for him to proceed to trial. A Superior Court arraignment; Mar 25.

**Broken no more — Iraq veteran receives novel treatment in Texas** – March 10, 2015 – *Idaho / Texas* – By Michael H. O'Donnell; [www.IdahoStateJournal.com](http://www.IdahoStateJournal.com) - Iraq War veteran Jake Taylor was back in town for the 4th annual "Beyond the Battlefield" pool tournament held by the Vietnam Vets & Legacy Vets MC Sat, but the smile on his face came a little easier than it did just 3 months ago. As he hugged fellow veterans & helped with the tournament at the Chalk Horse, Taylor was much happier than when he joined the club 3 years ago. The reason is simple, he has received treatment that is working to ease the traumatic stress disorder & traumatic brain injury he received while earning 2 Purple Hearts. "I'm far from 100%, but I'm a solid 80," Taylor said. In January, Taylor completed the first in a series of treatments at the Carrick Brain Center in Irving, Texas. The center specializes in neurological rehabilitation for patients who have suffered concussions, & physiological & neurological disorders. The therapy he received included the use of a patented Off Vertical Axis Rotational Device, which allowed Taylor to be rotated in different positions. Targeted stimulation was done through the use of special goggles & electrical charges. Taylor spent 2 weeks getting his initial treatments & will return in 2 weeks for additional treatment. "You're not a number there," Taylor said about the Carrick Center. "They treat you like you're the most important person in the world." He had special thanks for his doctor, Jake Shores, Nurse Heather Nunez & the person in charge of veterans at the Carrick Center, Jodi Curry. Taylor was wounded twice during his 23 months in Iraq from 2005 to 2007. As a gunner in a

Humvee, Taylor received his 1st wound - a chunk of shrapnel in his right arm - when an improvised explosive device, IED, detonated in June of 2006. Doctors were able to patch him up & he returned to active duty only to fall victim to another IED in Dec. A strong blast tossed his Humvee 30 feet & left him with a traumatic brain injury. After he returned home to Idaho, his life became a series of visits to the VA Hospital in Salt Lake City & a regimen of medications. For 7 years, he made weekly visits to the VA in Utah. "I was on a whole host of medications from amphetamines to anti-depressants," Taylor said. At one point he was taking 18 different pills a day. Through it all he kept having seizures & fits of depression & anxiety. Because of the seizures, Taylor acquired a rescue dog, a German shepherd named Smokey, 2 years ago. He first met Smokey when he went to investigate an advertisement for a dog that specialized in helping seizure victims, even though the cost was set at \$2,800. "I knew I couldn't afford that, but I wanted to see the dog," Taylor said. While he was talking to the owners about his situation, Taylor started to have a seizure & Smokey immediately went to him stared in his eyes. The owners were so moved, they gave him the 4-legged companion. But working in his custom paint shop outside of Montpelier was still tough. Taylor said he would go out to his shop for 8 hours & only get 30 minutes of actual work accomplished. He found himself having to double-check everything he did because his ability to concentrate was so poor. "That guy used to scare me to death that he would hurt himself," said Vietnam Vets & Legacy Vets member Jim Carter. "Now he's a totally different person." The change came after Taylor's wife, Jamie, convinced him to attend a motivational presentation given by ex-Navy Seal David Rutherford in Salt Lake City. After listening to Rutherford explain his "Team Frog Logic," Taylor wanted to meet the Seal. The room was packed & Taylor was in the back. "He walked right up to me," Taylor said. "It was like Moses parting the sea." The 2 veterans talked for more than an hour & it was Rutherford who set his trip to Texas & the Carrick Center in motion. The treatments, plane flight, lodging & meals were all covered by "Lone Survivor" author & Navy Seal Marcus Luttrell, & his twin brother, Morgan Luttrell. "The Lone Survivor Foundation funded this," Taylor said about his treatment. The Carrick Center treats 10 veterans at a time in a special part of its clinic. It also treats non-veterans like people who have been injured in accidents. "I watched a guy go in there in a wheelchair & walk out 2 weeks later," Taylor said. "It was amazing." The change in Taylor has been amazing as well. His energy level is higher. His ability to focus on a task is back & the seizures haven't recurred. "I've done more work in the past month than I did all of last year," Taylor said. "And I've spent more time with my kids." As he shook hands with his brothers-in-arms at the pool tournament, all of them seemed pleased to see a smile on Taylor's face. MC Pres Mark Hafner was among them. Hafner said the tournament would raise about \$1,200 for Friends of Veterans Court & additional money for a fund designed to help veterans who are in dire situations. Taylor was lobbying to add treatment at the Carrick Center to the list next year. "I think the world needs to know about this," Taylor said about his treatments. "I'm excited that after my first treatment I'm like this & I have 3 more to go."

**Because they had no reservations** at a busy restaurant, my elderly neighbor & his wife were told there would be a 45 minute wait for a table. "Young man, we're both 90 years old," the husband said. "We may not have 45 minutes." They were seated immediately.

**Minnesota Supreme Court: Police don't need warrant to search garbage placed on curb** – March 11, 2015 – *Minnesota*

– By Amy Forliti, Associated Press; [www.StarTribune.com](http://www.StarTribune.com) - Police officers in Minn don't need a search warrant to sift through a person's trash because there is no expectation of privacy once garbage is placed outside for collection, the Minn Supreme Court ruled Wed. The ruling comes in the case of a Hutchinson man whose trash was searched without a warrant in 2012. A police officer found residue in David McMurray's garbage that tested positive for meth, which led to a search warrant for his home & an ultimate drug conviction. McMurray's attys argued the warrantless search of his garbage was unconstitutional & that McMurray has a greater right to privacy under the Minn Constitution than he does under the 4th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution, which guards against unlawful searches. The Minn Supreme Court's majority opinion found that because the language in both constitutions is the same, there's no principled basis for interpreting the Minn Constitution to give greater protection. The U.S. Supreme Court has already found that a warrantless search of garbage does not violate the U.S. Constitution. "Any member of the public could have accessed McMurray's garbage without trespassing on his property, & police do not need a warrant to search items that are exposed to the public," the majority found. Justices David Lillehaug & Alan Page disagreed. Lillehaug wrote in his dissent that household waste contains intimate, personal information - such as details about health, relationships or financial status - that most people expect will stay private. In addition, he wrote, LE can now obtain DNA from items in the trash or get info from discarded digital items. He said there is a basis for interpreting the Minnesota Constitution to provide more protection than the U.S. Constitution, & he said there is a long-standing presumption that a warrant is required to search a Minn resident's container. "Our basic rights & liberties are at risk if Gov't can seize & search Minnesotans' household waste without a search warrant and, apparently, without even a reasonable articulable suspicion of wrongdoing," Lillehaug wrote. McMurray's atty, Ben Butler, said he was disappointed in the decision. He had no further comment.

**Rebels Still Cooperating** - Mar 11, 2015 – *Pennsylvania* – By The Aging Rebel; [www.AgingRebel.com](http://www.AgingRebel.com) - 5 days ago, on Mar 6, the Beaver Falls, Penns P.D. released surveillance video of a 6 minute brawl between members of the Rebels MC & the War Dogs MC. It was sensational video that was quickly broadcast throughout the northeast. According to an Affidavit of Probable Cause filed by police sgt Thomas Lococo, "two people were shot & one was stabbed & several were assaulted." The video shows 7 War Dogs fighting 9 Rebels. An unedited version of the footage shows that one War Dog was seriously injured & had to be assisted from the scene. The fight was hardly breaking news. It had happened Jan 31. The question was why the police started to publicize the incident when they did. The answer was that local police were trying to build a criminal case against a War Dog named Chester L. Dobbins.

**Affidavit:** Lococo "was able to obtain video of the incident from security cameras on nearby businesses. The defendant (Dobbins) was viewed in the video approaching the victim & punching him. The defendant & the victim then fall to the ground & were on the ground when the defendant is viewed striking the victim in the head & face." So how did Lococo identify Dobbins? "This officer did interview the victim & showed him the video of the incident. The victim did identify the defendant in the video as the person

striking him. The victim's account closely matching the video." Lococo declines to name the Rebel who is "the victim." "This officer also showed the video to an informant & this informant identified the defendant also." Since the only witnesses to the fight were members of the 2 clubs, "the informant" was either a Rebel or a War Dog. No Rebels are charged for participating in this fight – or for the increasingly popular charge in MC cases of "invitation to an affray." Three War Dogs have been arrested. One Rebel was arrested & charged with violating parole.

**Rebels:** The Rebels are quickly developing a reputation for provoking fights & then cooperating with police. According to a War Dog with knowledge of the incident, "That group of Rebels on the video walked down within about 20 yards of the bar we were in & yelled at our ladies & a couple of our prospects to send us out because they wanted to kill us." This isn't the first time Rebels have identified themselves to police as victims after engaging in what would seem to be mutual conduct with members of another club. After a fight with members of the Leathernecks MC in Rochester, Pennsylvania on Oct 13, 2014, Rebels named Dwayne "Hobo" Bogolea, Scott Hartley & J.D. Lambert told police they had been assaulted by a disabled Marine veteran named Cory Robert Howard.

