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Editor: Mike Davis...

It's better to burn out than fade away. - Neil Young, a line from his song "Hey Hey, My My (Into The Black)"

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Editor's Correction: In Memory of Lorenzo Napoleon aka SLO from the Bleeding Hearts MC; support club for the Dragons MC who passed away in the Custody of the California State Prison System on March 15, 2015 of a Heart Attack... R.I.P. SLO...

In memory of Iron Horsemen Curtis "Captain" Cash who passed away May 20 from cancer.... He passed away in a prison hospital while in Ohio State Custody with no treatment other than making him as comfortable as possible... R.I.P. Captain

In memory of Sons Of Silence Supporter David Brock who passed away May 13 from liver cancer....

He passed away while in Federal Custody... R.I.P. David

Thanks goes to Mongol Bravo for his \$ 45.00 donation to this Newsletter... Mongol Bravo received the BBB Newsletter

And we had a chance to visit at the NCOM Convention in Denver... Thank You Mongol Bravo...

Press Release - May 18, 2015 - For Everyone

Contact: Richard Lester, National Coalition of Motorcyclists, 1 (800) 662-2453

The Confederation of Clubs Deeply Saddened by May 17, 2015 Waco, Texas Motorcycle Club Incident at a local Confederation of Clubs meeting...

The National Coalition of Motorcyclists and all of its local affiliates are deeply saddened by the incident that occurred on May 17, 2015, and are praying for those involved and their families. Immediately prior to the start of a Texas affiliate's monthly meeting, a motorcycle club that was NOT a member of the Confederation of Clubs arrived with over 50 people and attacked members of the Confederation.

The National Coalition of Motorcyclists and its local affiliates are dedicated to peacefully promoting and protecting Constitutional rights, promoting fair treatment of its members by law enforcement, educating its members on current laws, open and peaceful communications between clubs, conflict mediation, and supporting various charitable endeavors. We are grieving.

Editor's Note: For March there were 2 Issues, For April there were 2 Issues, For May 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...

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

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

Editor's Note : It is too hard to keep up with counts, But for your info here are the Clubs that are getting the Brothers Behind Bars Newsletter (**82 Clubs**) in Prison: Avengers, Bandidos, Banshees, Barons, Black Pistons, Boozefighters, BPM, Breed, Brother Speed, Brothers 8, Brotherhood Nomads, Brothers Of Wheels, Damned Deacon, D.C. Eagles, Death Squad, Derelicts, Devils Diciples, Diablos, El Forastero, Finks, Fly-In-Wheels, Forsaken Few, Free Souls, Estedes, Galloping Goose, Ghost Riders, Grim Reapers, Gypsy Joker, Hellions, Hells Angels, Hells Lovers, Hells Outcasts, Hermanos, Hessians, Hidalgo's, Highwaymen, In Country Vietnam, Iron Coffins, Iron Horsemen, Invaders, Iron Wings, Iron Mustangs, Legion Of Doom, Liberty Riders, Long Riders, Marauder's, Misfits, Mohawk Valley Riders, Moloch, Mongols, Motopsychoz, Nomads, Outlaws, Pagan's, Peckerwood, Phantom's, Pharoahs, Reapers, Red Devils, Renegades, Sadistic, Salty Dogs, Satans Soldiers, Scorpions, Set Free Soldiers, Sin City Diciples, Sons Of Silence, Sovereign, Sundowners, Thunderbirds, Thunderguards, Unforegiven, Unforgiven, Vagos, Vietnam Vets / Legacy Vets, Y-Rohirrin, Warlocks Pa, Warlocks, Winos Crew And Wheels Of Soul... With newsletters going to Australia, Canada, England, France, Finland, Germany, Norway, Scotland, Sweden, & Wales.

Editor's Note (For BBB Only): Being a Patch holder in Good Standings does have it privileges... And this is one of them... If you are a Patch Holder in Good Standings & contact me, include your Chapter too... If you are Not a patch holder of a MC in Good Standings, Don't write me & request that I add you to the mailing list. You will only get rejected, as I only make very few special exceptions.

Editor's Note: I would like to Thank all of the contacts from all of the MCs that verify if requesting member is in Good Standing with their Club; & all of the other assistance that you give me, such as address changes, being released, & soliciting donations...

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

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Editor's Note: In the interest of Cost Savings, If you can share One copy of this Newsletter where I am sending multiple copies to the same institution, please let me know... *Thanks, Mike*

NCOM Christian Unity Statement on the Waco Incident May 19, 2015 - Written by Louie Nobs (Liaison to the National Coalition of Motorcyclist & founder of NCOM Christian Unity) on May 19, 2015 - On any given weekend, in a city, in any state of the union, groups of motorcyclists will be meeting in a restaurant or bar for a Confederation of Clubs meeting. The Goals of Confederation of Clubs are to bring patch holders together, communication between clubs, & a judicial coming together to protect our rights through the courts. They also work with local &

state Motorcycle Rights Organizations & the National Coalition of Motorcyclists on legislative issues. Confederation of Clubs, have autonomous leadership, but have one thing in common; they all belong to the National Coalition of Motorcyclists or NCOM.

NCOM was founded 30 years ago as a coming together of diverse motorcycle groups & individuals. In the past 10 years, Christian groups & Independents have been included in NCOM & COCs. NCOM Christian Unity is very involved with our Motorcycle Resource teams through ministry to the spiritual & physical needs of the biker community which includes first aid needs as well as visiting hospitals & jails.

On Sunday, May 17, a meeting of the Confederation of Clubs was scheduled for the Twin Peaks restaurant in Waco. The Cossacks MC & Scimitars, who are not a part of the Confederation, came to the COC meeting & an altercation began in the bathroom. Members of the Bandidos Motorcycle Club were in attendance as well as other clubs, motorcycle ministries & associations. As the altercation became a brawl & erupted outside Twin Peaks, SWAT teams & police were standing outside the restaurant on a tip that there would be a problem with the 1% clubs. It is unclear who opened fire first, but when all was said & done, there were 9 people dead & 18 injured. Over 170 motorcyclists have been & remain detained under state & now Fed enforcement. Some of those bikers are of military groups, Christian groups, & family motorcycle groups. The detainees have had their motorcycles impounded. At the time of this writing, we are waiting for anyone to be charged. Those who have concealed handgun permits & were legally carrying their handguns have been detained. It is said this was out of necessity to the open shooter status of the event.

It is of great concern for us as part of the NCOM family, to see the backlash by the mainstream media, targeting Bandidos MC with little reporting on the Cossacks MC, calling all those who have been detained as gang members, & the misinformation & speculation of citizens who have reacted as 'experts'. All they are doing is speculating & riding a wave in regards to our biker community whom we love & pray for. We at NCOM Christian Unity will continue to do our job. Our MRT members will be called upon to deal with issues surrounding this horrible event that seeks to black the eyes of the entire motorcycle community. We will minister to those whose families have lost a loved one, or been injured, serve the clubs who are grieving & yes, even visit those who will be imprisoned because that is what we do & that is what Jesus would do. NCOM Christian Unity's Bible verse is this --"How good & pleasant it is, that brothers should dwell in unity". (Psalm 133:1) Please join with us in promoting unity in the biker community; not giving in to false reports or speculation & above all praying with us for the bikers affected by this tragic incident.

For updates & information pertinent to bikers like our page www.facebook.com/NCOM.Christian.Unity ... Also see the website: www.onabike.com/confederation-of-clubs/about.htm

Serving Him with Joy, Lou Nobs NCOM Christian Unity Liaison Denise Nobs, Executive Coordinator; Christian Unity

The Texas Confederation of Clubs and Independents news site delivers informative updates on State and Local issues, events, Legislation and happenings in the biker community. This is biker information written by us for us. We pride ourselves in the daily contribution to individual and community well-being. We believe

that by sharing common values we can increase the opportunity of each individual in the community. Our goal is to make a difference in your life and those around you. Don't just stand on the sideline; get engaged in your motorcycle community!

Breaking News: Texas Family and Friends: We are saddened by the tragic event that took place at the recent Texas Confederation of Clubs & Independents meeting location in Waco, TX. We as a community have worked very hard over the years to build a place of trust and collaboration no matter what you ride or whether you choose to wear a patch or are an independent in the our great State of Texas. We as a community hope the public will not judge all of us by the actions of those responsible for the senseless violence that unfolded in Waco. We are steadfast as a community in representing Bikers in a positive fashion. We protect our rights and freedoms at the State Capitol, we promote safety and awareness on our area streets and highways, we embrace charitable work year round improving the quality of life for those from our community in need as well as for other organizations.

We are confident that the public who already knows us because we are men, women, fathers, mothers, grand-parents, sons and daughters, professionals and veterans all committed to being productive contributors to society. We will not let this tragic event tarnish all the good Texas Bikers have done and will continue to do for the community and all of those riders who enjoy experiencing the open road on 2 wheels. -Texas Confederation of Clubs and independents www.TXcociNews.org

Editor And Kari's comments: We too am very saddened by the incident that occurred on May 17, 2015, & feel bad for the Families of those that lost their lives... We hope this doesn't reflect poorly on the Confederations of Clubs across this country and the National Coalition of Motorcyclists which we are Strong Supporter of... With Much Respect, Mike Davis Sons Of Silence MC Retired And Kari Davis...

Engineers Confront the Salt & Pepper Shakers Error: Some years ago, there was an Engineering Convention in San Francisco. This was only for people who had an IQ of 140 or higher. Several of the members went out for lunch at a local cafe. When they sat down, one of them discovered that their salt shaker contained pepper, & their pepper shaker was full of salt. How could they swap the contents of the 2 bottles without spilling any, & using only the implements at hand? Clearly this was a job for engineering minds. The group debated the problem & presented ideas & finally, came up with a brilliant solution involving a napkin, 2 spoons, a straw, & an empty saucer. They called the waitress over to dazzle her with their solution. "Ma'am," they said, "we couldn't help but notice that the pepper shaker contains salt & the salt shaker contains pepper." But before they could finish, the waitress interrupted them. "Oh, sorry about that." She leaned over the table, unscrewed the caps of both bottles, & switched them. There was dead silence at the table.

This reminds me of our Gov't. Solutions could be so simple, but the brilliant minds in Washington have to make them so complicated.

War is war, & the spoils of war are the spoils of war.
- Ines Hernandez-Avila

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Biker Newsbytes: Compiled & Edited by Bill Bish, NCOM

NCOM Hails Third Decade with Denver Convention: You could smell it in the air, as distinct as a Denver dispensary & just as intoxicating; unity, & cooperation in the face of critical challenges affecting today's motorcyclists. "Coming Together" in one of the largest gatherings of bikers' rights activists in America, the 30th annual NCOM Convention, May 7-10 in Denver, Colorado addressed issues of mutual concern for the betterment of biking. For 3 decades, over Mother's Day weekend the National Coalition of Motorcyclists has provided a forum for diverse factions of the motorcycle community to meet in the spirit of teamwork to tackle topics such as Biker Anti-Profiling legislation; Save the Patch litigation; Freedom of the Road & Use of the Courts; as well as seminars on Public Relations & Social Media, Lobbying 101 & Working with your Legislators. Friday's Opening Ceremonies was one of the best-attended ever, & the energetic congregation of concerned riders from across the country encompassed various segments of motorcycling from clubs to rights organizations, & from touring groups to sportbikers; all there to learn & share with mutual respect. Special Meetings were on the weekend's agenda in support of NCOM's many outreach programs for Women In Motorcycling; Clean & Sober Roundtable; National Sport Bike Association (NSBA); & Christian Unity Conference, in addition to the Confederation of Clubs General Patch Holders Meeting. During the Silver Spoke Awards Banquet on Sat evening, several honorees were recognized for their contributions to "Improving The Image of Motorcycling", including; Media: Joe Teresi - Easyriders Magazine; Commerce: New York Myke - San Diego Harley-Davidson; Legal: Joe Ritzo - AIM Attorney for ME, NH, MA & VT; Entertainment: Danny "The Count" Koker - "Counting Cars" History Channel TV show; Special Recognition: Larry Lindsey - Dixie ABATE, AL; & NCOM's highest honor, the Ron Roloff Lifetime Achievement Award, was presented to Jerry Theophilopoulos - AIM Attorney for Florida. Next year's 31st Annual NCOM Convention will be held May 5-8, 2016 in Atlantic City, New Jersey. For further inf, contact NCOM at (800) ON-A-BIKE or visit www.ON-A-BIKE.com ...