**Outlaw bikies cut mate out of Maribyrrong Detention Centre**

- March 14, 2015 – *Australia* – By David Hurley; [www.HeraldSun.com.au](http://www.HeraldSun.com.au) - Outlaw bikies strolled into a Victorian detention centre to free one of their own while -terrified guards stood by & did nothing. The extraordinary incident was one of 5 escapes from the Maribyrrong Detention Centre in the past 4 months. Authorities have launched a security review. Leonard Gjeka was plucked from the detention centre by 2 fellow outlaw motorcycle gang members — believed to be Hells Angels — on November 11 after they cut a hole in a perimeter fence, marched into the compound & walked him out. They fled on motorcycles. It is alleged the breakout was witnessed by several guards but they did nothing because they were intimidated by the bikies. Gjeka, an Albanian nat'l, was arrested by detectives from the fugitive taskforce in Melbourne 9 days later & subsequently deported. He has been banned from ever returning to Australia. Police called him extremely violent, & he forged a fearsome reputation in Adelaide. The Sunday Herald Sun can reveal the other 4 escapes from the western suburbs centre in recent months. Michael Dobson, a New Zealander, fled in the same incident as Gjeka. A Chinese detainee climbed on to the roof then took a running jump over a fence to -escape in Jan. On Tuesday last week, a Vietnamese man did the same thing, climbing on to a roof & jumping a fence. It is -alleged he waved goodbye to a guard. A day later, last Wed, an asylum seeker escaped while being escorted to a -Migration Review Tribunal. Sources have told the Sunday Herald Sun that the major issues at the detention centre were security cameras not working, faulty door sensors & an "electric" fence which is no longer electrified. Sophia Dickinson, a spokeswoman for the Dept of Immigration & Border Protection, said: "The Dept treats escapes from immigration detention facilities very seriously & is working closely with the detention service provider & local police to enhance security. Due to the efforts of the police, detention service providers & the Dept, 2 (escapees) have been detained."



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**Retired Baltimore police officer charged in MC fight at Dundalk bar** - Mar 16, 2015 - *Maryland* - By Alison Knezevich & Jessica Anderson; [www.BaltimoreSun.com](http://www.BaltimoreSun.com) - retired Baltimore police officer was charged this week in connection with a Dundalk bar fight that Baltimore County police say stemmed from a rivalry between MCs, according to court documents. Eric Christopher Jansen, 47, of Dundalk faces charges of 1st & 2nd-degree assault, theft & robbery in the Feb incident. He is a member of the Chosen Sons MC, according to court documents. Jansen could not be reached for comment. No atty is listed for him in court records. According to documents filed in Baltimore County District Court, members of the Iron Order MC were attacked Feb. 7 at Kenny B's Blue Marlin bar in Dundalk. That night, 4 IO members went to the bar with several women, according to a statement of charges. About 9 p.m., members of another group, the Iron Horsemen MC, entered the building "and immediately began to physically attack the IO members." Then several members of the Chosen Sons, including Jansen, arrived & also attacked the IO members, the court documents say. A county detective wrote in the court documents about an ongoing conflict between the MCs that included previous attacks on IO members. Surveillance footage showed Jansen pushing a woman out of the way to strike a man, & then punching another man twice in the face, according to the court documents. He then appeared to kick someone on the ground. In the footage, the attackers threw 1 victim to the ground & attempted to pull off his vest - commonly referred to as "colors" - police wrote in the document. Police added that rival MCs often try to steal vests "as a way of disgracing the other club & asserting their own dominance." The victim was then struck in the left temple with a hammer, which was recovered inside the bar by police. The IO member said his cellphone was stolen in the attack. He was taken to Johns Hopkins Bayview Med Center, the document said. Three other men were treated at the scene. Jansen retired from the Baltimore PD in Sept 2014, a Dept spokeswoman said. County detectives initially identified Jansen in the surveillance footage because one of them recognized him from their work together last year on the Baltimore County Reg'l Auto Theft Task Force. A woman who answered the phone Fri at Kenny B's Blue Marlin declined to comment. "We don't want to get involved in that," she said. Members of the 3 MCs & the victims could not be reached to comment Fri. A preliminary hearing for Jansen is scheduled for April 3.

**Motorcyclist leaves behind wife & baby boy** - Mar 16, 2015 - *New York* - By Cyndi Murray & Michael White; <http://RiverheadNewsReview.TimesReview.com> - A 36-year-old motorcyclist died Monday afternoon after hitting a pothole on Reeves Ave in Riverhead & losing control of his bike, Riverhead Town police said. David DeCarle of Aquebogue was heading east shortly before 4:30 p.m. when he was thrown from the motorcycle, police said. He was transported to Peconic Bay Medical Center, where he later died from his injuries, officials said. DeCarle, formerly of Cutchogue, was a cook on the Bridgeport-Port Jefferson Ferry & member of the local chapter of the Road Reapers MC, said fellow member LJ James. He had a wife, Ksenia, & baby boy, Desmond. "He worked a lot of hours to take care of this wife & newborn boy," James said. "He worked & he rode his bike for fun. It was his form of relaxation. He liked to ride." "He was great member of the club," James continued. "He was a big man but never a bully. He was always friendly. He always had a smile. He was always looking to help people. He was a gentle giant." James also said that only a few days ago, Mr. DeCarle was cautioning

other club members about the roads. "He was saying to tell everyone to be careful out there," he said. "He was saying to watch the roads; the roads are really bad. So you know he was being safe." As of about 9 a.m. Tue morning, there was no sign of the crash on Reeves Ave, though 2 construction barrels book-ended about a quarter-mile stretch of badly damaged roadway between Roanoke Ave & Doctors Path. Potholes could be found throughout the strip of 2-lane roadway between Roanoke & Doctors. Hwy Supt George "Gio" Woodson said the string of winter storms & prolonged cold had caused potholes on roadways across the town & beyond. The recent rainy weather has also made it difficult to fix them. "Potholes are popping up like black ice out of nowhere," Woodson said. "It is almost impossible to patch when it rains. When it is wet the [patch] materials wash right back out [of the potholes.]" Mr. Woodson said the hwy Dept has been focusing on higher traffic areas, such as Sound Ave & other main roads. Workers are expected to begin filling the potholes again after the rain subsides Tuesday afternoon, he said. The Riverhead chapter of the Road Reapers is 1 of 4 in the U.S. The others are in Virginia & Minnesota. All the members try to get to know one another, James said. The chapters will be banding together to help Mr. DeCarle's surviving family. "As club members, we talk to each other every day," Mr. James said. "All the chapters are heartbroken right now. He has brothers from all over & everyone is devastated." James said DeCarle's 1-year-old son "was his pride & joy." "I just spoke to him the other day; he was very happy," he said. "He was getting a lot of things together. Long Island's very expensive for all of us, but he was just paying things off. The club is going to do whatever we can to make sure his wife & child are taken care of." A fundraiser is already being planned among members for this Fri. Any concerned members of the public outside the club can visit its Facebook page at Road Reapers MC Riverhead Crew for updates on how to help, Mr. James said.

**Bikers Take Salem by Storm in Farewell Pack Ride** - Mar 16, 2015 - *Oregon* - By Bonnie King; [www.Salem-News.com](http://www.Salem-News.com) - Thunder rang from the skies but it had to compete for attention on Sat... That rumble wasn't just the thunder in Salem, Oregon on Sat. The wind & rain from the stormy skies had nothing on the hundreds of motorcycles on the ground. Onlookers were enthralled as they watched 475 motorcycles, mostly H-Ds, parade through downtown Salem in a Farewell pack ride for their friend & colleague, Jason Hause. Jason died on March 1st in a Portland hospital after being mortally injured in a crash Feb 27th. Jason was apparently struck by a vehicle while riding his bike south on I-5 near Wilsonville. The responsible party did not stop, & has not been located at this time. Jason Hause was 37, married, & a father of 4. He was a devoted member of the Gypsy Joker MC, out of Salem. The Farewell pack ride was one of the biggest Oregon has seen. Nearly 500 bikes were in the pack which met at Kmart in South Salem & made their way through downtown & stopped their engines when they reached the Celebration of Life in NE Salem, a 5-mile long parade. Many various MCs were in attendance, bonded by this tragedy regardless of their affiliations, & all came to give their due respect. Once they arrived, it took over ten minutes for the large amount of bikes to make their way down the street to the event. People from all over the city came out in the rain to see the bikes pass by. It was certainly not a sight to have missed. There were 800 bikes in total at the service for Jason Hause. Quite an impressive turnout for a man clearly well loved.

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**Six Leaders & Members of Phantom Outlaw MC & Vice Lords Street Gang Convicted of Violent Racketeering-Related Crimes**

– Mar 16, 2015 – *Michigan* – By [www.FBI.gov](http://www.FBI.gov) - Today, a Fed jury in Detroit convicted 6 leaders & members of the violent Phantom OMC, many of whom were also leaders & members of the Vice Lords street gang, of conspiracy to commit murder & other violent racketeering-related offenses. Asst Atty General Leslie R. Caldwell of the Justice Dept’s Criminal Division, U.S. Atty Barbara L. McQuade of the Eastern District of Michigan, Special Agent in Charge Steve Bogdalek of the ATF Detroit Field Division & Special Agent in Charge Paul M. Abbate of the FBI’s Detroit Field Division made the announcement. “The Phantom MC used violence & plotted murder in an effort to prevail in a gang war against rival MCs in Michigan & throughout the country, & its leaders & members attempted to kill anyone who stood in their way,” said Asst Atty General Caldwell. “The trial convictions of the gang’s Nat’l Pres, Nat’l Enforcer & 4 other members bring to a close this dangerous organization’s violent reign. I am thankful for the courageous & diligent efforts of our prosecutors & LE partners who successfully brought this criminal enterprise to justice.” “The Detroit One partnership has focused on dismantling violent street gangs like this one because they cause intolerable harm to public safety in our neighborhoods,” said U.S. Attorney McQuade. “We will continue to target & disrupt violent gangs in hopes of restoring peace for residents in our community.” “The amount of pain, suffering & fear that violent gangs bring to our communities is immeasurable,” said Special Agent in Charge Bogdalek. “Our goal was to disable the group by targeting its leadership, the convictions today of leaders & members of these illegal motorcycle gangs is an excellent example of success that comes from effective LE cooperation.” “As part of the Detroit One Initiative, this joint investigation effectively targeted & neutralized violent criminal offenders of the Phantom OMC,” said Special Agent in Charge Abbate. “Our efforts to combat violent crime continue to be waged each & every day in cooperation with our local, state, & Fed LE partners. Protecting our communities from offenders such as these is among our highest priorities, & we will continue this fight on behalf of the citizens we serve & protect.” The jury convicted the defendants of the following offenses:

- **Antonio Johnson, aka, “Mister Tony,”** “MT,” & “Big Bro,” 40, of Detroit, the Nat’l Pres of the Phantoms & the “Three-Star General” over the Vice Lords street gang in Michigan, was convicted of engaging in a RICO conspiracy, conspiracy to commit murder in aid of racketeering, assault with a dangerous weapon in aid of racketeering, conspiracy to assault with a dangerous weapon in aid of racketeering, using & carrying firearms during & in relation to a crime of violence & being a felon in possession of firearms.

- **Marvin Nicholson, aka, “Chosen One,”** 46, of Detroit, the Nat’l Enforcer of the Phantoms & a Vice Lords member, was convicted of engaging in a RICO conspiracy, conspiracy to commit murder in aid of racketeering, assault with a dangerous weapon in aid of racketeering, conspiracy to assault with a dangerous weapon in aid of racketeering, assault on Fed officers, using & carrying firearms during & in relation to a crime of violence & being a felon in possession of firearms.

- **Brian Sorrell, 28, aka, “PC,”** of Detroit, a member of the Detroit Chapter of the Phantoms & the Vice Lords, was convicted of engaging in a RICO conspiracy, conspiracy to commit murder in aid of racketeering, assault with a dangerous weapon in aid of

racketeering, conspiracy to assault with a dangerous weapon in aid of racketeering & using & carrying firearms during & in relation to a crime of violence.

- **Sherman Brown, aka, “Tank,”** 43, of Detroit, the Sgt-at-Arms of the Detroit Chapter of the Phantoms & a Vice Lords member, was convicted of conspiracy to commit murder in aid of racketeering.

- **Brian Jackson, aka, “Wood,”** 48, of Detroit, the Master Sergeant of the Inkster, Michigan Chapter of the Phantoms, was convicted of conspiracy to commit murder in aid of racketeering.

- **Matthew Schamante, aka, “Arsenal,”** 32, of Waterford, Michigan, the President of the Pontiac, Michigan Chapter of the Phantoms, was convicted of engaging in a RICO conspiracy & possessing an unregistered short-barrel shotgun.

*At trial, evidence showed that the Phantom* Outlaw MC is headquartered in northwest Detroit & has chapters throughout Michigan, Ohio, Kentucky, Illinois, New York, New Jersey, Texas, Georgia, Missouri & Tennessee, as well as a chapter of “Nomads” that travel at will. The evidence showed that the club & its members were involved in a range of criminal activity including conspiracy to commit murder, shootings, robbery, extortion & the possession & sale of stolen vehicles & motorcycles. Evidence also showed that the leadership of the Phantoms was heavily involved in the Vice Lords street gang, including Johnson, who was both the Nat’l Pres of the Phantoms & the “Three-Star General” over the Vice Lords street gang in Michigan. The Vice Lords is a well-known street gang originating from Chicago. Specifically, the evidence showed that Johnson used the Vice Lords to assist the Phantoms in various criminal endeavors, including to search for & violently attack rivals of the Phantoms. The evidence specifically demonstrated that, on Sept. 8, 2013, Johnson ordered numerous Phantoms, including Nicholson & Sorrell, to take the vests or “rags” of the Satan Sidekicks MC, a rival MC. During the attempted robbery, Sorrell shot the victim in the face.

*Additionally, according to the evidence,* Johnson blamed the Hell Lovers Outlaw MC for the murder of a Phantoms member in late Sept 2013, & ordered a 3-phase murder plot against the Hell Lovers in retaliation. In the first phase, the Phantoms were to murder at least 3 members of the Hell Lovers in Detroit in order to lure additional Hell Lovers to Michigan for the funeral. In the second phase, the Phantoms were to murder all members of the Hell Lovers who would be at the Hell Lovers’ Detroit, Michigan clubhouse following the funeral of the 3 members murdered in the first phase. In the third phase, the Phantoms were to kill Hell Lovers in other cities throughout the country where the Phantoms had chapters. The mass murder plot was interrupted before it came to fruition by search warrants executed by the ATF & FBI in Oct 2013. At trial, evidence showed that the Phantoms were preparing for the first phase of the murder plot at the time of the search warrants, including stockpiling firearms, hiring a thief to steal a van to be used in the murders, conducting research & surveillance of their intended victims, & assigning Phantom members & Vice Lords members to stalk & murder the intended victims. Johnson, Nicholson, Sorrell, Brown & Jackson were all convicted of the murder plot.

*Finally, the evidence demonstrated* that, on Oct. 4, 2013, while the ATF & FBI attempted to execute a search warrant at his residence in Detroit, Nicholson shot at ATF agents 4 times as they attempted to enter his residence. A wall prevented the bullets from



hitting the agents. The firearm that Nicholson used to shoot at the ATF agents was registered to Schamante. Sentencing hearings will be scheduled at a later date before U.S. District Judge Paul D. Borman of the Eastern District of Michigan. Five defendants have previously pleaded guilty in the case to charges including RICO conspiracy & assault with a dangerous weapon in aid of racketeering, & await sentencing. The arrests in this case were made as part of the Detroit One Initiative, a collaborative effort between LE & the community to reduce homicide & other violent crime in Detroit, & through the lead efforts of the Comprehensive Violence Reduction Partnership Task Force, which consists of representatives of the ATF, Detroit PD, Michigan State Police, Michigan Dept of Corrections & the FBI. By working collaboratively, local, state & Fed LE are striving to maximize their ability to identify & arrest the persons & groups initiating the violence in Detroit. These convictions are a tangible & significant result of this joint effort. The case is being prosecuted by Trial Atty Joseph Wheatley of the Criminal Division's Organized Crime & Gang Section, & Asst U.S. Attys Christopher Graveline & Louis Gabel of the Eastern District of Michigan.

**'Intimidating' Hells Angels t-shirts prevent gang members boarding Air NZ flight** - Mar 17, 2015 – *New Zealand* – By <http://tvnz.co.nz> - Three Hells Angels members were refused entry onto a commercial flight yesterday because their t-shirts were “intimidating” to the pilot. The men, one aged in his 20s & 2 aged in their 50s, became angry when told they were not allowed on the Air New Zealand flight wearing their Hells Angels t-shirts. The pilot ultimately made the decision to leave without the men after they refused to change clothes, The Otago Daily Times reported. The men told staff they were confused as they were allowed to wear the t-shirts on a flight from Auckland to Dunedin but not on their return 10am flight back to Auckland. Taieri-Clutha area response manager Senior Sgt Alastair Dickie says Air New Zealand should “firm up their policy” because at the moment it is “a bit loose”. The men came back later & boarded a 6.30pm flight from Dunedin to Auckland. All 3 are known to police & have extensive criminal histories. An Air New Zealand spokeswoman told Fairfax Media the company was “not in a position to provide comment on individual customers” but the airline could refuse to carry passengers wearing gang patches or insignia.