Right-To-Repair decision expected from U.S. Copyright Office: In July, the U.S. Copyright Office (USCO) is expected to issue a decision about a vehicle owner's right to alter any of the computer software or code that controls the vehicle's operations. Though the decision is based on briefs filed by agricultural & automotive vehicle manufacturers, it could potentially have implications for motorcycles, ATV, UTV, personal watercraft & other vehicles that use computer software to control ignition, fuel, stability, traction, braking & other vehicle operating systems. In the briefs, the manufacturers argue that allowing owners, non-manufacturer approved service technicians or anyone but their own designated technicians to view or alter the computer software or codes is not allowed under the anti-circumvention prohibition in Section 1201 of the Digital Millennium Copyright Act (DMCA) which, if applied as manufacturers suggest, restricts vehicle software inspection, repair, & modification. The original intent of the DMCA, however, was more to prevent code copying that could involve copyright infringement. Every 3 years, the Librarian of

Congress, working with the Copyright Office, hears requests from members of the public whose speech & other rights are affected by the law & considers whether to grant exemptions.

Maryland enacts Ban on Motorcycle-Only Checkpoints: The Maryland legislature has joined a growing list of states to prohibit law enforcement officers from conducting roadside checkpoints that specifically target motorcyclists. H.B. 917, introduced by Maryland Delegate Benjamin Kramer (D-Wheaton) & companion bill S.B. 716 introduced by state Senator Jamie Raskin (D-Takoma Park) state that “a police officer at a motor vehicle checkpoint may not target only motorcycles for inspection or evaluation.” The bipartisan legislation passed unanimously in the House 137-0 on March 19, & the Senate 47-0 on March 29, & was signed into law on May 12, making Maryland the eighth state to pass a law against motorcycle-only checkpoints, while another 11 states have prohibited such discriminatory roadblocks either on constitutional grounds or by judicial action.

Kansas Law creates new “Autocycle” Vehicle Classification: Under a new law in Kansas, “Autocycle” is now defined as a 3-wheel motorcycle that has a steering wheel & seating that does not require the operator to straddle or sit astride it. House Bill 2044, signed into law by Governor Sam Brownback on May 7, 2015 after passing the legislature near-unanimously by both chambers, creates the new classification of vehicles which proponents say are neither cars nor motorcycles & need their own classification to protect drivers from breaking the law. The Fed Gov’t classifies any vehicle with less than 4 wheels as a motorcycle, which requires a motorcycle license to operate, but some say the motorcycle license test isn’t helpful for operating autocycles because they aren’t driven the same way. “It’s a requirement that makes absolutely no sense,” said Joel Sheltroun, vice president of governmental affairs for Elio Motors, a Phoenix company that plans to start making autocycles in 2016. “My customer base, a lot of them, don’t have motorcycle licenses & they’re not going to go out & rent a motorcycle, learn how to drive it, go down & take a test just so they can drive our vehicle, especially seniors.” HB 2044 allows drivers to operate an autocycle without a motorcycle endorsement, & Sheltroun said about 18 states are working on legislation for autocycles & 6 states already passed laws for defining autocycles. Otherwise, out-of-state drivers could run into trouble if they drive into a state where a motorcycle license is required, as drivers would automatically be breaking the law & could face tickets or possibly get their vehicle impounded until they could prove they had a motorcycle license.

Oregon Senate Passes Lane Splitting Bill: Oregon motorcycle riders are one step closer to splitting lanes thanks to SB 694. The bill, which would legalize lane-splitting under specific traffic conditions, passed 18-10 in the state Senate with bipartisan support, & now moves on to the Oregon House for debate & a final approval vote or amendment. The measure would allow lane-splitting when traffic is stopped or slowed to 10 mph or less, with motorcycle riders allowed to split lanes not in excess of 20 mph. Lane-splitting is only permitted on roads 50 mph or higher & forbidden between lanes going in opposite directions. During the committee discussion that sent the bill to the Senate floor, lawmakers complimented advocates for the legislation. “It’s been some of the most effective citizen lobbying I’ve seen on a bill,” said Senator Sara Gelser (D). “It was persistent, helpful, useful & fact-based & I really appreciated it.” Another committee member, Senator Ginny Burdick (D), also said of the measure: “I can’t

remember a time when I’ve ever been more opposed to a bill, then turned around & supported it. The advocates on this did a very nice job.”

Wisconsin Acts to Legalize Colored Lighting: The Wisconsin legislature has passed a bill legalizing colored motorcycle lights. Current Wisconsin law (and in most U.S. States) prohibits operating a motor vehicle with lights other than white or amber in front & red in the rear. The bill’s Assembly sponsor, John Jagler (R-Watertown), says colored LED lights are becoming more popular on motorcycles. He says more lights will increase motorcycle visibility, making them safer. Under the bill, people could equip their motorcycles with any color lights aside blue as long as they don’t flash or rotate. The Assembly passed the bill last month. The Senate passed the bill on a voice vote on May 6, sending the measure to Governor Scott Walker. In the meantime, a similar measure HB3944 would amend the Illinois Vehicle Code to “Provide that a motorcycle may be equipped with auxiliary accent lights, including standard bulb running lights & light emitting diode pods & strips. Provides that the auxiliary accent lights shall not be red or white or oscillating, rotating, or flashing lights. Defines “auxiliary accent light”. The measure passed Senate Transportation Committee 16-0 on May 13 & has been placed on the Senate calendar.

Georgia Governor Vetoes “Dead Red” Bill: Georgia Governor Nathan Deal has vetoed a bill passed by the state legislature that would have allowed cyclists, both bicyclists & motorcyclists, to ride through unresponsive red lights, sometimes referred to as “dead red” legislation. On May 12, 2015 the governor nixed Senate Bill 76: “Motorcycle Mobility Safety Act” relating to the safe operation of a motorcycle; inoperative traffic-control signal, issuing the following veto message: “While I am sympathetic to the concerns & causes of motorcyclists & bicyclists, this legislation does not provide an adequate solution & presents a confusing exception to motorists. Furthermore, Senate Bill 76 would eliminate the current 15-inch height restriction placed on motorcycle handlebars. Motorcycles equipped with handlebars more than 15 inches in height pose a safety hazard due to the increased difficulty in steering & decreased control. In 2014, crashes involving motorcycles & bicycles accounted for 13 percent of the fatalities on Georgia roads, & I do not see how this legislation will enhance roadway safety. Therefore, in the interest of providing the necessary roadway safety Georgians deserve, I hereby VETO Senate Bill 76.”

Aussie Cops Drop Term “Criminal Motorcycle Gangs” for P.C. “Outlaw” Tag: Queensland police have dropped the term “criminal motorcycle gangs” for bikies in a sign of a new political climate; quietly reverting to the more widely used “outlaw” tag, the description used by the new Labor police minister. The term CMG was coined by the former Newman Gov’t, which directed police to adopt it from the outset of its legislative & public relations campaign against bikies in 2013. However, the new Palaszczuk Labor Gov’t is reviewing the controversial “bikie laws”, including anti-association & mandatory sentencing provisions, after pre-election promises to repeal them. A Gov’t source told Guardian Australia that all other Australian police forces, as well as the Australian Crime Commission, refer to the bikies as OMCGs, adding that bikies refer to themselves as outlaw motorcycle clubs, “1%” clubs or simply motorcycle clubs.

Weird News: Briton Deported for Riding Nude: A British man was to be deported from Cambodia after he was caught riding a motorcycle naked. The 24-year old student from the University of the West of Scotland, was booted out for “violating the beautiful customs & culture” of the country. He spent the weekend in jail after being caught with 2 other nude riders, a 22-year-old Finnish woman & a 30-year-old Italian man, appearing in a video posted on YouTube before being stopped by police 50 miles after shedding their clothes. It’s been reported they are to be permanently barred from Cambodia for indecent exposure. Kandal police chief Eav Chamroeun told the Phnom Penh Post: “I think that this was the first time there have been foreign people driving motorcycles naked in Cambodia. Their actions have seriously violated Cambodia’s integrity, the beautiful customs & culture of Cambodia, & Cambodian law. We cannot allow them to commit pornography like this in our country.” Sok Phal, head of the Ministry of Interior’s immigration Dept, said: “The General Dept of Immigration has asked the leadership of the Ministry of Interior to expel them from the country as punishment.”

Insurer Claims Motorcyclists are their own Worst Enemy: According to Progressive Insurance, single-vehicle mishaps accounted for more motorcycle-related claims last year than any other event. The insurer processed 3.5 times more of such claims than for rear-end crashes, the next-most common motorcycle incident. Excess speed is the most common rider-related factor in fatal motorcycle accidents. Riding while intoxicated on alcohol or controlled substances is another leading cause of motorcycle accidents where another vehicle is not involved.

Quotable Quote: “The object & practice of liberty lies in the limitation of governmental power.” ~ Douglas MacArthur (1880-1964) General of the Army, Medal of Honor recipient

Judge says Outlaws biker group won’t get vests, badges back after bar brawl - Apr 17, 2015 - *Illinois* – By Amanda Marrazzo; www.ChicagoTribune.com - Members of the notorious Outlaws MC are out of luck when it comes to getting back leather vests & badges that were seized after a bar fight. A McHenry County judge ruled Fri that the items won’t be returned because the MC is a “street gang” & that the vests are “contraband” worn “to facilitate street gang activity.” Club members wore the vests adorned with club patches during a 2012 fight at the Lizard Lounge near Wonder Lake to intimidate others & “to increase their reputation,” Judge Sharon Prather said in a written ruling.

An atty for the Outlaws chapter, Joel Rabb, has sought the return of the 3 leather vests for months. Rabb has long denied that the Outlaws is a gang, referring to the group, whose formal name is the American Outlaw Association, as a club & civic organization. Prosecutors scoffed at that notion. “It’s not like (these are) Boy Scout patches,” Assistant State’s Atty Robert Zalud said. “They are not out there doing good. They are a group that systematically (commits) violent offenses ... They are there to bully & to scare. That’s what they do.” Rabb asserted that Outlaws’ reputation as a gang has been embellished by the media, pop culture & Hollywood. “We are dealing with an article of clothing here,” he said. “The patches do not display anything inherently intimidating like a swastika or a burning cross.”

But the judge cited past gang activity facilitated by the Outlaws, including a 2010 case involving murder, extortion, arson &

narcotics in which about 2 dozen club members were indicted. During an earlier hearing, authorities showed video footage from the Lizard Lounge where several people wearing leather vests adorned with club-related patches are seen walking into the bar & attacking other patrons. Several people who were present that night testified that the bikers kicked & punched them without provocation. Rabb contended that the video “only showed a bar fight. It did not show a pattern of criminal activity.”