**Murder trial to be moved from Casey** – Mar 18, 2015 – *Kentucky* – By Todd Kleffman; [www.CentralKYNews.com](http://www.CentralKYNews.com) - Casey Circuit Judge Judy Vance has set the new date for Bobby Rigdon's murder trial, which was scheduled to begin Monday, as Aug. 31. Where the trial will be held has not yet been determined, but it will be moved out of Casey County, Vance said Mon. Prosecutors point to Rigdon as the man who gunned down Gleason Pyles while he worked at Tarter Gate Co. in Dunnville in Sept 2012. Rigdon allegedly acted at the direction of David Salyers, Pres of the Frankfort chapter of the Iron Horsemen MC, to which all 3 men belonged. Salyers was convicted last year of complicity in the murder & sentenced to 20 years in prison in a trial that was moved from Casey County to Green County after it was alleged that members of Salyers' family who also belonged to the outlaw motorcycle gang may have intimidated potential jurors. At his trial, Salyers testified he & Rigdon went to see Pyles about a motorcycle & the hotheaded Rigdon shot Pyles after Pyles called him a “bitch.” Rigdon's attorney, Bridget Saunders, however, has a completely different theory of the case. She contends that Salyers shot Pyles because Pyles owed him between \$5,000 & \$7,000, & that Rigdon was just a convenient fall guy. “I am more

convinced that (Rigdon) is not the shooter than I am of my own name,” Saunders said after Monday's hearing. “I am not going (to trial) to lose.” Saunders passionately argued that Pyles' death had “nothing” to do with the Iron Horseman & “everything” to do with the money he owed Salyers. In the prosecution's theory of the case, Pyles had quit the Horseman in a manner that disrespected Salyers & the motorcycle gang, & Rigdon was a fledgling member who needed to prove his loyalty. “There's no evidence this was a hit ordered by the Iron Horsemen,” Saunders said. “Pyles owed Salyers a bunch of money.” Saunders argued that Special Agent Doug Robinson of the ATF, an authority on outlaw motorcycle gangs, should not be allowed to testify for the prosecution at Rigdon's trial. Robinson, who testified at Salyers' trial, worked undercover to infiltrate the Iron Horseman's Frankfort chapter in 1998-99 & his investigation into the club's drug & gun running led to 12 indictments & seizure of the gang's property. “We closed them down,” Robinson said Mon. While Saunders agreed that Robinson might have insight into the Horseman in general & how they operated 16 years ago, he knows little about the Frankfort chapter that was resurrected by Salyers & what role, if any, the gang played in Pyles' death. Robinson's testimony about the culture of the Iron Horsemen would not be “relevant or material” to Rigdon's case & would be “extremely prejudicial” if presented to a jury, Saunders argued. Saunders described “Salyers' little group” as “basically decrepit old men who ride motorcycles ... wannabes or has-beens who ride motorcycles.” Robinson said that description of the Frankfort gang under Salyer's leadership was fair. Saunders said the cases against Salyers & Rigdon were “flanked by the shadow of the Iron Horsemen” & the gang itself has become “another perpetrator, an alternative suspect,” even though the only real role it has played “has been to instill fear into everyone involved.” Saunders questioned the presence of members the KY State Police Special Response Team in the courtroom Monday as an extra security precaution & the extreme security measures that were taken during the Salyers trial. “We've had not one incident from the Iron Horsemen,” she said. Special prosecutor Shawna Virgin-Kincer countered that Robinson's testimony is needed to help jurors understand how the Iron Horsemen are structured, how someone becomes a member, the significance of the club's patches & other aspects of the gang's culture. “His testimony simply aids the jury,” Virgin-Kincer said. Judge Vance noted that although she had allowed Robinson to testify at Salyers' trial, Saunders' arguments had put the matter “in a different light.” “I'm not sure I want to rule like I did the last time,” she said. “I'll take it under advisement.” KSP Detective B.J. Burton testified that members of the Horsemen have regularly visited Rigdon in jail, provided money to his jail account & talked to him over jail phones that are monitored by authorities. Burton also said Rigdon told a jailhouse informant that “the Iron Horsemen had bailed him out of jail (in an unrelated case) & he did the murder for the Iron Horsemen.” Rigdon's next scheduled court appearance is May 18.

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**Forget your perfect offering...** There is a crack; a crack in everything; that's how the light gets in... But then there is the Brain Dead Crack; Nothing But Darkness - with Nothing Between their Ears which is the Only Darkness a Light Cannot get into... By Leonard Cohen & Updated by Michael Davis

**Fight between rival motorcycle groups sparks investigation, 9 arrests** - Mar 18, 2015 - *California* - By [www.Redding.com](http://www.Redding.com) -

About a dozen LE officials arrested 9 people & seized numerous firearms throughout Northern Calif on Wednesday during an investigation prompted by a Jan altercation between 2 rival MCs at the Easy Rider Motorcycle show in Sacramento. That investigation included a search warrant being served this morning at a residence off Hwy 299 west of Shasta on Fountain Hill Drive, as well as at a residence in Chico. Sgt. Doug Morse of the Sacramento PD said at least 12 LE agencies, including the Shasta County Sheriff's Office, participated in the operation, which is ongoing. Although it was not clear if any arrests were made in Shasta County as part of the operation today, 2 Shasta County sheriff's deputies stood guard outside the entranceway to the Fountain Hill Drive residence, referring inquiries about the search to the Sacramento PD. Morse said search warrants were executed throughout Northern Calif & 9 people were arrested, but their names are being withheld because the operation is ongoing. He said the investigation began following a Jan. 17 assault & physical altercation between members of the Hells Angels & Vagos MCs. A message left on a phone number listed with the Calif Hells Angels North website was not immediately returned. Police have said that a loaded gun fell to the ground at one point of the fight, but no shots were fired. When police officers arrived at the scene, they used pepper spray to subdue the subjects & 3 people were arrested on suspicion of assault.

**Vigilante biker gang vows to rid city of crime & drugs** - Mar 18, 2015 - *Ireland* - By Garreth MacNamee; [www.Mirror.co.uk](http://www.Mirror.co.uk) -

The Freewheelers - whose motto is "Don't F\*\*\* With Us" - have set to work cleaning up Waterford in Ireland after a spate of criminal activity... A vigilante biker gang has rolled into a crime-infested city vowing to rid it of thugs & drugs. The Irish Mirror reports that the long-established Freewheelers group has arrived in Waterford, Ireland, & vowed to closely monitor 6 mobs that have been causing havoc in the city. And The Freewheelers - whose motto is "Don't F\*\*\* With Us" - have joined forces with other groups sick of the crime wave that has swept the area. While police have made dozens of arrests in recent months there are still a string of gangs terrorising working class communities. Ballybeg is one of the worst hit areas & the Freewheelers have decided to step up their efforts. Their club president wrote on the gang's official website: "Our policy from day one was to keep Ireland free of international politics which to the most part 35 years later we have achieved. "Our alliance with the other 3 True Irish 1% clubs has been a major part of this policy & it is an alliance which we intend to nurture into the future. "The Freewheelers MC took a 'Don't F\*\*\* with Us' attitude which still holds strong today." A source confirmed to the Irish Mirror that the MC is on the radar of the crime gangs. He said: "The Freewheelers are known all across Waterford. They have been around since the 70s. "They don't give a toss what people think of them & they're sick of these scumbags around the place. "They would have been around during a time when there was no massive gang trouble in the city. Now there is & you have to say the dealers are taking notice. "There was one road that was notorious for dealing in & around Ballybeg. Now it's like a ghost town. "The gangs, especially the foreign ones, don't like to admit it but they're petrified of these guys." The Irish Mirror previously revealed how desperate young mums are being coerced into having sex with members of vicious money-lending gangs in the city to pay off debts. Several of the cash-strapped women are understood to have fallen victim to the seedy trap as

they struggle to pay back rip-off interest rates on short-term loans. Police have crushed a number of the gangs behind the sordid exploitation but it is believed there are at least 3 plying their illicit trade in Waterford.

**Mongols indictment continues to reverberate** - Mar 23, 2015 -

*California* - By Frank Girardot; [www.PasadenaStarNews.com](http://www.PasadenaStarNews.com) -

Al "the Suit" Cavazos won't give in, won't give up & won't surrender. A West Covina resident, Cavazos & his brother Rueben "Doc" Cavazos & Rueben's son 'Little Rubes' were among dozens of members of the Mongols MC arrested in a Fed gang probe that resulted in lengthy prison sentences & a reverberation of recriminations. Five years later, The Suit says his family was railroaded. And he wants his questions answered. He has reams & reams of proof & a list of politician & media addresses - of both the electronic & physical variety - that would make any public relations agency drool. He writes to all of them frequently, & amazingly often receives responses. The most recent came from a staffer in Sen. Barbara Boxer's office who promised to forward allegations of corruption in the Alcohol, Tobacco & Firearms to investigators in the (wait for it) ATF. "See, we're not what they keep saying we are," The Suit said during a recent visit. "I think a lot of these people know that, but why don't they want to say nothing? You know what I mean? They don't want to get too involved, but they don't want to say I'm wrong, in case it comes out that I'm right? You see what I mean?" As it stands, The Suit, Doc & Little Rubes have been permanently 86'd from the Mongols by Pres David "Lil Dave" Santillan, who says they are "out bad". The ruling won't keep The Suit from going to every court hearing that he can. On Thursday last week, The Suit was downtown at a pre-trial hearing in the case of David Martinez, accused of killing Pomona Police Officer Shaun Diamond in Nov. In June, he'll watch as members of the Mongols, led by Santillan, will appear in Fed court to defend their trademark. The image of a swashbuckling, pony tailed Mongol raider aboard a chopper is well-known in the Southwest. Fed investigators have been working to bring the club to heel for years. And the outcome of the trademark suit could affect members on an international scale. In his defense of the club, Santillan has tirelessly pointed to its founding by Latino Vietnam-era vets, who were denied membership in other clubs. He has also pointed to current membership as model citizens who will be denied basic rights if their trademark is heisted by the Gov't. "The Mongols Nation MC consists of over 700 members worldwide. Our members include doctors, lawyers, professionals of all sorts, business owners, & loyal employees of others. I am informed & believe that many if not the majority of our members were formerly members of the U.S. armed forces," Santillan wrote in Oct. As it stands, the case comes down to whether or not the Gov't can classify the Mongols as a criminal organization. And it could happen. Judge Otis Wright, hearing the case, clearly is no fan. "This is a criminal enterprise as evidenced by the admissions of same by no fewer than 40 people who appeared before me," Wright said. "This is a dangerous enterprise." The question Wright will pose is this, which he articulated at the same hearing in Oct: "Is being a Mongol no different than them perhaps having been Lutheran...? It is not the same thing, is it? They are operating under the banner of the Mongols. It is that name that reputation, that intimidation factor which enables them to do what they do, isn't it?"

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

**MC & owner deny liability in personal injury complaint** – Mar 23, 2015 – *Illinois* – By Heather Istringhausen Gvillo; <http://MadisonRecord.com> - Iron Order MC & its owner deny the allegations in a complaint alleging a woman was injured when several club members swung a paddle at her. In her Nov. 26 complaint, Dawn N. Voss alleges she was participating in a social gathering at defendant Iron Order MC in Collinsville on Nov. 27, 2012, when numerous members swung a wooden paddle at her, causing her injuries. Many of the members were intoxicated at the time, the suit states. As a result of the incident, Voss claims she became sick, sore, lame & disordered; suffered extensive injuries to her wrist, arm & body; & lost her earning capacity, the suit states. She also claims she experienced pain & suffering, incurred medical costs, endured disability & disfigurement & lost wages. In addition to the MC, Voss names its owner, Randy Frantz, as a defendant. She claims he knew numerous members would act in a belligerent manner & could cause her harm. The defendants denied the allegations in their Jan. 28 answer, arguing that any alleged damages are the result of negligence by the plaintiff or additional parties whom the defendants had no control over. Voss seeks a judgment of more than \$150,000, plus costs & other relief the court deems just. Circuit Judge Andreas Matoesian scheduled a case management conference for May 27 at 9 a.m. Robert Bas of Bas Law Office in Edwardsville represents Voss. Esfand Y. Nafisi of Whitfield Bryson & Mason in Washington, D.C. represents the defendants. Madison County Circuit Court case number 14-L-1634

**Putin's biker gang lends muscle to rebel cause in east Ukraine** – Mar 23, 2015 – *Russia* – By Maxime Popov; <http://news.yahoo.com> - Dressed in leathers & camouflage, motorbike gang leader Vitali waves at 2 charred Ukrainian tank turrets decorating the entrance to his club as he recounts how his group has fought alongside pro-Russian rebels. “My love for my homeland, for my territory, is my life,” he explains as he stands outside his headquarters in separatist bastion Lugansk. The biker -- also known by his nickname “Prosecutor” -- is boss of the east Ukraine branch of the Night Wolves motorcycle gang, a collection of Kremlin-loving toughs originally created in Russia that boasts close ties to President Vladimir Putin. “I’m a Night Wolf, not a rebel,” claims the 35-year-old former soldier. “I’m just defending my homeland”, he adds, explaining that his men often work “behind enemy lines”. The leader & a dozen other members of the eastern Ukrainian offshoot of the club have been fighting with the separatists since the conflict with Kiev forces erupted nearly one year ago. Vitali says the shattered tanks were destroyed by his men during a battle with Gov’t troops in Khryashchuvate, a village close to Lugansk that now lies largely in ruins. “Our trophies!” he jokes. Most of the club members -- united by their passion for motorcycles, their love of the “Fatherland” & the Orthodox faith - hail from the Donbass region in Ukraine's east. But others have been drawn to the area from Russia & other former Soviet states to defend what they call “the Russian world”. “Wherever there are difficulties, we are the first to appear. This was the case in the Crimea,” explains Oleg “Golova”, who travelled from his native Belarus to the peninsula shortly before it was annexed by Russia last March. “Everything could have exploded just as quickly & just as tragically as in the Donbass,” he adds. “We were the first defenders of the Crimea, even President Putin recognised that.” The Kremlin strongman has not been shy of showing his support for the biker gang, having previously lauded their patriotism & ridden with them on a H-D. He is often photographed alongside its

founder & leader in Russia, Alexander Zaldostanov, who goes by the nickname of “Khirurg” (the surgeon). Last week, they both spoke on stage at a rally in Moscow celebrating Crimea's annexation. - ‘Ready for anything’ - “We were fighting here when there were no rebel forces. From Khryashchuvate to Novosvitlivka, to Lugansk airport. We were fighting practically with sticks!” says Roman “Volk”, or the wolf, the man in charge of the club's military operations. Three Night Wolves have died since the beginning of the conflict with the Ukrainian army, they say. Their portraits now adorn the club's common room, surrounded by a wolf skin & icons. With Feb's Minsk truce generally holding, the bikers have been tasked with providing safety for public events organised by the rebels & with distributing humanitarian aid. But in the club's sleeping quarters, Kalashnikovs still sit at the end of members' beds. “We are ready for anything. We do not believe in the cease-fire,” says Vitali, a dagger at his hip. Close to the common room, a gym has been transformed into a hangar, where around 20 motorcycles & classic cars are surrounded by Russian flags. The collection includes vehicles from the bomb-destroyed Lugansk car museum, taken by the Wolves to protect them from looters. Following the example of its Russian branches, the club aims to promote the “patriotic education of society & youth” by organising & financing various projects “to unite the Russian world”. “The Soviet Union collapsed & the Soviet identity disappeared, but the people remained united by the Russian identity,” says Oleg “Golova”. “Being Russian is not a nationality, it is a state of mind,” he adds, pointing to a large metal emblem created by the gang's leader Khirurg, which he says represents the “best of Russian history”. It combines the double-headed eagle, a Tsarist symbol readopted by modern Russia, & the wheat sheaf beneath a red star from the Soviet crest. This standard is destined to one day look down on all cities forming the “Russian world”, according to the biker. The one stored in the hangar is set for Lugansk.

**Gang leader narrowly avoids assassination attempt** - Mar 23, 2015 - *Netherlands* - By Taneli Savela; [www.NLTimes.nl](http://www.NLTimes.nl) - Pres of outlaw motorcycle gang No Surrender, Klaas Otto, barely survived an assassination attempt in Belgium last weekend, De Telegraaf reports with police confirmation. Otto had an appointment with a man already known to him, but upon entering the meeting, the man pulled out a gun & tried to shoot him in the head, the “General” of No Surrender states. The bullet narrowly missed the carotid artery only grazing it slightly, & not causing serious damage. “I turned my head away at the last moment, so that the bullet would not penetrate my skull but my neck,” the Pres of No Surrender claims. He got to the hospital on his own, Otto says, & doctors spoke of a miracle that he survived the attack. He left the hospital after treatment. Otto also says he knows who is responsible for the assassination attempt, but will not reveal his identity nor comment on the motive, also shooting rumours that the perpetrator was a club member. In the Telegraaf article, he hints strongly at retaliation, saying the problem will be dealt with soon. No Surrender is the fastest growing outlaw motorcycle gang in the Netherlands & is expanding rapidly across borders. Earlier this month, club members visited Curacao & Suriname to establish new chapters there as well. Last Nov the gang was involved in a fire fight caught on tape in Eindhoven.

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**I didn't attend the funeral**, but I sent a nice letter saying I approved of it. - Mark Twain  
**Thank you for sending** me a copy of your book; I'll waste no time reading it. - Moses Hadas

**Assailants sought in beating of motorcycle gang member** – Mar 23, 2015 – *Texas* – By Don Bolding; [www.WacoTrib.com](http://www.WacoTrib.com) - Area police agencies were searching Sun evening for a Dodge pickup truck & its occupants who were involved in the beating of a Bandidos motorcycle gang member early Sun afternoon on southbound I-35 in Lorena, Lorena Police Chief Tom Dickson said. The rider was one of 2 men on a motorcycle that was cut off by the pickup truck, Dickson said. He said the rider, who was from outside Central Texas, was being treated in the emergency room of Baylor Scott & White Hillcrest Medical Center in Waco. He said police were investigating the cause of the altercation & did not know whether the assailants are involved in gang activity. He gave no further description of the pickup truck.

**Filibuster kills bill to repeal NE motorcycle helmet law** - Mar 23, 2015 – *Nebraska* – By Joe Duggan; [www.StarHerald.com](http://www.StarHerald.com) - Nebraska's mandatory helmet law has survived another repeal effort. Supporters of the helmet law effectively filibustered a repeal bill Monday. Backers of Legislative Bill 31, which would have allowed adult motorcyclists to ride without helmets, failed to reach the 33 votes necessary to cut off debate after 8 hours of discussions. The bill died when 24 senators voted to cut off a filibuster, 9 fewer than was needed. As a result, the bill is effectively done for the year. It marked the second year in a row that a filibuster killed a repeal bill. The measure was sponsored by Sen. Dave Bloomfield of Hoskins. Repeal supporters said they believed in giving Nebraska's 97,000 motorcyclists freedom to choose whether they wanted to wear helmets. The bill would have mandated helmets for riders younger than 21 & eye protection for all riders. Supporters of the helmet law say repealing it would lead directly to more deaths & more traumatic brain injuries. They also made an economic argument, noting that survivors of motorcycle crashes frequently turn to state & Fed programs to pay for their costly long-term care. The helmet law, they said, saves tax dollars by minimizing injuries. A recent survey by Research Associates found that 77% of Nebraskans supported the helmet law, while 19% favored repealing it. "I can't buy this freedom argument," said Sen. Robert Hilkemann of Omaha. "We're not here to take away motorcycles. We're not here to take them off the road." Nineteen states require helmet use for all, & 28 states require helmets for younger riders but not most adults, according to the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety. Three states, including Iowa, have no helmet requirements. Four previous attempts to repeal Nebraska's helmet law have failed. Last year, the bill died when 25 senators voted to cut off a filibuster.