Shooting outside Hells Angels club house - Apr 19, 2015 – *Washington* – By Matt Pusatory; www.khq.com - Spokane Police are on the scene of a possible shooting outside a Hells Angels club house at 1300 E. Sprague in Spokane. Officers have blocked off Sprague near Ivory while they conduct their investigation. Police report the call about the shooting came in at around 11:30 a.m. Sun. They say 10 minutes later they received a report of a victim who had been shot & was transported to a local hospital. Injuries to the victim appear to be non-life threatening. The Spokane Police Gang Investigation Unit is on scene, which is standard procedure for this type of incident. A witness on the scene told KHQ she heard 5 or 6 gunshots while she was standing on the corner of Sprague & Helena. Neighbors in the area say they heard gunshots last night, they believe a rival gang may be involved, but that has not been confirmed. There is no word yet if there is anyone in custody in connection to the shooting. The investigation is ongoing. This story is developing.

Mental-Health Treatment for Defendants Dogged by Delays – Apr 19, 2015 – *U.S.A.* - By Joe Palazzolo; www.WSJ.com - Many people deemed incompetent to stand trial are waiting months in jail for services... Marilyn Roberts’s son was arrested last year on assault charges after he allegedly flicked a cigarette at a police officer in Olympia, Wash., hitting the rim of his hat. He spent 97 days in a county jail, most of them alone in a cell 23 hours a day. He quickly deteriorated. He refused his medication for bipolar disorder, his mother said, because he believed jail staff were trying to poison him. He lost 30 pounds as he rejected most food. A note in his file, written by a jail employee in Sept, described his behavior as “bizarre.” In most states, mentally ill people deemed incompetent to stand trial, like Ms. Roberts’s son, are transferred to a state hospital, where they are given limited treatment that may include medication & therapy. The goal is to bring their mental state to a point where they can be taught about the legal system & their rights, so they eventually can be tried—a process known as restoration. The *U.S. Supreme Court* has ruled it is unconstitutional to try a person who fails to grasp the consequences of the proceedings against him & is unable to participate in his own defense. But demand for such treatment services now exceeds the capacity to deliver them, as scores of state mental institutions have closed since the 1970s & the number of mentally ill people in the criminal-justice system has risen, driven in part by more-aggressive policing of minor offenses.

In many states, defendants charged with misdemeanors & low-level felonies who show signs of mental illness can spend months in jail awaiting evaluations or bed space at hospitals, say mental-health experts & judges. Often, they say, the competency system seems self-defeating. After mentally ill patients are restored to competency, “they come back to court, & the crimes for which they were charged have penalties that were far less than or equal to the time they served [awaiting a spot in a mental hospital], & then they are released,” said Fred Osher, a psychiatrist who directs health programs at the Council of State Gov’ts Justice Center. In

a 2014 report of 42 states & the District of Columbia, 90% of the states reported that demand for defendant mental-health services had risen in recent years.

W. Lawrence Fitch, a law professor at Univ of Maryland who wrote the report for the Nat'l Association of State Mental Health Program Directors, attributed the increase in part to lawyers & courts improperly substituting competency services to treat mentally ill people already incarcerated. "It's sort of a misuse of the competency system to address larger problems," he said.

In Washington State, where a Fed judge ruled this month that long wait times for treatment violate the U.S. Constitution, demand for competency evaluations rose 82% from 2001 to 2011. "Jails are not hospitals, they are not designed as therapeutic environments, & they are not equipped to manage mental illness," wrote Chief U.S. District Judge Marsha J. Pechman in her ruling that included Ms. Roberts's son. The Seattle-based judge ordered the state Dept of Social & Health Services to provide mentally ill defendants a competency evaluation within 7 days of a judge's order for one. Those deemed incompetent must begin receiving restoration services within 7 days of the court finding. "We share the court's concerns about the well-being of people with mental illness who are charged with a crime," said Jane Beyer, an assistant secretary at the Dept. She said the Legislature earmarked \$27 million for evaluators & beds, but cautioned that a 7-day deadline may lead to hasty evaluations & false findings of mental illness. The state set a 14-day time frame in a March law. Ms. Roberts's son, according to the Thurston County prosecutor's office, was arrested last June & charged with third-degree assault after he allegedly flicked the cigarette outside a bus station. Ms. Roberts said he inadvertently hit the officer. After his time in jail he was sent to a state hospital. Back on his medicine, he participated in therapy & took restoration classes until his release 45 days later, in November. He is free while his case is pending, Ms. Roberts said. The maximum incarceration Ms. Roberts's son faces is 3 months—about a week less than he has already served.

Mentally ill people have successfully challenged wait times in Louisiana & Oregon in recent years. In California, public defenders in at least 4 counties are challenging long wait periods, said Stephanie Regular, a deputy public defender in Contra Costa County. Ken Paglia, a spokesman for the Calif Dept of State Hospitals, said the average wait time for a hospital bed statewide is about 41 days. The number of patients waiting for competency services in California hospitals jumped to 426 in Dec 2014 from 168 in Dec 2012, he said. The state has tried to improve wait times by creating jail-based restoration programs in 2 counties & adding beds to hospitals, Mr. Paglia said.

Public defenders & advocates for patients with mental illness are largely unsympathetic to states using lack of resources to justify delays. "It's as if a person has a coronary & has to wait for weeks & months," said Linda Rosenberg, chief executive of the National Council for Behavioral Health.

Florida diverts some mentally ill defendants facing low-level charges to a treatment center designed to prepare them to return to their communities, where they continue to receive treatment, as part of a 5-year-old pilot project. There are more than 300 similar mental-health courts & diversion programs like it around the country, according to Council of State Gov'ts Justice Center. If defendants follow their treatment plan the charges are usually

dismissed after a year, said Miami-Dade County Judge Steve Leifman, who heads a Florida Supreme Court task force on substance abuse & mental-health. Very few graduates have been arrested on new charges, he said. Until recently, Florida was spending almost one-third of its public mental health dollars each year to restore competency to about 2,500 defendants, Mr. Leifman said. The new system is "much cheaper, much faster & the outcomes are so much better."

Judge Voids First Amendment - April 20, 2015 - *Illinois* - By The Aging Rebel' www.AgingRebel.com - A circuit court judge in Illinois named Sharon L. Prather voided the First Amendment last week. Prather ruled that 3 cutoff vests owned by the American Outlaws Association can be seized because some policemen say the MC is a "street gang" & the vests are "contraband" used "to facilitate street gang activity." There is a substantial amount of Fed case law that states that MC patches are a constitutionally protected form of free expression. In *Roberts v. United States*, for example, the Supreme Court ruled:

The Law: "An individual's freedom to speak, to worship, & to petition the Gov't for the redress of grievances could not be vigorously protected from interference by the State unless a correlative freedom to engage in group effort toward those ends were not also guaranteed. According protection to collective effort on behalf of shared goals is especially important in preserving political & cultural diversity & in shielding dissident expression from suppression by the majority. Consequently, we have long understood as implicit in the right to engage in activities protected by the First Amendment a corresponding right to associate with others in pursuit of a wide variety of political, social, economic, educational, religious, & cultural ends." Many other legal cases including *United States v. Apker* & *Sammartano v. First Judicial District Court* have ruled that MC insignia is not inherently criminal & cannot be suppressed. Prather decided to make new law by declaring that the vests intimidate others. Prosecutor Robert Zalud told Prather the vests must be be contraband because they aren't "Boy Scout patches." Without a shred of evidence, Zalud said the outlaws are, "are not out there doing good.... they are there to bully & to scare. That's what they do."

The Case: The vests were seized after 5 men wearing Outlaws cuts & a woman wearing a "property of" patch allegedly assaulted patrons of a bar called the Lizard Lounge in unincorporated Wonder Lake, Illinois in Nov 2012. According to court testimony, 2 men were punched & kicked & the woman accompanying the outlaws spit beer in another woman's face & threw the victim across a bar. At the time of the arrests, McHenry County Sheriff Keith Nygren said the "MC members went to the tavern looking for a specific person." The accused are charged with felony aggravated battery & mob action.

Sex After Surgery: A surgeon went to check on his patient, a blonde Queensland girl, after an operation. "You'll be fine," he said. She asked "How long will it be before I am able to have a normal sex life again doctor?" The surgeon seemed to pause, & a small tear ran down his cheek from the corner of his eye, which alarmed the girl. "What's the matter Doctor? I will be all right, won't I?" He replied, "Yes, you'll be fine. It's just that no one has ever asked me that—after having their tonsils out."

Intelligence has its limits, but stupidity knows no bounds...

Twilight of the Outlaws - Apr 21, 2015 – *U.S.A.* – By The Aging Rebel; www.AgingRebel.com - There are a couple of things that are immediately obvious about this book. The 1st is that the subtitle does not include the usually obligatory words “undercover,” “harrowing,” “journey,” “vendetta,” “gang,” “violent,” “true,” or “hero.” In fact, the book has no subtitle at all. So how good can it be? Maybe if we cheese up the jacket copy just a little?

Here’s the blurb: “Framed by the true story of the murder of Black Piston patch holder Zack Tipton in Jacksonville Beach, Florida in June, 2014 *Twilight of the Outlaws* rips open the veil that shrouds the world of outlaw MCs, reveals the social & economic forces that are hastening their end & exposes the corrupt LE agencies that will stop at nothing to destroy them. Author & MC expert Donald Charles Davis traces the history of this society of disenfranchised men, the code of ethics that binds them & the ever deepening intrigues that make them more fascinating now than ever before.”

Here’s the author blurb: “Donald Charles Davis has written about motorcycle outlaws for the better part of a decade. His unprecedented access to sources in the MC world, his literate perspective & his incomparable investigative skills have earned him respect, & sometimes fear & loathing, among bikers, journalists, lawyers, academics & Gov’t authorities.” You probably already know whether you want to read this or not.

Murder Case Highlights Gang Problems in NC - Apr 24, 2015 - *North Carolina* – By Christina Watkins; www.TWCNews.com - It was in 2009 when The History Channel aired a one-hour documentary on The Hidden Valley Kings; a gang, based out of Charlotte, that once had 500 members. Since then, not much has changed. “We’ve got some gangs that are still out of control not only in the streets of North Carolina, & we’ve got cartels in North Carolina, but we’ve also have a major gang issues in our prison system,” said Gov. Pat McCrory. On Wed, 12 alleged Blood gang members were arrested in Charlotte, & 6 of them were charged with the murder of a Charlotte-area couple. Even though they are off the street, the number of gang members in jail raises some concerns. “We have seen an 80% increase, in gang affiliations, over the last several years,” said Sheriff Irwin Carmichael of the Mecklenburg County Sheriff’s Office. Carmichael says about 200 inmates, in the Mecklenburg County Jail, are gang members. All of whom are separated from one another, into individual cells, for safety reasons. “We cannot house them together & we want to make sure that we’re not allowing them to recruit new members,” said Carmichael. Gov. McCrory described the issue as “one of the best kept secrets that we have in this nation & in our state”. He said he is working with the Fed Gov’t to figure out how to end the problem. According to the latest National Gang Threat Assessment, there are 1.4 million active street, prison & OMGs [Outlaw Motorcycle Gang] members, making up more than 33,000 gangs in the United States.