**Brother Speed Toy Run: Best Charity Event** – Mar 24, 2015 – *Idaho* – By Tetona Dunlap; [www.MagicValley.com](http://www.MagicValley.com) - For the second year in a row, the Brother Speed MC's Toy Run was selected as Best Charity Event in Mini-Cassia. The Burley chapter has played Santa for 17 years by delivering \$16,000 worth of toys to the Mini-Cassia Christmas Council. The chapter raises money by hosting a bike run, gathering sponsors & selling artwork & T-shirts. The first toy run took place in 1997 after Gary Pawson conceived the idea while having a drink with friends. The first toy run raised about \$2,500. "We just wanted to give back to the kids that we see in our towns," Pawson said. "The community, over the years, has really got behind us. ...It's got notoriety as being a good thing for our community." There are about 30 members in the Burley chapter of Brother Speed MC. Pawson & other club members will begin gearing up soon to plan this year's Toy Run & looking for more sponsors.

**Bikie associates legislation to be delayed by 1 year** - Mar 24, 2015 - *Australia* - By Amy Remeikis; [www.BrisbaneTimes.com](http://www.BrisbaneTimes.com) - Once the pomp & ceremony of the 1st parliamentary sitting week finishes, the Palaszczuk Gov't isn't wasting any time getting down to business, as it seeks to begin the process of putting its election commitments into action. The Gov't plans on introducing 5 bills in its first week, most likely on Fri, the first real day of business, following the completion of the ceremonies which accompany a new Gov't into parliament. Labor plans on introducing legislation it brought up during the election campaign, with lowering the donation declaration threshold back to \$1000 to be the first cab off the rank. It will also introduce legislation to 'restore autonomy of the Speaker', allow a crossbencher onto the Committee of the Legislative Assembly, the parliamentary committee which looks after the parliament, & link politician pay rises to the public sector increases. Following up on a key promise of the campaign, tradespeople with criminal bikie gang associations will have their year-long reprieve made official, with the Gov't planning on putting its 2016 review of the anti-association laws & VLAD into legislation. The Newman Gov't laws would have put the licences of about 500,000 electricians, plumbers & other trade professionals into doubt, with its plan to strip named professions of their licenses, if they were found to have criminal gang associations. Unions & civil libertarians protested the move, which they said would have wider ramifications for the community, with the laws not making clear what was considered an association, & police to make the determination. The Labor Gov't has committed to reviewing the laws, putting a moratorium on the license clause until the review is finished in 12 months. In the same bill, payroll tax breaks for businesses which take on apprentices will be introduced, on the back of an election commitment to help encourage businesses to take on junior workers for training. The Mount Isa copper smelter will see its life continued & those who read water meters will have to be fully licensed plumbers. And in a throwback, the exhibited animal bill (which was introduced by the LNP in 2014) will be re-introduced, which basically provides a framework for minimizing biosecurity & safety risks, as well as ensuring animal welfare for exhibited animals. But with just one vote from independent MP Peter Wellington giving Labor power, the Gov't cannot count on any of their bills passing, unlike the previous Gov't which held an unassailable majority when it came to legislation. While the Newman Gov't instigated Operation Boring in an attempt to win the public over, the Palaszczuk has started how it intends to go on, launching 'Operation Steady Ship' when it came to power. That won't change in relation to how it deals with its legislative agenda. The Gov't doesn't expect to debate any of these bills until the second May parliamentary sitting at the earliest, as it seeks to allow the committee review process to move forward "properly".

**Why do you sit** there looking like an envelope without any address on it? -Mark Twain.

**In order to avoid** being called a flirt, she always yielded easily. - Charles, Count Talleyrand.

**He is not only dull** himself; he is the cause of dullness in others. -Samuel Johnson.

**I feel so miserable** without you; it's almost like having you here. -Stephen Bishop

**He has no enemies**, but is intensely disliked by his friends. - Oscar Wilde

**Editor's Note:** Example of "[You Can't Believe Everything You Read On The Internet](#)"...!!! The following article is False...

**FBI Admits All Registered Motorcycle Owners Are On Classified Gang List** – March 25, 2015 – U.S.A. – By [www.WashingtonPost.com](http://www.WashingtonPost.com) - MSNBC correspondent Jeremy Lancaster sat down with Gov't official Darrin Cornia to discuss recent rumors that have been in circulation in regard to registered motorcycle owners being placed on a classified FBI gang list. Darrin Cornia who currently holds a position within the National Security Branch of the Gov't agreed to complete transparency prior to the interview with MSNBC's Jeremy Lancaster & did remain direct & seemingly forthright throughout his conversation with Lancaster.

*After a few moments of introduction*, Lancaster bluntly asked the following question," Cornia, if I were to make the statement, all registered motorcycle owners are currently showing on a classified FBI gang list, would the statement be true or false? Cornia responded by saying, "That would be a true statement, the FBI has been collecting & compiling Dept of Motor Vehicles & Drivers License Division records for the purpose of adding those that own motorcycles to a classified gang list since 1994.

*Lancaster asked Cornia to explain* the reasoning behind the list which seems inappropriately broad, to Cornia answered the question with the following statement, "It's nothing more than collecting & utilizing data. We may not like to admit it, but the truth of the matter is that those that own & operate motorcycles are 67% more likely to be involved in illegal or criminal activity than those that do not own or operate a motorcycle."

*The National Security Official* went on to explain, "It's the same as firearms, if local P.D or Highway Patrol were to pull someone over that is a registered firearm owner, that officer has the right to know this information going into the interaction, the same could be said about a local P.D or H.P. Officer that pulled over a registered motorcycle owner, the situations are honestly interchangeable in the eyes of Nat'l & Homeland Security.

*MSNBC correspondent Jeremy Lancaster* asked Cornia if placing citizens on a gang list just because they are registered motorcycle owners is considered as profiling, Cornia responded to the question by saying, "as a nation do we complain when we add someone that has a Crips or Bloods tattoo to a gang list even though the individual swears up & down that they don't have gang affiliation? Again these are 2 situations that are inter-changeable, we can't pick & choose." Lancaster asked how individuals can find out if they are on this classified gang list to which Cornia responded, "Did you register a motorcycle or obtain a Class M license anytime between the year 1994 & 2015? If so, than you are on the list."

*The MSNBC correspondent concluded* the interview by asking Cornia, "aside from potential profiling from L.E., are there potentially any additional consequences of being on this gang list?" Cornia responded by saying, "the purpose of the list is to collect & utilize data, not to create consequences. Aside from notifying L.E. that you are a registered motorcycle owner or operator, it can show up to potential employers on select background checks."

**AMA discredits Internet story involving motorcyclists** – Mar 28, 2015 – U.S.A. – By American Motorcyclist Association - As you may have seen, there is a recent story circulating on the Internet about the Fed Gov't including all registered motorcyclists in a secret database. After a thorough review by the AMA of the article's sources & the named reporter, we want you to know that

this story is not true. Rather, it is a fictional article first created by a satirical website & later picked up by other websites. In particular: One of the most referenced websites appears to be the Washington Post's official website, but it is not affiliated in any way with the Post. Rather, the website URL includes a domain registered in the country of Colombia. A search of MSNBC's website turns up no original story or a Jeremy Lancaster as a reporter. Finally, a popular debunking website has already indicated the story is false.

**Man shot by moto-rcyclist in apparent road rage attack** – Mar 28, 2015 – *Texas* – By Pat Barton; [www.KSAT.com](http://www.KSAT.com) - An apparent road rage incident left a man wounded & San Antonio police on the lookout for the suspected shooter who was riding a motorcycle. That shooting happened just before 11 a.m. Sat at SW Military & Nock Ave. "Two individuals were traveling eastbound on Military & 1 of the individuals cut off what is our suspect in this particular case," said SAPD spokesman Ofc. Douglas Greene. Police said the 67-year-old truck driver & the motorcyclist then stopped at a business & physically fought after the traffic altercation. SAPD officials said the motorcyclist pulled out a gun & fired, hitting the victim in the chest before riding away. "The victim was able to drive himself to Zarzamora & I-35 where they located 2 officers, & that's when officers notified EMS," said Ofc. Greene. Police were given a description of the motorcyclist & think he's a member of a motorcycle gang. "We are still on the lookout for the suspect, he's a heavy set Hispanic male maybe in his 30s to 40s," Ofc. Greene said. "We have some witness on the scene that we have been interviewing so at this time we are still trying to piece this together." Paramedics transported the shooting victim to the hospital. Police said he was expected to recover.

**2 dead, 1 hurt in Dallas biker gang shooting** – Mar 29, 2015 – *Texas* – By The Associated Press; [www.Star-Telegram.com](http://www.Star-Telegram.com) - Dallas police say a meeting between 2 biker gangs ended with 2 people shot dead & a third injured. Police spokesman Sgt. Warren Mitchell said police called to an east Dallas address before 8 p.m. Sat found 2 people dead. The men killed were identified by police as 41-year-old Lonnie Tutt & 48-year-old Linton Nelson. Police are searching for suspects.

**Witnesses uncooperative after Applebee's shooting** - Mar 30, 2015 – *New Mexico* - By Caleb James, KOB Eyewitness News 4; [www.kob.com](http://www.kob.com) - A man was shot Sun evening at Applebee's on San Mateo & Academy in relation to a feud between 2 local biker clubs. One of those, the Bandidos, is officially considered a motorcycle gang by LE. Albuquerque police say the gang showed up to the packed Applebee's, where another MC was hosting a fundraiser. Soon after their arrival, shots were fired. One man was wounded. APD says most witnesses were uncooperative, as most were members of one of the 2 clubs. Police are talking to the other witnesses who were inside the restaurant at the time, most of whom were families with children. "People here are at dinner, & this is just out of control from these individuals here on scene, who get into a gun fight on a Sun night when families are trying to have a good time at a restaurant," said APD spokesperson Simon Drobik. "We have numerous witnesses here on scene who are absolutely not cooperating with us at all." More info on the incident will be provided as it becomes available.

**Different types of Cynicism:**

Too often we take 'lazy mental shortcuts.

**Bikers upset with Scottsdale police after fatal motorcycle crash** – Mar 29, 2015 – *Arizona* - [www.Fox10Phoenix.com](http://www.Fox10Phoenix.com) - Two motorcyclists were killed during a charity ride through Scottsdale on Sat. Police are pinning the blame on the bikers, saying they ran a red light, but other participants in the ride say Scottsdale Police are to blame for not stopping traffic. The couple was from New Mexico & here in town for the big event. Scottsdale police identified those killed in the accident Sat as 52-year-old Al Barela & 37-year-old Samantha Barela. They were part of roughly 1000 bikers riding from Mesa to Scottsdale, all in the name of charity. But after this tragedy, many bikers say they'll never participate again. Scottsdale police say a married couple riding a motorcycle died after colliding with a car at Frank Lloyd Wright & Thunderbird Road. Today, bikers are questioning why police didn't close off the intersection for riders. It was Mike Jackson's 8th time participating in the torch ride when he says he came upon yesterday's deadly accident. "I know that ride," says Jackson. "Nobody should have been coming through the intersections. It would almost be like having a parade & the police saying well that one intersection we decided to let people through." In a statement Scottsdale police say the couple went through a red light & they weren't wearing helmets. Police also say participants signed a waiver which states motorcycles shall be "operated safely & consistent with the laws of the state of AZ..." The statement is causing an outrage for many bikers today. "Scottsdale police dropped the ball in my opinion & they wanted to quickly, quickly put it on the biker & say it wasn't their fault," says Jackson. The torch ride, which benefits the Special Olympics, is advertised as a police-escorted ride. Jon Becker & Brenda Wyssbrod say police led them through every red light. "Did he think that there was an officer there blocking traffic, probably," said Becker. "It's heart-breaking," says Wyssbrod. "We are out there to support a good cause & something like this shouldn't happen." Many bikers in the valley say when it comes to spending biker dollars in Scottsdale, this is the end of the road. "We probably will not be doing any other rides in Scottsdale from here on out unless they make an apology & they step up & take responsibility," Becker says. Scottsdale police also say event organizers were advised to tell participants to stop at red lights if an officer wasn't present.

**MCs open fire outside strip club** – Mar 30, 2015 – *California* – By Jason Anderson; [www.RecordNet.com](http://www.RecordNet.com) - Two men were shot, another was badly beaten & a young boy in a passing vehicle was injured Sun afternoon when MCs clashed outside a Stockton strip club, authorities said. The San Joaquin County Sheriff's Office responded to a report of shots fired about 1:50 p.m. in the parking lot outside Déjà Vu Showgirls in West Lane, officials said. Deputies arrived to find a significant number of motor-cycles fleeing the area, they said. Lt. Steve Pease said it appeared that 2 MCs were confronted by members of a third club in the parking lot. One of the shooters opened fire with a handgun & another returned fire toward West Lane with a shotgun, Pease said. "A lot of the MCs are friendly, peaceful groups, but some of the clubs are associated with the Hells Angels or one of the other outlaw motorcycle gangs who are into criminal behavior," Pease said. One gunshot victim was located at the scene & the Stockton PD stopped another on a motorcycle a short time later, Pease said. A 3rd man who had been severely beaten later arrived at a hospital, Pease said. The man claimed he was attacked at Louis Park, but investigators believe the beating occurred at Déjà Vu, Pease said. A young boy was hurt when a shotgun blast struck a passing vehicle, but it was unclear whether the boy was injured by broken

glass or gunfire, Pease said. None of the reported injuries were believed to be life-threatening, Pease said. "The scariest thing about this is one of the shooters was shooting from the parking lot directly out into the street during heavy traffic," Pease said. "I think we're very fortunate that more people weren't injured & more innocent passers-by weren't hurt."

**Biker gang members greeted by roadblock** – Mar 30, 2015 - *New Zealand* – By Bill Moore; [www.Stuff.co.nz](http://www.Stuff.co.nz) - Poker Run riders shuffled through checkpoint... Drivers got a pre-lunch police alcohol check near Richmond, courtesy of a motorcycle gang poker run around the district. The 60 bikers from various groups, including patched members of Hells Angels & Prospects 81, gathered in the car park at the Abbey Bar & Grill on the Appleby Straight ahead of the mass departure at 12.15 on Saturday & police set up a checkpoint nearby. They stopped bikers & motorists alike. There was also a police photographer on hand who appeared to be gathering images of every rider. A Nelson Mail photographer was politely but firmly asked to stop taking pictures by someone wearing a Prospects 81 Auckland shirt. The "81" indicates the positions of "H" & "A" in the alphabet, with only admitted Hells Angels members permitted to wear the full name patch. As well as those involved in the alcohol checkpoint there were a number of police cars parked along the roadside & officers stopped traffic to allow the bikers to leave in an unbroken stream as the Sun City Poker Run began. Nelson Bays police acting area commander Inspector Mat Arnold-Kelly said there were no significant issues with the event & few infringement notices were issued over the weekend. "It was a very quiet weekend. We had extra road policing staff out but there were no issues. It was fantastic." As in previous years, the event was promoted as a benefit for Richmond ambulance & first aid company Medi-Max. Owner Maxwell Clark was at the Abbey with one of his ambulances & said he would follow the run for part of the day. He understood the riders would initially head for Tapawera. Asked how he felt about being associated with gangs in this way, Clark said there would be a donation at the end of the day & last year's had allowed the company to buy a traction splint. "We used it 3 weeks ago at the Nelson Lakes when a chap fell off his motorbike & broke his femur & we had to rescue helicopter him out. I explained to the family where the money had come from & they were very pleased. He was a fireman from Christchurch." Clark said the donation was "community minded". "I treat people as equal & I have no problem with that. We don't ask people if they belong to a certain club, or the Rotary Club. We cover a lot of motorbike events & we're happy to provide the service to anyone that needs it." The poker run was advertised for British, European & American motorcycles only, with an entry "donation" of \$20 & a first prize of \$500 for the best poker hand from the cards collected at the various stops. The event was to wind up back at the Abbey for an evening gathering.

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**You make me** believe in reincarnation. Nobody can be as stupid as you in one lifetime.

**I admire you** because I've never had the courage it takes to be a liar, a thief, & a cheat.

**I heard that** they tried to take an X-ray picture of your jaw, but all they got was a moving picture.

**Would you like** to replace my business partner who died this morning? I'll arrange it with the undertaker.

**Anyone who told** you to be yourself couldn't have given you worse advice.

**Site Hacked** – Mar 30, 2015 – *California / U.S.A.* – By The Aging Rebel; site down now - The Aging Rebel, a website located at [www.agingrebel.com](http://www.agingrebel.com) was hacked twice on Fri Mar 27. The attacks were blatant acts of cyber-warfare intended to silence reporting published on the site. The hacks followed approx a month of distributed denial of service attacks that began on or about Feb 23. The DOS attacks were intended to overload the site's servers with thousands of simultaneous hits. The impossible volume of hits would cause the computational resources of the servers to overload & the servers would shut down. The point of the attacks was to make the site unavailable to its audience. During Feb & Mar, the site experienced numerous spikes in computational demands as a result of these attacks & crashed & shut down numerous times. Many of the bogus hits appear to have originated from servers in or near Frankfurt, Germany that I have long associated with harassing comments made by agents of the ATF. I first noticed the Frankfurt servers about 3 years ago when a commenter I believed to be an ATF agent commented from an Internet Protocol address in Chicago & 2 minutes later commented from an IP address in Frankfurt.

**Insulting comments** made after the murder of Patrick Eberhardt in Feb that I believe were intended to bait members of the Hells Angels MC into committing violent or criminal acts originated with servers in Frankfurt. Similar harassing or inflammatory comments have originated from servers in Chicago, Kansas City & New York. I now believe that all these IP addresses both in & out of the United States are either spoofed addresses or are proxy servers. Distributed & other denial of service attacks on a niche journalistic site like The Aging Rebel are very rare. Most DOS attacks are aimed at large institutions like banks & credit card gateways. Many hackers view these attacks as a kind of social protest against large institutions & powerful corporations. The attacks on The Aging Rebel were clearly intended to censor my reporting & to dictate what free people can & cannot read.