Plea deal reached with Hells Angels member - May 06, 2015 – *California* – By Cliff Ireland; www.OceansidePost.com - A plea deal was reached Wed between the District Atty’s office & the Hells Angels member, accused of purposely running down an elderly man crossing the street. Even though most of the charges were dropped against 31-year-old Anthony James Medvec, he pleaded guilty to leaving the scene of an injury accident, & will go to prison for 5 years according to the plea agreement. “It (the truth) finally came out, & he’s getting punished for what he actually did wrong,” Medvec’s atty Ashby Sorensen said. “He

failed to stop after there was an accident, that’s it. There’s no criminal intent here.” Charged originally with premeditated attempted murder, assault with a deadly weapon, & leaving the scene of a crime, Medvec faced 26 years to life for the Nov. 25, 2014 incident. However, as part of his plea agreement, those charges were dropped according to Deputy District Attorney Christine Bannon. “I think it’s a good resolution, considering the state of the evidence & his conduct, given his prior convictions,” Bannon said. “That’s what plea negotiations are all about – coming to the best resolution in light of all the facts & circumstances.” Sorensen said testimony - such as witnesses stating that Medvec was driving under 30 mph instead of him accelerating through the intersection as previously reported – helped get some of the charges dropped. “It was a hit & run. There was an accident & he failed to stop & give his insurance deal & all that. That’s it” Sorensen said. Sorensen added that the case became bigger than it was because of his membership to a MC. As part of the plea agreement, Medvec was sentenced to 2 years for the hit & run, but because he has a prior strike, that time was doubled. Another year was also added for his prior jail time. Bannon said Medvec’s prior strike was for battery with serious bodily injury. The charges that Medvec pleaded guilty to Wednesday, are not considered serious or violent & will not be considered a strike on his record according to Bannon. Medvec was accused of striking down 60-year-old Michael Dean as he crossed the intersection of Cassidy Street & Coast Hwy. According to the Oceanside P.D., the incident started earlier when the victim, his son, & his daughter-in-law walked by Medvec & his friends while they were at a bar on South Coast wy. At first, Medvec supposedly yelled sexual obscenities towards them, but during his arraignment, Bannon told the judge that those remarks turned into threats & ended with him hitting the victim with the car. At the time he was struck, Bean – using his cane - was still in the crosswalk, even though the light had changed & the right away belonged to vehicle traffic. Bannon said Dean suffered broken bones & a partially collapsed lung, & is now recovering from surgeries he was received because of the injuries. Sentencing for Medvec is scheduled for June 30 at the Vista Courthouse.

Hells Angels rolls back into Akron; residents, city leaders concerned - May 10, 2015 – *Ohio* - By Stephanie Warsmith Beacon Journal; www.Ohio.com - The Hells Angels has rolled back into Akron — & the MC isn’t exactly being welcomed with open arms. Several residents & city leaders are concerned about the notorious MC restarting an Akron charter after a nearly 25-year absence & taking up residence in North Hill. “They live in a peaceful neighborhood,” said Akron Councilman Jim Hurley. “It needs to stay that way.” The MC has moved into the former home of the North Coast MC on North Howard Street near the intersection of Vesper St. The house, which is painted gray with burgundy accents & boasts neatly landscaped grass & beds, doesn’t look like a place where nefarious activity is happening. The club proudly displays its name & logo on a sign lit up at night in the front of house, as well as its “death head” logo on a gated fence. Signs on the front door declare, “It’s not illegal to be a biker,” & urge people to “watch for motorcycles.” So far, no one from the club is commenting on the club’s return to the Rubber City. A man in the club’s driveway on a recent morning declined comment, & no one from the club returned a request for an interview left in the club’s mailbox & submitted via the national club’s website. A neighbor living near the club, who has been in her home for 16 years, said the club hasn’t bothered her, just as the

North Coast club didn't. She wasn't willing, though, to open the door to speak with a Beacon Journal reporter & photographer. "They don't bother me," she said through her storm door. "They don't be too rowdy or nothing like that or I'd call the police." Another resident who lives nearby attended a recent council meeting & urged that the city take steps to get the Hells Angels back out of town. He asked that the newspaper not use his name for fear of retaliation. "They do not belong in my neighborhood," he said. John Valle, Akron's director of neighborhood assistance, thinks the city needs to talk to the club's leaders before assuming they're up to no good because of past history. He noted that the city didn't have complaints about North Coast. He said North Coast would have a lot of motorcycle riders at the clubhouse when it was having a cookout & during the Alcoholic Anonymous Founders Day weekend, which draws many cyclists to town. "I think we need to make contact & say, 'We're a little nervous,'" Valle said. "If there are problems, we need to know who is the contact person." Valle, who has been with the city in one capacity or another since the mid-1980s, vaguely recalls a Hells Angels club being in South Akron, but doesn't remember much about it. "We need to give them the opportunity to be part of this community," he said. "HAs 30 years ago may not be the same they are today." The HAs has a troubled history in Akron. The former charter, started in 1979, was located at 71 Ira Ave. in South Akron, & shut its doors in early 1991. It was weakened by feuds among members, poor leadership & arrests, according to Beacon Journal archives. The arrests included drug & weapons charges. Clyde S. Trent, the Pres of the Akron chapter in 1989 & early 1990, survived 2 assassination attempts. James Caronite, the 1st Pres, retired from the Angels after being released from prison in 1986. He had served 4 years for receiving stolen property & altering an auto title, according to Beacon Journal archives. More recently, a search of Hells Angels on Google News produces a host of stories, with most negative. The headlines included "Rocket Launcher, Arsenal Found in Hells Angels investigation," "Hells Angels member gets 5-year prison term for extortion," & "Ex-Hells Angel member helps police get drugs off street." Hells Angels, which dates back to 1947 & began in San Bernardino, Calif., has charters worldwide, with the club's website showing only 2 others in Ohio, one in Cleveland & another listed as "Lake East." The Cleveland charter was formed in 1966, while Lake East was started in 2002. The site lists the start date for the Akron charter as 2014, though the club only recently displayed its sign on its new North Hill home. Detective Jennifer Ciaccia, a Cleveland police spokeswoman, said the club's Cleveland charter hasn't caused any major problems in recent years. "Nothing major enough to put out from a public-information standpoint," said Ciaccia, who has handled media requests for about 3 years. Akron Police Chief James Nice said the Dept isn't concerned about the club at this point. "We haven't had any problems with them," he said. "I don't think there's much to say from our standpoint."

2nd indictment: "Outlaws MC" boss Randy Yager faces life in prison on racketeering charges - May 13, 2015 - *Wisconsin* - By Katie DeLong; www.Fox6now.com - United States Atty James L. Santelle, announced that on May 12th, a grand jury sitting in the Eastern District of Wisconsin returned a 2nd superseding indictment, charging 59-year-old Randy Yager, aka "Mad, originally from Crown Point, Indiana, with racketeering & racketeering conspiracy. The indictment alleges that as a member & regional boss of the Outlaws MC during the 1990s, Yager participated in acts of murder & arson. The 8 underlying

racketeering acts charge offenses that include 3 homicides & the use of explosives, all directed at members of rival motorcycle gangs as part of the Outlaws' efforts to exert & maintain territorial control. Yager was originally charged with 16 co-defendants in an indictment that was unsealed on June 10th, 1997. At that time, Yager became a fugitive. He remained a fugitive, & one of the United States Marshal's "Most Wanted," until October 2014 when he was arrested in Baja, Mexico, where he was living under an assumed name. The cases of Yager's co-defendants have long been resolved. If convicted, Yager faces up to life in prison.

Sonoma County HA member held on gun charge - May 15, 2015 - *California* - By Paul Payne; www.pressdemocrat.com - A member of the Sonoma County chapter of the Hells Angels was arrested on charges including possession of a loaded weapon by a gang member, the CHP said Friday. Trenton Miles, 26, of Santa Rosa was held after he was spotted speeding on Highway 101 in Cotati in a Ford F-150 pickup behind a group of motorcycles, Officer Jon Sloat said. Miles was tailgating the motorcycles at about 80 mph, Sloat said. A search of the truck turned up a motorcycle vest Miles had removed that contained the loaded semi-automatic pistol, Sloat said. The truck was towed after it was determined to be a rental & none of the occupants was authorized to drive it, Sloat said. Miles, who was on probation for drunken driving, was booked into Sonoma County Jail on gun & marijuana possession charges, Sloat said.

Biker Gang Shootings Turn Waco Restaurant Into Combat Zone - May 17, 2015 - *Texas* - By www.KWTX.com - Waco police Sunday afternoon, assisted by Hewitt officers & deputies from the McLennan County Sheriff's Office were surrounding the Twin Peaks Restaurant, in the Central Texas Market Place after several people were reported shot during a rival motorcycle gang fight. The fight broke out just after noon when 2 rival gangs got into a fight that erupted into gun fire. A witness who was having lunch across the parking lot at Don Carlos Mexican Restaurant said he & his family had just finished eating & walked into the parking lot when they heard several gunshots & saw wounded being taken from the fight scene. "We crouched down in front of our pick-up truck because that was the only cover we had," the man, who asked not to be identified, said. He & his family were travelling to Selina, Kansas & decided to stop for lunch. He said he saw several wounded men being treated. He also said there were several police officers at the scene & ambulances were responding to the scene to aid those hit. "We have multiple victims," Waco police Sgt. W. Patrick Swanton said. He said the scene at Twin Peaks is "as secure as it can be right now," Swanton said, but police are concerned that groups who were involved in the first incident may be moving to other locations in & around Waco where more violence could erupt. Swanton said citizens should avoid the area until an all clear can be issued. "We have multiple medical & LE resources in the area who are dealing with the issue," Swanton said. Ambulances from Limestone & Coryell counties were at the scene to assist local EMS units. Trouble at Twin Peaks among rival bikers had been brewing for some time, District Atty Abel Reyna told News 10 about 2 weeks ago. Reyna said local police were on heightened alert in anticipation of trouble on Thu nights, when Twin Peaks hosts a Biker Night.

Brotherhood - Few know the meaning of the word, Few can understand it, And even Fewer deserve it...
Iron Pirates (Disbanded '94) *Sporty Dave*

Sunday Biker Gang Shooting Leaves Nine Dead, Several Injured - May 17, 2015 – *Waco, Texas* – By Lauren Partain & Carlos Garcia; www.KWTX.com - Three rival motorcycle gangs turned a local restaurant into a shooting gallery Sunday afternoon & when the gunfire was over, 9 people were dead & several were injured. Waco police Sunday afternoon, assisted by Dept of Public Safety troopers, police officers from several cities & deputies from the McLennan County Sheriff's Office were surrounding the Twin Peaks Restaurant, in the Central Texas Market Place after several people were reported shot during a rival motorcycle gang fight, Waco police Sgt. W. Patrick Swanton said. Police & troopers were in the parking lot trying to secure the area & protect citizens when a fight broke out inside the restaurant & spilled into the parking lot. Swanton said the fight quickly escalated from fists & feet to chains, clubs & knives, then to gunfire. Gang members were shooting at each other & officers at the scene fired their weapons, as well, Swanton said. The scene at the Market Place between Don Carlos & Twin Peaks was absolute chaos, Swanton said. The victims were taken by ambulance to Baylor Scott & White Hillcrest Medical Center, which later was placed on lock down, but officials at Hillcrest said they had no comment. He also said police have been trying to work with management at Twin Peaks for several weeks but have been thwarted in their efforts to avoid a situation like happened Sunday afternoon. A witness who was having lunch across the parking lot at Don Carlos Mexican Restaurant said he & his family had just finished eating & walked into the parking lot when they heard several gunshots & saw wounded being taken from the fight scene. "We crouched down in front of our pick-up truck because that was the only cover we had," the man, who asked not to be identified, said. He & his family were travelling to Selina, Kansas & decided to stop for lunch. He said he saw several wounded men being treated. He also said there were several police officers at the scene & ambulances were responding to the scene to aid those hit by gunfire. At about 2 p.m. a 2nd crime scene was being investigated at the Waco Convention Center but only very few details were known about the situation there. One LE spokesman said there were several armed officers & EMS units on the scene & Washington Ave & Univ Parks Drive in that area had been closed. A News 10 photographer who was at the convention center said he witnessed several men being arrested there. Officers also were en route to the Flying J Truck Stop, at New Road & Interstate 35 because a large number of bikers had been seen gathering there. Swanton said the scene at Twin Peaks is "as secure as it can be right now," Swanton said, but police are concerned that groups who were involved in the first incident may be moving to other locations in & around Waco where more violence could erupt. Swanton said citizens should avoid the area until an all clear can be issued. The Interstate 35 exit onto Loop 340 southbound is closed, as is the access road that runs alongside the Interstate. "We have multiple medical & LE resources in the area who are dealing with the issue," Swanton said. Ambulances from West, Limestone & Coryell counties were at the scene to assist local EMS units. Trouble at Twin Peaks among rival bikers had been brewing for some time, District Atty Abel Reyna told News 10 about 2 weeks ago. Reyna said local police were on heightened alert in anticipation of trouble on Thursday nights, when Twin Peaks hosts a Biker Night. Reyna said some weeks ago trouble erupted between 2 local motorcycle gangs & that spilled over into gangs from the Dallas-Fort Worth area showing up to support the local groups.