**In response to these malicious attacks**, I attempted to double The Aging Rebel's server capacity on March 27. The process of doing that lasted about 4 hours & it was during that time that the site was hacked. The site was first hacked at about 4:15 Pacific Daylight Savings Time. The site administrator's "user name" was changed so I was unable to access the site. Visitors to the site found only an obscene photograph depicting a white woman regarding a very large black dildo. Superimposed on the photograph were the captions, "Rebel sucks big fat cocks" & "I take it in the rear end by faggot pedophiles." The file was uploaded as "douchebag3.jpg." The first hack appears to have been a test run. The obscene photo disappeared in minutes & I was once again able to administer the site. The second attack began between 2 & 3 hours later & prompted me to take the site off line. Themes, plugins & other features of the site were all up to date. Nevertheless, the site is more than 6 years old & apparently contained several documented vulnerabilities. As of Monday morning, about 60 hours after the first hack, the site still contains at least 41 hacked & unrepaired FTP content files. Repairing the site will be tedious & expensive.

**I believe the hack was accomplished** by members or associates of the Iron Order MC in direct retaliation for 3 recent story threads covered on the site. The first reported on a gunfight between members of the IO & members of the Bandidos & Pistoleros MCs in Meridian, Mississippi & the club's response to it. The 2nd reported on a fight in Baltimore between members of the IO &

members of the Iron Horsemen & the Chosen Sons. The 3rd was a single post published on Ma 25 titled "More Business For Shark." The story reported on a law suit filed in Illinois by a woman who was beaten by members of the IO. That post quotes numerous vulgar, public comments made by former Iron Order Pres Ray "Izod" Lubesky. I believe the hack was in direct retaliation for that post. "Shark" is John "Shark" Whitfield, who serves as "Dir of the Division of Legal Affairs" for the IO. Whitfield is a Madisonville, Kentucky accident atty who served as the Nortonville, Kentucky City Atty until late last year. The hack was almost simultaneous with the release of an IO graphic that announced, "Fuck with us & you open the gates of hell!"

**Because of the extent of the Distributed Denial of Service attacks** % the timing of the hack I believe that either Dept of Justice or Military assets may have been used to silence the site. The IO currently is the largest MC in the country. It was founded by a United States Secret Service agent. According to a published statement by Whitfield the club includes members who are ATF agents. The club also includes numerous active duty military personnel, sworn peace officers, Gov't contractors & prison guards. IO club officers include multiple, American military field grade officers. Those officers include Major Darrell "Tracker" Robinson of the Marine Corps Logistics Command, who is currently Associate Division of Legal Affairs for the IO & Army Lt Colonel Michael "Cgar" Crouse who is presently club VP. I believe Crouse has previously used military assets to locate & spy on critics of the IO & to relocate an Army reservist & IO member who shot & killed a member of the Black Pistons C in Jacksonville Beach, Florida last June.

**The possible involvement of the United States Gov't** in the hacking & silencing of The Aging Rebel is problematic. Please stay tuned. Spread the word. The pen may yet prove mightier than the sword.

**Court Sets Atheist Holy Day** – April 1, 2015 – *Florida* - In FL, an atheist created a case against the upcoming Easter & Passover Holy days. He hired an atty to bring a discrimination case against Christians & Jews & observances of their holy days. The argument was that it was unfair that atheists had no such recognized days. The case was brought before a judge. After listening to the passionate presentation by the lawyer, the judge banged his gavel declaring, "Case dismissed!" The lawyer immediately stood objecting to the ruling saying, "Your honor, How can you possibly dismiss this case? The Christians have Christmas, Easter & others. The Jews have Passover, Yom Kippur & Hanukkah, yet my client & all other atheists have no such holidays." The judge leaned forward in his chair saying, "But you do. Your client, counsel, is woefully ignorant." The lawyer said, "Your Honor, we are unaware of any special observance or holiday for atheists." The judge said, "The calendar says April 1st is April Fool's Day. Psalm 14:1 states, 'The fool says in his heart, there is no God.' Thus, it is the opinion of this court, that, if your client says there is no God, then he is a fool. Therefore, April 1st is his day. Court is adjourned." You gotta love a Judge that knows his scripture!

**John was on his deathbed** & gasped pitifully, "Give me one last request, dear," he said. "Of course, John," his wife said softly. "Six months after I die," John said, "I want you to marry Bob." "But I thought you hated Bob," she said. With his last breath John said, "I do!"

**Christian MCs want VLAD scrapped to protect innocent riders** – Mar 31, 2015 - *Australia* – By [www.News.com.au](http://www.News.com.au) - It's one thing to upset the Hells Angels, but state laws designed to make life uncomfortable for motorbike riders have riled the heavenly endorsed God Squad. And the Pilgrims, the Saints, the Brotherhood, & Bikers4Christ. The 14 members of the Christian MCs & Associations have condemned Qld's Vicious Lawless Association Disestablishment laws, the dramatically-named crackdown on bikie gangs introduced by the former Gov't of Liberal Campbell Newman. The laws hurt outlaw gangs but also have been used against innocent motorbike riders with no criminal involvement. Most notoriously, they restricted who & how bikers could meet. And they were followed by consorting laws in NSW & similar legislation in other states to become a national issue for the 750,000 Australians with bike licenses. "We do not believe these laws fit with the Australian ideal of justice & a fair go for all," the Christian MCs decided at their 15th annual conference, this year held in Qld. The aim of the conference was to "develop a Christian response to the growing trend of Gov'ts in Australia to punish riders' associations rather than behavior". "Christian motorcyclists, along with most clear thinking people, are appalled at these anti friendship laws & the negative impact they can have on our community." said Conference Spokesman Greg Pendlebury from Brotherhood CMC. A conference statement said new state laws had changed the nature of crime from "What you do?" to "Who you meet with?". "The laws result in people being punished for innocent activities," said the statement. "They make it a crime for some people to meet socially, have a meal together, or go to the footy. The VLAD laws apply to a club or a league or to any group of 3 or more persons, by whatever name called, legal or illegal. "Every Queenslander has the potential to be impacted." The Christian biker clubs called fo repeal of the laws "that punish people for association rather than for crime". The conference supported the fight against outlaw gangs saying, "All crime, no matter who commits it, should be investigated thoroughly, tried justly, & punished appropriately."

**Lucifer's Sword MC Graphic Novel Review** – Apr 3, 2015 – *U.S.A.* – by Bryan Harley; [www.Motorcycle-USA.com](http://www.Motorcycle-USA.com) - Poignant & powerful, graphic novels have proven to be a highly successful medium. Many graphic novels become movies, a list that includes The Watchmen, V for Vendetta, 300, Sin City, & a long list of others. It has also proven to be a very lucrative medium, so the fact that Motorbooks published its first graphic novel is little surprise...

**Lucifer's Sword MC** - *Life & Death in an OMC* is the name of Motorbooks' first attempt at a graphic novel. It deals with a fictitious one-percenter club in the Bay Area during the mid-'60s, a period that gave rise to many real MCs. Its protagonist is Mel "Frenchy" Bourget, the primary storyline "Frenchy's" rise from club prospect to patched member. His initiation includes a beating by the club, rites of passage within the club, & a war with a rival MC. The story includes much of the stereotypical one-percenter images of fighting, guns, girls & drugs. It is this stereotypical depiction that makes the storyline a little flat & linear. The graphic novel's writer, Phil Cross, also authored Gypsy Joker to Hells Angels. He's someone who has lived the one-percenter lifestyle, which is evident in Lucifer's Sword, but at times it reads more like the writer's autobiography. Being a graphic novel there was a lot of leeway to fictionalize the account through plot twists & unpredictability, but instead it reads like a recollection of his own life. Because of shows like Sons of Anarchy, people have come

to expect constant tension & intensity in a piece about one-percenter clubs. Fortunately, this does take place in the story's ending, the open-ending piquing reader's interest enough to want to know what happens next. Lucifer's Sword does offer insight into what prospects go through to earn their cuts. Gypsy, the leader of Lucifer's Sword MC, paints a clear picture when he tells Frenchy "You are now the lowest form of life that we recognize: a prospect with Lucifer's Sword MC. If we ever catch you riding without this, you lose it." "Along with your teeth," adds a second member called Dirt. The illustrative work of Ron Sutton is one of the graphic novel's strong points. Using black & white fits the tone of the subject matter well. The facial expressions he draws do an excellent job of conveying emotions. Sutton's drawings do a great job of bringing the graphic novel's characters to life. Lucifer's Sword MC is an easy read, taking me about 25 minutes to pore through it, so I read it again before writing a review. For a first effort at a graphic novel, it's got potential. Now that the characters are established, Cross will hopefully throw the reader a curve or 2 instead of following what felt like more of an autobiographical storyline. Paperback: 96 pages Publisher: Motorbooks MSRP: \$22.99

**Silent Thunder MC:** The Silent Thunder MC was established in Oct 2005 at the invitation of the *North Dakota* Sons of Silence. We are proud to be a support club for the Sons Of Silence MC. Our club offers strong support to our brotherhood. While we offer respect to everyone, regardless of affiliation, we are in strong kinship with all of our brothers in the Sons of Silence Nation & Sons of Silence support clubs. Our creed is that of the traditional American MC: respect, loyalty, biking, & brotherhood. Our goal is a true brotherhood of men.

**I was in the 6 item express lane** at the store quietly fuming. Completely ignoring the sign, the woman ahead of me had slipped into the check-out line pushing a cart piled high with groceries. Imagine my delight when the cashier beckoned the woman to come forward looked into the cart & asked sweetly, "So which 6 items would you like to buy?"

**Editor's Note:** For *February* there were 2 Issues, For *March* there were 2 Issues, For *April* this is the 1st Issue...

**Editor's Note:** Currently we are sending over 365 copies of this newsletter to members of 82 Motorcycle Clubs...

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

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