Nine Dead in Shooting at Twin Peaks – May 17, 2015 – *Texas* – By www.KCENTV.com - 9 motorcycle gang members were killed & at least 18 others were injured after a shooting at Twin Peaks on Sun. Sgt. Patrick Swanton with the Waco P.D. confirmed the conflict began just after 12 p.m. with an argument in the bathroom of the restaurant, allegedly over a parking spot, which then escalated & moved into the parking lot. Police say that multiple weapons were involved in the conflict, including chains, knives, bats, clubs & firearms. Eight people were killed on scene & one later at the hospital. At least 18 people were sent to the hospital with gunshot & stab wounds. Two of those people were transported to other hospitals due to the severity of their injuries. All 9 fatalities were confirmed to be bikers. No police officers or innocent bystanders were injured, but one officer was transported from the scene for heat exhaustion.

Police had been made aware of growing gang activity at Twin Peaks but did not receive cooperation from the management. Sgt. W. Patrick Swanton stated that the event could have been avoided had the restaurant worked with Waco PD.

Twin Peaks Operating Partner, Jay Patel, released the following statement: "We are horrified by the criminal, violent acts that occurred outside of our Waco restaurant today. We share in the community's trauma. Our priority is to provide a safe & enjoyable environment for our customers & employees, & we consider the police our partners in doing so. Our management team has had ongoing & positive communications with the police & we will continue to work with them as we all want to keep violent crime out of our businesses & community. We will continue to cooperate with the police as they investigate this terrible crime."

"This is one of the worst gun fights we've ever had in the city limits. They started shooting at our officers," Swanton said. At least 3 people have been arrested post-shooting. Police have declined to release the names of the gangs involved, but at least 5 were present. Some of the gangs were fighting as allies. Police estimate that between 150-200 gang members were involved. Twin Peaks & Don Carlos were immediately placed on lockdown & the remaining businesses in the Central Texas Marketplace were closed shortly after the incident. Police ask that civilians continue to avoid the area, because they believe more biker gangs are traveling to the area. Multiple agencies, including the Texas Dept of Safety & FBI, are on scene to help with the investigation.

Two Biker Gangs at Odds over turf prior to Waco Gunfight, Expert Says – May 18, 2015 – *Texas* – By Dan Frosch, Dan Molinski & Miguel Bustillo; *The Wall Street Journal*; www.WSJ.com - Deadly confrontation among rival biker gangs & police left at least 9 dead in Waco... Two motorcycle gangs had been involved in a power struggle over perceived dominance of Texas before a brutal bar fight that escalated into a gunfight among gangs & police that left 9 dead, a L.E. expert said.

The Bandidos motorcycle gang had been the dominant force among biker gangs in Texas, but another club, the Cossacks, had recently begun challenging that position, said Steve Cook, a police detective in Independence, Mo., who heads the **Midwest Outlaw Motorcycle Gang Investigators Association**-a non-gove'tal group of law enforcement experts that closely tracks biker gang activity & shares intelligence among members. The tensions reached a boil recently when some Cossacks members began wearing a patch with the word "Texas" at the bottom of their biker jackets &

vests. Those “bottom rocker” patches, as they are called in biker parlance, were a direct affront to the Bandidos, a larger gang with a long history of criminal activity in multiple states, Mr. Cook said. The Bandidos had claimed the sole right to display the patch as a sign of their turf, added Cook, who also said he has been in contact with Waco LE about the incident. “The fact that the Cossacks would put on a bottom rocker with Texas is basically saying, ‘We don’t respect you, & we won’t answer to you,’” Cook said. “It was a powder keg.” Authorities thus far haven’t publicly identified any of the MCs involved in the deadly confrontation, & it wasn’t clear whether the Bandidos or the Cossacks were involved in the shootings. Representatives of the MCs couldn’t be reached for comment on Mon. It wasn’t clear if they had retained lawyers. Waco police said Mon that they were arresting 192 people in connection with the parking-lot gunfight, which also left at least 18 others wounded. Those being arrested, who include members of at least 5 motorcycle gangs which police say congregated at a Twin Peaks restaurant in Waco Sun afternoon, were initially being charged with engaging in organized crime, police said. They may face additional charges.

In addition, the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission was shutting down the restaurant, a sports bar establishment known for scantily clad waitresses, for at least 7 days while police continue probing the biker brawl with help from state & fed LE, police said. “In 34 years of LE, this is the worst, the most violent crime scene I have ever been involved in,” said Waco police Sgt. W. Patrick Swanton at a Sun news conference. “There is blood everywhere... it was complete chaos.” Even as the authorities were investigating & collecting up to 100 weapons from the scene, including brass knuckles, chains & firearms, police had “intel that other biker gang members are headed this way,” Sgt. Swanton said. “We are prepared to deal with those individuals.” He added: “We have state, county, local & Fed help here. And we have the numbers to be able to take care of our city & that’s what we’re going to do.” Sgt. Swanton said at least 5 rival gangs, with hundreds of members, gathered at Twin Peaks for a meeting that he said focused on turf & recruitment, the Associated Press reported.

Authorities said they had been expecting trouble for weeks, & had tried to work with the Twin Peaks managers to prevent problems. But the restaurant continued to hold biker events, despite warnings from officials that violence could result, police said. Twin Peaks spokesman Rick Van Warner said Mon the company was revoking the franchise agreement for the Waco location, which was operated by a franchisee. “Unfortunately the management team of the franchised restaurant in Waco chose to ignore the warnings & advice from both the police & our company, & did not uphold the high security standards we have in place to ensure everyone is safe at our restaurants. We will not tolerate the actions of this relatively new franchisee & are immediately revoking their franchise agreement,” Twin Peaks said in a statement. Jay Patel, operating partner of the Waco franchise, could not immediately be reached for a response on Monday. He had issued a statement on Facebook Sun saying, “We are horrified by the criminal, violent acts that occurred... We will continue to cooperate with the police as they investigate this terrible crime.”

The trouble started Sunday shortly after noon when the gangs gathered at the restaurant, police said. A fight began in the bathroom, spilling into the bar & then the parking lot. Police already were on site, officials said, anticipating problems. Sgt. Swanton said members of gangs fired at each other, & then shot at

police. Officers returned fire, possibly wounding or killing gang members. The dead & injured are all believed to be gang members, he said.

“This will set back our reputation once again, probably for 20 years,” said Doug Greeness, a 45-year-old telecommunications worker from Purdon, Texas. He said he came to Waco this weekend for a gathering of the “Confederation of Clubs,” which includes “independent bikers, clubs, outlaws, military groups, you name it.” Mr. Greeness said he was preparing to go to Twin Peaks when he heard radio chatter about the violence.

Heavily armed police set up a wide perimeter around the shopping plaza off I-35 where the melee occurred after evacuate-ing businesses. Nearby locations of Wal-Mart & McDonald’s closed on Sun & haven’t said when they will reopen, according to local media reports. About 7:45 p.m., a police escort left the shopping center, Central TX Marketplace, led by a bus carrying a dozen or more handcuffed people dressed in biker garb, while helicopters hovered overhead. Many of the injured were hospitalized & treated for gunshot & stab wounds, officials said.

The Texas Biker-Gang Massacre – May 18, 2015 – *Texas* – By Reuters; www.theatlantic.com - Scores of bikers gathered at a bar-restaurant Sunday in Waco, Texas. Expecting trouble, a dozen police officers were standing by. And then: mayhem. A fight spilled into the parking lot, “initially involving just fists & feet, but escalating quickly to chains, knives, clubs & firearms,” The New York Times reported. “Eight members of MCs were killed at the scene & another died at a hospital.” The shootout took place at a busy shopping center.

“There were maybe 30 guns being fired in the parking lot,” a witness told the Waco Tribune. “There’s a lot of people in the hospital, a lot of people shot.” All bikers, amazingly. Bikers reportedly fired at one another & at police, who fired back. No video has yet emerged & with 100 people detained for questioning none of the bikers has yet spoken to the press. The Tribune added, “other local dining & drinking establishments, including Rudy’s Country Store & Bar-B-Q, closed early as concern spread that other gang members were traveling to Waco to resume the violence.” Police warned them not to try anything today. L.E. officials put particular blame on 2 motorcycle gangs, the Bandidos & Cossacks.

Enter Skip Hollandsworth to address what we’re all thinking. “If you weren’t living here 30 or 40 years ago, you might not have any idea who the Bandidos are,” he reported in a 2007 Texas Monthly article. “You probably have no inkling that they were once the terrors of Texas, so fearsome that when a rumor spread through a town that they were coming, people literally headed inside their homes & locked their doors. And even if you do know who they are, you could very well have trouble believing they still exist. The Bandidos? The renegade motorcycle gang? Aren’t they long gone, artifacts of the Easy Rider era? Hasn’t the motorcycle world been taken over by lawyers, doctors, & advertising executives, all those self-proclaimed ‘chromosexuals’ who pull back their hair in neat ponytails & don designer sunglasses & expensive black leather jackets so that they can take leisurely rides through the countryside on sunny weekend afternoons?” The Bandidos were, in fact, thriving, with as many as 1,000 members in 16 states & 400 in Texas alone. Founded in 1966, “they are now as large as the fabled Hells Angels,” Hollandsworth wrote,

“and according to LE officials who investigate the club, the new Bandidos—or at least some of them—are just as ribald & rebellious as the originals, whom the cops used to chase day & night.” The Dept of Justice says they now have 2,000 to 2,500 members.

They have rivals too. “There are more than 300 active outlaw motorcycle gangs within the United States, ranging in size from single chapters with 5 or 6 members to hundreds of chapters with thousands of members worldwide,” DOJ adds. “The Hells Angels, Mongols, Bandidos, Outlaws, & Sons of Silence pose a serious national domestic threat.” Members call these organizations “one-percent MCs.”

The State of California explained the term in a 1991 report that traces the rise of these biker organizations beginning in the 1940s & peaking a few decades later. “In the late 1960s, a former American Motorcycle Association president was irritated over the raucous behavior of the outlaw motorcycle gangs & declared that 99 percent of the motorcyclists in the United States were law-abiding citizens,” the report explained. “This statement was a public relation’s effort to demonstrate that only 1% of the motorcycling public was involved in criminal activity. Thus, denoting ‘1%er’; those who chose to be a part of the outlaw motorcycle gang subculture. The outlaw motorcycle gang members coined this phrase--using it to differentiate themselves from the law-abiding social motorcycling clubs.”

Comparatively little has been published about the Cossacks, but according to Bill Hayes, who wrote the book on outlaw MCs, they were founded circa 1969 in Texas. There is a press report of a 2013 stabbing involving Cossacks & Bandidos.

In American journalism there is a precedent for getting the full story on outlaw bikers. “By the middle of summer I had become so involved in the outlaw scene that I was no longer sure whether I was doing research on the Hell’s Angels or being slowly absorbed by them,” Hunter S. Thompson wrote of his 1965 reporting. “I found myself spending 2 or 3 days each week in Angel bars, in their homes, & on runs & parties.” In the beginning I kept them out of my own world, but after several months my friends grew accustomed to finding Hell’s Angels in my apartment at any hour of the day or night.” Shortly after he was evicted.

It is doubtful that any journalist today is repeating his efforts, & so the whole story of what happened Sunday, leading to 9 deaths, may not ever be fully known outside a subculture that stokes an occasional Nat’l panic then recedes from our awareness. “When you get in an argument with a group of outlaw motorcyclists,” Thompson wrote, “your chances of emerging unmaimed depend on the number of heavy-handed allies you can muster in the time it takes to smash a beer bottle. In this league, sportsmanship is for old liberals & young fools.” The addition of guns proved predictably deadly. But who’s bullets killed whom & why?

- L - Love of Club & Brothers
- L - Loyalty to Club, Brothers, & mission statement
- &
- R - Respect for Clubs & Brothers must be earned
- By showing respect

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

Bandidos & Cossacks: *Things to know about the outlaw biker gangs involved in Waco Twin Peaks shootout that left 9 dead* - May 18, 2015 – **Texas** - By Sasha Goldstein, New York Daily News; www.NYDailyNews.com - The brazen midday Sunday Texas shootout between dozens of motorcycle gang members shined a bright light on the seedy underbelly of outlaw biker gangs. At least 1 crew involved, the Bandidos, is an internat’l gang considered on the same threat level as the Crips, Bloods & Aryan Brotherhood, according to a Texas public safety gang assessment. They’d been on the verge of war for months with the Cossacks, another, smaller crew that had recently made a move for increased turf & respect in Texas. The 9 people killed in the Waco parking lot carnage all belonged to 2 gangs, the Cossacks & Bandidos, police said. Another 18 people were injured & cops arrested 170 people. A total of 5 different gangs were involved in the melee, Waco cops said. Here’s what we know about the Bandidos & Cossacks.

- **The Bandidos** proudly flaunt themselves as a “one percenter” outlaw club. The boast comes from an old quote by the American Motorcycle Association, which claimed in the 1960s that 99% of bikers were law abiders - leaving one percent to wreak havoc. Outlaw clubs, including the Hells Angels, have historically worn the label as a badge of honor.

- **Bandidos have** more than 2,000 members among more than 90 chapters in the U.S., Canada, Europe & around the world in 13 different countries, according to the FBI. The group is known to traffick in cocaine & marijuana, & produce & sell meth. Bandidos operate in at least 16 states, from Alabama to Nebraska & Wyoming. They’re most active in the “Pacific, Southeastern, Southwestern & the West Central regions of the U.S.,” according to the Dept of Justice. “The Bandidos are expanding in each of these regions by forming additional chapters & allowing members of supporting clubs, known as ‘puppet’ or ‘duck’ club members who have sworn allegiance to another club but who support & do the ‘dirty work’ of a mother club - to form new or join existing Bandidos chapters.”

- **In Texas, the Bandidos**, formed in the 1960s, avoid high-profile crimes “such as drive by shootings that many street gangs tend to commit,” according to the state DPS. “However, members are not covert about making their presence known by wearing the gang colors, insignia, & riding in large groups. They seek to turn public sentiment in their favor by organizing frequent charity runs. Bandidos are likely to focus on recruiting new members with no criminal history.”

- **Cossacks are not** mentioned in the state gang assessment, but according to a law enforcement bulletin obtained by WFAA-TV, the group was working to grow its presence in Texas by eating into the Bandidos turf. The group had recently “started wearing the Texas patch on the bottom rocker of their vests without the approval of the Bandidos,” the bulletin said. “Traditionally, the Bandidos have been the dominant MC in Texas & no other club is allowed to wear the Texas bar without their consent. If the club refuses, Bandidos members will attempt to remove the vest by force from the member.” Such actions led to several attacks, assaults & robberies, according to police, who feared the 2 factions were on the verge of a full-out war.

- **The Cossacks were** reportedly in talks to ally with the Hells Angels, a big time Bandidos rival, according to Vox. And the Bandidos, who have historically run the state of Texas, took it as a slap in the face, according to Vox. “We knew the tensions with the Cossacks were as high as they’ve ever been,” Steve Cook, the

executive director of the Midwest Outlaw Motorcycle Gang Investigators Association, told the website. "I don't think anybody could have forecast it to the degree that it happened."

- *Nearly 30 members* of the Bandidos were indicted in 2009 in Lubbock, Texas, for trafficking meth from Modesto, Calif., to Texas. Another sting, in 2011, swept up Bandidos members in Denver, Colo., Dallas, San Antonio & Austin on charges of trafficking meth & cocaine, according to the FBI.

- *The Pres* of the Abilene chapter of the Bandidos was arrested in Nov 2013 for stabbing 2 members of the Cossacks MC. Curtis Jack Lewis, 46, was wearing a shirt emblazoned with his Bandidos name & has a "Bandidos MC Property" sign on his motorcycle, according to KTAB-TV.

Cossacks MC: 5 Fast Facts You Need to Know – May 18, 2015 – *Texas* – By Tom Cleary; <http://Heavy.com> - Members of the Cossacks MC were among 5 gangs involved in a violent brawl & shootout outside a Waco, Texas restaurant that left at least 9 dead & 18 wounded. Another gang, the Bandidos MC, were at the center of the fight along with the Cossacks. Another gang that has been identified, the Scimitars, appeared to be aligned with the Cossacks. Police said Monday morning that 170 people were arrested in connection with the shooting & will all face engaging in organized crime charges. The investigation is continuing.

1. The Cossacks Were Founded in Texas in 1969... The Cossacks were founded in Texas in 1969, according to the book *The One Percenter Encyclopedia: The World of Outlaw MCs*. The club's colors are gold & black & its patch features a cossack, which is a nomadic horseman & warrior. Its motto is, "We take care of our own." The Cossacks say they traded the horses rode by the warriors of 400 years ago for motorcycles, though they doubt any of their members descended from actual Russian cossacks.

2. The Rivalry With the Bandidos Led to a Stabbing in 2013... The rivalry between the Cossacks & the Bandidos TX goes back to at least 2013. According to the BigCountryHomePage.com, the Pres of the Abilene, Texas chapter of the Bandidos, Curtis Jack Lewis, was arrested in November 2013 on charges that he stabbed 2 members of the Cossacks during a fight outside a restaurant.

3. The Cossacks Have Been 'Flirting' With the Hell's Angels, the Bandidos' Main Rivals... A gang expert told the Washington Post that the gang shootout parallels previous fights between the Bandidos & the Hells Angels, the main rival of the Bandidos & one of the world's largest biker gangs. The expert, Kansas City-area police officer Steve Cook, said the feud started because the Cossacks, backed by the Angels, challenged the Bandidos for control of Texas. Other gangs joined the battle with the Cossacks because they were angry over recent killings by the Bandidos. "My perception is that the Cossacks have been flirting, if you will, with Hell's Angels," Cook told the Post. "If I'm a Bandido, my immediate reaction is: 'These guys are going to try to make a move & bring an international gang into our state, which is going to cause a war.'" Cook also told the Post: The Bandidos already knew that the Cossacks weren't going to play ball, & when push came to shove & these guys weren't cooperating, all hell broke loose. You can tell by the number of weapons involved that these guys came looking for a fight. They were prepared.

4. The Waco Shootout Was Called 'One of the Worst Gun Fights' in the City's History... One officer called the shootout between the rival gangs "one of the worst gun fights that we've had in the city limits of Waco." Police told KXXXV-TV that all of

the victims were gang members who had gathered at the Twin Peaks restaurant. At least 18 others were, also all bikers, were injured. The extent of those injuries wasn't immediately released. Sgt. Patrick Swanton said innocent bystanders & officers somehow managed to escape injury, including a restaurant full of families just feet away from the one where the shooting started. "Let's just say it's Sunday & someone was looking out for us," Swanton said. "There were so many rounds fired from bad guy weapons here." Police said there were at least 100 bikers at the scene & at least 5 gangs involved. Swanton said the argument started over a parking issue. More than 100 weapons were recovered at the scene. "We were in marked cars. They knew we were here, they knew that we've been here at their past events. And it mattered not to them," Swanton said at a news conference, which was posted online by KXXXV. "That tells you the kind of level of people we're dealing with." Police said the Twin Peaks restaurant could have done more to prevent the violence. Waco Police Sgt. W. Patrick Swanton told the Waco Tribune, "Management knew that there were issues, & we were here, but they continued to let those groups of people into their business." "Apparently the management wanted them here, so we didn't have any say so on whether they could be here or not," Swanton said. "A lot of innocent people could have been injured today," Swanton said. "These are very dangerous, hostile criminal biker gangs." Local District Attorney Abel Reyna told KWTX about 2 weeks ago that trouble between rival bikers had been brewing at Twin Peaks for some time. He said police were on heightened alert because of incidents during Biker Night on Thursdays. He said 2 local motorcycle gangs were feuding & it spilled over as others from the Dallas-Fort Worth area came to Waco to support the local gangs. The operating partner for the restaurant, Jay Patel, posted a statement on Facebook: We are horrified by the criminal, violent acts that occurred outside of our Waco restaurant today. We share in the community's trauma. Our priority is to provide a safe & enjoyable environment for our customers & employees, & we consider the police our partners in doing so. Our management team has had ongoing & positive communications with the police & we will continue to work with them as we all want to keep violent crime out of our businesses & community. We will continue to cooperate with the police as they investigate this terrible crime. The restaurant's corporate Twitter account posted after the shooting: Our thoughts & prayers are with the families & victims of the tragedy at franchise partner's restaurant in Waco.

5. Police Said the Gangs Wanted to 'Instill Violence Into Our Community'... The P.D.'s spokesman, Sgt. Patrick Swanton, was clear about who the bikers are after a reporter said one of the bikers claimed that they are clubs, not gangs. "They are a biker gang. We know exactly who they are," Swanton said at a televised news conference. "A bunch of criminal element biker members that came to Waco & tried to instill violence into our community & unfortunately did just that." "This is not a bunch of doctors & dentists & lawyers riding Harleys," he said. "These are criminals on H-Ds."

It's the Soldier, not the reporter who has given us the freedom of the press. **It's the Soldier**, not the poet, who has given us the freedom of speech. **It's the Soldier**, not the politicians that ensures our right to Life, Liberty & the Pursuit of Happiness. **It's the Soldier** who salutes the flag, who serves beneath the flag, & whose coffin is draped by the flag.

Unity is power...

The Waco Police Massacre - May 18, 2015 – *Texas* – By The Aging Rebel; www.AgingRebel.com - A shoving match in a bathroom at a Confederation of Clubs meeting in Waco, Texas exploded into a war yesterday. Nine people were killed, 27 people were injured, 17 were hospitalized, 2 are listed in critical condition, & 160 men were arrested following a brawl at a chain restaurant in a shopping center on the South Jack Kultgen Espressway. The fight resulted from a long simmering dispute between members of the Bandidos MC & the Cossacks & the Scimitars MCs. Curtis Jack Lewis, Pres of the Abilene chapter of the Bandidos, & Wesley Dale Mason, the chapters' sergeant at arms, were accused of stabbing 2 Cossacks outside Logan's Roadhouse in Abilene in Nov 2013. The 2 Bandidos were charged with aggravated assault in March 2014. The Scimitars are in the process of patching over to the Cossacks. Other clubs in attendance at the Sunday brunch included the Blackett Arms MC, Gypsy MC, HonorBound Motorcycle Ministry, Renuis MC, Escondidos MC, Sons of the South MC, Los Pirados MC, Leathernecks MC, Vietnam Vets/Legacy Vets MC, In Country MC & the Tornado MC. All of the arrestees are being charged under Title 11, Section 71.02, a draconian Texas law titled "Engaging in Organized Criminal Activity." According to that law, "A person commits an offense if, with the intent to establish, maintain, or participate in a combination or in the profits of a combination or as a member of a criminal street gang, the person commits or conspires to commit one or more of" most of the acts that are illegal in Texas: Including possession of small amounts of marijuana, transporting a firearm, & possession of banned weapons like brass knuckles & butterfly knives. Police seized about a hundred weapons at the crime scene. Sgt Patrick Swanton, a spokesman for the Waco P.D., called the attendees. "A bunch of criminal element biker members that came to Waco & tried to instill violence into our community & unfortunately did just that.... This is not a bunch of doctors & dentists & lawyers riding Harleys. These are criminals on H-Ds."

The Restaurant Did It: The Texas Region One COC & Independents meeting was scheduled to begin at one p.m. The fight began about 12:15. Local police had urged the restaurant, a Hooters knock-off called Twin Peaks, to refuse service to bikers. Waco police claim the violence could have prevented if Jay Patel, the operating partner at the independently owned Waco franchise, had simply banned the Confederation of Clubs from meeting there. In a statement Sun, Patel said "our management team had had ongoing & positive communications with the police." Sgt Swanton said, "What occurred here today is the worst-case scenario when a business owner puts profit over human lives. It's sad. This could have all been avoided." The restaurant has been sponsoring a bike night on Thursdays. Local police have been trying to convince the management to stop that, too. It is legal in Texas, as it is in most states, to ban the display of MC patches in public establishments. "They were aware that there were issues here," Swanton said. "It was local management here. We told them of the issues, we tried to get assistance in reference to dealing with these crowds but they would not cooperate." Today, Front Burner Restaurants, which owns the Twin Peaks chain, announced it was cancelling the Waco restaurant's franchise agreement. "We are in the people business & the safety of the employees & guests in our restaurants is priority one," the announcement said. "Unfortunately the management team of the franchised restaurant in Waco chose to ignore the warnings & advice from both the police & our company, & did not uphold the high security

standards we have in place to ensure everyone is safe at our restaurants. "We will not tolerate the actions of this relatively new franchisee & are revoking their franchise agreement immediately. Our sympathies continue to be with the families of those who died & are very thankful no employees, guests, police officers or bystanders were hurt or injured." Swanton said, "That's a good thing for law enforcement here. That is one issue that we don't have to worry about – people coming in & creating another incident after the tragic incident we had last night."

Swat: When the restaurant refused to ban the Confederation of Clubs, police stationed at least 22 cops including ten Swat officers from the Waco P.D. & the Texas Dept of Public Safety in the parking lot outside the restaurant. They did not station either uniformed or plain clothes officers in the restaurant. The shove in the bathroom became a scuffle in the restaurant. When about 30 Bandidos, Cossacks, Scimitars & other bikers spilled into the parking between the Twin peaks & the Don Carlos Mexican restaurant next door, the police were waiting for them. The scuffle became a knife fight & several men were stabbed. When one of the combatants produced a gun the Swat team opened fire with automatic weapons. Multiple sources have told The Aging Rebel that all of the dead were killed by police. Swanton said the fusillade "saved lives in keeping this from spilling into a very busy Sunday morning. Thank goodness the officers were here & took the action that they needed to take to save numerous lives." The investigation into the massacre is being supervised by the ATF. Since the massacre, police have announced that there is "credible information about threats toward L.E." Waco police issued a bulletin at 10:13 Sunday night that announced: "Our agency has received (sic) info that the Cosaks (sic) & Banditos (sic) have issued an order to kill anyone in uniform."

Comment on The Aging Rebel's Article Titled "The Waco Police Massacre" found on www.AgingRebel.com – Comment By Donna Sam - May 19, 2015 - Living the life first hand for well over thirty years, I've seen a lot. The tides of change are inevitable & they continue to change the landscaping, however something's have always remained the same. The Coalition of Clubs (COC) meetings as well as funerals, toys for tots' runs etc have always been deemed neutral ground. All differences are to be put aside, & honor & respect of these gatherings was held reverent. People have forgotten why these things were put into effect to begin with, social amnesia at its worst. It wasn't until bitter rivals of the past realized L.E. was using to their advantage wars between clubs. They were actually instigating wars. Informants were underhandedly fueling & entrapping by lying & conniving without regard to the innocent. They were actually causing the conflict & wars between clubs. They were responsible for creating the problems, to the point, of allowing murders, drug smuggling, & gun running to try & build RICO cases, obtain personal agendas & so forth & now WACO is once again a fine example of that. When the code is broken we open the front door wide open for L.E. to come in & wreak havoc, Destroying people's lives, robbing them of their civil liberties & threatening freedoms for what a promotion a pat on the back. No one wins everyone loses in this scenario. If the leaders of those clubs down there don't get a grip & find their way back to the basics the whole biker culture will be stigmatized & will eventually breakdown. I've seen it before, social amnesia always allows history to repeat itself. Someone broke the code in the bathroom & the unspeakable happened. It's no coincidence that only patch holders were killed, it's no coincidence so much blood was spilled, it wasn't a coincidence

that over half of those murdered were at the hands of L.E. They fed right into it LEs hands. Gave them exactly what they wanted. In the past it wasn't until leadership got their heads out of their asses & put aside, greed, & over inflated egos & eventually came together sharing information did they realize how badly they were being played against one another. Self-annihilation..... Wake the fuck up people. Listen to your elders, learn from the past, before any more blood is shed so needlessly. Read "Three Can Keep A Secret If Two Are Dead" I for one remember & I'm sure Sonny remembers. Smdh disgusted in KY POGRCM ED

Bandidos vs. Cossacks: Was the Texas biker shootout over territory? - May 19, 2015 - *Texas* - By Dana Ford; www.CNN.com - Like some families, biker gangs tend to settle scores among themselves. Privately, if not quietly. But on Sunday, a feud between 2 rival biker groups -- the Bandidos & Cossacks - - broke into the open in a big way. At least 9 people were killed when a fight erupted at a Waco, Texas, restaurant, with the clash escalating in minutes from fists to guns. Eighteen people were hospitalized, according to Waco police Sgt. W. Patrick Swanton, who said that all of the victims were bikers. He declined to name the gangs involved. Photos from the scene showed bikers wearing the insignias of the Cossacks, Bandidos, Scimitars & Vaqueros. But according to a memo sent to law enforcement officers in the wake of the shooting, a member of the Bandidos, & a former informant who infiltrated biker clubs, the beef was primarily between the Bandidos & Cossacks.

It boils down to territory, said the informant, who goes by the name "Charles Falco." "The Bandidos are the biggest motorcycle gang in Texas, & they don't allow other motorcycle gangs to enter that state. They will allow other motorcycles clubs to exist, but they're not allowed to wear that state bottom rocker. If they do, they face the onslaught of the Bandidos," Falco told CNN's Sara Sidner. The bottom rocker refers to a state name on the back of a biker's vest. According to Falco, it can indicate where someone is from, as well as claim territory for that club. "The Cossacks decided that they were big enough now to go ahead & wear the Texas bottom rocker, & basically tell the Bandidos that they're ready for war," he said. Sunday's fight, Falco predicted, will make matters exponentially worse between the 2 gangs. "It's definitely on, now," he said. "As long as they exist, they will be at war."

Bulletin warned of 'potential war': That potential has apparently been on the radar of Texas authorities for some time. WFAA, a news station in the Dallas-Fort Worth area, reported on a law enforcement bulletin from May 1, which detailed growing tensions between the Bandidos & Cossacks. "Violence between members of the Bandidos OMG & the Cossacks MC has increased in Texas with no indication of diminishing," the bulletin read. "The conflict may stem from Cossacks members refusing to pay Bandidos dues for operating in Texas & for claiming Texas as their territory by wearing the Texas bottom rocker on their vests." WFAA reported the bulletin was issued by the Texas Dept of Public Safety, which declined to tell CNN whether or not the document was genuine. It also declined to provide a copy of it. The bulletin reportedly said that officers had tried to reduce tensions between the groups, warning them about the "unwanted attention a potential war would bring." It detailed specific moments in the escalating rivalry, including:

- **March 22** -- Approximately 10 Cossacks forced a Bandido to pull over near Lorena, Texas. They attacked the Bandido member

with "chains, batons, & metal pipes before stealing his motorcycle." On the same day, a group of Bandidos approached a Cossack at a truck stop in Palo Pinto County. The Cossack member was attacked after he refused to remove a Texas patch from his vest.

- **April 7** -- The FBI received information that some 100 Bandidos planned to travel to Odessa, Texas, in early April to start a "war" with Cossacks there.

- **April 24** -- The FBI released a report on 3 recent fights between the Bandidos & Cossacks in east Texas.

"What this is, is if you go back to being a little kid & you're playing 'King of the Hill.' This is 'King of the Hill.' And in Texas, the Bandidos are at the top of the pile, & everybody wants to be at that top level," said Chris Omodt, a former cop & co-author of the book, "Breaking the Code," which is about the Hells Angels. "It's over the patch, wearing that patch in that state. It's based on that, period," he said.

'We are not a gang': Among those killed Sunday was one member of the Bandidos, according to Jimmy Graves, a high-up member of that club. Graves says he's not aware of the Bandidos having a problem with Cossacks, but "evidently they have an issue." "They (Cossacks) want to be outlaws," he told CNN's Kyung Lah. The U.S. Justice Dept characterizes the Bandidos as a "growing criminal threat" with at least 2,000 members in 14 countries. It says the gang is involved in the production, transportation & distribution of drugs. The Justice Dept had no such synopsis for the Cossacks, but the book "The One Percenter Encyclopedia: The World of outlaw MCs from Abyss Ghosts to Zombies Elite" says they were founded in Texas in 1969 & have a major presence in Australia. Graves took serious issue with the Bandidos being characterized as a gang. The MC's website highlights noncriminal endeavors such as its Easter party in Germany or its toy drive in France. "We are not a gang. We do not do gang things. We are not affiliated with gangs," Graves said. "We didn't do nothing here. We're fighting for our rights. They're saying lies on TV, & telling everybody that Bandidos are after police officers. That's never been."

4 of 9 men killed in biker gang shootout are from North Texas - May 19, 2015 - *Texas* - By Tasha Tsiaperas; <http://crimeblog.dallasnews.com> - Four of the 9 men killed Sunday during a biker gang shootout outside a Waco restaurant appear to be from the Dallas area. The McLennan County Justice of the Peace released the autopsy reports Tue. All men died of gunshot wounds, & their deaths are listed as homicides.

- **Wayne Lee Campbell**, 43, of Rowlett died of a gunshot wound in the head & into the trunk.
- **Matthew Mark Smith**, 27, of Keller died of gunshot wounds in the trunk.
- **Manuel Issac Rodriguez**, 40, of Allen died of gunshot wounds.
- **Richard Vincent Kirshner Jr.**, 47, of Richardson died of gunshot wounds.
- **Jacob Lee Rhyne**, 39, of Ranger died of a gunshot wound in the neck.
- **Daniel Raymond Boyett**, 44, of Waco died of gunshot wounds in the head.
- **Charles Wayne Russell**, 46, of Winona died of a gunshot wound in the chest.
- **Jesus Delgado Rodriguez**, 65, of New Braunfels died of gunshot wounds in the head & trunk.
- **Richard Matthew Jordan II**, 31, of Pasadena, died of a gunshot wound in the head.

There is no "I" in Brotherhood...

Was Waco Biker Brawl A Police Massacre? - May 19, 2015 – *Texas* - By Robert Farago; www.TheTruthAboutGuns.com - “A shoving match in a bathroom at a Confederation of Clubs meeting in Waco, Texas exploded into a war,” agingrebel.com observes. “Nine people were killed, 27 people were injured, 17 were hospitalized, 2 are listed in critical condition, & 170 men were arrested following a brawl at a chain restaurant in a shopping center on the South Jack Kultgen Espressway.” Those are the facts. As our Quote of the Day pointed out, the anti-gunners were all over this one; claiming that gun control could have prevented the violence. As if. More than that, what did cause the death & destruction? Here’s another interesting set of facts . . .

- *When the restaurant refused* to ban the Confederation of Clubs, police stationed at least 22 cops including ten Swat officers from the Waco P.D. & the Texas Dept of Public Safety in the parking lot outside the restaurant. They did not station either uniformed or plain clothes officers in the restaurant.

- *The shove in the bathroom* became a scuffle in the restaurant. When about 30 Bandidos, Cossacks, Scimitars & other bikers spilled into the parking between the Twin peaks & the Don Carlos Mexican restaurant next door, the police were waiting for them. The scuffle became a knife fight & several men were stabbed. When one of the combatants produced a gun the Swat team opened fire with automatic weapons. Multiple sources have told The Aging Rebel that all of the dead were killed by police.

- *Swanton said the fusillade* “saved lives in keeping this from spilling into a very busy Sunday morning. Thank goodness the officers were here & took the action that they needed to take to save numerous lives.”

Huh. So that explains all that media buzz yesterday about biker gangs coming to Waco to attack cops. And the hundreds of local, state & Fed cops swarming the scene & protecting the lock-up. Waco police issued a bulletin at 10:13 Sunday night that announced: “Our agency has received (sic) information that the Cossacks (sic) & Bandidos (sic) have issued an order to kill anyone in uniform.” Wait. Another Waco police massacre? What are the odds? Even if true, the public will have less sympathy for the victims than they did for the Branch Davidians. A lot less.

Motorcycle gang shootout started with parking dispute – May 19, 2015 – *Texas* - By Emily Schmall, Associated Press; <http://news.yahoo.com> - A deadly shootout among rival biker gangs at a busy restaurant here came after an uninvited group showed up to a planned meeting of several others, police said Tuesday. Waco police Sgt. W. Patrick Swanton said an uninvited group appeared for Sunday’s meeting of a loose confederation of biker gangs at a restaurant. One man was injured when a vehicle rolled over his foot. That caused a dispute that continued inside the restaurant, where fighting & then shooting began, before the melee spilled back outside, Swanton said. Authorities offered few details. It was not clear which gang was responsible for running over the biker’s foot, or which gang the aggrieved biker belonged to. When the shootout was over, 9 people were dead & 18 wounded. Police have said 5 biker gangs from across Texas had gathered in part to settle differences over turf.

Jimmy Graves, who described himself as an ambassador for the gang known as the Bandidos, disputed that claim, saying the groups had planned to discuss laws protecting motorcycle riders & other topics such as trademarks for club logos. But he acknowledged that differences with other groups, such as the Cossacks, have been “simmering & brewing.”

Another biker named Johnny Snyder said he was at the restaurant for a quarterly meeting to talk about legislative issues. Snyder, a long-haul trucker, declined to describe what he saw inside the restaurant, saying he was only concerned with “not getting shot.” He is VP of the Boozefighters MC in Waco, a group that Snyder says does charity events & family gatherings & is not a criminal gang.

About 50 weapons were confiscated, mostly knives & firearms, & Swanton said more than 100 weapons may be found once authorities are done analyzing the crime scene at the Twin Peaks restaurant, which is part of a national chain that features waitresses in revealing uniforms. Preliminary autopsy results showed all 9 of the dead were killed by gunshots. Many were hit in the head, neck, chest or torso. Most of the men were in their 40s, but they ranged in age from 27 to 65, according to reports released by a McLennan County justice of the peace. Police have acknowledged firing on armed bikers, but it was unclear how many of the dead were shot by gang members & how many were shot by officers. Of the injured, 7 remain hospitalized. Swanton, who has been virtually the sole source of law enforcement information on the fight, described their conditions as stable. He said the investigation is being hampered by witnesses who “are not being honest with us.” Police are concerned that the brawl will invite retaliation & more violence, Swanton said. “We would encourage them to try to be a little peaceful & let the bloodshed stop,” he said. About 170 bikers have been charged with engaging in organized crime. Swanton said more arrests are likely.

Katie Rhoten, whose husband, Theron Rhoten, was taken into custody, said he told her by phone from jail that he & 2 other members of a MC called Vice Grip had just pulled up the restaurant. “They got off their bikes, & bullets were ricocheting all around them, so they ducked & ran for cover,” she said in an interview. When her husband, a mechanic from Austin, & the others went back to retrieve their motorcycles, they were detained by police. “They were told they were being held for questioning & released, & they sat in the parking lot for 3, 4, 5 hours.” Then, she said, police “changed their mind & arrested everybody on the scene.” Officers took into custody all sorts of “nonviolent, noncriminal people. I mean they got the Bikers for Christ guys in there.”

In a memo dated May 1, the Texas Dept of Public Safety cautioned about increasing violence between the Bandidos & the Cossacks, Dallas TV station WFAA reported Monday. The DPS Joint Information Center bulletin said the tension could stem from Cossacks refusing to pay Bandidos dues for operating in Texas & for wearing a patch on their vest that claimed Texas as their turf without the Bandidos’ approval. “Traditionally, the Bandidos have been the dominant MC in Texas, & no other club is allowed to wear the Texas bar without their consent,” the bulletin said, according to WFAA. The bulletin said the FBI had received information that the Bandidos had discussed “going to war with Cossacks.” It also outlined several recent incidents between the 2 groups, including one instance in March when about 10 Cossacks forced a Bandido to pull over along Interstate 35 near Waco & attacked him with “chains, batons & metal pipes before stealing his motorcycle,” WFAA reported. That same day, a group of Bandidos confronted a Cossack member fueling up at a truck stop in Palo Pinto County, west of Fort Worth, the bulletin said. When the Cossack member refused to remove the Texas patch from his vest, the Bandidos hit him in the head with a hammer &

stole it. The Texas Dept of Public Safety declined to release the bulletin to The Associated Press.

There are other documented instances of violence between the groups. Last March, 2 members of the Bandidos were indicted in connection with the stabbing of 2 Cossacks at an Abilene steakhouse. And in Dec, 3 Bandidos were arrested for a shooting at a Fort Worth motorcycle bar that left one dead & 2 others wounded. Fort Worth police said the victims were known members of a criminal motorcycle gang. The Bandidos “constitute a growing criminal threat,” the Justice Dept said in a report on outlaw motorcycle gangs. The report said the Bandidos are involved in transporting & distributing cocaine & marijuana & in the production & distribution of methamphetamine.

Motorcycle Gangs Still Riding High – May 19, 2105 – *Texas* - By Dan Frosch & Nathan Koppel, Wall Street Journal; www.WSJ.com - Deadly Texas motorcycle gang melee revives focus on outlaw biker subculture... The biker brawl in Waco, Texas, that left 9 dead & 18 others injured on Sunday served as a reminder that motorcycle gangs remain a force in the U.S., an outlaw subculture steeped in its own mythology. The Justice Dept estimates there are still more than 300 outlaw motorcycle gangs in the U.S. One of the gangs involved in the Texas melee, the Bandidos, is among the country’s largest, along with the Hells Angels. Each has more than 90 chapters & 800 members in the U.S. according to authorities. “These guys have never gone away. I’m shocked that people are shocked that this happened,” said Carlos Canino, special agent in charge of the ATF in Los Angeles, who was part of an undercover team that investigated the Hells Angels in the early 2000s. “They pride themselves on living outside of society’s norms. They pride themselves on adhering to their own rules. And the currency of that subculture is violence,” Mr. Canino said.

Outlaw gangs are particularly active in the mid-Atlantic, southwest & northwest U.S., where they are still considered a “significant threat” by LE, according to a 2013 gang report by the Fed National Gang Intelligence Center. But despite Sunday’s clash at the Twin Peaks restaurant in Waco, which escalated from brass knuckles & knives into a deadly gunfight, only a small percentage of motorcycle clubs are considered outlaw gangs that engage in criminal conduct, said law enforcement experts. Club members stressed that point after Sunday’s bloodbath, which they worry will exacerbate already tense relations with law enforcement. Some bikers said they had long been unfairly harassed by police, & they emphasized that the hard-living lifestyle immortalized in movies such as “Easy Rider” primarily was about a love of the open road, not crime & violence.

Waco police on Tuesday said the shooting began after a motorcycle gang showed up uninvited to a meeting at the Twin Peaks restaurant in Waco, & someone possibly rode over someone else’s foot in the parking lot. “We know an additional biker gang that was not invited to this meeting showed up. Hence a turf war,” Waco Sgt. W. Patrick Swanton said Tue. Waco police have declined to reveal the names of the gangs that fought, but McLennan County Sheriff Parnell McNamara said all 9 dead were members of the Bandidos & Cossacks gangs, adding that the Cossacks “got the short end of the stick” in the exchange.

Outlaw MCs & gangs emerged in the U.S. in the 1950s & 1960s, often formed by military veterans who struggled to readjust to

society. The groups began referring to themselves as one-percenters, a reference in their case not to wealth, but to an apocryphal story where an American Motorcyclist Association president said that 99 % of bikers are law abiding citizens. Some, though, grew into organized criminal enterprises, engaging in drug & weapon sales, extortion, & occasional violent conduct, according to law enforcement experts, who say the overall U.S. membership in such groups is impossible to quantify. The gangs, which are restricted to men, are largely blue collar & still include many veterans & older, longtime members. Fed racketeering investigations in the 1990s tamed many of the largest biker criminal enterprises & snared some of the most notorious biker gang leaders, said William Dulaney, a professor at Air University in Alabama & a biker culture expert.

To survive scrutiny, biker gangs have recast their image, said Mr. Dulaney, who joined an outlaw motorcycle group as part of his research & is currently the national president of the Hell on Wheels MC. “In the 1990s, biker trials damn near crippled the subculture,” he said. Even self-styled outlaw gangs include mere enthusiasts who may abide by a strict code of honor & hierarchy but eschew crime, Mr. Dulaney said. The gradual transformation of biker subculture into a more benign hobby was what made Sunday’s events so shocking, he said.

The incident involved an ongoing dispute between the Bandidos, the most powerful biker gang in Texas, & the Cossacks, a club that recently had begun vying for greater power, said motorcycle gang experts.

Tensions exploded when some Cossacks began wearing a patch with the word Texas emblazoned at the bottom of their biker jackets & vests. Previously, only the Bandidos had worn such “bottom rocker” patches, to signify their dominance in the Lone Star State. “Turf wars are what bring about violence in the subculture,” said James Quinn, a criminologist at the Univ of North Texas who has studied biker gangs for 15 years. “It’s about money, reputation, power & honor.” Biker clubs in Texas have disputed LE claims that trouble at the Sunday meeting was inevitable because of simmering animosity among groups, & said the event was merely intended to discuss biker-related legislation & other issues.

Jason Hill, spokesman for the Texas Confederation of Clubs & Independents, which organized the Waco event, said the biker community in Texas was rattled by the shootings. He noted the Cossacks aren’t members of the confederation.

Waco police remained concerned Tue that the brawl could spark additional violence, saying that history showed motorcycle gangs don’t forget grievances & tend to engage in prolonged conflicts. “In the gang world & in the biker world, violence usually condones more violence,” Sgt. Swanton said.

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